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Heaviest Snow in Two Years

Winter Is On in Dead Earnest Over Central Oregon

The heaviest snow in two years fell here Tuesday, some nine inches of the beautiful covering the earth between Monday midnight and Tuesday afternoon. Another inch was added Tuesday night, while additional flurries have increased the depth to about one foot, with falling weather still prevailing.

The snow was driven by a gale of wind in its first stages, making the weather exceedingly disagreeable. The sun shone forth brightly Wednesday morning, causing the whole countryside to resemble a fairy scene but very much like winter.

From a temperature of 40 above zero at 10 o'clock Monday night the mercury fell to 1 degree below the cipher early Wednesday morning. The week before Christmas the bulb registered around zero for

three days in succession without any snow, the maximum being 3 degrees below.

Ed Parker Hurt in Runaway

Caught in the wheel of a runaway wagon and dragged bodily, swinging and crushed, over a rough road, Ed Parker, a Bear creek rancher was seriously hurt about a week ago half a mile this side of the Mike Mayfield place. Although badly bruised, with one leg probably fractured, he will recover.

Parker had lost a horse on a recent trip to Madras and on his return to Prineville obtained another horse to drive home. The latter was fractious and near the Mayfield place ran away, throwing Parker out and entangling him in the wheel.

After being flung free of the wheel, Parker dragged himself the half mile to Mayfield's. He reached there exhausted and had it been a rod farther could not have made the goal where aid awaited him.

Rough Joke on Don Steffa

Crook Arrested and Booked in Newspaper Man's Name

Friends of Don Steffa in this city are condoling with him over a report published in the Portland Telegram that he had been arrested for thefts committed in the Portland postoffice. The newspaper story also painted him as a dope fiend. The Telegram story is as follows:

A young man who gave the name of D. Steffa was arrested in the corridor of the postoffice this afternoon on suspicion of being connected with the recent disappearance of various articles around the building and was booked at the police station on a charge of vagrancy. Elmer Lillard, engineer of the building, has for some time suspected Steffa, who has been hanging around the corridors during the past few months, and when Lillard attempted to question him Steffa made a break for the front door, but was caught by Andy Nichols, a Government sleuth, who turned him over to Patrolman

Burke. A search of Steffa's person revealed a complete hypodermic outfit, and further examination proved him to be a confirmed dope fiend.

It was all a mistake, due to a practical joke. The man arrested refused to give his name, and as Steffa had been police reporter for the Portland Journal and was on familiar terms with the desk sergeant at police headquarters, another man present suggested, as a joke, booking the prisoner as "D. Steffa." This was done.

Mr. Steffa was formerly an owner of the Crook County Journal. For a long time after going to Portland he acted as police reporter for the Journal but is now telegraph editor of the Telegram.

Mr. Steffa has a right to feel "sore." He has the sympathy of the Journal and the state press, but being a newspaper man himself he "knows how it is."

Get This Separator.

Sharples Cream Separator No. 2; will sell or trade for stock, cows preferred. Separator nearly new. For particulars see J. H. Smith, Prineville, Or. 12-31-24

For Sale.

One second-hand 3 1/2-inch wagon, #10. 12-31-24 J. H. DELORE, Prineville, Or.

HOMESEAKER'S INFORMATION

Facts and Figures Concerning Crook County

REPLY TO LETTERS OF INQUIRY

Resources of This District and Opportunities Offered to Intending Settlers

So great is the demand for information concerning Crook county and its resources that the Journal this week publishes some facts for the benefit of those who are seeking homes in a new country. Letters of inquiry come from nearly every state in the Union and each one contains a list of questions peculiar to the section from which it is sent. As it is impossible to answer all questions the following facts are given with the view of covering the ground in a general way, leaving those who may desire specific information to write for it.

Crook county, Oregon, contains a large part of the few remaining bodies of cheap lands and free lands now open to the person of moderate means who is seeking an opportunity to become an owner of part of the soil. The county is very extensive, being 108 miles across from east to west and 84 miles from north to south. In round numbers it contains about 8,000 square miles. From this it will be seen that Crook county is six times as large as the state of Rhode Island, four times as large as Delaware and about as large as Massachusetts. It lies in the heart of Oregon and is a veritable unexploited empire in itself.

This vast area in 1900, the date of the last government census, had a population of 3,896; today it has possibly 7,000. Were Crook county as densely settled as Rhode Island it would sustain a population of 3,500,000, surpassed only by the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois and Ohio.

The county abounds in beautiful valleys and sagebrush flats, suitable for the production of almost any crop which will grow under dry farming methods. Much of the area is already under irrigation, their being nine reclamation projects either in operation or projected, not to mention a probable United States reclamation project, data for which is now being obtained by geological survey engineers.

Water Supply and Irrigation.

The Deschutes river and its tributaries today furnish the water for existing irrigation areas the controlling company being the Deschutes Irrigation Power & Co., Bend, Oregon, and in this reclamation belt lie Redmond, and Powell Buttes, Laidlaw, and Sisters, west of the Deschutes river, have reclamation companies of their own. Madras, in the northern end of the county, is in the center of one of the richest dry farming communities in America.

In the great eastern half of Crook county lies the cattle belt, where hay raising and stock raising constitute the principal industry, making of this county one of the largest breeding places in the Northwest. Crook county cattle always top the Portland market.

The Deschutes river is inexhaustible, being fed by perpetual snows on the summits of the Cascade mountains. Many other streams run throughout the year, Crooked river, the Matoles and Ochoo creek being the more important. Water exists in quantities below the surface, being obtained in the valleys at only a few feet depth and elsewhere at from 30 to 60 feet.

Soil and What It Produces.

All soil is exceedingly fertile, the natural growths being sage-

brush, bunchgrass and ryegrass. Juniper trees thrive in large quantities on the cultivable land, with heavy pine growth in the foothills and higher altitudes of the Blue and Cascade mountains. There are nine species of native woods. The valley land is easily cleared for cultivation, the earth being a rich alluvial and decomposed volcanic ash, which produces abundantly. Where water is intelligently used the results richly reward the husbandman.

Wheat, oats, barley, rye, alfalfa, potatoes, carrots, beets, onions and all kinds of cereal and vegetable crops are produced with excellent yield, in most cases without irrigation, and some dry land farmers have this year raised corn which bids fair to rival that of Kansas or Illinois.

Fruit raising is still in its infancy, though in some places all fruits of the temperate zone; apples, peaches, apricots, pears, plums and all the berry family, notably at the Cove orchard; are raised to perfection.

Rainfall and Altitude.

The rainfall, as shown by government instruments, averages between 10 and 20 inches annually. Summer is temperate and pleasant; winter is mild, rarely below zero though often below freezing, with a reasonable snowfall in the mountains, insuring water for the season.

Altitudes vary greatly, but the bulk of the county is between 2,000 and 4,000 feet rising toward the south and west. The Great Salt Lake valley in Utah and the Arkansas valley in Colorado are both higher, yet there are no better developed garden spots on earth.

Immigration and Transportation.

Immigration into this part of the state has been heavy during the past year or two and will become still greater with the coming of a railroad. Being situated in the largest single area in the United States still without a railroad, and with several railroads surveyed and projected, it behooves the homeseeker to come at once, for by getting in here ahead of the railroad he may still obtain choice lands.

Government lands may now be obtained through a small fee to a locator or by the more tedious and uncertain method of personal investigation.

The homestead law allows every unmarried person of lawful age and every head of the family to enter 160 acres of agricultural land and by making a home thereon for five years, making also certain improvements, obtain title at the end of that time. Or, after a continuous residence of fourteen months the settler has the option of commencing to a cash entry and upon payment of \$1.25 an acre can obtain title.

The Desert Land Act gives the right to any man or woman of lawful age to enter 320 acres of land or less, no residence on said land being required. A payment of 25 cents an acre is made at the time of entry and an expenditure of \$1 an acre must be made each year for three years in improvements and placing water on the land for irrigation. At the end of that time there must be one-eighth of the land in successful cultivation through irrigation and there must be sufficient water provided to irrigate all the land that is irrigable.

Water may be provided by any feasible means the entryman sees fit to employ. At the end of the three years, the foregoing conditions having been complied with, the entryman pays \$1 a acre and obtains title from the government. Fencing, well digging, canals, barns, cultivation, etc., are counted in the expenditures, but a residence building is not.

No person can secure more than 320 acres of public land. A person having a homestead or timber claim can take only 160 acres under the Desert Act, and a person who takes 320 acres under the last named law cannot take a homestead or timber claim.

The nearest railroad point to Prineville at present is Shaniko,

Oregon, 62 miles distant. Rapidly increasing population and unlimited resources means a railroad soon.

Assessed Valuation of Property.

Property in Crook county for the year 1908 was assessed on a valuation of \$7,070,254, an increase over 1907 of nearly \$850,000.

The county was shown to contain 10,088 horses, valued at \$210,974; 17 mules, valued at \$340; 30,882 head of cattle, valued at \$310,830; 102,880 sheep and goats, valued at \$3176,645; 1540 swine at \$4,402, and several thousands of chickens.

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 and homestead tracts.

Telephone systems, both Bell and farmers' independent lines, grid-iron the county, and daily mail routes penetrate much of its area. In more isolated communities only a tri-weekly service is maintained.

Crook county is settled by Americans. There is a sprinkling of Scotch, Irish, German, Scandinavian and Italian, in the ratio of about one in ten to the native born. It is a good country to come to; to grow up with; to aid in developing. Perusal of the of the Crook County Journal for one year gives all facts relating to the county that an intending settler would wish to know.

The county has two flouring mills, one at Prineville and one at Madras; several brick yards and many lumber mills. There is ample room for many additional manufacturing.

Mining is carried on in the northern part of the county, gold, coal, silver and cinnabar being the principal output. Gypsum and other minerals are known to exist.

Opportunity Knocks For All.

For the investor there is a field of vast extent in which to his own choosing he may find the resources which will readily return to him a revenue in exchange for the capital invested. From the common field of agricultural pursuits, through the pine forests, on into the mineral belts whose latent resources are just now being prospected and developed, through the stock raising districts and dairying sections to the magnificent Deschutes river, whose enormous water power today remains unharnessed, there is room and there are opportunities for the man with capital, just as there are opportunities for the man with smaller means. In short, the present complexity of industrial phases in the country, future possibilities of development under capital already invested and diversity of soil, productiveness and climate, coupled with the fact that this immense area still retains its birthmark of newness, affords a field of endeavor second to none in the Pacific coast states. Come.

Annex Holds Reception

The Ladies' Annex New Year's reception, given the afternoon of Jan. 1, was a pronounced success. The club hall was beautifully decorated, largely with fresh carnations expressed in from Portland especially for the occasion.

As the visitors of the day arrived at the door each one was greeted personally by a member of the committee and ushered into the newly fitted up library, where dainty wafers and tea were served by the ladies in charge.

After this refreshment had been partaken of, the guest was asked to write a New Year's resolution, in exchange for which he was presented with a little souvenir of the occasion.

Music, both vocal and instrumental, was rendered all afternoon. To lend a charming effect to the occasion the three halls used were darkened and lighted by candle-lights.

A number of club members returned after supper and spent a most delightful evening together.

SALE BEGINS SATURDAY JANUARY 2d

Odds & Ends SALE

10 PER CENT FREE GOODS GIVEN AWAY

Every year we have succeeded in putting on a stirring, sensational and important sale, to get us ready for spring goods. Owing to our rapidly growing business our fall purchases covered a larger variety of goods and lines than ever before and heavy sales have practically broken our stock into little "bits". From our whole store we have gathered these odds and ends and we propose to sell them for CASH during this sale at the lowest and severest cut prices that this town has ever known. Not only this, but every purchaser will receive absolutely free 10 PER CENT FREE GOODS to be selected from the remnants of our Holiday Stock, including Dolls Doll Buggies, Toys, Etc., as long as they last. Sale includes odds and ends of Dress Goods, Furnishing Goods Clothing, Hats and Shoes. Space does not permit details. Sale begins Saturday, January 2nd—we cannot get ready Sooner.



All Odds & Ends Ladies' Waists One-Half Price

One-Third Off on All Ladies and Misses Suits and Coats

Don't overlook this department many new suits and coats recently received, & being bought at a bargain we can show you the greatest values of the season

Infants Fancy Jackets

Beautiful finish, 65c, now..... 40c
Knit Jackets, extra warm, \$1.25 now 60c
All Wool Sweater Jackets, 75c to \$1.25
Stork Diapers, \$1.00 to \$1.25 per set



Odds and Ends Children's Underwear, One-half Price
Children's All Wool Sweaters, in white and colors regular \$1.50 reduced to.....97c
Children's Cotton Ribbed Hose, reg. 20c, at pair 12c
Children's Gloves, reg. 25 and 35c, now pair.....17c
Children's Caps, odds, value 35, 50 and 75c.....25c
Misses and Children's Coats, odd lines..... One-third off

Embroidery, Laces, Veiling, Ribbons

Remnants of Embroidery, Laces, Veilings and Ribbons at less than half price.
Yarns, regular 40c at.....30c
Shetland Floss.....3 for 25c

LADIES FURNISHINGS

Ladies Fine All Wool Vests, Black, reg. \$1.65.....80c
Odds and Ends in other lines at one-third off.....35c
Ladies Heavy Wool Gloves, 50 and 75c odd pairs at.....35c
Odd pairs of Ladies Winter Hose in both Fleece and Wool, Shawls Fascinators, Flannelletto Wrappers, Kimonas, at less than first cost

Our Shoe Department Fairly Shines With Odds and Ends Which Have to Go in a Hurry

Odd pairs Ladies Felt Slippers.....75c to 95c
Odd pairs Childs and Misses Red Felt Slippers.....65c to 75c
Odd pairs Misses D esn Kid Shoes, reg price \$2.00 to \$2.75 at.....\$1.82
Odd pairs Mens Slippers.....45c to \$1.60
73 Odd pairs Ladies Dress Shoes, less than half price

Men's Clothing

Odd Suits, values \$12.50 to \$20.00 at less than half price.
Odd Pants, values \$2.50 to \$6.00 at one-half price.
4 doz. Odd Dress Shirts, values \$1.50 to \$2.50.....98c
5 doz. Odd Hats at.....85c
Overcoats—closing out odd lots at One-third off.

Boys Short Pant Suits

MOTHERS—We are putting out about 2 doz Boys Short Pant Suits, ages 3 to 10 years, at one-half regular price—all good weight, but odds. Don't overlook these.

Bedroom Necessities

Pillows, genuine feather, reg. \$1.75,.....\$1.23 pair
Wool batting, 1 lb bats.....28 1/2c
Knitting cotton for tying comforters.....4 for 25c
Cotton Blankets, Genuine Army Blankets, Sheetings, Comfort Outings and Calceos, all with the profit taken off.

Odds and Ends of Crockery, Glassware, Tinware and Kitchen Specialties at about half price

The Odds and Ends are worth the money

IF YOU CAN'T COME, SEND YOUR NEIGHBOR

C. W. ELKINS—Big Department Store—Prineville, Or