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## AUTO SERVICE FOR PRINEVILLE

### Operate Two Big Cars to Shaniko

#### WILL MAKE THE TRIP DAILY

#### Cornett Stage Company Backs Enterprise—Make the Run in Six Hours

"Honk! Honk!" Look out for the autos. Within a month two big automobiles will be spinning over the roads between Prineville and Shaniko, carrying passengers from this railroadless section to the terminus of the Columbia Southern, making the trip each way daily and covering that 60 mile distance in 6 hours. The machines are to have a capacity for carrying eight passengers and will be of the most powerful type.

This is the information given out this week by Mack Cornett, the pioneer stage man. The auto service is to be run in connection with the stage business and will be owned by a Prineville

company, in which Mr. Cornett and his associates in the line will have a heavy interest.

"Everything is all ready" says Mr. Cornett, "and all that remains to be done is to select the type of machines we want."

#### Charged With Horse Stealing.

Roy Towers and William Baldwin were arrested on a charge of larceny of two mares and two colts from Wm. D. Johnson, who lives in the neighborhood of Powell Buttes. The warrants were sworn out on the complaint of Johnson. Sheriff Elkins arrested Towers at his camp on the high desert and Baldwin was arrested at Bend by Deputy Sheriff Millard Triplett. Both men were brought to town and a hearing was held before Justice Ralph Sharp Tuesday evening. The defendants were bound over to the grand jury, and the bonds set at \$1500 each. Failing to secure bondmen they are confined in the county jail.

Baldwin is somewhat crippled up. The other night at Bend he accidentally fell out of a second story window at Hotel Bend and in the fall broke a rib and dislocated his right wrist.

#### White Steamer Coming.

Fred A. Young, an expert chauffer, wishes to announce that he will be in Prineville on or about the 1st of April to demonstrate to the people of Crook county the practicability of the White Steamer in business, pleasure and economy of service.

## HIGH SCHOOL ORATORICAL

### Randolph Ketchum Is The Winner

#### ALPHA SOCIETY VICTORIOUS

#### Edgar Barnes and Robert Cram Are Awarded Second and Third Places.

Randolph Ketchum won first place in the oratorical contest of the Crook County High School last Friday night, with his oration on the subject: "The Initiative and Referendum." Edgar Barnes was awarded second place and Robert Cram third. The judges were: Mrs. C. W. Elkins, M. R. Elliott and M. E. Brink.

While Mr. Ketchum, the winner, is a member of the Ochoconian society, the Alpha Society was declared to be still "supreme," as their contestants on the whole were judged to have done better than the Ochoconian orators. Since the competitive system between the two societies

have been held, the Alpha has never been defeated by her rivals, although the winning of first place by an Ochoconian in this contest will make the members of the Alpha society realize the importance of looking to their laurels.

Competent persons who have attended the high school contests during the past several years remark that the work of the contestants this year shows much improvement, which is gratifying to every school patron of the county.

Mr. Ketchum will represent Crook County at the Eastern Oregon contest at Pendleton, which will probably take place some time in the latter part of May.

Besides the orations several musical numbers were enjoyed by the audience at the entertainment last Friday evening.

#### Rye Grass Line Completed.

The Rye Grass Telephone Company the first of this week completed the stringing of its main wire from a point near Lone Pine Gap to Prineville, a distance of about 10 1/2 miles. This is an independent farmers' line and it now has about twenty subscribers among the ranchers along the route. It is expected that an extension will be made on to Lamont in time, and more phones will be connected along the present line. The farmers telephone business has made rapid growth in this county in the past two years, and hardly a settlement of any size in the county is now without telephone connection.

## CLUB PERFECTS ORGANIZATION

### Officers and Standing Committees Named

#### STATISTICS WANTED AT ONCE

#### Boosting Committee Will Prepare and Scatter Literature Showing Resources

The Board of Trustees of the Commercial Club has organized and the standing committees having in charge the different branches of work of the association have all been appointed.

T. M. Baldwin is president of the club; C. M. Elkins, vice-president and M. E. Brink, secretary.

The standing committees are as follows: Educational Committee—C. M. Elkins, chairman, M. R. Elliott and J. N. Williamson. The duty of this committee is to work in harmony with the county superintendent for the general betterment of conditions in all of the educational institutions in the county, and to endeavor to elevate the standard of efficiency of the teaching corps.

Transportation Committee—T. M. Baldwin, chairman; D. F. Stewart, A. H. Lippman, W. F. King, G. M. Cornett. The work of this committee is to cover the question of good roads, improved transportation facilities, railroads, etc., and the encouragement of immigration.

Committee on Publicity and Statistics—M. E. Brink, chairman; J. H. Haner and John Combs. This is properly the boosting committee. It shall be its duty to collect and disseminate information concerning the products and resources of the entire county and to tabulate and prepare for distribution literature suitable for the personal of intending settlers. This committee desires at the earliest date possible to secure every stockman, farmer, merchant, lumberman, and manufacturer, or in fact from every person who produces anything in the county, statistics about the number of head of cattle, sheep, hogs, horses, chickens, the number of dozens of eggs, tons of hay, bushels of grain, feet of lumber manufactured, shingles sawed, and whatever information would in any way be useful to tell the world at large about the resources of the county. These facts are to be printed and scattered all over the United States.

Another feature of the work of this committee will be a sort of headquarters for the listing of any property, ranches, livestock or products which are for sale. These are simply to be filed with the committee and when an inquiry for such things comes they will be supplied to the would-be buyer. A list of wants will also be kept on hand and the committee will act as a go-between for the man wanting to sell and the one wanting to buy. The extent of the operations in this line of course will be merely to tell a man where he can go to buy what he wants in case any such article is listed with the committee.

Committee on Local Affairs—C. M. Elkins, chairman; O. C. Hyde, G. L. Winick, C. W. Elkins, G. N. Clifton. This committee takes up matters of local interest and encourages all public enterprises, etc.

Committee on Social Entertainment—J. H. Rosenberg, chairman; Harry Lanus, J. H. Haner, George Starkman, and F. B. Millorn. This committee will arrange for all receptions, dances, parties and such functions given under the auspices of the club.

The By-Laws provides that the president, vice-president and secretary shall comprise the committee on houses and grounds. A special committee on Recreation Grounds and Sports was appointed—R. E. Gray, chairman; J. H. Rosenberg, Harold Baldwin, I. Michel and Horace Belknap. The duty of this committee is to look after the tennis grounds, etc., beautify the yards by planting trees, shrubs, flowers and grass and to pound sand in the gutter holes that may appear from time to time.

Games and conversation were afterward engaged in and the entire function was a most delightful one from opening to close.

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tree was planted. Ground was broken, the park christened, the tree, a cut-leaved weeping birch planted, and a bottle containing a history of the organization of the C. I. B., the names of the members of the plaza association, and a clipping from the Crook County Journal telling about the proposed improvements of the park, was buried at the foot of the tree. Little Genevieve Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Champ Smith, the youngest member of the Junior C. I. B. deposited the first shovel of earth about the roots of the tree.

Mrs. George Millican, chairman of the C. I. B. board, presided at the exercises. She stated the purpose of the exercises, and was followed by Prof. J. F. Blanchard of high school. Miss Ross B. Parrott made a few remarks and the company sang "America." Then the tree was planted by the C. I. B. and the Juniors.

At a meeting held Friday night at the home of Mrs. Millican, the Plaza Association was duly organized and officers were elected. The purpose of this organization is to further the improvement of public grounds in the city. Officers elected were: President, Mayor D. F. Stewart; vice-president, Mrs. C. I. Winick; secretary, Mrs. George Millican; treasurer, Mrs. W. A. Bell; superintendent, M. E. Brink.

The association is composed of the following: Mayor Stewart representing the city of Prineville; Prof. Blanchard for the high school; Prof. E. I. Ashby for the public schools; M. E. Brink, for the Commercial Club; a representative from the Woman's Auxiliary, not yet chosen; and the advisory board of the C. I. B. which is composed of Mrs. George Millican, Mrs. C. I. Winick and Mrs. W. A. Bell.

The committees appointed were: representative of the Woman's Auxiliary and Mrs. Millican. Committee on plans and arrangements, M. E. Brink, chairman, and the officers.

The board of directors is composed of the five officers, and these meet at the call of the president.

A committee on entertainment is also to be appointed. The park tract has been plowed and leveled during the past week and the trees which are being removed from the court yard are being planted around the border encircling the plaza at distances of thirty feet.

The irrigation water is all ready to be put on the ground. The energy shown by the people behind this move for beautifying Ochocon plaza promises that the city park will in a few years be a most attractive one. All of the improvements will be made in accordance with a general plan drafted by M. E. Brink, who will officiate as superintendent and landscape artist.

## Order Eastern Star 13th Anniversary

Carnation Chapter No. 44 Celebrates Event With Entertainment and Banquet Last Saturday Night

The Thirteenth anniversary of the inauguration of Carnation Chapter No. 44, O. E. S., was celebrated in a charming manner at the Masonic Hall last Saturday night. Members of the Eastern Star, the Masons and their families were in attendance to the number of 130.

The program opened with an address of welcome and remarks on the purpose of the Eastern Star by the worthy matron, Mrs. C. W. Elkins. Mrs. Carey W. Foster gave a monologue which delighted the company; Mrs. J. H. Rosenberg and Miss Lorene Winick sang a duet, with violin, flute and piano accompaniment, played by J. R. Luckey, C. I. Winick and Mrs. Chas. S. Edwards respectively; Mrs. J. H. Wigle presented a reading; and the closing number of the program was a farcical sketch by Mrs. H. P. Belknap, T. M. Baldwin, Mrs. Frank Foster, Dr. J. H. Rosenberg, Mrs. M. E. Brink, Miss Iva Booth and Oscar Hyde. The title of this piece was "An Interrupted Proposal."

After the program the company were seated at the banquet table for which the bill of fare was one of the finest ever served in the city. Carnations, the flower for which the local chapter was named, were used profusely in the decorations.

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## WHY SPAY SO MANY HEIFERS

### No Calves--No Steers to Feed for Beef

#### LOOKS LIKE RACE SUICIDE

#### Practice Carried Too Far Will Raise Price of Feeders and Hurt the Industry Here.

Many Crook county cattlemen are now engaged in the practice or are planning to spay large numbers of their heifers and turn them off for beef, the idea seeming to prevail that the thing to do nowadays is to make beef at the cattle business is to feed beef stuff and let someone else do the raising.

If this practice is carried on extensively among the herds of this county where are the stockers that are to be fed to come from? This is a question that is well worth the consideration of cattle growers at this time, for with too much of a decrease in the number of cows for breeding purposes, it will be a case of killing the goose that laid the golden egg, and as a result the price of feeders will go so high that there will be little profit in feeding for market.

Crook county is too good a breeding ground for cattle to allow this branch of the business to languish, and while it does not at present it would seem wise at this time to at least sound a note of warning and call attention to this tendency among the growers which seems to be rapidly increasing. For instance, this season over 500 head of heifers are slated for sterilization, which means practically 500 less calves next season. If the feeders to make up this deficiency have to be purchased outside the county, it means just so much more money out of the county for stock that could probably have been raised cheaper at home.

The practice of spaying has been engaged in by a few growers who have had in mind the improvement of their herds, the culls being spayed and turned off for beef. With this end in view the plan is a most sensible one, but when it comes to putting the knife indiscriminately into every heifer in the herd it begins to look like race suicide for the cattle industry.

It would be a good thing if the cattlemen of the county would get into an organization of some kind for mutual benefit. There are unquestionably many in the business who are equipped and have the facilities for raising cattle more economically than others, while on the other hand those who have big home ranches and produce large quantities of hay are better prepared to carry on the feeding operations.

Spayed heifers make desirable winter feeders as they keep in condition much more easily than steers, but any marked decrease in the arrivals of the baby calves each spring will put the cattle business in hard lines in this county.

## Straighten Telephone Business.

L. R. Robertson, of the Pacific States Telephone Company arrived this week from Portland and will remain in the city for two months or more for the purpose of straightening out the tangled affairs of the Pioneer Telephone Co., and to advise about making improvements in the service.

Mr. Robertson states that if it is probable that the majority of the stock of the Pioneer Company will be sold to new parties and that the company will be reorganized, with the idea of selling some of the rural lines to the farmers living along the routes, the company to pay more special attention to its long distance lines and the subscribers on the Prineville city service.

The matter of moving the central office from its present location into rooms over the postoffice in the Adamsson building is also being considered but no determination has yet been reached to do so.

Another improvement may be an all-night service. This will depend largely upon what co-operation can be had from the farmers' lines using the same switchboard. In case these matters can be satisfactorily agreed upon the night service will probably go into effect.

## Don't Miss Our Easter Millinery Opening

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APRIL 2 and 3

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Dedictory Exercises Held Last Saturday by Civic Improvement Brigade.—Plaza Association Organized

"Ochocon Plaza" is the name of Prineville's new city park, which is now being developed just south of the high school. This is the name that has been selected by the Plaza Association, an organization that has been formed during the past week. The name "Ochocon" is a Wamwam Indian word meaning shrubs and trees and the correct pronunciation is "O-cho-co", with the accent on the second syllable.

Dedictory exercises were held at the park last Saturday forenoon by the Civic Improvement Brigade, assisted by the Junior, and the first

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