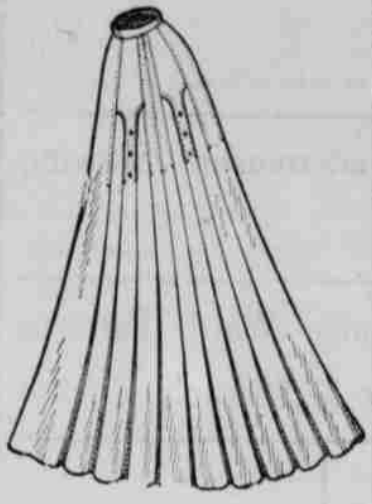


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ASSOCIATION MEETS HERE

Baptists of Eastern Oregon Come Next Week

IN ANNUAL SESSION

Representatives from 18 Churches Will Hold Their 24th Annual Convention

Delegates to the number of over 100, representing 18 Baptist churches of Eastern Oregon in the district between Hood River and Heppner and as far south as this city, will meet in the Union church in Prineville next Wednesday to hold the 24th annual convention of the Middle Oregon Baptist Association. Four delegates together with numerous visitors are expected to be here from each of the churches represented in the organization whose total membership numbers approximately 1000.

The session will begin at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning with the introductory sermon by the Rev. W. C. Sale of Heppner, and will continue until the close of the convention Sunday evening. Services will be held daily at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. and will be open to the public.

Rev. C. P. Bailey, who is the present moderator of the association, will call the session to order and Wednesday afternoon there will be held the regular annual election of officers which will include the moderator, clerk, treasurer and corresponding secretary. Probably on Wednesday a definite program will also be arranged for the remaining days of convention aside from the daily services and the work of the young people of the church, to which one day will be devoted, and the work of the women's organization which will be given special time. The reading of church letters will be heard soon after the organization on Wednesday.

More than ordinary interest will be taken in the convention in this city where the annual session will be held for the second time in 14 years. The last time the Baptists convened here was in 1892 when the Rev. H. Nice of Moro was moderator and the annual sessions since that date have been distributed throughout the territory embraced by the association. Last year the annual meeting was held at The Dalles and representatives attended from this city. It is expected that this year The Dalles will send a larger delegation here than will attend from any other congregation and it is probable if the weather is favorable that the total number of visitors will reach 150.

The meeting will be the occasion of the renewal of many acquaintances made at former sessions, and the growth of the organization during the time since it was organized a few years before the annual session was held here in 1892 will furnish many topics of interest to the members. Primarily, the organization carries in its van guard the two main factors of its existence, missionary work and educational advancement, but during the session here next week other lines of religious work will not be slighted and the general business pertaining to the Baptist church and its auxiliary organizations will be reviewed and passed upon.

Ten Stamp Mill at the Mayflower.

Five new stamps are to be added to the equipment at the Mayflower mines at Howard inside of the next few weeks giving the plant a ten-stamp mill to furnish the ore supply for the cyanide plant.

B. Gatewood, manager of the mine, was in the city yesterday and said the cyanide plant would be just twice the size at first contemplated and would be in readiness for the ore inside of two weeks. With both the cyanide plant and stamp mill in readiness the company will begin running a night and day shift early in June and will be able to handle between 30 and 40 tons of ore daily.

A test of the ore was made at the company's laboratory last week where a miniature cyanide plant is used and showed a value of \$40 to the ton. A small percentage of this is in silver.

LOCAL RESIDENTS IN EARTHQUAKE

The recent earthquake disaster at San Francisco recalls a story of local interest concerning a previous seismic disturbance in that city a quarter of a century ago when two residents of Prineville experienced a few of the earth's tremors.

In 1878 E. H. Smith, the well known saddle and harness maker of this city, and A. R. Tejada, who is with the former here, were in the employ of Main & Winchester, a firm of harness and saddle dealers in the Bay City. About 8 o'clock one July morning, while the two Prineville residents were busy on the fifth floor of the building, the first severe shock was felt. This was followed by others in rapid succession. Buildings were shaken down and fire broke out much the same as it did in the disaster a few weeks ago. The excitement was intense and the streets soon crowded with frightened people.

Among the latter were Mr. Smith and Mr. Tejada who lost but little time in gaining the open air and safety from the building they had been in which was swaying under the pulsations of the earth. As soon as the first shock was felt, Mr. Tejada jumped through the hatchway and slid down a rope the full five stories to the ground beneath. Mr. Smith had taken a slower exit down the five flights of stairs, but both met in the street just outside of the building. Almost as soon as the first few severe shocks were over Mr. Smith demanded his salary, giving as his reason that San Francisco was too unsteady a place to live in, and the next day left for Portland, later coming to eastern Oregon. Mr. Tejada on the other hand took the matter as a good natured heart throb on the part of Mother Earth and in a few days, after the excitement attendant upon the disaster was over, went back to work. He remained in the Bay City until he came to Prineville nearly two years ago.

Phone Line to Paulina.

Telephone poles have been strung along the ground between Prineville and Post and the holes dug as far as Paulina, which will be the terminal in a short time of the "Hello" line which Postmaster Summers is now building into southern Crook county. The total distance of the new line will be 55 miles outside of the branch lines which will be built as soon as connection is made between this city and Paulina. The work of stringing the wire will be commenced as soon as the weather permits and Mr. Summers expects to have the line in operation some time next month.

Several extensions of the Prineville-Madras line will also be built this year through the Agency Plains and Haystack districts to accommodate numerous residents there, and it is quite probable that several long extensions will be made in different directions from the Prineville-Paulina line after it is completed. With the completion of the new line and the extensions contemplated there will be in operation over 250 miles of telephone line in the county nearly two-thirds of which will be owned and operated by Postmaster Summers.

Will Improve City Park.

Through the Park committee of the Civic Improvement club, an effort will be made during the next two months to change the appearance of the raw land included within the City park and begin the improvement of the plot. The members of the committee in charge had planned to complete this year the work of converting the city's real estate into a habitable park, but owing to the lack of water facilities, this will not be accomplished. The land has already been plowed and grass seed will be sowed soon and the tract irrigated during the summer. The other improvements will be delayed until next season when it is expected that sufficient funds will be on hand to complete the work that has been outlined.

The general scheme for the park has been planned and outlined by M. E. Brink. The plots of ground are to be irregular in shape, surrounded by gravel walks, radiating from a circular flower garden in the center of the park. Shade trees will be planted around the outside of the grounds and shrubbery will be abundantly in evidence. The committee also contemplates the building of a fountain near the center of the park, and the fence will be composed of stone pillars connected with iron rods.

TAXES WILL NOT INCREASE

New Court House Will Not Raise Levy

FUNDS ARE ON HAND

Next Year's Assessment Will Be Lower Even If New Building Should Be Erected

Strenuous objection to the building of a new county court house, bids for which have been advertised by the county court to be opened next Saturday, is being made in the Bend and Kutchner precincts, principally through the agency of the Bulletin and Pioneer. The county court is accused by the latter sheet of trying to railroad through the proposition without the consent of the tax payers, while the Bulletin lays greatest stress upon the enormous increase in taxation which it is alleged the new building would create. The pith of the Bulletin's argument is contained in the following paragraph:

"Invariably the erection of a court house carries with it an additional tax burden and the consensus of opinion is that taxes are far too high now in the county. The longer issued for the erection of this building are being refused, those settlers who have but recently come into the county will have enough of a burden to meet the obligations incurred in the purchase of their ditch land, without the unnecessary burden of a new court house. Any other reason why there should be no additional tax is inadvisable."

In direct opposition to the above, which was written without any knowledge either of the state laws governing counties or the financial condition of Crook county itself, there will be no bonds issued to pay for a new court house in the event that one is erected which, by the way, is not a matter definitely settled, nor will the rate of taxation be any higher than it is at present. In fact next year's levy will be between one and two mills lower. If there were not enough money on hand at present to build the structure desired, the statutes themselves would preclude the possibility of the county performing the work. The law prohibits counties issuing bonds either for building purposes or matters akin to "those settlers who have but recently come into the county" will not be called upon to meet an additional burden in the line of taxation or the payment of bonds through a heavier levy. Next year the High school levy of 3/8 mills will be done away with, and the state taxes, owing to the increase in valuations in proportion to the present expenditures, will be lowered, giving the county a levy of about 1 1/2 mills as compared with the 2 1/2 mills made this year. Bend precinct pays more than this, however, owing to the school tax of several mills which its own residents voted out of the district last year.

The county treasury at present contains \$66,121.86, fully two-thirds of which, or about \$45,000, is applicable to the building of a new court house. Of the total amount in the treasury, approximately \$17,000 is paid by non-residents of the county, leaving a balance of \$49,121 paid by county residents. Of this sum \$24,818.72 is paid by the 150 odd tax payers whose names appear on the petition, over one-half of the total taxes paid by county residents. In the face of this the Pioneer, implicitly in a district which, with a few exceptions, pays but very little county revenue, contends that the petition was railroaded through the court without the consent of the tax payer, and that the western part of the county is not represented.

The petition represents 19 precincts out of the 29 in the county, and those from Ireland, Bend, Black Butte, Ashwood, Haystack, Kutchner and Lamonta, seven precincts for whose peace and dignity the Bulletin and Pioneer have raised their voices in lusty protest against the "hasty" action of the court.

The petition which the court acted upon was filed soon after the May term of last year. In July 1905, a committee waited upon the court and asked that action be taken on the petition, but this was denied and the matter laid aside for consideration of any remonstrance which might be filed. In September 1905, the committee again waited upon the court and requested action on the petition. The latter was again laid aside and not until the following November term were plans asked for. In January of this year plans were submitted and sent back for correction and on May 2 they were again examined and accepted and bids called for nearly a year after the filing of the petition.

Judge Bell expressed some surprise yesterday that so much objection should be raised by those who pay practically no taxes against a project asked for by the heaviest taxpayers in the county.

"The inference that we are attempting to railroad the matter through before election or even attempting to do so against the wishes of the people is altogether wrong, as the facts and figures themselves disclose. It is not at all likely that any of the bids submitted will be accepted next Saturday, nor will the matter be definitely settled at that time, so the election can in no way be brought to bear on the subject. Most of the contractors who are to submit bids, I understand, are under the erroneous impression that the county is without funds to foot the bills and will issue warrants. Their bids in consequence are likely to be excessive and if such is the case they will be rejected. I do not look for any definite action being taken before the July term, if then."

PRINEVILLE WINS SECOND GAME

Through inability to hit safely when hits were needed, Redmond lost the second game to Prineville last Sunday at Redmond by a score of 8 to 5. Nevertheless, the nine innings were full of close plays and the crowd of spectators was not disappointed in the game.

O'Neil opened the work at the pitcher's slab for the locals and met with only one disastrous inning out of the five that he pitched. A couple of run producing errors, a base on balls and a safe hit did the business that cost four runs in the third. Before and after that inning O'Neil presented the Irrigators with ciphers and they secured but one other run after Bailey took the box in the sixth. The ninth inning might have changed the complexion of the final score had the Redmond sticklers been able to meet the ball safely. With only one out and three men holding down the sacks a clean hit would have secured the circuit and tied the score, but those three men died on bases.

Best pitched a better game for Redmond than he did at the opening game here a week ago and struck out ten of the locals. Redmond will play its third game with Prineville on the local grounds June 10. Sunday's score by innings:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Prineville	1	0	3	0	1	0	0	—
Redmond	0	0	4	0	0	1	0	—

Good Prices at Wool Sales.

Wool sales held at Heppner last Saturday brought out 2000 ewes and out of 30 clips offered for sale only six were withheld on account of the price. Nearly half a million pounds were sold and the prices realized, it is believed, will be close to those paid for Crook county wool next month at the sales in Shaniko, although some of the clips from the blooded stock in this section it is expected will bring higher prices than those realized in Morrow county.

The representative of the Whitman, Farnsworth & Thayer firm of Boston was the highest buyer. He purchased over 200,000 pounds paying an average of 20 1/2 cents per pound.

The Penland Land & Livestock company sold its clip for 21 1/2 cents. This was the highest price paid, and on other clips the figures ranged from 18 1/2 upwards.

Crook county wool will be sold in Shaniko for the first time this season on June 5-6. Sales will also be held on June 19-20 and July 10-11.

Good Words for Bayley.

The Laidlaw Chronicle is in receipt of a letter from one who has for years known R. H. Bayley, the republican candidate for county commissioner. The writer speaks very highly of Mr. Bayley and recommends him to the voters of Crook county. The communication reads: "Kelso, Wash.—Dear Sir: I have known Mr. Bayley for the past sixteen years and I also know his brothers, one of whom resides here at present. 'The Bayley boys,' as they are familiarly known here, always stood well in this community, and come from the right kind of stock. If the people of Crook county want an upright, honest man in the office of county commissioner and one who possesses the ability to know what the cost of a piece of road or the building of a bridge would be, and a man who will look well to the interests of the taxpayers' money, then the people of Crook will make no mistake in voting for R. H. Bayley."

Yours Respectfully, S. S. STRAIN.

New Post Office Created.

Lake is the name of a new post-office which was created by the postal department last week in the Christmas Lake valley, south of the Crook county line in Lake county, where a number of residents from this vicinity have filed on land. The new office will be served from the Silver Lake office, which is 20 odd miles west, for a period of three months by private carriers, after which time the postal department will let the contract for carrying the mail. The region to be served through the new office is one which has had an extraordinarily rapid settlement during the past 18 months and postoffice conveniences up to this time have been rather crude. A number of residents in the vicinity of Prineville own land in the Christmas Lake valley which they will put under cultivation this year.

Large Crowd Attends Game.

One of the largest crowds which has attended a ball game from this city went out to Redmond last Saturday and Sunday to see the contest between the local players and the Redmond team. Every room in the irrigation town was taken and visitors had to content themselves with sleeping on the floor and in the hay lofts. The hotels were nearly eaten out of their food supplies by the time the second meal had been served. In fact provision for accommodating such a large crowd of enthusiastic baseball rooters fell considerably short. Everyone had a good time, however, and came away well satisfied. The irrigation company's auto made several trips for the accommodation of some of those who attended the game.