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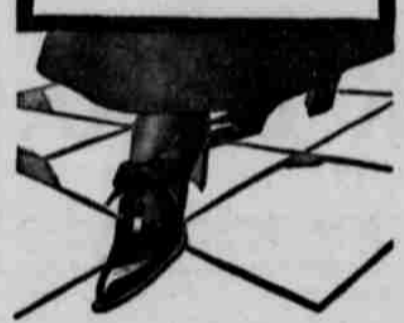
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PRINEVILLE APPRECIATED

How The Dalles Boys Feel Over Their Trip to This Place.

"Strebtor Strebtor," or, if read backwards, Albert S. Roberts, who came to Prineville with The Dalles debating team, wrote an account of his trip for The Dalles Daily Chronicle. The story that Mr. Roberts tells is so kindly and appreciative that we gladly reproduce it. He writes:

"Thursday morning at six we started for Prineville by stage, a rough, dusty, wearying ride of sixty-five miles, which on schedule time is made in thirteen and one-half hours, but it was our misfortune to be so heavily loaded as to take fifteen and one-half hours or 9:30 p.m. when we arrived at Prineville. On the way we changed horses at Heisler's on Hay creek, where we ate our dinner; again we changed horses at Willow creek, which team took us clear to our destination.

On upper Hay creek, which is really the "plant" of the Baldwin Sheep and Land Company, one of the largest thoroughbred sheep breeding plants in the world. Blooded stock from this concern is shipped to all parts of the world, not excepting South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, etc. This company's business is so extensive that the necessary buildings make quite a village. Their broad alfalfa meadows are certainly fine. It is claimed that the extreme elevation of their ranges, the feed on their holdings in the Blue mountains, always green, and their alfalfa, produces a condition peculiarly adapted to raising a staple of wool so long, strong, lustrous and silky that it is unexcelled if equalled in the world.

The alfalfa meadows to be seen on Antelope, Trout and Hay creeks are certainly good to behold after the long ride over the stretch of waste and scrub land from Shaniko to the mouth of Cow canyon. Along this dreary stretch of country we saw a number of bands of sheep with vigilant herder and his faithful dog standing guard. Between Willow creek and McKay creek we pass over a low gap in the spur of the Blue Mountains which extends a long rough ridge between these creeks. Every few miles along the road are elevation markings placed by the United States geodetic survey and I noticed at the summit this: "U.S. juniper 4145." Were it not for the pine and juniper obstructing the view from this point would be grand.

In spite of the timber we could catch glimpses in the distance of meadows in the valleys nestling between the high plateaus ever crested by the ubiquitous "rimrock" and in the far distance the Cascade range with its peaks clad with perpetual white.

At Prineville, late as it was, the boys were cordially met by a delegation of students and the professor who accompanied us to the hotel, where we were given quarters fit for a prince. And right here I will say that we received hospitality which is peculiar to the west and especially so on the frontier. This coupled with every modern convenience in a newly built \$40,000 stone building, made our stay at the Hotel Prineville a pleasure to us. The meals en route were very good, but the service here was certainly superior.

Friday forenoon the boys spent with the students visiting the schools and viewing the apparatus, etc.

I met a number of old Dalles people, who are in business in and near Prineville. Wm. Young is a prosperous blacksmith, as is also John Wigle, one of our school boys back in the 80's. Wm. Wigle, a former Dalles butcher, is about laid up with rheumatism. Hon. J. N. Williamson who is known to us all and was one of our residents for awhile, resides in Prineville, a highly respected citizen. He, like many other citizens of the place,

has large stock interests out in the surrounding ranges.

In the afternoon the boys were given a very nice reception at the high school, where an address of welcome was extended and several novel games were introduced which were appreciated. One of our boys won first prize in one of these. This was followed by a social time and some light refreshments.

The hall where the contest was held is the upstairs part of the Commercial Club's quarters and is large enough to be used for theaters, basket ball, tennis, etc., and rigged with paraphernalia for a gymnasium.

By 8:30 p.m. this hall was filled with about 375 persons, who were certainly an eager and expectant audience. A good program was rendered. The Dalles leader in opening up the debate did this in a very masterful manner, announcing the framework of their argument and that they had certain points to contend for and maintain.

Evidently their leader anticipated the trend the debate would take and set to work to break in on the information. The colleagues on both sides rendered good support to the leaders. I thought our boys dove-tailed and fitted their work together exceptionally well. In closing Prineville made quite an oratorical display and the speaker

ed. Our boys are not discouraged nor are they sore, for they consider they were beaten fairly. The experience if profited by, will be a good lesson.

It is only fair to our boys to say here in explanation that they were not coached, or trained in any wise for this contest nor did either teacher criticize or censor the subject matter of their talk. At the same time our boys did their regular school work with their classes up to the hour before their departure. On the other hand I learn from a reliable source that the Prineville boys were not only drilled by the teachers but for several days previous had dropped all school work to prepare for the occasion. I have been asked about how this compared with the Hood River debate and will say that for a heavy subject, weighty argument, masterful arrangement and complete elucidation that contest would stand no comparison with this.

In closing, I only wish I had the powers to set forth to our Dalles people the sentiment, the atmosphere, the support, the spirit and the loyalty with which the Crook county people have surrounded their high school. It was a revelation to me. Had it been in Eugene, Forest Grove, Corvallis or some other college town I would not

"JOHNNY" PRIOR BURNED TO DEATH

The Tragic End of an Old Timer in Prineville.

In response to a fire alarm turned in at 11:30 Sunday night our citizens were awakened to find the little home of "Johnny" Prior enveloped in flames.

Two streams were soon playing upon the blaze and when it had been subdued sufficiently for a man to enter the building, the body of the unfortunate man was found lying face downward on the floor near the door. It is supposed that he tried to escape but being intoxicated was overcome by the smoke and flames.

The body was without clothing and from all appearances had been in bed when the fire started. It was his custom to have one or more coal oil lamps about the house and the blaze must have started by one of these being overturned or exploding. The building was almost entirely consumed and its contents were ruined.

John Prior was a native of Ireland and was brought to this country when a child by his sister at the age of 17. He joined the First Connecticut Light artillery in 1861, at the age of seventeen. Later he was connected with the Heavy Artillery and it is said held a place in the navy department at some time. He was in the government employ something more than two years and received a pension from the War Department for the service.

He has a brother and a sister in New Haven, Connecticut, and a nephew in some of the New England States. He was a member of the G.A.R. and K. of P., and was laid to rest by the latter body on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock in the Odd Fellows cemetery.

"Johnny" was one of the oldest members of the Knights of Pythias in the United States, having belonged forty-three years and was in good standing at the time of his death.

He was a patriotic and good natured old veteran who will be greatly missed from our midst.

Rev. Bass Has Resigned.

Rev. B. W. Bass will occupy the pulpit at the Union church next Sunday preaching morning and evening.

Our citizens generally will regret to learn that this will be his last Sunday with us. He announced to the members of his church at the close of the meeting last Sunday that on account of circumstances connected with outside points at which he was preaching that he could not afford to remain longer in Central Oregon.

The reverend gentleman compliments the members of the Christian church on their loyal support and earnest work generally, and is grateful to the citizens of Prineville for the kindness shown himself and family since he came into their midst last October. The interest and sympathy manifested last fall during the serious illness of Mrs. Bass will long be cherished in the memory of himself and wife.

We sincerely hope that some arrangements can be made so that Rev. Bass can give his whole time to the work in Prineville. He has made many friends during his short stay with us who appreciate him both as a man and as a gifted young preacher.

20 to 2.

Eighth Grade Graduates.

The following pupils of the public school will be given their diplomas at the P.A.A.C. hall, tomorrow evening, May 24.

Goldie Gray, Lotta Smith, Frances Petett, Allie Horgan, Teresa Snyder, Caroline Christiani, Verna Smith, Elmer Mitchell, Newton Poindexter, Cecil B. Stearns, Martin Prine, Clark Morse, Alex C. Barnes, Stanley Morris, Lawrence Hyde.

received quite an ovation as he retired. But even the Prineville people recognize the merit of The Dalles boy in his rebuttal and closing. He certainly captured the audience. The judges then retired and it took them fully fifteen minutes to determine their decision. This was announced by the chairman, Judge Bell, after a few minutes in complimenting the boys, "but," said he, "I am sorry to have to announce to you that you can't have the cup."

With an adverse decision, in a room where the temperature was near the freezing point, it was a good time for the boys to have "cold feet" but the crowd swarmed up to the boys of both teams and extended hearty congratulations. After The Dalles had expressed our appreciation of the courtesies shown the crowd dispersed. It was after 11 o'clock when the exercises here were over and about 12 when we retired only to be called at 5 a.m. and take the stage for our return trip. This was a livelier affair than our outward trip, as there were fewer passengers, lighter load and more speed.

We arrived at The Dalles to be met by about a dozen of the high school students and one of the professors.

Monday morning the students met in the assembly room and listened to the account of our trip and our version of how it happened.

have been surprised, but at an inferior town, on the frontier, on the very border line of the wilderness and civilization, to find such spirit indeed was a surprise and it certainly reflects great credit on those who have had the brunt of battle in organizing and getting into its present condition the Crook county people as well as its high school. No doubt our Prof. Strange, who came from there last January, after a four years' sojourn with them, was very largely instrumental in this, and it seems as if the people out there could not speak too much of praise for him. It is evident to an observer that he has crept into and taken possession of their affections and esteem.

When Prineville next year gives us a return visit, I bespeak for them in a degree a return of the kindness and hospitality shown our boys, and in the meantime I hope a little of the school spirit I saw out there manifested may be infused into and grow within this community. STREBOR STREBLA.

The score of 20 to 2 tells the story of the ball game between Antelope and Prineville. The game was too one-sided to be interesting. Antelope went to bat first and was blanked up to the ninth inning, when two runs were made. Prineville made 10 in the first and with this lead took things easy.

A return game will be played with Antelope on June 2.

J. E. Stewart & Co., have a few Buggies and Hacks left on which they are making very low prices.