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PRINEVILLE CREAMERY WILL BE RESURRECTED

New Company Expects to Have the Plant in Operation by March 1

Crook county is to have a real creamery. After almost a month spent in looking over the field in Crook county, S. R. Cooper, who has until January 1st been in the employ of the Hazelwood Creamery Co., in Washington, has decided that conditions are favorable for a good creamery in Prineville. Acting upon this belief Mr. Cooper, with L. B. Lafollette as a partner, has secured options on the majority of the stock of the Prineville Creamery Co. and will meet with the board of directors of the creamery company on Friday at which time the final details will be arranged and the lease for the property executed.

Mr. Cooper says that there is no reason why the people of Crook county should ship in tons of butter annually paying heavy transportation charges, while the county itself is even better fitted for the creamery industry than many other localities in the state and he proposes to be instrumental in assisting to right the condition.

Little opposition was met in getting options on the stock and everyone is anxious to see the enterprise put into operation. It is not possible at this time to name the date when the place will be opened but it will be about March 1st.

Arrangements have been made with the stage lines running to different parts of the county for the transportation of cream and it is expected that butter fat will be sent in from points as far distant as Roeland and Sisters. Further details will be published as soon as the new firm gets matters well in hand.

Will Debate at Moro.

The much-postponed inter-scholastic debate between the Crook County High School and the All-Sherman-County team will be held at Moro next Friday evening. Frank Lafollette, leader, David Pickett and Wilford Belknap left Prineville for Moro, where they will uphold the honor of the local school, and Principal M. B. Hockenberry left today to attend the debate.

The question for debate is, "Resolved, That the federal government should establish a parcels post in connection with the postal department." Crook county has the negative of the question.

The local lads have been hard at work on their side of the subject and they go to Moro fully determined to win if possible. But win or lose the friends of the Crook County High School feel sure that they are sending a team that will do its best.

Grain for Sale.

150,000 pounds of grain for sale at the George Rodman ranch near Culver, including Club and Golden Chaff Seed Wheat, Beardless Barley and Western Wonder Seed Oats. 2-11-09

NO OCCUPATION TAX ORDINANCE

City Solons Have Seemingly Given It Up.

PROPOSAL MEETS OPPOSITION

Committee Has Done Nothing Toward Preparing the Measure.

There is not much prospect that the city council will enact an occupation tax ordinance at the present time. All this week Prineville businessmen have been discussing the matter, and the measure seems to be so unpopular among the majority that the council will probably never bring the matter up for consideration in the form of an ordinance.

At the last meeting of the city dads every member of the council was agreed that the occupation tax was the proper thing and the judiciary committee was instructed to frame the bill and report to the mayor as soon as it was ready, when a special session would be called and the ordinance enacted.

But now there seems to be a change of front on the matter and the members of the judiciary committee have not done anything regarding the drafting of the ordinance. A meeting was to have been held yesterday but the members did not get their heads together. If there is to be any city legislation upon this question, or any other for that matter it does not yet appear what it shall be. There is nothing doing in the shape of new ordinances at this time.

It seems that some one has ventured to say that the city of Prineville is not in such a bad financial plight after all. With the present levy the city will have an income of over \$2200 this year. The running expenses will be less than \$2200 unless some unforeseen expense arises. The current debt is about \$2500. The city warrants are in better shape now than they were a year ago say some. Besides the \$2200 from tax levy there will be an additional income of dog taxes, water rent, fines and license fees. "Let her run", seems to be the popular policy.

EXPERT CRANDALL'S REPORT ON COUNTY OFFICERS' BOOKS

For Past Two Years---Urges Adoption of Ownership Record Book System

To the Honorable County Court, Crook County, Oregon—

Gentlemen: I have audited the accounts of the sheriff, clerk and county treasurer for the period of time from January 1, 1907, to December 31, 1908, inclusive, and have filed with the county clerk the usual statements of accounts of the various offices, and from which you will see that all discrepancies have been settled.

You will see from the reports on the various tax rolls that the amounts of sheriff's assessments and amounts of errors and wrongful assessments are very large, amounting to on the roll of 1907 of the first item to the sum of \$16,598.41, and \$12,435.96 of the second.

This shows the urgent need of ownership records of each tract of land in the county to use as a guide to the assessor in obtaining a correct list of the real estate. There is no doubt but there are still more discrepancies in this assessment.

The roll of 1906 also shows very heavy variances as you will notice from the statement I have made. There is \$36,000 uncollected taxes on rolls of 1901 to 1907; over \$30,000 appearing on the rolls of 1906-7. To have this sum of money properly put on a basis of an asset, it is almost necessary to have these ownership plats to find proper owners to collect of.

As the delinquent taxes are no longer required to be published by law to properly protect the innocent taxpayer as well as the county in case of sale of certificates of delinquencies the need of this ownership record is absolutely necessary.

Statement of Expenses of Crook County, Oregon, for years 1907-8 as shown by Exhibits of Warrant Register.

Expense of—	1907	1908	Total
County Court and Commissioners	\$ 1,298 28	\$1,968 94	\$3,267 22
Circuit Court	2,502 65	3,908 78	6,411 43
Justice's Courts	78 90	385 81	464 71
Sheriff's office	3,265 50	3,814 85	7,080 35
Clerk's office	2,362 50	2,700 00	5,062 50
Treasurer's office	522 00	600 00	1,122 00
Coroner's office	145 70	12 50	158 20
School Superintendent's office	1,137 91	1,201 39	2,339 30
Assessor's office	1,409 01	1,200 00	2,609 01
Assessment and collection of taxes	196 56	610 44	807 00
Tax rebate	31 09	37 74	68 83
Current expenses	1,754 65	2,254 30	4,008 95
Court House expense	871 98	244 85	1,116 83
Jail	70 25	509 65	579 90
Care of poor	1,982 57	2,496 51	4,479 08
Insane	23 13	4 50	27 63
Reform School commitments	147 65	3,571 90	3,719 55
Election expenses	18,814 18	24,280 22	43,094 40
Roads and highways	2,431 45	1,564 06	3,995 51
Weeds and thistles	1,412 87	1,412 87	2,825 74
State taxes	13,225 00	14,950 00	28,175 00
Road fund	11,402 78	20,201 85	31,604 63
High School expenses	4,513 92	5,284 59	9,798 51
Rebate on unexpired liquor license	528 23	528 23	1,056 46
	\$65,347 53	\$104,429 00	\$169,776 53

as a guide for the tax collector to work from as well as the assessor in making his assessments.

I have recommended to the clerk the numerical system of filing all papers where a fee is charged, to more accurately account for same. The expense of the change will be very slight, the only cost being for the purchase of an automatic numbering machine. I would suggest also that all county warrants be printed hereafter to read to the "order" of person whom warrant is made in favor of instead of to "bearer" as is now. At times it is very important to know just who cashed certain warrants.

I filed a financial exhibit showing the conditions of the general fund

and road fund on January 1, 1909, also a statement of the amounts expended for the years 1907-8, under the various headings as reported to the secretary of state by the county clerk, and may be of valuable information to your honorable body or to any taxpayer of this county. I find the records of the various offices are well kept.

MAX CRANDALL, Public Accountant.

Financial Statement Crook County, Oregon, as of January, 1909.

General Fund—Resources.	
Cash in hands Co. Treasurer, Dec. 31, '08	\$1,711 51
Liabilities	
Outstanding warrants, Dec 31, 1908	14,546 01
January 1909 term issued	2,532 45
Excess of liabilities over resources	16,366 95
	\$18,279 46

Against this last item there is uncollected taxes for years 1901 to 1907 the sum of \$55,265, of which about \$30,000 belongs to general fund but the greater portion is in litigation and cannot very well be relied upon to offset that amount.

Road Fund—Resources.

Cash in hands Co. Treasurer, Dec. 31, '08	\$1,002 74
Excess of liabilities over resources	1,638 97
	\$261 71

Liabilities.

Outstanding warrants Dec 31, 1908	\$ 167 82
January term issued	2473 89
	\$2641 71

Statement of tax accounts uncollected and unredeemed on Dec. 31, 1908.

Uncollected on 1901 tax roll	\$ 206 51
" " 1902 " "	475 17
Unredeemed 1902 sales	15 25
Uncollected 1903 tax roll	501 25
Unredeemed " " sales	562 52
Uncollected 1904 tax roll	881 40
Unredeemed " " sales	737 14
Uncollected 1905 tax roll	432 60

Declamation Contest

February 26th

The annual inter-society declamation contest between the Alpha and Ochoconian literary societies of the Crook County High School will be held in P. A. A. C. hall Friday evening, February 26.

There will be four contestants from each society. Unlike the decisions of former years, the society whose contestant secures first place will not necessarily be declared the winning society. In the decision of the judges all of the eight contestants will be given places, the winner being given one point, the next, two, and so on. The society having the least number of points will be declared winner. Besides the gold medal which has always been given, it is proposed to have a trophy, which will be kept by the winning society for the year, or until lost by defeat.

The program for the evening will be interspersed with several musical numbers. "The Crook County High School Nightingales," a treble clef club lately organized at the high school, will make its first public appearance at this contest.

The oratorical contest which, heretofore, has been held the same evening as the declamation contest, will not take place until some time late in March.

McCallister's Barn Comes Near Burning

Last Tuesday morning T. F. McCallister's barn on his ranch down Crooked river came near being destroyed by fire, and but for the timely discovery of the blaze the fire would have soon been beyond control. Whether the fire was started maliciously or by accident Mr. McCallister is at a loss to know. On going to the barn at about 5:30 that morning he discovered a blaze among some baled hay in the barn and was able to extinguish it before much damage was done.

Mr. McCallister has two theories regarding the fire. One is that some incendiary started it and the other is that some one might have slept in the barn and in lighting a match for some purpose threw it in the dry rubbish. Frank Forest was on his way to town that morning and Mr. McCallister telephoned to Prineville to learn if Mr. Forest had seen anyone en route. Mr. Forest saw no one and so far as learned no clue to the identity of the person starting the fire has been found.

If you cannot come in person, send your grandparents, mother, father, sister, brother or uncle. March 5th.

SPECIAL BARGAIN SALE

FINE LACE CURTAINS IN LATEST NETS

Just arrived, too late for our January Special sale, 100 pairs lace curtains in latest nets, beautifully embroidered, all in ecru shades. We are quoting specially low prices until February 25th

Beautiful Net Curtains regular \$3.00 during this sale	Regular \$3.50 Curtains, during sale	\$2.49
	Regular \$5.00	3.59
	Regular \$5.80	4.35
	Special 85c Nottingham Curtain	50c
	Special \$2.00 Nottingham Curtain	\$1.49

\$2.19



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PRINEVILLE, OR.

BILL BROWN OF PAULINA RECEIVES EXTENDED MENTION

Sage of "Rabbitville" Gives Him Write-Up in The Dalles Optimist

"Old Man" Bennett of Rabbitville fame has been on a tour into Harney county and under the Rabbitville heading in The Dalles Optimist gives W. W. Brown of Paulina extended mention. We present the article in full to our readers:

Well I bin over into Harney county and Grant county and have seen things I never seen before but hope to see em again, for it is a grate big country, a fine large country and noboddy never dyes over there until his time cums, which as a rule is when he is about a hundred and 4 years old.

I have had a fine visit, have met up with lots of peepul, some of em

being foks well known all over Oregon. For instance there is the two Bills, Bill Hawley and Bill Brown. The second Bill, Bill Brown, was discovered here on a sheep range about 30, forty or sixty years ago. Some peepul say he has seen all the butes in the country grow up from little bits of mounds no bigger nor wash bilers. Enyhow Bill Brown is a old timer of the old timers, and he now has hoss ranches in lots of places in Harney county, in Crook county and in Lake county. I asked him how menny horses he had and he sed mebbey eight or 10 thousand, and he has a good men-

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