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CITY MARSHAL IS AFTER WEEDS

Property Owners Must Destroy Them or City Will Assess Cost Against the Property.

City Marshal Crooks, acting in conjunction with the county road authorities, is determined that all baneful growths such as thistles, cockleburrs, wild mustard, etc., shall be extirpated at once. If the noxious weeds, wherever found, are not immediately destroyed by the property owners the city and county will have them removed and the expense charged up against the property in the form of a lien, with attorney's fees of \$25 in each case.

Notice of intention of the county authorities to act was made through the Journal two weeks ago, and now the city authorities are likewise aroused. It will be cheaper for people to remove these growths themselves, as to wait will mean added expense and trouble.

As an exchange aptly says, the

roads are full of thistles, the grain fields are full of mustard, ground squirrels are more numerous than before. Few people really realize the road supervisor's position, and it is not doubted that they have their hands full, but some supervisors are not doing all that should be done toward eradicating thistles and other noxious growths and complaints of farmers are numerous.

The law is plain in this matter. An entire chapter of the Oregon code is devoted to measures for the extirpation of thistles and cockles. Penalties ranging from \$10 to \$500 are provided for property owners and municipalities who neglect or refuse to cut down the weeds after the road supervisor has called attention to them.

Four Growsome Human Skulls Ooze Out of Drinking Spring

Only Cattle Drink Now of the Refreshing Water Which Heretofore Slackened the Thirst of Cattlemen and Ranch Hands

For two years past the farm hands and cattlemen of the Paulina district have been drinking the cool mountain water which flowed from a spring across the river from Leidor Meyers' place. Now they don't. Four human skulls have been taken from the spring within a fortnight, and the other bones are still below.

The spring is a comparatively new one, for until about two years ago there was no trace of water at that point. When the spring appeared it was looked upon as a real boon of nature at a particularly arid spot, and its water was

so tasty and refreshing that all who passed that way drank deep draughts.

Along about the first of August mud was noticed oozing up in the bottom of the spring and finally a skull appeared, grinning silently with closed teeth and hollow eyes at the next person who went thither to drink. The story of the skull quickly spread, and the cattlemen, being averse to having such a fine spring ruined, started to clean it out. Three more skulls were spaded up, and now the ranchers are wondering how many more, if indeed a whole graveyard, lie beneath.

The skulls are believed to be those of Indians of the long ago, and aside from the present clammy taste of the water, no mystery centers about the find. The spring still flows, but only cattle partake of its waters now.

ROAD MAKERS DIG UP SKELETONS

Road graders in the Watkins outfit, who have been at work on the Burns road this summer, report the unearthing of two human skeletons in the canyon a mile west of the Stewart ranch about two weeks ago. The skeletons were almost complete except for one head, which was missing, only a piece of the jaw bone remaining. The bones were in a fair state of preservation, but with nothing lying sepulchered nearby to reveal their identity.

Opinion in the neighborhood attaches the find of these two skeletons with the disappearance in the early days of Crook county of two strangers who were prospecting in the Crooked river valley. Among the pioneers it was believed at the time, some forty or fifty years ago, that both were drowned in a freshet while trying to ford the stream at a flood stage. At any rate they disappeared, but without a trace of foul play. Their names were never learned, but they were white men lately arrived from the eastern states, and while their memories lingered the incident was soon forgotten.

BIG FOREST FIRE STILL BURNING

Word reaches Prineville from the field this week that the big and destructive forest fires which have been raging in the southern part of Crook and the northern parts of Lake and Klamath counties are still burning briskly, and with heavy property loss in the forest reserves to standing timber. About 200 fire fighters are still in the field, under A. S. Ireland, forest supervisor for the government in this district. The expense of keeping them there borders on \$750 a day.

Rain which fell last week, and intermittent thunder showers this week, have acted as only temporary stays to the progress of the consuming flames, and the only encouragement or result thus far reported from the fire area is some eight miles of "dead" fire front, where the fire has burned itself out largely through back firing on the part of the forestry brigade.

No attempt is being made, it is reported, to extinguish the existing flames, the efforts of foresters are centered on preventing their spread. With everything like tinder, it would be fruitless to try to put out square mile after square mile of seething conflagrations fanned by the winds and abetted by an August sun. It is believed, however, that the flames will not spread much farther and that the worst of the fire fighting is past.

Work on Burns Road.

J. S. Watkins, road supervisor, was in Prineville Saturday from his camp at Eagle Rock. He has had charge of a large force of men all summer and they have been continuously at work on the Burns road. The biggest job done was on the new Stewart grade along the canyon walls 12 miles above Post, where over a mile of road was constructed under difficulties. The gang is now at work below Eagle Rock, and next week will tackle the heavy mountain grade above Porfily's ranch.

CAN RAISE \$100,000 FOR ROAD

But Only \$50,000 for Shaniko Connection--- Everybody Anxious to Push Construction

An enthusiastic mass meeting was held in P. A. A. C. hall Saturday evening to consider the part the people of this section should take in the building of the proposed Central Oregon Railroad. The meeting was better attended than was anticipated on account of so many being away on summer vacation.

The plan of the railroad organizers was gone over and discussed in detail. It was the same, in substance, as that outlined in last week's Crook County Journal. Speeches were called for from many of those present. The sense of the meeting was uniformly in favor of getting a railroad here. There was not a dissenting voice on that score, and everybody was willing to contribute cash, labor or material to help along the construction.

Shaniko was not wanted as an outside connection, but it was generally conceded that if no other outlet offered Shaniko would be better than no outlet at all. It was stated that a line up the Deschutes river or the building of the Corvallis & Eastern across the Cascades would be much better than Shaniko. The feeling here now is that if Shaniko be selected \$50,000 only could be raised in Prineville, but with any other outlet \$100,000 could be raised.

The committee appointed to handle the Prineville end of the railroad is made up of C. M. Elkins, chairman, T. M. Baldwin, T. H. Lafollett, Oliver Powell, I. L. Ketchum and Will Wurzwiler. This committee is to formulate a plan of action and will report at a mass meeting called for next Saturday evening at P. A. A. C. hall. Everybody should turn out. Now is the time for action.

GOVERNOR VISITS PRINEVILLE

On His Way South to Confer With Harriman Presumably About Central Oregon Railroad

An automobile arrived in Prineville Saturday afternoon with Gov. George E. Chamberlain, J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the Harriman lines in this territory, and F. S. Stanley, president of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co. They were on the way to have a heart-to-heart talk with the great railroad builder who is now taking an outing at Pelican bay, near Klamath Falls. These gentlemen were expressly invited to visit Mr. Harriman and the object of the visit cannot be misunderstood.

When Governor Chamberlain was asked by a Journal representative concerning the purpose of the trip to Pelican bay, he said: "Of course, I have no way of knowing what Mr. Harriman wants. We have been invited for a conference, and considering the fact that myself, Mr. Stanley and Mr. O'Brien are all heartily in favor of developing Central Oregon some conclusions may be drawn as to the purpose of our visit."

"I think I know the needs of this section of Oregon as well as any one," continued the Governor, "and no matter what the purpose of the conference is, I shall insist on saying a few words, at least, to Mr. Harriman concerning the development of this section and the Deschutes country. I haven't made a speech during the past six years that I have not mentioned the need of railway development in interior Oregon. If my proposition does not meet with favor with Mr. Harriman I will know better how to fight for the needs of the people in the future."

"At a meeting of Portland business men the other day at which I was an invited guest, I was called upon by those present for a speech. Among other things I proposed that if the great railway systems that hold the people in their power would not build a railroad into the undeveloped sections of Oregon, one should be built by the state and operated by the state from some point in the Willamette valley or on the Columbia to this part of the state."

"Yes, I am decided about the road that should come to this part, I think an east and west road should be built and it seems that the Corvallis & Eastern is the most feasible proposition. I was greatly surprised to notice how favorably the people in general took up the idea of a state-owned railroad. I have gotten several letters about it."

Mr. Stanley and Mr. O'Brien had but little to say concerning the purpose of the visit to Pelican bay, and offered no excuse for the selection of the Central Oregon route in coming into the interior of the state over the more direct and easier route from Klamath Falls.

The party will return home by way of Medford and will be gone about eight days. When asked about the senatorial situation the governor said that he was not talking politics this trip but, "I will expect a pledged legislature to do just as I would do under like conditions, vote as I pledged myself to before I was elected to office."

TWENTY-TWO PASS EXAMINATION

Ethel Smith and Marie Moehring Receive Highest Averages for County Papers

Teachers' examinations were concluded during the current week and county certificates issued to the following: Eva Smith, Nellie Reynolds, Elvah Dobbs, Verna Howard and Elsie Osborn of Prineville; Clara Horney, Kathryn Lowther, Bertha Horney, Myrthena Taylor, Marie Moehring and Mrs. Nancy Noble, Madras; W. B. Chapman, Fern Hall, J. Ward Harader and Bertha Hegardt, Redmond; Nona B. Richardson and Hazel Caldwell, Bend; Mrs. Mamie Howell and J. A. Tolbert, Sisters;

Ethel Smith, Lamonta; Grace Robinson, Culver. State certificates were issued to J. Alton Thompson, Laidlaw; and Lottie Montgomery, Prineville.

Ethel Smith of Lamonta received the highest average of those writing for first grade certificates, and Marie Moehring of Madras obtained the highest average of teachers writing for second and third grade certificates.

R. A. Ford, county superintendent of schools, Mrs. Pearl Kayler of Prineville and Miss Cora Ferguson of Bend comprised the examining board.

School Wanted.

Wanted—A school in Crook county that will pay \$75 per month; can furnish best of references, and First Grade certificate from North Carolina. R. L. GREENE, Ashwood, Or.

Reward Offered.

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

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



White Ready to wear Garments

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

The Gotzian Shoe Men's



Shoes

Have you tried Gotzian shoes? Ease---Comfort ---Style.

The New Lace Front

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



GROCERY SPECIALS ENDING SATURDAY, AUG. 22

Table Fruits

2 1/2 pound cans Fountain and Pheasant Brands. Peaches, Pears, Apricots, Raspberries, Strawberries and Blackberries, per can..... 20c
All Diamond W Table Fruits except Black Cherries, per can..... 30c

"Gold Ore" Coffee

"Gold Ore" Roast Coffee, the famous high grade blend, per pound..... 20c

Gallon Pie Fruits, Best Grade

	CAN	CASE
Apples.....	40c	\$4.70
Apricots.....	70c	\$8.25
Blackberries.....	54c	\$6.35
Cherries.....	54c	\$6.35
Peaches, peeled.....	56c	\$6.65
Plums.....	43c	\$5.00
Squash.....	38c	\$4.40

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