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COUNCIL WILL ENACT OCCUPATION TAX ORDINANCE

All Lines of Business to Be Subject to Annual License Fee--Expert Crandall's Report

An occupation tax ordinance will soon be in effect in Prineville providing for the payment of a license fee on all lines of business in the city, ranging from \$2.50 to \$20 on the majority of businesses conducted, while the prospect is that license for a drink establishment where "near beer" is sold or cards, billiards or any such games are conducted will cost about \$100 per year, a bond for \$500 besides being required of the proprietor.

The above at least covers briefly the intention of the council expressed at the meeting held Tuesday evening. The matter of drawing up such an ordinance was referred to the committee on judiciary of the council, which is composed of Wardwell Cram, chairman, D. P. Adamson and G. N. Clifton. The committee is to prepare the

ordinance as soon as possible and a special session of the council will be called to put it before that body for passage. This committee was also instructed to form an ordinance amending the present dog tax ordinance, making the tax payable annually instead of quarterly, and giving the marshal authority to collect the tax or remove the dogs. This ordinance will also probably be passed at the same time as the one regarding the occupation tax. Dogs kept in confinement will be taxed the same as those running at large.

Another important matter coming up at this meeting was the report of the finance committee which had in charge the duty of having the city accounts of the treasurer and the recorder expeted by Max Crandall. The committee

presented the report of Mr. Crandall, which speaks for itself. It follows in full:

To the members of the Finance Committee and members of Council, City of Prineville:

Gentlemen—I have audited as well as the records would allow the accounts of the various officers from Jan. 1, 1902, to Dec. 31, 1908. The records are not very complete as far as the financial affairs are concerned in some departments, and especially in the recorder's court, which have not been completed in many instances, making it impossible at a late date to get a very correct account of and many times in some cases it was impossible to determine whether a fine was paid or "laid out" in jail.

The receipts passing between the recorder and the treasurer fall to mention what fines they were given in settlements of and many times covering several different cases and dates.

The recorder's court docket was not written up at all in 1908, but there was the sum of \$158.40 paid into the treasury and the ex-recorder informs me he simply paid the fine to the treasurer.

The records of the collection of dog tax and water rents are missing in part.

There were no water rents paid during the year of 1907, but during the year 1908, up to March 1st, there was the sum of \$119.50 paid to the treasurer which is claimed to be the collections of the year 1907. There has been handed to me a book of stubs which show collections amounting to \$122.50; also a receipt

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FEEDING SHEEP FOR MARKET

Over 3000 Head About Ready for Shipment

NEW INDUSTRY ON TRIAL

M. R. Biggs and T. F. McCallister Each Fattening Over 1500 Weathers--Looks Good

Two Crook county ranchers are engaged in a line of business at present as an experiment which is a new departure for this section. M. R. Biggs and T. F. McCallister are each feeding flocks of over 1500 sheep for mutton on their ranches in this vicinity and expect to turn off their product this month. Some buyers have already visited this section with a view to buying the sheep and more are expected, but as yet no sale has been made.

Whether this industry can be successfully carried on here is what these men are trying to find out. Mr. Biggs says that at this time the business looks very encouraging.

Mr. Biggs is feeding over 1500 head of weathers two-years-old coming three on grass and alfalfa hay. The sheep are getting in first-class condition. Mr. McCallister is feeding a flock of over 1500 weathers 1-year-old coming two on alfalfa and grain hay.

In this connection Mr. Biggs says that no rancher can afford to sell the product of his farm in the form of hay and have it hauled away from the ranch. "He must feed the stuff at home and use the manure, or he is simply selling his ranch, a little at a time."

Mr. Biggs is also feeding a fine herd of young registered Short-horns at his ranch above town. These are being kept for breeders and there is not a finer herd in the country.

It seems to be the growing belief among the leading stockmen of this section that there is no profit in raising alfalfa and selling at \$8.00 per ton or thereabouts, when any kind of marketable stock can be secured for feeding.

WHAT COLD STORAGE PLANT WOULD DO FOR HOG BUSINESS

Crook County Could Supply Her Home Market Instead of Importing Her Pork Products

The pork industry in Crook county at this time is a subject well worth serious consideration by farmers and business men, to say nothing of its economic value to the community at large.

With vast acreage of alfalfa for forage and producing hundreds of thousands of bushels of wheat, Crook county imports more bacon, hams and lard than she consumes of the home product. On the face of it this is poor economy, but there is a reason for it, and that appears to take the form of the lack of a cold storage plant, by which the season for curing meats could be extended through the entire year, instead of being confined to the few winter months, as is now the case.

Under present conditions the raising and feeding of hogs for home curing is necessarily limited for the reason that those who make

a business of it can only plan to supply the home market during the months when natural weather conditions are favorable for handling the killed meats, for no one can expect to carry hog fattening and butchering into the warm months, when it is known that such an attempt would only result in a loss of the meat.

But the establishment of a small cold storage plant in Prineville or any other convenient point in this county would at one jump more than double the pork business of the county, to say nothing of the possibilities of supplying a vast territory south of us, and curing fine hams and bacon for export.

J. W. Horgan, of the meat market firm, Horgan & Still, who has had considerable experience with cold storage plants, says that such an enterprise would cost between

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The Pick of Good Clean Merchandise For the Next Two Weeks

For the next two weeks we are offering the following extraordinary bargains--the pick of good clean merchandise--bargains that cannot be duplicated outside of the largest cities.



Waists

Ladies heavy Fannelete Waists, modest patterns, regular \$1.50 val. on sale at **\$1.20**

Ladies heavy Mohair Waists suitable for home or street wear, colors--blue, black, cream and brown, regular \$2.50 value, going at **\$1.95**

Boys heavy Percalé, Satine and Baby Flannel Waists, special at 65c

Special value in Cotton Fleece Hosiery for **15c to 35c**

One-Fourth off on our stock of Ladies Long Kimonos and Outing Flannel Night Gowns



Mens Suits, \$9.00

Men, for an every day suit we have a number of lines at \$9.00 which we are sacrificing to make room for summer clothing now on the road. \$9.00 for a suit worth \$17.50. Come and see for yourself



Boys Suits

Mothers--During the next two weeks we are selling our Boys Knee Pants Suits at a sacrifice--One-third off. Save one-third by buying during the sale.

Large lot of Dress Goods--special at one-third off regular price.



Shoes

Buster Brown Shoes for children the long wear line, all leathers. Buy the Buster Brown and your shoe troubles will cease.

Our Mannish Shoe for women in heavy kid and gun metal, special during this sale **\$3.50**

Our Howard Shoe for men, wears as good as any \$6.00 shoe. Gentlemen try a pair of the Howard--as the Howard watch is the king of watches you will find the Howard shoe the best value to be found in any shoe.

Our Health & Walk Easy Shoe for men, leather lined. If you are troubled with cold feet try the Health and Walk Easy.

King's Team

Runs Away

Mrs. W. F. King and daughter got off lucky in a runaway in the streets of Prineville last Saturday afternoon. While driving around town in their buggy and turning the corner of the street that leads past the Hotel Prineville to the court house, one of the front wheels came off and as the team was spirited they became frightened and started to run. Mrs. King held on to the lines and almost succeeded in stopping the team, when she called to a man on the sidewalk to assist her, but as the assistance was slow in responding the horses started again. In the meantime Miss Edith had got out of the buggy and when Mrs. King saw that she could not hold the horses she also jumped out, turning the runaways loose.

The team ran to the corner of the block near Shipp & Perry's planing mill where they took different sides of an electric wire pole, which resulted in a general smashup of the buggy and harness, freeing the horses. The team ran up the Crooked river road to the Sid Stearns place where they were afterward captured, having sustained no injury.

During the recent cold snap Mr. King had lost the tap off this spindle, when he had transformed the buggy into a sleigh. He had driven the rig to Bend and back with the new tap on, and on the day of the runaway had hitched up the team and drove it about for some time to get the young horses quieted down. But the tap failed to stay on and as a consequence a new harness and practically a new buggy are required.

Winds Uncover

Planted Grains

The high winds of the past week are reported to be doing considerable damage to crops in the Culver and Madras sections by blowing the loose soil of the seeded fields so as to uncover the planted grain. G. Springer was in Prineville Tuesday from his home near Culver and states that the winds are the worst that have been known for several years. A few days of falling weather would soon put a stop to this damage, and while the injury may not be sufficient to be of serious consequence, fears are that a continuance of the winds will greatly reduce the crops of that section during the coming season.

Hunters Licenses

Issued for 1909

Thirteen hunters' licenses have been issued for the season of 1909 by County Clerk Warren Brown, since the first of the year. All the licenses issued previous to January

King's Team

Runs Away

Prineville has been all stirred up this week. Marshal Wade Huston arrested Billy Howell Saturday evening on a charge of being drunk. In making the arrest he beat Howell on the head with a billy and threw him in the city jail. On Monday morning Sheriff Frank Elkins arrested Marshal Huston on a warrant issued out of Justice Ralph Sharp's court charging him with assault with a dangerous weapon with intent to kill. The city marshal's hearing was set for Monday evening at 7:30 but when the time arrived there was nothing doing--Deputy District Attorney Bell refused to place his signature to some of the necessary papers and the prosecution of the marshal came to a dead stop.

In the meantime Howell was arraigned before Recorder Shattuck on the charge of being drunk, was adjudged guilty, and a fine of \$10 and payment of the costs

Plastering Courthouse Now in Progress

Work on Crook county's fine new court house is progressing well these days and the work of plastering and finishing is now under way. Two plasterers arrived this week from Portland to put on the plaster and will be occupied in this work for about five weeks. All of the materials required have arrived except one load which is now on the way in from Shaniko. The lathing has all been completed. Contractor J. B. Shipp this week mixed up a test batch of the plastering, which is that grade known as "adamant" and he says that the material is as hard as a rock.

Neal Milligan

Residence Burned

The residence of Neal Milligan, located on the road between Lamonta and Culver, was completely destroyed by fire Tuesday afternoon. Nothing of the contents was saved but two chairs and a bookcase. The fire started from the flue of the kitchen stove. A terrific wind was blowing that afternoon which would make it impossible to control a fire that once got started.

Notice to Dog Owners.

Notice is given to dog owners living within the incorporated limits of the city of Prineville that you are hereby notified to procure a license for your dog at once for the ensuing year of 1909.

C. L. SHATTUCK, Recorder.

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