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## HOMESEEKERS COME WITH A RUSH

### Transportation Facilities Taxed to the Limit

### MUCH FREIGHT AND EXPRESS

### Freight Teams Desert Prineville Haul for More Profitable Railroad Consignments

The problem of transportation, which has always been a perplexing one for residents of this great railroadless expanse, has proven itself harder to solve during the past six weeks than ever before and it seems that before next summer arrives, it will be a hard matter to handle some of the different kinds of business of the transportation companies.

For the past ten days it has been impossible to run the automobiles all the way from Shaniko to Prineville, and the roads have been muddy for the Prineville-Madras run, although that has been fairly regular going for the machines. Almost all the machines that have been in the passenger-carrying business dur-

ing the summer have been put on the Prineville-Madras run. Friday the Cornet Stage & Stable Company started sixty-five passengers on various coaches for Prineville alone, besides a few for other points in the interior.

The influx of homeseekers is heavier by far to Prineville than any other part of the interior, and almost the entire equipment of the Cornett interests are taxed in accommodating the travelers. The volume of travel, which usually begins to decrease in the first part of November, has gradually increased until it has multiplied to many times the normal. The mails are almost twice as heavy as last fall, and the express business is much greater.

Local merchants find it impossible to get freight, and only the perishable goods have been shipped for the past six weeks. All the teams that can be hired for regular hauls from Shaniko to this city have been given regular contract employment by the railroad construction people, and the freighters say that they can make more than twice as much money hauling to the line of construction than on the longer haul to this place.

Besides the extreme scarcity of teams the large volume of supplies ordered by the local merchants have taxed the warehouses at Shaniko, the Moody people stating that there is more freight stored in their warehouses than ever before in ten years. Merchants are offering \$1.25 per hundred weight for freight, while the usual price is 75 or 85 cents, and this price is refused, for the standard price to the railway camps is \$1.00.

## SUMMARY OF ASSESSMENT OF CROOK COUNTY FOR YEARS 1909 AND 1908.

CLASSIFICATION OF PROPERTY	YEAR 1909		YEAR 1908	
	NUMBER	VALUE	NUMBER	VALUE
Acres of tillable lands	70,396	413,090	69,115	397,509
Acres of non-tillable lands	1,209,656	4,852,992	1,209,660	4,467,185
Improvements on deeded or paid lands		201,267		178,724
Town and city lots		134,928		118,726
Improvements on town or city lots		339,608		188,710
Improvements on lands not deeded		65,790		65,379
Miles of irrigation canals	180	397,500	64	309,000
Miles of telegraph and telephone lines	208	6,114	64	3,045
Stationary engines and mill machinery		29,300		28,169
Merchandise and stock in trade		125,481		130,190
Farming implements, wagons, etc.		60,174		48,173
Money		245,022		245,022
Notes and accounts		325,426		325,426
Shares of stock	750	125,550	750	85,500
Household furniture, watches, jewelry, etc.		44,592		47,019
Horses	10,029	223,110	10,088	216,974
Mules	76	1,630	17	348
Cattle	31,097	328,694	30,862	310,838
Sheep and goats	110,950	181,518	102,860	176,545
Pigs	1,692	4,660	1,540	4,400
Bees	151	460		
Dogs	244	1,272		
Gross value of all property		\$7,910,421		\$7,070,254

### Summary of 1909 Assessment

County Assessor John D. LaFollette last week completed the summary of the assessment for the year 1909. For the purpose of enabling our readers to make comparisons we also present the summary for 1908 in right hand columns of the table.

The increase in the gross valuation of all property over last year is from \$7,070,254 to \$7,910,421, or \$840,167.

One of the most notable increases is in the number of miles of telephone lines, which has jumped from 54 to 203 miles.

Bees live this year are assessed for the first time. There are 151 valued at \$460.

Last year only three dogs were on the rolls valued at \$50 each. This year there are 244, with a valuation of \$1,272.

C. S. Hobson and wife left for Prineville Monday, at which place they intend to make their home for a time. Mr. Hobson has been representing B. S. Cook & Co. of Portland, ever since that firm opened up a real estate office at this place and now goes to Prineville to look after the company's business at that place.

We are sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Hobson and may their lot always fall in pleasant places.—Silver Lake Leader.

## ERA OF PROGRESS IS NOW DAWNING

### Duncan Macleod Tells About Resources

### RAILROAD WORKS WONDERS

### Enormous Tracts of Land Will Be Brought Into Production of Valuable Crops.

More than 850,000 acres of arable land, that will produce 30 bushels of wheat to the acre, tributary to Madras; 250,000 acres in the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company projects; something over 100,000 acres in other projects that have been launched in the same section of Crook County; about 200,000 acres of the high desert land south of Prineville, for which no water has yet been thought possible, except by artesian boring; approximately 35,000 acres in what has been termed the Ochoco project, which has not taken tangible form yet, but for which it is said Crooked River will furnish water when proper storage reservoirs are constructed; 30,000 acres in the Squaw Creek district; several thousand acres in the Paulina Valley and adjacent plateau districts, 50 miles beyond Prineville, and a considerable tract of good farming land in the basin between the Maury and Paulina Mountain ranges, is Duncan Macleod's estimate of the possible farming district in Crook county which the new railway work will make tributary to Portland, says the Telegram.

How much this aggregate acreage will produce is a more difficult estimate. All of the Agency Plains, Haystack and adjacent sections in what is known as the Madras country, having the same characteristics as the Sherman County wheat plateau, is believed to be good for 30 bushels an acre on the average, without irrigation. The irrigated land of the Bend district will do much better; in fact should average more than 40 bushels. Any irrigable land with average soil conditions of Crook County is held good for 40 bushels or more an acre. Upper Paulina Valley and vast reaches of land above Prineville are now producing alfalfa, hay and grain. What is known as the Squaw Creek district, on the west side of the Deschutes, has something like 30,000 acres of land that can be cultivated, according to Mr. Macleod, and the private irrigation company that is carrying out a project here will soon have water on a large percentage of the total. In the Tumalo district, also on the west side of the Deschutes, a considerable tract of irrigable land is known. From all of these regions the yield of wheat within the next five to seven years will be very heavy, running into the millions of bushels. The aggregate acreage is much greater than Umattilla's average wheat area of 800,000 acres, which has produced as high as 6,000,000 bushels in a single year.

Portland to Benefit.

"And all of this wheat is bound to come to Portland, if it finds an outside market," says Mr. Macleod, who has just returned from an extended trip through the district. "All of it must go into trade here. All of it will add to the carrying facilities, the payroll, the total volume of business done both ways. It is an eye-opener to notice how rapidly people are settling the district. Tents and shacks are spreading out over the country in every direction. Before I became connected with the firm of Thompson, Macleod & Neill, in this city, I lived several years in Prineville, and was quite familiar with the district. Upon my recent trip I was amazed at the change taking place in settlements. The fact that serious railroad construction was under way did not become known in time to bring in a normal influx of settlers to that country, but they are coming anyhow, in large numbers, and next Spring and Summer will certainly see enormous additions to Oregon's population in the Crook county region.

New Era for Crook.

"One of the greatest additions that will occur to Portland trade the coming years will be from this source. While the country is superb for wheat, the best that can be found in Oregon to-day, it will grow other things in tremendous quantities. I have seen vegetables grown by dry-farming methods that were as good as any that can be found in the United States. The country is not known. It looked forbidding while so isolated, but its day is at hand, and you will find Crook county taking on population at a rapid pace. There will be some good towns built up in that district. Which ones are to have the lead are matters exciting keenest interest throughout the country. That the country will sustain one or more big towns, possibly a city, such as John F. Stevens suggested, is apparent, for a big business is ahead in handling its wheat, livestock and general farm produce."

### Railroad Laborer Killed.

John Legu, an Austrian rock worker about 30 years old, was killed on the Harriman railroad right of way north of Madras last Wednesday by being crushed under a falling rock. One large rock struck him in the head and another about the size of a steel range fell on his chest crushing the life out of him.

Legu was a subcontractor doing station work and was an experienced coal miner. He had been warned about the loose rocks above falling, but kept saying that the rocks would come down all right. They did come down all right, but not exactly when he expected them.

Other workmen saw the rocks start and tried to warn Legu, but he only had time to raise up when the falling mass struck him. The remains were buried in the Madras cemetery last Thursday afternoon.

Sheriff Elkins and County Physician Rosenberg were called to Madras to investigate the affair and make report to the railroad company, the company being very strict in making reports of this nature to protect itself against any claims for damages that might arise in the future.

This is the second fatal accident that has happened since construction work was begun on the railroad up the Deschutes. The other man was sleeping under the timbers and in the night a large fragment fell down and crushed him in his bed.

### Irrigation Project from Matoles Waters

A party of twenty or more surveyors are reported surveying a canal from the outlet of Suttle and Blue lakes on the east slope of the Cascades toward the low lands to the east and south.

While the promoters of the enterprise and their ultimate purpose has never been announced the facts are self evident, and the wisdom of the undertaking cannot be doubted as the topography of the country immediately surrounding will attest.

While Blue lake is one of the beauty spots of this beautiful part of the Cascades, its attractiveness cannot be marred by any project of this kind. The waters of Blue Lake, which are supplied from the melting snows of Mt. Washington, flow for a distance of a half mile into the west end of Suttle Lake. Suttle Lake has an outlet in Lake Creek, which flows almost due east toward the Matoles, a distance of some seven miles.

It is but one of the scores of creeks fed by big springs that go to make up the waters of the Matoles, and the diversion of its volume from that river will never be missed.

The proposed project is to divert the waters of Lake Creek, by the construction of a canal twenty feet in width and four feet in depth, and build the canal in a southerly direction, turning toward the east near Sisters, and later north, making the area that would be placed under irrigation one that would probably aggregate 50,000 acres.

While these lands are too near the mountains for tender crops and not of the right chemical composition for alfalfa, they are very valuable for other crops and the area when thus utilized, will support a population of not less than 5,000 homes. This is but one of the many undertakings that will make Central Oregon one of the most productive spots in the West.

### Clothing Cleaned and Pressed.

Mrs. Elvora Barker will open a Parlor on Monday, November 15th, in the rooms back of the telephone central office on the ground floor of the Masonic building. Men's clothing cleaned, pressed and repaired. All kinds of sewing and dressmaking done. Wedding trousseaus a specialty. n11f

For Exchange—First class hotel with 12 block of lots in town of 800, fully equipped and furnished, 47 rooms. Valued at \$30,000.00, for a good wheat ranch. Owners only. Address, Box 253, Albany, Ore.

## PEOPLE COME BUT FAIL TO SEE

### Should Get Out of the Traveled Rut

### ADVICE OF T. H. LAFOLLETTE

### Go Out and See the Real Central Oregon—Get Out of Town a Mile or Two.

In conversation with T. H. LaFollette the other day, that gentleman made a suggestion that is a valuable one for the new comers to Central Oregon.

"What a homeseeker makes the trip into Central Oregon," said Mr. LaFollette, "they come in over the stage road from Shaniko, the dreariest and most barren prospect that the entire region has to show. They fail to see anything of the country on this trip, and when they get to Prineville they talk with the town people around the hotels and on the streets and think they have gained a good idea of the country, but they haven't."

"What the newcomer ought to do is to go out in the country and see the practical men who have accomplished something, who are raising the hay and grain and cattle and sheep and talk with them and see the products for themselves, then they will get a fair idea of what can be done. It would only take a few hours for a little trip up Ochoco to the Henry Cram and Ed Clayton ranches, where they could see 400 or 500 fine beef steers feeding for the market, great stacks of alfalfa hay and the fields in which it is grown. Or they might talk with J. N. Williamson or other sheepmen about the sheep business, go and see the sheep and learn what can be done in that line."

"If they want to learn about grain farming, let them go into the wheat growing district, talk with the men who grow the wheat, see great granaries full of the grain waiting for higher prices, then they would know that the production of profitable crops is an actual fact. And the same plan would apply to any particular line that the homeseeker has most interest in."

"Central Oregon is a country peculiar to itself. It doesn't look one half as good as it really is, and the country traversed by the stage line from Shaniko falls utterly to give a man any true impression of the resources or of the real wealth of the country."

Mr. LaFollette has undoubtedly laid his finger on a vital spot in regard to the newcomer looking for a location. The writer knows from experience that one does not begin to fully realize the truth about this region until he has lived in it for several months and become acquainted with conditions. But when he does begin to see things as they really are, he sees things so fast, resources in so great a number and climate so pleasant and healthful that there seems no place so good to settle down to take up the serious business of life and the profitable pursuit of any line of business as Central Oregon, which is now on the verge of great and rapid development.

And that man who goes to the trouble to come to Central Oregon to see the country falls entirely to do himself or the country justice who does not go out into the different parts of the country and see things for himself, and perhaps by a failure to do so is passing up opportunities that would mean a substantial betterment in his affairs.

You can't see Central Oregon from the Shaniko stage road nor from the streets of Prineville.

# Grand Thanksgiving Sale

From now until November 28th, we inaugurate special prices for our Regular Thanksgiving Sale. In this sale we have tried to include lines that will interest every man, woman, and child in this county, and quote prices that are worthy of your earnest consideration. You will find scores of good things at our store that we cannot mention here for want of space.

### Table Linens.

Beautiful Bleached Damask, 56 inches wide, regular 75c. values, at 55 cents per yard.  
Heavy Bleached Damask, 64 inches wide, all very handsome patterns at 60 cents per yard.  
Medium weight Damask, 72 inches wide at 80 cents per yard.  
Medium weight pure Linen, 68 inches wide at 62½ cents per yard.  
Special Half Bleached 60 inches wide at 47½ cents per yard.  
Fine Irish Linen in handsome patterns at \$1.33 to \$1.50 per yard.

### Towels.

Regular 15 cent Huck Towels at 10 cents.  
Regular 50 cent Hemstitched Towels at 35 cents.  
Regular 75 cent Hemstitched Towels at 54 cents.  
Regular 60 cent Fringed Towels at 43 cents.  
Regular 15 cent Bath Towels 10 cents.  
Regular 25 cent Bath Towels 17½ cents.  
Regular 50 cent Bath Towels 37½ cents.

Ladies Suits Reduced to \$11.75, \$17.50 and \$19.50. Only a few that cost more.

### Napkins.

Regular \$1.00 per dozen at \$ .75  
" 1.75 " " " 1.35  
" 4.25 " " " 3.15  
" 5.00 " " " 3.85

### Latest Dress Skirts.

Those priced \$5.00, \$6.00 and \$6.50, during this sale at \$4.25.  
Misses Dress Skirts priced at \$5.00, now \$3.45.

### Childrens Coats.

Heavy Childrens Bearskin coats \$2.25  
Heavy Plush, elegantly trimmed in braid \$2.95.  
Childrens Leggings. Toques, Caps.

### Bedding.

We are showing most excellent values in Woolen Blankets—plaids, white, grays, and other colors,—special prices during this sale.  
White Bed Spreads, showing special prices, \$1.00 and upwards. We call your special attention to these spreads.  
Pillows of pure feathers, per pair \$1.75 and upwards.  
Ready made Pillow Slips and sheets.

### Ladies Heavy Cotton Fleece Underwear.

"Royal Mills" pure white at 95 cents per suit.  
Ladies Extra Heavy Fleece at \$1.35 per suit.  
Extra sizes at same prices.

### Outing Flannels.

Regular 12½ cent grade at 10 cents.  
Regular 15 cent grade at 12½ cents.  
Heavy Dress Flannels at 11 cents.  
Standard Prints 20 yards for \$1.00.  
Apron Check Gingham 12 yards \$1.00.

### Bargains for Ladies.

All Ladies Waists Reduced.  
All Ladies Silk Petticoats Reduced.  
All Ladies Suits Reduced.  
All Dress Goods Reduced.  
All Ladies Sweaters Reduced.

### Our Men's Clothing.

Elegant \$18.50 suits at \$15.00.  
Elegant \$20.00 suits at \$17.50.  
Elegant \$22.50 suits at \$19.50.  
Boys Knickerbocker Corduroy suits, good values at \$5.50, during sale \$3.95.  
Men's heavy duck coat, sheep collar \$2.45  
Boys " " " Corduroy " \$1.15  
Boys Corduroy Storm Coats \$2.65.  
Boys Sheep Felt Collar Coats \$3.45.

## Groceries

Fresh Thanksgiving Groceries in Both "Diamond W" and "Royal Club" Brands. Try Our Seeded Raisins, Currants, Extracts, Sweet and Dill Pickles, Nuts and Candies. Prices Most Reasonable.

# C. W. Elkins Company

