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SPRING RACE MEETING AT FAIR GROUNDS

Preliminary Work for Crook County Fair
Is Also Under Way—Officers Elected.

A spring race meet will be held at Prineville again this year and the snap with which the work of arranging for the event starts off gives assurance for a most enthusiastic meeting of horsemen.

It took just about an hour for the committee having in hand the work of soliciting funds to raise almost \$600 by subscription one day this week. Purse amounting to nearly \$2000 will be hung up for the different events.

While the date has not been definitely set, it is announced that the race meeting will be held the week following the May term of the circuit court.

Outline Plans for County Fair.

The directors of the Central Oregon Livestock & Agricultural As-

sociation met yesterday and elected J. F. Roberts, president; Hugh Lister, vice-president; H. Baldwin, treasurer, and J. H. Haner, secretary.

The board of directors has two new members this year—Messrs. James Rice of Haycock and Hugh Lister of Prineville. The hold-over member is J. E. Roberts. J. H. Haner is the newly elected secretary. The new officers will give us, practically a new administration.

The meeting yesterday was held thus early to outline plans and start the work for a big fair this fall. In going over the field for this year it was thought best not to make many changes in the premiums or purses offered last year. The 1908 fair was so handicapped by bad weather that a deficit of

several hundred dollars resulted. This will be wiped out and the new directors did not consider it expedient to increase either the premiums or purses at this time. The purses offered last year were large enough to attract horses from all parts of the state and it is believed the meet this year will be equally as large.

Some slight changes will be made in agricultural exhibits, especially in the way of general sweepstakes. Instead of being general they will be made special. This change will invite a much larger number of competitors. Representative Belknap secured a state appropriation of \$750 at the last regular session of the legislature to be used exclusively for agricultural premiums.

The fair will be held at an earlier date this year. It will open Monday, October 4, and continue for a week. By this change it is hoped to avoid the early fall rains.

One thing more. The directors and officers of the fair association wish to emphasize the need of cooperation on the part of the people if the Crook county fair is to be made a success. Unless farmers, stockmen and others take a personal interest in the matter all efforts for a big fair will be useless. So it's up to you, people of Crook county, to make the 1909 fair a hummer.

PRINEVILLE'S NEW BOOSTER CLUB

P. A. A. C. No Longer
in Existence

PROPERTY IS TRANSFERRED

Every Member to Be a Booster
—Plan to Handle Work
Through Committees

The Prineville Amateur Athletic Club no longer exists in name. At a meeting of the members last Tuesday evening the property, rights, liabilities and all appurtenances of the old organization were transferred to the trustees of the Prineville Commercial Club, and all that remains to be done now is for the President and Secretary to execute a deed to the property, making the legal transfer.

Next Tuesday evening a meeting of all the members of the old club and all who desire to become

HAVE YOU LOST YOUR NIP?

The call comes strongly to the Prineville people at this time to wake up. The question is getting to be: "Have you got any nip?"

What is it? Oh! It's that spirit of boost, push, co-operate, work, that little leavening force that makes other towns grow and improve and become better and happier places to live.

The Commercial Club declares for members with nip. The band at its re-organization meeting this week declared for more nip. Next.

Prineville ought to make nip her affinity from this time on. It's the juice.

members of the new one is called at the club rooms, when the trustees will have ready for adoption or consideration the by-laws for the government of the new club.

The articles of incorporation of the Prineville Commercial Club have been filed with the Secretary of State and the County Clerk. These articles comprise the constitution and only the by-laws remain to be adopted. The incorporators are T. M. Baldwin, D. F. Stewart, C. M. Elkins, J. H. Haner, and M. E. Brink.

After the action making the transfer had been taken, which was done by the passing of a resolution, a general discussion arose about how the work of the new club is to be carried on. Heretofore the club has been kept up largely by the work of few, the officers practically handling all the business and the large body of the membership paying in their \$1 monthly dues and letting the club do the rest.

The new plan is to handle the work through different committees, which will be under a general executive of supervisory committee. There will probably be committees on finance, statistics, immigration, social functions, entertainment, athletics, publicity, library, and the other various features coming under the working of the club.

By following this plan it is hoped to arouse the interest of each individual member and if the ideal of the club as expressed at the meeting last Tuesday evening is realized every man in town will be a member and each member will be a "booster without pay."

BEAR CREEK RESIDENTS HAVE SHOOTING SCRAPE

C. H. Erickson and Wife and Leonard Walters
Shoot Score of Shots, Nobody Hit

Leonard Walters and C. H. Erickson and wife got into an altercation last Saturday at the Erickson ranch on Bear Creek, and as a result Walters came in to Prineville Sunday accompanied by J. E. Roberts and swore to a warrant for the arrest of Erickson and his wife, on a charge of attempt to kill him.

Walters alleged that Erickson struck him in the side of the head with a shot gun barrel in the mix up, and there is no doubt about him having been struck on the head by something. His condition became so serious Sunday that his deposition concerning the affair was taken before Justice of the Peace Ralph Sharp, the fear being entertained that he might not be in condition to testify later.

Ben Jones went to Bear Creek to bring Erickson and his wife to town but they had already started in on their own accord.

A hearing was called before Justice Sharp Monday afternoon, Depy. District Attorney Bell representing the state and Geo. W. Barnes, the defendants. At this hearing the affidavit of Walters, which appears below in full, was read as evidence. Then Attorney Barnes demanded that the witness be brought into court and a subpoena was thereupon issued for him. The man's condition would not permit of his coming into court, and the hearing was then postponed until today at 2:30 p. m.

This trouble seems to have arisen over a settlement in the payment by Walters to Erickson for the ranch at Bear Creek. Walters came out from Michigan several months ago and bought the Erickson ranch, which it is understood was to be paid for on the installment plan, and it was in this business settlement that the first trouble arose. A few days prior to the episode of Saturday, report has it that these same parties had trouble at the Walters home over the disputed ownership of the ranch and that Walters then ejected the Ericksons from his house. It is supposed that the bad feeling between the parties again flamed up when Walters went to get the horse, which it is understood was still claimed by the Ericksons.

Walters' affidavit, which is the only evidence that has passed through court, of course only gives one side of the story. It follows:

I, Leonard Walters, being first duly sworn depose and say that I am the informant in the above entitled case; that I live upon the lands that I have purchased from the defendants situated in Crook County, Oregon, that my occupation is farmer, age 58, my post office address is Prineville, Oregon. That on the morning of the 13th of March, 1909, I was at the George Knox place, five miles north of my ranch feeding and caring for Mr. Knox's cattle. Running short of hay and being obliged to haul hay from Ed Harris' ranch and having no team I went to my place on foot to get a team of mine with which to haul the hay. Upon arriving home I was informed that the defendants had one of my horses using it disking land. I went to where they were living in a cabin on my land, a mile above where I live, I saw the defendants half a mile distant using the disk. They immediately proceeded to unhitch and when I arrived at the cabin in which they were living they had their two horses hitched to the wagon in front of the cabin and my horse was tied in the corral about four or five rods from the cabin. I was on foot. I came up to the cabin, both defendants being present, and said, "How do you do?" They answered me back, "How do you do?" I then said, "I'd like to get my horse to draw hay for Mr. Knox." C. H. Erickson said, "All right."

I started for the corral and had taken three or four steps towards the corral when I heard something behind me. I turned around and the automatic rifle was just about six inches from my face, held by Bettie Erickson. She said, "You s---of---, get off these premises and don't take another step toward the corral." I threw up my left arm, threw off the muzzle of the automatic rifle. The rifle went off in the direction where C. H. Erickson was standing. I hit her in the side of the head with my right hand, knocked her down. I picked up the automatic rifle. C. H. Erickson jumped in the house

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ENGINEERING FEATURES OF CENTRAL OREGON'S PROPOSED RAILROADS

"We will be prepared to start construction of our road into Central Oregon one week after the Government approves our survey plans," said Chief Engineer Boschke, of the Harriman lines in the Northwest.

Mr. Boschke admitted that the only question holding up this approval is the investigation now being made by Supervising Engineer E. G. Hopsen, of the Reclamation Service, who has officially made request for all information and data obtained over the various routes surveyed into Central Ore-

gon by the Harriman lines. This information is considered essential by the Government before it can pass on the Harriman application for right-of-way through public lands up the Deschutes Canyon. From this information the Reclamation Service officials expect to arrive at a decision as to whether the Deschutes River is more valuable for the conservation of water for power purposes than for railway purposes.

May Abandon Deschutes Line. Should the Reclamation Service consider that the dam is para-

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Rosland Ranchers Are Bound Over

Rosland, on the upper Deschutes, will furnish a diversion for the next session of the grand jury. Residents of that section have had a fracas about some horses and as a result George T. Sly and Charles Findley have both been bound over to the mercies of the grand jury.

From what can be learned, two of Sly's horses strayed into Findley's premises, and when the owner came to get them a quarrel resulted over the terms of settlement. Findley and Tom Sly, a son of George Sly, and the latter mixed up in a fight, and it is claimed that shovels and pistols were used as clubs in the fight. Findley got a bad gash in the scalp.

On complaint of Sly, Findley was arrested and had a hearing before Justice of the Peace Hill at Rosland. He was bound over in the sum of \$300. Later George T. Sly was arrested on complaint of Findley and had a hearing before Justice Merrill at Bend. Sly was bound over in the sum of \$500. It is understood that a warrant has been issued for Tom Sly, but that he is in Klamath county.



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