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Calls answered promptly day or night
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CALLS ANSWERED PROMPTLY DAY OR NIGHT
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Feed and Boarding
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Stock boarded by the day, week
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given the same. Your patron-
age solicited.
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Our haircutting is up-to-
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Feed Stable
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WHEAT HAY
25 Cts. HEAD
Hay and Grain \$1.25 per day. Transient
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Son Lost Mother.
"Consumption runs in our family,
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"For the past five years, however,
on the slightest sign of a Cough or
Cold, I have taken Dr. King's New
Discovery for Consumption, which
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trouble." His mother's death was a
sad loss for Mr. Reid, but he learned
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Price 50c and \$1.00 guaranteed at
J. H. Tompkins's and D. P. Adam-
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BUY MYRTLE CREEK MILL

Prineville Capitalists in New Company.

\$80,000 PRICE PAID

B. F. Allen, H. Taylor Hill and
Others Purchase Big Sawmill
and Timber Holdings.

B. F. Allen, president of the
First National Bank of Prineville
H. Taylor Hill, formerly of this
city and who is a property owner
here, purchased the holdings of the
Johnson Lumber company at
Myrtle Creek last week for \$80,-
000, together with other capitalists.

The new firm has filed ar-
ticles of incorporation as the Myrtle
Lumber company with a capital
stock of \$50,000 fully paid up.
The other incorporators named in
the papers are A. M. Kelsay and
E. E. Allen, of Hood River, and S.
S. Johns of The Dalles. The
offices of the company will be at
Myrtle Creek. The property in-
volved in the transfer of interests
includes the following: A planing
mill at Myrtle Creek, a sawmill
six miles east thereof, a flume con-
necting the two mills, 2240 acres
of fine timber land, all lumber on
hand and all land, rights-of-way
and water rights acquired by the
Johnson Lumber Co.; also the
property of the Myrtle Creek Hotel
Co., comprised of the members of
the Johnson Lumber Co., the prop-
erty consisting of the site of the
Myrtle Creek Hotel, which was
destroyed by fire some time ago.
In addition the purchasers acquire
full water rights from the planing
mill to Willis Kramer's flouring
mill, about 100 yards distant.

The new company has made
arrangements to commence opera-
tions inside of the next three
weeks and a force of at least 40
men will be put to work, the num-
ber to be gradually increased as
conditions justify. The daily out-
put of the mill next spring it is
expected will be increased to a
total of 40,000 to 60,000 feet. The
milling plant lies some little dis-
tance from the spur of the Southern
Pacific railroad, but a flume ex-
tension is to be built through
which the finished lumber will be
carried to the yards near the
Myrtle Creek depot.

FINE TRACT IS OPEN

Christmas Lake Valley Will Have
Influx of Settlers.

Settlement and cultivation of
the entire tract of over 300,000
acres of vacant land in the Chris-
tmas Lake valley is looked for next
year. During the past season over
100 settlers have taken up land in
this region which lies north and
east of Silver Lake and from 18 to
25 miles of the southern Crook
county line. It is believed that
the district will receive during the
next twelve months the largest in-
flux of settlers of any region in
Central Oregon.

Last year the government re-
clamation service segregated some
380,000 acres at the north end of
the valley, and locations of home-
steads and desert land claims are
now being taken at the east end of
the district where a body of land
approximating the same number
of acres as that set aside by the
government for irrigation pur-
poses is open for settlement. The
district is 40 miles long and 15
wide and is an unbroken tract of
fertile sage brush land, a chemical
analysis of whose soil shows the
land to be exceedingly rich in
lime, potash, phosphoric acid and
nitrogen. Government engineers
who examined the tract last year
estimated that there were 1,000,000

acres in the valley susceptible of
irrigation and settlement.

Homestead cabins have been
built rapidly on the open tract
during the past few months and
the residents in the new region
about a month ago drew up a pe-
tition to the county court of Lake
county praying for the construc-
tion of a county road northward
to the Crook county line. Prine-
ville is the nearest general trad-
ing point and an effort will be
made to construct a good road be-
tween the valley and this place.
The district is about 85 miles
south of here and individual set-
tlers in the region last year par-
tially constructed a road towards
this point. Now the assistance of
Lake county has been asked for
and it is probable that when the
travel towards the region begins
again next spring that the resi-
dents will petition the Crook
county court to make passable the
road leading southward from the
Millican ranch at Pine mountain
to the Crook county line on the
south.

One of the attractive features of
the Christmas Lake valley is the
fact that water can be struck from
12 to 30 feet below the surface.
The district lacks hard winters
and heavy snows and this coupled
with the richness and fertility of
the soil will no doubt be the means
of bringing to it next year the
most rapid settlement of any dis-
trict east of the Cascades.

More Land Under Pringle Ditch.

Information concerning the en-
largement of the Pringle irrigating
ditch by the Oehoco & Ryegrass
company, as published in The
Journal last week, was not com-
plete. Sam Collins, one of the
main promoters of the enterprise,
states that the company will have
water for sale for irrigating pur-
poses at an estimated rate of \$1
per inch, and that the canal will
furnish enough water to irrigate
all the land on the north side of
the river lying under the ditch
between Prineville and Dodson
lake.

The work at the intake just
above town was completed this
week. It has been substantially
constructed of rock and gravel and
it is not probable that high water
will damage it to any extent. The
canal when completed will be eight
feet wide on the bottom. It will
be in readiness for the earliest spring
irrigating.

Among those most heavily in-
terested, whose name was omitted
last week through inadvertence, is
William Davenport. His farming
lands will be irrigated from the
canal.

The reclamation of all this land
will make a considerable increase
in the tillable acreage immediately
contiguous to Prineville. It is
exceptionally fertile in character
and of the same kind that has
produced bumper crops of alfalfa
under irrigation.

Winter Residents Leave.

Winter weather around Prine-
ville aside from its mildness has
one other distinguishing feature
this year—there are no robins or
blackbirds, nor have there been
for some time past. This is a
peculiarity noticeable for the first
time in a good many years and a
satisfactory explanation is lacking.

The absence of these chattering
winter residents might be taken
as an indication of a severe winter
were it not for the fact that the
chances for such a condition were
fast disappearing with the approach
of the new year. Failing in this
as an excuse it must be taken as a
slight upon the community, the
birds having found to their satis-
faction a better winter resort else-
where.

Robert Ferry died of heart fail-
ure last Tuesday morning at the
C. T. Lillard ranch near Paulina
where he had been employed for
several years. Deceased was about
40 years of age and had no rela-
tives in the state so far as known.
The remains were buried at Pau-
lina today.

PRIMARY LAW NEXT ELECTION

New Law Effective the Coming Year.

PRIMARIES APRIL 20

Complications of Law's Provisions
Will Keep Politicians Busy
Until Votes Are Counted.

The direct primary law, which
will be used throughout the state
for the first time next year, incor-
porates so many complications
relative to primary elections, pe-
titions, filing of certificates, etc.,
that both lawyers and politicians
find it no easy task to straighten
out the variations in the language
of the statutes. The law, however,
applies to Crook county as well as
to all others and its provisions
must be lived up to next spring
and summer if the new county
officers step into their respective
offices with legal garb upon their
shoulders.

Secretary of State Dunbar and
Attorney General Crawford have
spent considerable time getting
light through the maze of complica-
tions in the provisions of the
direct primary law, and the fol-
lowing list gives all the dates of
interest to both the candidate and
voter:

Registration books opened by
county clerks, Tuesday, January 2.
Registration books closed for
primary election, April 10, 5 p. m.
Registration books opened after
primary election April 25.
Registration books closed for
general election, May 15, 5 p. m.
Number of signers required to
initiate laws of amendments, 7489.
Last day for filing initiative
petitions, February 3.
Last day for filing pamphlets
advocating measures, December
30, 1905.
Last day for filing pamphlets
opposing measures, February 5.
County clerks give notice of
primary election not later than
March 21.
Last day for filing petitions for
placing names on ballot for state,
congressional and district offices,
March 30.
Last day for filing petitions for
county offices, April 4.
Date of primary election, April
20.
Canvassing votes of primary
election for state offices, May 5.
Last day for filing certificates of
nomination for state offices by
assembly of electors, April 19.
Last day for filing nominating
petitions for state offices, May 4.
Last day for filing certificates of
nomination for county officers by
assembly of electors, May 5.
Last day for filing nominating
petitions for county offices, May
19.
General election, June 4.

FIGURE ON TAX LEVY

County Court Will Have Problem
at January Session.

At its January session, which
convenes next Wednesday, the
county court will be compelled to
use up some gray matter in order
to keep the county taxes for next
year as low as the levy for this
year. County Judge Bell said
yesterday, "I believe we can keep
the levy for next year down to
last year's figures, but it is going
to take some figuring to do it. We
expected a much larger increase
in the tax roll, but the difference
over last year's assessment is not
as great in proportion as the in-
crease of expenses which we must
face this coming year."
Next year will be an expensive
one for the county. The new pri-
mary election law which goes into

effect for the first time, calls for a
heavy expenditure in the matter
of registration books and supplies,
and it is a safe estimate that the
total expenses attendant upon the
use of the new law will double the
cost of election. Besides the in-
crease of expenses in this direction,
the county must stand the cost of
the trial of George Miller at the
May term of circuit court. This
will entail an additional expense
of \$2000 to \$4000. Miller was
brought here from Harney county
on a change of venue and the
witnesses' expenses will be unusu-
ally heavy. Malheur county, in
which Miller has been tried twice
before, is in debt and the expenses
of those last trials have not been
met yet except through county
warrants. The expenses of the
Miller trial here in May will, of
course, be met by Malheur county
some time, but this county will be
deprived of the use of several
thousand dollars until the former
county has funds with which to
pay off its warrants.

County Superintendent of
Schools Dinwiddie has conferred
with the court and states that
complaints have reached him from
various districts in the county
that the levy for school purposes is
not sufficient. The rapid settle-
ment of the county districts has
brought a large increase of children
in the schools and expenses have
necessarily increased. The court
will consider this matter at its
next session and in all probabili-
ty will have to levy a higher tax
for general school purposes.

After next year the county High
school expenses will be reduced
materially. The levy for 1906 will
be sufficient to make the last pay-
ment on the cost of erecting the
building and thenceforth only the
running expenses will have to be
met. The county court, however,
is not worrying about future levies
and expenses, the present con-
tingencies being enough. The
problem to solve this next month
is how to make a low rate of tax-
ation conform with many addi-
tional expenses. Judge Bell said
yesterday: "I believe the running
expenses of the county this year
will be from \$7000 to \$10,000 more
than they were last year. Part of
this, the expenses of the Miller
trial in May, will come back to us,
but the county nevertheless must
have this additional amount on
hand to meet the current
expenditures."

COMING TO MADRAS

Great Southern Engineers Locating
Line Into Crook County.

Surveyors for the Great South-
ern railroad, which is now build-
ing an extension of their line
from Dufur into Tygh valley near
the northern end of the Warm
Springs Indian Reservation, in-
vaded the Madras district last
week and have commenced the
location of their line in that por-
tion of the county. The Madras
Pioneer says:

"A locating party belonging to
the Great Southern Railway Co.
commonly known as the Dufur
Road, is at present camped on the
Bill Lyle ranch in the Big Cove
on the Deschutes River, about
seven miles below the mouth of
Trout Creek. Mr. F. S. Gordon,
the chief-engineer in charge spent
last Friday and Saturday in Mad-
ras, looking around for the most
feasible route for reaching Madras.
On Saturday he made a horseback
reconnaissance down Willow Creek
from Madras to the mouth, and
stated upon his return that a very
good line could be constructed
that way.

"The surveying party is now
making a very careful location of
the route from Dufur for about 100
miles out this way, preparatory to
the letting of contracts for con-
struction work early in the spring.
Mr. Gordon says that his people
are very anxious to begin this 100
mile extension and that as soon as
favorable weather sets in next
spring, work will be started and
that they hope to have the 100
miles completed and trains run-
ning within a year from that
time."