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## SAVE YOUR BEST FOR THE FAIR

Don't Look at the Exhibits and Say: "I've Got Better Stuff Than That at Home"

With the annual Crook County Fair and Livestock exhibition a month or six weeks off, it is high time for farmers who have not already done so to select specimens of their best products, such as grasses, alfalfa, clover, vetch, field peas, winter and spring wheat, barley, oats, alfalfa seed, honey and all grains in the stalk.

Perennial as the sun and the seasons is the oft repeated remark heard on the fair grounds every fall:

"Pshaw! I've got better stuff than that at home."

Yet, as common as these remarks are, so long as Crook county farmers do not pick out some of their own products to send to the annual exhibit, just so long will inferior varieties win prizes, which

would go elsewhere if everybody were in the lists.

Don't delay, farmers and ranchers; pick out your best things now, get in communication with the secretary of the association, Duncan Macleod, and relegate these old fashioned remarks where they belong, to oblivion.

Another reason why Crook county people should make it a point to exhibit is that agriculture is largely in an experimental stage here at present. Farmers coming into a new country always cast around for the best crops to grow, and the best staples to produce; so that by seeing what success their neighbors have had they will be saved annoyance and many dollars in the end. Such is the chief value of annual fairs, and for this reason

if no other everybody should select his exhibits now.

Pick out your finest table beets, sugar beets and mangels; lay aside your best potatoes, cabbage or carrots; select a few specimens each of sweet corn, field corn, onions rutabaga, turnips, squash, cucumbers, pumpkins, tomatoes, watermelons, celery or muskmelons; for surely every farmer raises something in this category.

Other things wanted are livestock of all kinds, exhibits of fruit, flowers, sewing, embroidery, pastry, art, minerals, school work; and last but not least, live babies up to 1 year old.

Important to stock exhibitors at the fair, which will be held October 13-17, is the announcement in the prize list and racing program that the management has secured the promise from the Oregon experiment station that a competent judge of livestock will be sent here from Corvallis to assist in making the awards, thus insuring exhibitors a fair and impartial scientific basis on which to grade the animals.

## STORY OF THE FOUR SKULLS

Pioneer J. L. Luckey Throws Light on the Discovery of the Bones in the Spring at Paulina

### INDIAN PRISONERS WERE SHOT

When They Tried to Escape and Were Trampled into the Ooze in Lieu of Burial

Two weeks ago there appeared in the Crook County Journal the story of a find of four human skulls in a boggy spring across Crooked river from Isidor Meyers' place, 40 miles east of Prineville. When the paper appeared many people read the story with amused smiles, at once classing it with the brand of

hot weather fish and snake stories so prevalent at this season, but the story wouldn't down while tangible though mute evidence remained in the shape of four silently grinning skulls, one with the cranium partly missing. And now comes a solution of the mystery from the mouth of Pioneer J. L. Luckey of this city.

"In 1868," said Mr. Luckey to a Journal reporter this week, "Supt. Huntington had charge of the Warm Springs reservation as resident agent. It was also his duty to treat with all other tribes of Indians in the Oregon country with whom there was any chance of making a treaty. Among the Indians who signed treaties were the Klamaths, who entered into a compact with the government during that year. The route of the expedition from Warm Springs to Klamath took the party up Crooked river past the spot where these skulls were found, as reported in the Journal.

"The whole country was then a wilderness, with only eight white men living in this part of what is now Crook county, and they in fear of their lives most of the time. I happened to be at the Warm Springs reservation in 1868, when Supt. Huntington returned from his expedition to Klamath and it was he who told me then the historical incident I now tell to you, 40 years later.

"Before starting on the expedition Supt. Huntington selected five Warm Springs Indians to accompany him, all tried and true allies of the whites. I cannot at this late date recall the names of all of them, but one was Billy Chinook, who was made lieutenant of the expedition. He was the same Indian who acted as guide to Gen. Fremont when the latter went from Oregon to California. Another Indian in the party was Jimmy Kane, the cook, who is spoken of in the book on pioneer days by Meacham, the successor of Huntington.

"Now," said Huntington to his Indians, "we're going to the Klamath tribe on a peaceful mission and I'd rather you'd not take any arms."

"Mr. Huntington," answered Chinook, "I value my scalp pretty high and I would n't undertake to go through a hostile country unarmed."

"So Huntington armed his Indians, and armed them well, with both rifles and revolvers, as well as knives. Subsequent events proved the wisdom of this course.

"Somewhere en route," went on Pioneer Luckey, "Huntington and his five Indians surprised a small band of unknown Indians, who must have been either Putes or Snakes. The hostiles were made prisoners. Of course, they did n't know the real object of Huntington's expedition, one of peace, and as neither party could converse with the other except by signs it was hard to make them understand. Huntington wanted them as guides, however, and after parleying with the unknown redskins, four or maybe five in number, the latter appeared willing to direct the party to its destination. Their bonds were accordingly removed, but they were kept under close surveillance by their captors.

"All went well 'till noontime, when the party stopped to prepare a meal. Huntington removed his saddle blanket and lay down upon it under a tree, where he almost dozed off into a nap. The prisoners stayed a little apart by themselves. The Warm Springs reclined apparently at ease beneath the trees, Kane preparing the dinner. Their rifles had been stacked against other trees at some distance; nearer, possibly, to the captives than to themselves.

"Supt. Huntington told me he never saw men killed so quickly in his life. Suddenly, and concertedly, the four or five prisoners leaped to their feet and sprang for the guns. Suspecting treachery, because they knew their natures, the Warm Springs Indians jumped for them, at the same moment firing their pistols at the others, who fell in their tracks before any of them could lay a hand on a gun. The

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## RAILROAD RACE UP DESCHUTES

Hill and Harriman Each Have Two Surveying Crews at Work---Hill Owns Oregon Trunk

Central Oregon in general, and Crook county in particular, has become within the past week the scene of what will quickly develop into one of the greatest railroad wars in the history of the United States. It is to be Hill vs. Harriman, two giants, both with unlimited capital, experience and strategy. Not only will Crook county have a railroad, but present indications point to two trunk lines with branches into every corner of this rich interior country.

Confirmation of the article in last week's Crook County Journal appears in the Portland Journal of Monday, in which it is stated beyond peradventure that Hill has purchased a controlling interest in the Oregon Trunk Line projected up the Deschutes river. This paper told last week how the Porter Bros., of Spokane, as Hill's agents, passed through here a week ago Monday with W. F. Nelson of Seattle. Nelson, owner of the Oregon Trunk, as suspected, has sold out to Hill through the Porters, and the latter, as Hill's chief contractors, have already started to give Harriman the race of his life into Central Oregon.

Both Hill and Harriman have two surveying outfits each at work south of the Columbia in the lower Deschutes canyon, working toward

Madras, Prineville and Bend. Harriman's men have been quietly at work there for several weeks, and as soon as this fact became known the Porter Bros. were sent flying into the field by Hill with the result that the gage of battle thrown down by Harriman was immediately taken up. Now Hill has two gangs of surveyors also, each outfit working up opposite sides of the river, and it's to be a race to a finish this time and no mistake. Thus can Crook county count on one or more water grade railroads within a twelvemonth.

Should Harriman be outgeneraled by Hill, it is current opinion that he will throw the Corvallis & Eastern railroad across the mountains from Detroit; otherwise, he will undoubtedly build up the Deschutes.

In consequence of the activity toward the central part of the state on the part of the two railroad magnates and Hill's apparent disregard of a tacit agreement, vouched for by Harriman's attorneys, that Hill would not invade the territory south of the Columbia and Harriman would respect Hill's rights to the region lying north, it is evident a struggle has been precipitated which will not end until one or the other withdraws or two lines are built.

## RAILROAD MEETING FRIDAY EVE

Local Business Men Urged to Come Out---Committee Ready to Make Report

There is little that is new to report this week in matters relative to the proposed Central Oregon Railroad. A meeting was held at P. A. C. hall last Saturday evening, but as the committee that has the task in hand of organizing a commercial body so constituted as to be able to take charge of all railroad matters asked for further time in which to report, a speedy adjournment was taken until Friday evening, September 4. Friday night was selected in preference to Saturday, as heretofore, because it will afford all business men an opportunity to get out, whereas on Saturday evenings they are invariably busy at their stores. No report was made last Saturday because the committee deemed it wiser to wait until they could submit a comprehensive report.

The committee wishes to urge upon every business man and citizen generally the great importance of attending these meetings. Remember the change of date—Friday evening, September 4.

## STOCKMEN DON'T LIKE NEW PLAN

Will Not Ship Livestock to Portland Without Price Is Agreed on Beforehand

Some of the cattlemen of Crook county are up in arms over the intention, as announced in the Portland papers several weeks ago, to withdraw cattle buyers from the breeding grounds and ranges of this state. Cattlemen, sheepmen and hog raisers make common cause in arguing that such a move would not be made unless it redounded to the buyers' advantage, and a number of meat raisers in the Crooked river and Paulina valleys have mutually agreed not to ship another steer to Portland or anywhere else unless said steer be bought at a price agreed upon with the stockyards representatives in advance.

Instances are numerous wherein Crook county stockmen have sent their cattle or sheep to market without any hard and fast price agreed upon in advance.

Even if the packers intend to be fair and square, the cattlemen argue, they will be governed entirely by circumstances, oftentimes beyond their control, which, unless the matter is put in black and white in advance, will result in a loss to the seller. Rather than accept any old price under the new plan, growers assert they will keep their stock at home until a definite sum is agreed upon.

## TWO NEW BELLS FOR PRINEVILLE

One for Courthouse Clock and the Other for the Methodist Episcopal Church

Two bells of fine quality, the best in tone ever used in Crook county, will shortly be placed in position in this city.

The finer of the two will sound the hour, the half hour and the quarter hour from the clock tower of the new court house, and, under favorable conditions, will be heard for several miles in the country. This bell, which is to repose inside the four-faced clock, will be 78 per cent. copper and 22 per cent. block tin. It carries a guarantee for 10 years and comes from the Howard

watch company of Chicago, which is furnishing the clock.

The Methodist Episcopal church bell, order for which was authorized last Monday night, will be almost as fine as its neighbor across the street, being 77 per cent copper and 23 per cent. block tin. It will be guaranteed for 15 years. This bell weighs 400 pounds, less than half the heft of the Presbyterian bell, but owing to its quality will cost about the same price. It is of 27 inches diameter at the mouth. It will be shipped from Troy, N. Y., and should be here before Oct. 1.

## AT C. W. ELKINS' DEPARTMENT STORE

### SHOWINGS OF New Fall Dress Goods

Every lady should visit our store and make early selections from the various departments. Prominent this week are the new Woolen Dress Goods. Nothing better will be shown this fall even in cities ten times Prineville's size

Heavy Woolen Storm Serge, 36-inch, in Brown Red and Navy at 75c  
All Wool Fancy Tweeds, large assortment of shades, fine value at 95c  
Panam Suitings, all wool, 36-inch, during sale 75c

Big Assortment of very fine Wool Taffetas and Striped Suitings, special 65c to 75c  
In better grades of suitings we show dozens of the newest effects in the best fall shades, many in suit patterns only.

## Special News

On Saturday of this week we will show a few of the new pattern hats. These designs are ours exclusively, being purchased within the last ten days by our milliner at the recent millinery openings. No other millinery parlor will be able to show such up-to-date hats.



## Cotton Dress Goods

Best Standard prints, regular 8c yd., we sell at 7c  
Special Percale, regular 15c grade at only 10c

New fall underwear showing special values in Union suits in both men's and women's garments.

Now is the right time to buy a hack or buggy. See our lines at special prices.

## We have purchased exclusive styles

### GROCERY SPECIALS ENDING SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

#### 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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