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Bend Won Baseball Championship 1909

Getting off in the lead with what looked like an easy victory for the championship baseball game, the \$100 purse and the beautiful silver cup, the Bend team played shut-out ball against Prineville at the fair grounds last Saturday afternoon until the last half of the ninth inning, when Prineville waked up and swatted out two three-runners, scoring two men and getting another on third base, but the batter went out and the game closed amid the greatest excitement ever seen on a local ball ground.

Bend had outplayed Prineville throughout the game and had three scores to their rival's none, until the team wearing the Prineville colors made their final rally. Twice at the close of innings Bend had the bases full with two men out, but Steve Short, who pitched for Prineville, dug himself out of the hole in good shape and stopped further scoring.

William Immele was in the box for the Bend aggregation and did as fine a job of pitching as anyone often sees in a contest between country teams. It was only in the last half inning of the game that the Prineville batters were able to land on him. Then with a runner on first, Elmer Zeek, Prineville's catcher, poked out a three-bagger over left center field, scored the runner and hung up on third base. Then Pete Hinkle went to bat and hit the ball an awful crack away out over the left fielder and made it to third base, bringing in Zeek. It looked as though Hinkle could have made it home in safety on his own hit, but the ball players say he was tired out with the gallop around the course and had to stop. Two batters were already out and the next man up failed to hit safely, and the game closed with a score of Bend 3 and Prineville 2.

Dr. Elmer Spaulding umpired the game, and his decisions were taken without question or protest, not only by the players but by the spectators. Probably no umpire ever judged a ball game in Prineville who gave such general satisfaction. "Doc Spaulding not only gives a square deal," they say, "but he knows the game perfectly." The contest was free from the customary rag-chewing.

Bend came to the game pretty strong. Their team work was first-class, they hit the ball in good form, and showed strength in every position. On the other hand Prineville got a bunch together that had never been on the diamond as a team before. They didn't use the stick to advantage and several cases of fumbling and slow infelding if they had been eliminated, would doubtless have made a difference in the result, as it seemed always at critical times that these things occurred.

THE LINE-UP OF THE TEAMS.

BEND	POSITION	PRINEVILLE
Tetherow	C	Zeek
Immele	P	Short
Fremson	1 b.	H. Balknap
Nelson	2 b.	Ford
Culp	3 b.	Bailey
Swank	s s.	Ivg Balknap
Welder	lf.	Barnes
Netke	cf.	Jordan
Beason	rf.	Hinkle

Batteries: Prineville—Short and Zeek; Bend, Immele and Tetherow.

Banking Facilities for Oregon Trunk

E. M. Orth of the Lumberman's National Bank of Portland, through which all the time and pay checks of the Oregon Trunk line pass as a clearing house, was in Prineville Tuesday on his return from Bend, where he had been for the purpose of arranging with the first National Bank of Bend, to handle the paper of the Oregon Trunk. From here Mr. Orth went to Madras to make similar arrangements with the State Bank of Madras and likewise the First National at The Dalles will act in the same capacity.

This visit of Mr. Orth is significant that the plan of the Oregon Trunk is to extend its construction on south to Bend as fast as the work can be done, and puts an end to the idea that some have been advancing that the construction of the Hill road is to lag after the line has been built as far as Madras.

Every indication points to the fact that all the statements made by John F. Stevens about the pushing of the road on south through Central Oregon were made in good faith and that this company intends to build as far as Bend without delay.

From Madras comes the announcement that construction crews are at once to be put to work on that section of the Hill line from the mouth of Trout creek up the Deschutes and Willow creek gorge to Madras. The station grounds, sidings and yards are being laid out at Madras, and engineering crews are now busy cross sectioning the survey between Madras and the mouth of Trout creek.

Extension surveys are now being made south from Madras on the Hill right of way, and if Madras is to be the southern terminus of the line, it appears that it will only be that long as it takes the railroad builders to get under headway on the work between there and Bend.

Biggs Won Prizes and Trotting Races

M. R. Biggs is feeling pretty good as a result of the award of prizes on cattle at the Crook county fair, and for the reason that his trotting horses won all of the harness events on the track without any effort. Not only did Mr. Biggs' herd of Short-horn cattle win all of the first prizes in their class, but they won the sweepstakes for beef breeds over all the cattle on exhibition, some of those over which they won the award being prize winners in many of the best shows of the Northwest, last year.

Biggs' Short-horns were put on exhibition right off the pasture as were most of the cattle shown. It is to be regretted that the fair association is restricted financially so that it is not able to offer higher prizes on live stock, so that owners would be justified in taking the time and going to the expense of fixing the stock up for show. The public could then appreciate more fully the fact that the Crook county stockmen have some of the finest blooded cattle in the world.

Mr. Biggs won all three of the harness races with his sorrel trotters with ease, the animals never at any time being crowded to do their best. In the two-year-old trot his unnamed colt won the two one-mile heats, John Schmeer's colt second and that of J. E. Wilson, third.

In the trotting and pacing race for Crook county horses, Biggs' sorrel stallion, John S., won in two straight heats, Fred Fisher's Rob Roy, 2nd and A. Hamilton's Reino, 3rd; time of heat 2:18.45 and 2:17.4.

In the last trotting race which occurred Saturday Biggs' two-year-old trotted against Reino and Rob Roy, finishing in the order named. There was only one mile heat, time 3:15.

Neither of Biggs' horses broke in any of the races. The sorrel Stallion changed step a time or two, but it was because he was being reigned up too tightly.

Fair Finances.

The financial affairs of the Agricultural Society seems to be in better shape than was first anticipated. The Board of Commissioners started the year saddled with a debt of \$185, and as expenses were exceptionally heavy this year they were very much afraid that they would not be able to reduce this indebtedness, and possibly not even take care of the liabilities of this year. The cold weather at the beginning of fair week caused many forebodings, but the attendance at the end, on Friday and Saturday, was all that could be desired. It is possible that even now all the bills contracted by or on behalf of the society are not in the hands of the secretary, but to date the assets of the society amount to \$311.85, while the total known liabilities aggregate \$345.61. In the latter totals, including the \$185 indebtedness from last year, so that it would seem as if the fair this year has made about \$210 more than its expenses.

In many respects this year is an experimental year, and the board is confident that expenses can be cut down very considerably next year and at the same time present a fair that will be far and away ahead of anything that has been presented in this interior country.

If there are any bills that have not yet been presented to the secretary, it is hoped that they will be sent in without delay.

At the secretary's office there are still a number of premium checks that have not been called for. Those who have premiums coming to them kindly call on the secretary or notify him of their postoffice address.

Survey Electric Railroad to Prineville

Arrangements for the survey of an electric railroad from Opal City, the new townsite recently laid out on the Walter Mendenhall place between Trail Crossing and Culver, to Prineville, have already been made and the actual work of surveying the route will probably be commenced next week. The preliminary work, at least, is to be done by County Surveyor Fred A. Rice, who will be employed by Jos. G. Houston, representative of a Portland syndicate which is back of the Opal City project and the Odin Falls irrigation and power development on the Deschutes river.

The plan is to survey the electric line along the base of Grey Butte passing north of Lamonta, thence through the gap and across Poverty Flat to Prineville, and eventually on up Ochoco, with a branch from a point near Lamonta up Willow creek tapping the timber on that stream above Grizzly.

Just what developments may be expected from this move can not at this time be stated with any degree of accuracy, but it is sufficient for the present that the survey is actually to be made. Mr. Houston when in town several weeks ago informed the Journal of this plan and was enthusiastic over the idea. He has been operating in this county for more than the past year and has always fulfilled all his obligations to the letter and those who claim to know state that he is backed by ample capital to put the project into effect.

Opal City is on the permanently located survey of both the Harriman and Hill lines, where they cross the Mendenhall place on natural grade. This tract was recently purchased by Mr. Houston for \$4000 and a substantial payment on this deal is now on deposit in a Prineville bank, awaiting the arrangement of papers making the transfer.

Everything is in readiness to begin work on the power dam at Odin Falls, which is to generate the power by which it is proposed to operate the cars on the electric line to Prineville. The route which will be followed by the survey will be through a region which is productive every foot of the way. It will traverse the fertile farming district between Culver and Lamonta, the Lamonta basin, which is at least eight miles from any of the surveys of the steam roads, cross the valuable dry farming lands of Poverty Flat, which has been very poorly named, and soon reach the irrigated alfalfa fields of Crooked river valley adjoining Prineville and give rail connection to this the best inland town of the West. Besides this the branch up Willow creek will tap a splendid body of timber land and a potential dairying district. If there is anything hairbrained about the project it does not appear on the surface. If an electric line would pay anywhere, there is no reason why this one would not.

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