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Agreement on Range Lines

Sheepmen and Cattlemen for the Most Part Decide on Division--However, in Two Districts Committees Disagree.

Cattlemen and sheepmen who attended the stockmen's meeting at the United States forestry headquarters in this city last week as a rule agreed upon the lines which should divide their respective ranges in the Deschutes national forest, but in two districts no final decision was reached. Until some definite arrangement can be made governing grazing in the disputed districts the government itself will remain in full control of the situation, as may seem most equitable to the officials of the forestry department.

Districts Nos. 3, 5, 6 and 7 were apportioned by mutual agreement among the stockmen themselves, while Nos. 2 and 4 could not agree. Districts Nos. 1, 8 and 9 are strictly cattle grazing regions; hence no understanding with the sheepmen was necessary therein.

All of the changes suggested and those finally agreed upon by the stockmen will be tested for a year or two before the lines are allowed to remain as they have now been fixed. In time the government may fence the ranges in the national forest, but no work of this nature will be undertaken for many months to come. The nine districts in the Deschutes reserve are approximately as follows:

No. 1.—Area embraced by the Maury mountains.

No. 2.—Area west of the range line between Ranges 21 and 22 east and south of the summit of the Blue mountains.

No. 3.—West of the Blue mountains summit wagon road and north of the summit of the mountains.

No. 4.—West of the divide of the waters of the south fork of the John Day and Crooked rivers, following the summit of the Blue mountains around to the head of Deep creek; south of the Blue mountains summit.

No. 5.—Same description as No. 4, except that region lies north of the summit, extending to the east line of District No. 3.

No. 6.—North and east of the divide and west of the south fork of the John Day river.

No. 7.—That part of the Deschutes national forest west of Emigrant gap and lying mainly in townships 19, 20 and 21 south of ranges 25, 26 and 27 east.

No. 8.—District west of the Paulina range (south from Prineville) in what was formerly the Fremont reserve.

No. 9.—Same as No. 8, except that district lies east of Paulina range.

The names of some of the 75 stockmen present were published last week in the Journal; other representatives among them were: J. E. Snow and W. R. Mascan, Dayville; D. Keen, E. S. Harrison, J. L. Parrish, J. J. Angus and H. H. Trowbridge, Lee; J. D. Taylor, Bear creek; W. A. Freeman, Suplee; E. E. Gillewater, J. H. Kelly, M. J. Finlayson, D. T. McRae, D. Koopman, G. B. Ray, R. W. Tate, W. R. Kelly and Walter Knox,

Post; T. H. Brennan, L. E. Throop and E. E. Laughlin, Paulina; W. T. Johnson, Fossil; J. H. Prout, Wamic; C. C. How, Howard; R. R. Keys, R. and V. Donnelly and C. F. Waters, Richmond; R. E. Wright, Spray; Thomas Fitzgerald, L. F. Janes, E. R. Laughlin, E. D. Roberts, R. Rosenbaum, Marion Osborn, James Butterfield and Gross & Sigfrit, Mitchell; J. D. Proffit and H. D. Keys, Twickenham; J. A. Horn, T. H. McGreer, Thomas Biogan, Farquhar McRae and George Zachary, Antelope.

"Valley Farm" Friday Night

Comedy Drama by Home Talent Auspices Ladies' Annex

Friday night, December 18, has finally been decided upon as the time for the production by local talent of "Valley Farm," the farce to be presented this week under the auspices of the Ladies' Annex. The net proceeds will be applied toward the expenses incidental to the opening at the clubhouse of the new library.

The Journal published the complete cast of characters, with the synopsis of this play, two weeks ago, so it will be unnecessary to again print it now.

The comedy drama is one of the best ever written for presentation by amateur players and the story told in the four successive acts is at once full of fun, interesting situations and instruction to rural and urban dwellers alike.

Harold Rutledge (M. R. Biggs), a young New Yorker, and Perry Deane (A. B. Roller), a son of the soil, vie with each other throughout the farce for popular approval, and it is difficult indeed to pick the one whose part is the more attractive. Besides Messrs. Biggs and Roller, Oliver Adams, H. Lanus, Stub Quakenbush, Horace Belknap, Lulu Rosenberg, Julia Lytle, Rose Parrott, May Wigle, Birdie Morris and Katie Dunsmore will take parts in the play.

FLOCK OF FINE SHEEP

C. M. Elkins Purchases 26 Hampshires

LARGEST LONG-WOOL BREED

Said to Be One of the Most Profitable Kinds for Both Wool and Mutton

C. M. Elkins has received 26 head of thoroughbred Hampshire sheep from Weiser, Idaho, and will keep them on his Haystack farm.

The Hampshire is the largest and heaviest of the Down breeds and is only excelled in weight by the Lincoln among the long-wooled sheep. It has dark brown or black points, with bold countenance, and a large ear set on rather low and standing out well on the side.

The bone is large, limbs especially strong and well set on, fleece fine and white.

It presents a striking appearance, the rams having bold Roman countenances and the ewes characteristically strong but feminine faces.

The Hampshire is essentially the sheep for the arable farm, fitted by long habit to being put in hurdles, able to consume a large amount of food and to make good mutton at an early age.

The Hampshire lamb is famed for its early maturity and great weight. Well-kept Hampshires are among the most profitable sheep in the world and are used largely in Idaho for crossing with Merinos.

Schedule for Christmas Week.

From now until after New Years there will be no end of entertainment and Christmas celebrations in Prineville and for the benefit of the busy reader we print the following:
Friday, Dec. 18—"Valley Farm" home talent drama, given by Ladies' Annex.
Wednesday, Dec. 23—Annual Xmas Ball, P. A. A. C.
Thursday, Dec. 24—Christmas tree and exercises at Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches.
Thursday, Dec. 24—Grand Ball at Poindexter's Rink.
Friday, Dec. 25—CHRISTMAS. Gun Club shoot in afternoon.
Saturday, Dec. 26—Joint installation, Masons and Eastern Star.
Passion Play at Moving Picture Show, Dec. 24, 25 and 26.
Wednesday, Dec. 29—Annual New Year Ball, P. A. A. C.
Thursday, Dec. 31—Grand New Year Ball at Poindexter's Rink.

High School Debate.

Sherman county will be represented in the forthcoming debate with Crook county by Dayton Hendricks, of Moro high school; Vera Dunlap, of Wasco high school, and Miss Mae Smith, also of Wasco high school. Crook county, as heretofore stated in the Journal, will be represented by Frank La Follett, leader; David Pickett and Wilford Belknap, all of the Crook county high school.

The date set is January 8. The place of holding the debate will be Moro.

The question to be decided is: "Resolved, that the federal government establish a parcels post in connection with the postal system." Inasmuch as Sherman county proposed the subject, they will take the affirmative, Crook county having chosen the negative.

The boys here are confident of their ability to defeat the Sherman county team, even if it has got a couple of rather good looking girls in its makeup. To use their own expression, "if Sherman county wins, they will know they have been going some."

Assessed Valuation Over Seven Millions

Increase of About \$850,000 Over Last Year--New Lands Coming Under Taxation Principal Source of Increase

Crook county is the abiding place for 10,088 horses, valued at \$210,974; 17 mules, valued at \$340; 30,882 cattle, valued at \$310,830; 102,880 sheep and goats, valued at \$176,645; 1,540 swine, valued at \$4,402; and 3 dogs, valued at \$150; according to the assessment and tax roll for 1908, just made public by Assessor J. D. LaFollette.

Cattle have increased in number since last year, sheep have decreased and horses remain about the same.

The total valuation of taxable property in the county now is shown to be \$7,070,254, as compared with \$6,226,000 last year. The large increase in this respect is due principally to new lands entered under the timber and stone act, homestead and desert claims, some state lands and segregated lands filed on under the Carey act. The assessor received 38 closely typewritten pages from The Dalles land office last January showing the names and location of claimants who had proved up on government lands.

The number of acres under cultivation is 59,135, valued at \$367,559, and the number of acres of uncultivated land is 1,203,665, mostly timber or homestead lands unentered, valued at \$4,467,185. The value of improvements on deeded or patented land is \$178,724, of all city or town lots \$118,725, of improvements on town or city lots \$188,730, and of improvements on lands not deeded or patented \$65,919.

A valuation of \$369,000 is placed by the assessor upon the canals and ditches of reclamation companies in the county, though under the recent supreme court decision holding these improvements unassessable as held by the companies it is unlikely the county will benefit thereby.

There are 54 miles of telephone lines, with more building, the value of the completed lines is placed at \$3045. Sawmills and farm engines total \$38,160, merchandise and stocks in trade \$130,190, farm machinery, implements and wagons \$63,173, money, notes and accounts \$245,023, 750 shares of stock valued at \$83,955, household furniture, watches, jewelry, etc., \$47,519.

In 1903, a short five years ago, Crook county valuation amounted to a scant \$2,300,000, which shows a literal increase of nearly \$1,000,000 each year since. Truly Crook county advances!

H. Taylor Hill Accused of Forgery

H. Taylor Hill, formerly of Prineville, is in trouble at Portland, according to a report appearing this week in a Portland paper. The Journal of that city says:

"That H. Taylor Hill collected \$2500 on a forged note and retains in his possession a legal note for the same sum is the charge con-

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SPECIAL DISPATCH--6:21 A. M.--To C. W. Elkins, Prineville, Oregon.

WHAT SANTA CLAUS SAYS

"C. W."--I have spent a lifetime looking over toys, dolls, games, silverware and gentlemen's neckwear and have never seen them as beautiful or as low in price as you are showing. I shall buy everything of you excepting a few whips for some bad boys living over near Gospel Ridge

DOLLS TOYS

Beautiful Dolls with first grade kid bodies
10-inch doll.....20c
12-inch doll.....35c
16-inch doll.....75c
19-inch doll.....\$1 25

Remember these are kid bodies, with beautiful heads and hair.

BIG LINE OF DOLL BUGGIES

Almost acres of them, beginning at the 5c and 10c counters and through to the finest values ever shown here at any price.
Automobiles Jumping-Jacks
Clowns Pop Guns Doll Dishes
Doll Buggies Children's Books
Presenting a wonderful variety of the most popular gifts for children at the lowest prices ever shown here.



GIFTS FOR MEN AND BOYS

Are exceptionally hard to decide on, but consult us and we will save you time and money, and aid you in selection. What could be a nicer Xmas gift for husband, father, brother or sweetheart than something selected from our immense display of Gents' Holiday Furnishings in individual holiday boxes. This elegant line includes the most beautiful patterns in Neckwear, Silk Suspenders, Mufflers, Silk Handkerchiefs & Ties to match, Suspenders and Ties to match and many other equally attractive articles. We can also show you an almost endless line of Sweater Coats, Dress Shirts, Pocket Books, Razors, Shaving Sets—but come and see—space forbids us going entirely over the list.

SWELL NEW CLOTHING FOR MEN

New line of Swell Clothing for men. If you want correct styles it important that you see this display. The highest type of art tailoring, elegant finish, in the sensible, serviceable goods

BUY A NET WAIST--We must close them out

We must close out all our Net Waists by Christmas. This means SACRIFICE and price-cutting that will bring the buyers. We are therefore making them into:

- Lot 1, all waists \$3.50 to \$4.00 - - \$2.25
- Lot 2, " " 4.50 to 6.00 - - 3.10
- Lot 3, " " 6.50 to 10.00 - - 4.95

PRESENTS FOR THE HOME

BEAUTIFUL NEW SILVERWARE—Knives and Forks, Spoons, Ladles, Meat Forks, Etc., in the "Orient" Pattern of High grade Silver CARVING SETS—Plain White Haviland China; nothing can be nicer and what woman does not desire Haviland?
TABLE LINEN—Snow white and choice patterns. These are some of the things for home beautifying.



BOYS' KNICKERBOCKER SUITS

Boys' Knickerbockers and Overcoats. Buster Brown School Shoes Dress up the boys for the holidays in some of our swell togs

THE IDEAL WINTER SHOE for MEN

"Health and Walk Easy", in several leathers, selling at.....\$5.50 and Up

LADIES' SUITS AND DRESS SKIRTS

One-Fourth off on all Ladies' Suits, \$20 suits now \$15; \$25 suits now \$18.75; \$37.50 suits now \$28.15.—All wool Panama Dress Skirts, elegantly trimmed and finished, regular price \$6.50, now on sale at \$4.75



Men's Heavy Mackinaw Coats and Pants Sheep Fleece Lined Coats, Winter Caps & Lined Gloves, Foot Warmers—Buy ours and Winter Frosts have no Terrors

C. W. Elkins' Big Department Store