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CITY'S FINANCES IN GOOD CONDITION

Five-Mill Tax Levied for the Ensuing Year--- Current Indebtedness Reduced to \$2500

The city council met Monday evening and wound up the affairs of the present administration. After the usual business routine had been gone through, Mayor Wurzwiler, in criticizing his critics, said: "From a debt of \$5000 this administration has reduced the city's indebtedness to \$2,500, or one-half. And this debt has been reduced in the face of heavy expenditure for street and other improvements. Furthermore, we have met all obligations promptly, paid the city's interest regularly, and we still have money in the treasury—enough and more than enough to meet the water bond interest next February and to pay warrants. "We now have a 6-mill tax, I believe, and with the present excellent condition of the city's finances I see

no reason why the levy for next year should not be reduced to 5 mills." Councilman Rosenberg then arose and made a motion that the tax levy be assessed at 5 mills for the ensuing year, and on being seconded by Councilman Clifton, the motion prevailed. Noticing a member of the press present, Mayor Wurzwiler then joined the press "for knowing more about the city's affairs than the council itself." He further observed that had the press obtained its "facts" from the mayor they would have reflected more truly the condition of city affairs. Councilman Rosenberg took the floor and, after mentioning the city's good financial condition, as expressed by the mayor, recounted a short history of how the debt of

between \$5000 and \$6000 which existed when he and Councilman Clifton were elected had been reduced to its present status. "We improved the streets and carried all municipal improvements to a successful conclusion," said the councilman. "This speaks very highly for Mayor Wurzwiler and his administration, in thus reducing the city's debt while carrying on the city government so economically. I'll venture to say that hardly a city of the same size in Oregon is so nearly out of debt." In reply to a question as to what constituted the \$2500 indebtedness of the city now outstanding, the mayor replied that it consisted largely of unpaid warrants which the city, in its present financial condition, could easily take up. A. H. Lippman was appointed councilman to succeed Walter O'Neil, who has removed to Shaniko. The city election was called to be held December 21. Clarence Calbreath and W. H. Kinder were appointed judges and Duncan Macleod and Claude A. Riddle clerks of election. **City Property for Sale.** A. H. Lippman has several pieces of choice city property for sale. See 10-291f

HOME TALENT DRAMA SOON

"Valley Farm" Under Auspices Ladies Annex

DECEMBER 11 MAY BE DATE

Rehearsals Are Now in Progress for Popular Comedy Drama— Cast of Characters

"Valley Farm," a comedy-drama soon to be presented by local talent under the auspices of the Ladies' Annex, will undoubtedly prove a great dramatic success. No city of five times its size in Oregon has better or more varied talent at command. No definite date has been set yet for the presentation of "Valley Farm," though the date originally selected, Dec. 11, may still be ad-

hered to. The exact date will probably be announced next week. The dramatis personae follows:

- Casts.**
 Harold Rutledge, Young New Yorker, M. R. Biggs.
 Perry Deane, a son of the soil, A. B. Roller.
 David Hildreth, New York lawyer, Oliver Adams.
 Silas Holcomb, owner of the farm who visits New York, H. Lanina.
 Azariah Keep, deaf eccentric tinker always making hay, Stub Quakenbush.
 Jennings, butler at Rutledge mansion, Horace Belknap.
 Hetty Holcomb, a country flower, transplanted to the city, Lulu Rosenberg.
 Isabel Carney, proud and haughty, disdainful of country people, Julia Lytle.
 Mrs. Rutledge, Harold's proud and aristocratic mother, Miss Rose Parrott.
 Alvera Holcomb, sister of Silas, good judge of apples 'n' folks, May Wigle.
 Lily Ann Tucker, borrows but "never gossips," Birdie Morris.
 Verbena, hired girl at farm, siew but sure, Katie Dunsmore.
- Synopsis.**
 ACT 1. Valley Farm. An afternoon in August. The engagement.
 ACT 2. Rutledge mansion, New York city, in December. Serpent has crept into Eden.
 ACT 3. Three weeks later; parted!
 ACT 4. At farm again, in March. The triumph of love.

PRINEVILLE WILL HAVE TO HUSTLE TO GET RAILROAD

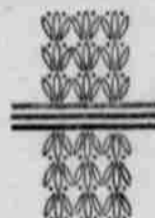
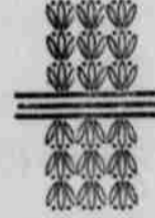




Proposed Routes Miss This City Twenty Miles ---What Are You Going to Do About It?

Prineville must hustle! The people of this section must wake up if they want a railroad. This is not "hot air," in the parlance of the street, but a hard cold fact. A railroad is being built, or about to be built—all preliminary work having been completed—from the mouth of the Deschutes river as far as Madras, is on the main line. Where is Prineville? That's just the question. Where do we stand? Prineville and its tributary country seems to be out of it—at least 20 miles out it—according to an interview published with General Manager O'Brien of the Harriman lines in the Portland Telegram. O'Brien says that no advances have been made to him by anyone in Prineville; hence, he is led to believe, whether true or not, that Prineville does not want to get on the railroad map of Oregon. What are you going to do about it? We cannot afford to have a road built 20 miles away nor can we afford to build a stub line 20 miles. An understanding with the Harriman officials at this time might save lots of time and money later on. Here is what O'Brien says: "Approval of engineers' estimates for the new Harriman extension into Central Oregon is expected by wire from Chicago almost any day now, according to General Manager J. P. O'Brien. The estimates which involve an expenditure of \$4,000,000, and cover the building of the first unit of the new road from the mouth of the Deschutes river directly south to Madras, a distance of a little more than 100 miles, were forwarded to Chicago last Saturday, and Mr. O'Brien declared today that he ought to hear word from the main offices within a day or so. The name of the new road will be the Deschutes Railway Company

the title under which the right-of-way surveys were secured. The next step, following the approval of the plans submitted by the Harriman engineers, will be the letting of contract and the assembling of construction forces and material. This Mr. O'Brien thinks should all have been accomplished by about January 1, so that work is likely to be under way within the next five or six weeks. It can be continued all winter. Meantime, the surveyors will continue their work southward from Madras on right-of-way surveys for the second unit of the road. They will require some time yet, probably several months. "It has been learned that the people of Prineville have been unsuccessful in their efforts to bring the main line of the Deschutes road into their city, although they have made strenuous efforts to get this concession from the Harriman interests. The right of way, as decided upon, will establish the main line about 20-odd miles west of Prineville, the company feeling that the topographical conditions, as well as the business that might originate by diverting the road from its natural trend southward, would not warrant the additional expenditure that would be entailed. When Prineville learned this some of the leading business men decided to start a movement for building a branch line of their own, to be financed exclusively by home capital, and this will, probably be done. "I haven't heard that the Prineville people have any such intentions in mind," said Mr. O'Brien. "They haven't taken the matter up with me, but we do not contemplate running a line into Prineville." From this it is inferred that if the metropolis of Crook county is to have a place on the railroad map of Oregon, its own people must put it there.

All Ladies' Suits One-Fourth Off

THIS gives late buyers an opportunity to take advantage of a clear saving. Every suit brand new and up-to-date. Make your selection early before the best are sold.

	All \$20.00 Suits, now	\$15.00	
	All \$25.00 Suits, now	\$18.75	
	All \$37.50 Suits, now	\$28.15	



Special Sale on Ladies' Winter Shirt Waists
 In woolen fabrics, heavy colored weaves and velveteen—all white Dress Waists are included in this sale.

Ladies' Trimmed Hats
 We are closing these out at actual cost as we need the room for Holiday Display—Beautiful Pattern Hats are also included in this sale.

Dress Skirts
 We are offering a special number of all wool Panamas elegantly trimmed and finished, regular price \$6.50
On sale for 10 days \$4.75

Sweater Coats
 Misses fine Honeycomb Jackets in cream, all wool—worth \$2.50—Selling at \$1.75
 Misses Sweater Coats, pure wool in all colors—plain or striped \$1.25 to \$1.50 each
 Boys Sweaters, good wool, 85c and up
 Fine lot of Ladies Sweater Coats \$2.00 to \$5.00



Heavy Winter Coats
 Mackinaws, Sheep Lined Coats and Ulsters—Winter Gloves and Caps. You can buy here at a saving.



The Front Lace Corset \$2.50
 fits any figure—special lengths for large ladies, other styles for good dressers, "Grace," "De Luxe," and "College Girl." Call and see them.

Men's Shirts in Blue Flannel
 Heavy weight, all wool, fast color, each \$1.75
 Why pay more?



The Gotzian Shoe Shoes for Men
 "Health and Walk Easy" Shoes will keep your feet warm and comfortable. Leather lined, quilted insoles. In several leathers \$5.50 and Up

HEALTH & WALK EASY LINE
 A SECTION SHOWING CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOLE
 FELT CUSHION INSOLE, CORK, RUBBER, LEATHER

WILL HAVE BIG RABBIT DRIVE

Agency Plains Farmers Planning Vengeance on Destroyers of Crops

Agency Plains farmers have arranged a big rabbit drive, to start from the ranch home of A. Monner early in the morning of December 14. No dogs or guns will be used. The human cordon will advance in a southerly direction after the manner of skirmishers in an army, driving the bunnies before them to a point not far north of the Matoles river, where a corral is being built to ensnare the captives for slaughter. This corral will have wings extending for a quarter of a mile on either side so that the fuzzy pests can easily be driven inside the big pen. Two-foot wire netting will be used for the wings and four-foot wire for the corral. Indians on the Warm Springs reservation have been invited, and as many as care to will participate in the drive, which will cover a space of several days. The country will thus be rid, it is expected, of between 2,000 and 3,000 jacks. Rabbits have during the past year increased amazingly, to the detriment of crops planted in that portion of the county and to the total destruction of all crops on isolated farm tracts. This being the case, practically all farmers will assemble for the big drive. Several years ago rabbits in Crook county were found to be suffering from a peculiar contagion and died in countless numbers 'till it was freely predicted none at all would be left. Government experts even came here to see if a supply of virus could not be obtained from infected rabbits for use in exterminating the pests in other rabbit-ridden parts of the country, but without avail. The bunnies now seem to have risen superior to their recent malady and are multiplying faster, apparently, than ever before.

WALTER LUCKEY COMMITS SUICIDE AT OGDEN, UTAH

Was Well Known in Prineville Where He Formerly Resided ---Fit of Despondency Supposed to Have Caused Rash Act

While a large audience was enjoying a musical comedy at the Opera House in Ogden, Utah, about a week ago, Walter Luckey, a young man blew out his brains with a rifle in the foyer of the theater. Lucky, who was 30 years of age, stood at the entrance to the playhouse with a Winchester rifle. Just before the audience emerged from the building he put the muzzle of the weapon to his mouth and pulled the trigger by means of a string. The sound of the shot was not heard above the laughter of the audience and attaches of the theatre removed the body before the exits were thrown open. Lucky is known to have lost money and is thought to have become despondent. A letter in his pocket asked that a sister, Mrs. Harry Word, 94 East Fifteenth street, Portland be notified. Walter Luckey formerly lived in Prineville. He was a brother of Tad Luckey, Pearl Luckey and Mrs. Harry Word of Portland, and was the son Mrs. Mary L. Butler. He is said to have been wayward. The news of his death was a great shock to his mother. A letter addressed to Tad Luckey came about a week ago, from Montana. No despondency on the part of the young man was indicated by this letter.

P. A. A. C. ARRANGING TO REFUND ISSUE OF BONDS

Members Who Are Financially Able Will Probably Take Up the Bonds, Holding Club Property for Security.

Members of the P. A. A. C. met Monday evening to take action of some kind in regard to refunding the bonds of the club which mature in January. There is no floating debt. The bridal pair were attended by Edna G. Estes as bridesmaid, and H. L. Hobbs as best man. Mr. and Mrs. Reynolds will make their home on the Powell ranch on McKay creek. Both are well and favorably known in Crook county. The club owns five city lots and its building, on which ample insurance is carried. With this collateral the club members believe every subscriber to the new bond issue will be safely protected in assuming a share of the club's indebtedness. Changing the name of the club also came up for discussion. It is thought by many that the name "Prineville Commercial Club" would more appropriately designate the functions of the new organization which is contemplated.

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