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KLAMATH PROMOTER WANTS JOB

Would Like to Guide the Destiny of the Central Oregon Railroad--Progress of the Project

Hill, the famous railroad promoter of Klamath Falls, has been at Bend this week with a view to taking over the management of the building and promotion of the proposed Central Oregon railroad, and he is expected to visit both Madras and Prineville ere his departure from Crook county, even if he fails to get the berth indicated. At the present time General Manager R. Howard, of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company, is at the head of the railroad movement, and he of course must be consulted as to any radical change of plans, as is suggested by the appearance of Mr. Hill. Mr. Howard is now down in Portland on business.

Like James J. Hill, whose name is synonymous the country over with great railroad enterprises,

Hill of Klamath has a reputation all his own in the world of transportation. Hill seems to be a name to conjure with in the railroad world, and Oregon appears to be getting into the railroad world with both feet.

Several officials of the Central Oregon railroad company stopped over in Prineville Tuesday while en route by auto from Bend to Shaniko. They said that as soon as Mr. Howard returned from the city another meeting of importance would doubtless be convened here.

It was also learned that the survey is progressing rapidly, all of the right of way for the road between O'Neil and Madras having been staked off. As soon as the farmers finish haying, the work of grading will be ready for them, and it is likely that while one construction gang starts out from Bend to Redmond another will begin to work north from O'Neil to Madras

"Dynamite is Cheaper Than Property Tax"

Rev. C. A. Housel Receives Threatening Letter Evidently from a "Wet" Sympathizer.

Rev. C. A. Housel, pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church of Prineville, is in receipt of a threatening anonymous letter mailed to him by some partisan of the liquor interests which were defeated in the local option fight that terminated at the polls June 1. The missive bears no signature, and was printed in lead pencil by the sender.

Although most of the words are misspelled, some of the harder ones, such as "business" and "property" were spelled correctly and the whole letter was punctuated fairly well, showing that the

anonymous writer understood the use of English but clumsily tried to veil his identity by "munching" his words.

The letter refers to another minister of the gospel, Rev. J. T. Moore, who was prior to June 1 the pastor of the local Baptist church. Although his name is not mentioned, the intimation in the opening sentence of the letter is sufficiently pointed to reveal who is meant. Mr. Housel is told that "dynamite is cheaper than a property tax," with the request, in other words, that he follow Mr. Moore and "move on."

NEW SYSTEM OF CATTLE BUYING

Hereafter Sales Will All Be Made From Union Stock Yards in Portland

Stockmen of Crook county, and in fact those whose cattle and sheep interests center in any part of this great Central Oregon country, are mightily interested in a change which has just been announced from Portland, namely, that in future all buying of meat animals will be done from the Union Stock Yards of Portland direct and not, as in the past, by individual buyers representing the different packing firms of Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, acting for themselves. In other words, commencing with last Saturday, all stock is to be shipped direct to the Union Stock Yards at Portland, and there turned over to the regular commission houses of livestock dealers. All visits from the genial traveling buyer is now a matter of history, and stockmen now have but one central mart wherein to dispose of their hoofed product.

The pending change was heralded to the stockmen of this county several weeks ago, but only in a general way, so that this announcement will be the first real tidings many cattlemen, sheepmen and breeders of swine will receive of the actual condition of things in the stockraising industry. Stockmen interviewed by the Journal reporter seem inclined to favor the change so long as the stock yards people do not attempt to squeeze them with a combine movement, and the reason given for the change, that it will facilitate the handling of stock and enable the stock yards people to pay the stockmen higher prices for stock because of the elimination of the expenses heretofore incident to the ramifying travels of the buyers in the field, who have now been withdrawn. At any rate, local stockmen are inclined to give the new plan a trial without protest, as

it seems certain to conserve their interests if carried out as stated.

The Oregon Journal has the following to say aent the future plans of buyers and commission men:

S. P. Gould, for two years assistant manager of the local stockyards, has severed his connection with the institution and with Thomas C. Benson, a cattle buyer at present with the Union Meat Company, will conduct a livestock brokerage business with offices at the stockyards. Mr. Gould was formerly president of the Oregon Sheepgrowers' Association, and is well known throughout the inland empire.

J. P. Lonagan, a livestock buyer for the Frye-Bruhn Co., will likewise go into the livestock commission business in the new yards where his office will be located. He will form a partnership with Mr. Blake, a well known Idaho cattle man.

Other firms will establish offices at the yards and within a few days the new system will be in vogue for the first time.

By the new order of things Portland's supremacy in the livestock business will be clinched on both sides. Shippers will receive much better returns and buyers will be able to secure their supplies at less price because of the elimination of the heavy charges for buyers with their traveling expense.

"This new arrangement," says O. M. Plummer, secretary of the stockyards company, "is going to be a big thing for Portland as well as the livestock buyers and sellers. It will center the entire livestock industry of the Pacific northwest at Portland, thus making a big market. Now if shippers will only send their stock direct it will enable the new system to be put into operation with practically no delay."

AT C. W. ELKINS' DEPARTMENT STORE

Woolen Dress Fabrics

Early buyers will be able to see the advance showings of woolen dress goods at our store on Saturday of this week. New browns, London Smoke, fancy and plain blues in serges, Panama and other leading and sensible weaves.

Wash Goods

We are now showing new fall gingham, percales, calicos and other cotton fabrics, which were bought when prices were the lowest. Nothing nicer will be shown this fall. New prints and in the latest brown shades, besides blues, maroons, etc., now on sale at 7c



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Specials in all white ready-to-wear garments. shirtwaists, lingiere suits corset waists, skirts and gowns at one-third off. All ladies' dress skirts One-third Off

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Stoves, tents, wagon covers and wagons. All kinds of provisions specially put up for camping parties.

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All canvas shoes in white and grey at one-third off. All white hose one-third off.

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In two models, for all sorts of people. Dresses look best when fitted over a Jackson Corset.



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Agency for the celebrated Mitchell Wagon. No wagon has a better record. All sizes kept in stock. Staver and other makes of high grade buggies and hacks.

C. W. ELKINS, PRINEVILLE, OREGON

MAKING WAR ON NOXIOUS WEEDS

Earl McLaughlin, county road master, calls attention this week to the Oregon state law for the extirpation of the Russian, Canada and Chinese thistles and cocklebur, white mustard and silver salt bush, which flourish in more or less profusion in certain parts of Crook county. He asks that all farmers cooperate with him and their district road supervisors in killing off these vegetable pests.

It is the duty of every road supervisor, under this law, to keep the public highways free of thistles and the roadmaster announces his intention of having this done in a systematic manner from now on. He requests all rural citizens, in any part of the county, to at once notify their district supervisor of the growth of all noxious weeds in their own vicinity, and he relies on these officials to eradicate the thistles and cockleburs forthwith.

In cases where thistles are not removed and destroyed within a reasonable time after due notice of their existence has been given, Mr. McLaughlin further requests all farmers to advise him of this fact, as he is determined to "weed" them out in Crook county.

This is the time of year when the thistle seeds begin to be wafted abroad, so the importance of the roadmaster's request can be readily comprehended.

Section 8 of Chapter 168, which covers the extirpation of thistles and cockleburs, provides among other things that "if any road supervisor of any road district in the state carelessly or willfully neglect any of the duties imposed by this act he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be fined not less than \$50 nor more than \$150 for each offense." As a matter of fact, all of the county road supervisors are vigilant men, keenly alive to their duties, but the matter of the thistle, the roadmaster feels, is occasionally though unintentionally overlooked; at least, they flourish.

FOREST FIRES RAGE OVER WEST

Forest Rangers Unable to Cope With Flames and All Available Men Are Employed.

Forest fires are devastating a large portion of the wooded area of Oregon, and every available man in Crook county and elsewhere, almost, has been requisitioned to fight the flames. Torrid summer heat, abetted by accumulation of underbrush amid the standing timber, has afforded such a ripe field of fuel for the merest chance spark that, once started by lightning, the carelessly flung match, the spark of a locomotive or perchance by Old Sol himself, no more is required to set this fiery source of forest denudation going.

Many wide areas, in some places many square miles of wooded wealth, have been stripped within the past week of thousands--aye, millions--of feet of valuable timber, and in each case where the flames have had full play only blackened stalks of once mighty trees and ashen remnants of heavy underbrush and saplings remain.

These fires have been everywhere, so many and so frequent that the regular force of foresters in Uncle Sam's employ has been wholly unable, through lack of numbers, to cope with them; hence the call has gone forth to every able-bodied man who can to enlist in the volunteer fire fighting forces, with adequate pay, in an effort to stay the progress of the widespread flames afield.

The forestry officials at Prineville have been chiefly concerned with the fires in their own jurisdiction; namely, on the eastern slope of the Cascades and to the

south. Over a section in the Deschutes reserve has been burned, and the fire is still raging. Twelve men from the local office have been dispatched to that point. They are Forest Ranger B. F. Johnson, Deputy Forest Rangers Arthur Bennett and F. P. Petit, and nine "temporaries" from Bend and Prineville.

The original fire was started by lightning east of Detroit on the western slope in the timber around Elk lake, near the headwaters of the Clackamas river, and this blaze grew and grew until now it has crossed the summit and is burning on this side of the mountains. Not since 1896 has so destructive a fire raged in this fine belt of timber.

Hood River reports a bad blaze in the woods about Lost Lake and Green Point. There is a big forest fire in northern Lake county, and smaller ones in other portions of Central Oregon. The citizens of Marshfield have turned out en masse in the Big Bend country of Oregon to battle valiantly with forest flames where, driven by terrific winds, 10,000 people are hemmed in on three sides by great fires.

In California many fires are raging, the worst being near Ukiah. Just north of San Bernardino a tract three by twelve miles square has been burned over. In British Columbia the greatest forest fire in history is burning with its attendant loss of life. Not in years have woods been so dry.

\$250 Reward

A reward of \$250 will be paid for information leading to the arrest and conviction of any person found guilty of interfering with the flow of water or dam of the Squaw Creek Irrigation Co. E. T. SLAYTON, Secy.

Reward Offered.

\$5 reward for information or \$10 for the recovery of a dark brown mare branded XY on left hip. When last seen had hobble on right front foot and was on the road between Riverbed and Bend. Geo. Schmers, Prineville, Or.