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## CROOK COUNTY WINS DEBATE

### Secures a Two-to-One Decision at Fossil

#### SHERMAN COUNTY HERE FRIDAY

#### Local Team Will Have Affirmative of Government Ownership of Railroads.

The Crook County High School debating team won from Wheeler county last Friday evening, by a two-to-one decision. The C. C. H. S. team was as follows: Miss Ethel Kidder, leader, Miss Agnes Elliott and Robert Kester.

The victorious debaters got home Tuesday afternoon after an absence of seven days. The trip out was a hard one, but there was not one word of complaint about the hardships endured. In going and coming home the journey was made as much as possible in the daytime. There was some night staging, however, but it was unavoidable.

After the debate the Crook county team, with their chaperon, Mrs. Wickersham, were entertained at the home of Mr. Lamb, the leader of the Wheeler county negative team.

The Prineville contingent speak in the highest terms of their treatment at Fossil. Everything possible was done for their convenience and comfort.

The Crook County High School has now three points to its credit in the state debating league. If the affirmative

team should win tomorrow (Friday) night the Crook County High will have to try conclusions with the best high schools in the state. It's up to the people of Prineville to help win. Turn out and encourage with your presence the girls that will uphold the affirmative side of the question of the government ownership of railroads. The Sherman county debaters have notified the Crook County High School that they will be on hand to take part in the debate at the Commercial Club hall tomorrow evening. The Crook County High School debaters are Ethel Moore, leader, Emerine Young and Louise Summers. Rev. Mr. Babbidge, Prof. J. E. Meyers and R. E. Gray will act as judges. Hon. J. N. Williamson will preside.

#### E-A-Authors Club.

The E-A-Authors' club met last Saturday with the Misses Baldwin.

Mrs. Wickersham, the secretary, being absent, Miss Celia Nelms was appointed secretary pro tem and the regular business of perfecting the organization was taken up.

The committee on the selection of a name reported several from which the club selected the one above.

The color committee made its report and purple and white were selected as the club colors with violet for the flower. The report of the program committee was accepted and a committee, consisting of Miss Fay Baldwin, Mrs. Wickersham and Miss Irene Barnes, was appointed to attend to the printing.

A committee was also appointed to select an appropriate motto for the club. The committee are: Misses Lois Smith, Marion Rice and Bertha Baldwin.

After a very delectable lunch the club adjourned to meet in two weeks with Miss Edna Williamson, when the first regular program will be rendered.

#### Grain for Sale.

Golden chaff spring wheat, Beardless barley and Rolled barley for sale at the **RODMAN RANCH**, near Calver.

## WILLIAM LEDFORD GETS POSTOFFICE

### Will Assume Duties on April First

#### APPOINTEE IS POPULAR MAN

#### Announces That Present Clerical Assistance Will Be Retained Indefinitely.

The announcement comes from Washington that Postmaster Lafollette resigned the local postoffice on the 11th of January and that William Ledford was appointed by the President on January 27 to fill the position for the coming four years. Mr. Lafollette says in explanation that he wishes to give his attention to private business.

Mr. Ledford is a capable young man with a good business education and one who is well liked by everyone. He will no doubt make a good and efficient officer.

The actual transfer will perhaps be made at the first of the coming quarter which is on April 1. The location of the office will perhaps not be changed and Mr. Ledford announces that the present assistant and clerical help will be retained indefinitely.

Looking into the records of the office for the past three and one-half years we find a steady advancement which has kept pace with the devel-

opment of the town and surrounding country.

The money order business shows a big increase, as also does the other lines. During the past three and one-half years there have been 29,000 money orders issued while in the entire history of the office up to June, 1906, there had been but 27,000 orders issued.

In the new lock box equipment there are 240 boxes, all but 16 of which are occupied.

#### Hale and Hearty at 81.

James Lawson came down from his ranch on Mill Creek last Friday. Mr. Lawson is in his 81st year and is as hale and hearty as a man of 60. His eye sight is good and he says he can shoot as good as he ever could. Last year Mr. Lawson walked from Prineville to his ranch, a distance of 13 miles, and did not mind it at all.

When Mr. Lawson came to this country 40 years ago there were only about 30 families in his section. William Smith, a neighbor, is the oldest settler, but there are a few left that belong in the pioneer class. "These are like kin folks to me," remarked Mr. Lawson. Among his old neighbors he mentioned John Luckey, E. Johnson, George Milligan, Abe Zell, the Powells and George Dodson. There was no Prineville at that time. The town was started a few years later.

Mr. Lawson reads the papers and takes an interest in everything going on about him. In discussing railroad matters Mr. Lawson says that he has always managed to keep ahead of the iron horse. He lives now as near the railroad as he ever did in his life. Back in Kentucky where he was born a railroad was never thought of. In his subsequent moves he was still remote from the modern means of travel. Now, he says, if the road reaches this country he will have to stand it. He is too old to make further moves.

## RAILROADS MAKE TREATY OF PEACE

### No Agreement as to Territory

#### BOTH USE THE SAME BRIDGE

#### Across Crooked River at Trail Crossing—Oregon Trunk Buys 480 Acres at Crescent.

No agreement as to what Central Oregon points shall be touched or what sections shall be served by either line is contained in the compact concluded between the Oregon Trunk Line and Deschutes Railway Company concerning right-of-way conflicts, according to both parties to the understanding, says the Oregonian.

The agreement deals wholly with right-of-way controversies, most of which occurred before either route touched the tonnage-producing territory of the state's interior and does not include a division of territory. The principal conflict after leaving the canyon began six or eight miles south of Madras, where the two lines came together on the plains and continued more or less so to Crooked River crossing. Over this section the two roads will now parallel each other to Crooked River crossing, the Harriman road to go on the west of the Hill road. Crooked River Canyon is to be crossed over the same bridge.

Following the settlement of these points, John F. Stevens, president of the Oregon Trunk Line, consented to make the first definite statement of construction plans of the Oregon Trunk Line south of Madras.

**Road to Bend Sure.**

Mr. Stevens said that the road would be built at least to a point as far south as Bend, 40 miles beyond Madras, but he would not admit that the company had definitely located its line through Bend.

"The Oregon Trunk Line will be built as far south as the center of Crook County," said Mr. Stevens, "but as to beyond there I am not in a position to say definitely at this time, except that I know that we are not going to California."

"It is no secret that we now have surveyors at work in the Klamath Indian Reservation. Permission was granted them by the department to cross the reservation several days ago. The party will work as far as Klamath Falls and will then be recalled until we decide whether to build that far or just what we shall do."

**South Needs Line.**

"Southern Oregon business, so far as distances are concerned, can be diverted equally well to San Francisco or Portland. It is rightfully Portland's territory, however, and I see no reason why a railroad, be it ours or some other one, should not be extended into that section and the trade brought to this city."

"In Central Oregon the railroad business derived from the farming communities is bound to be light for a time. The country cannot be developed all at once, but I am in hope that by the time the railroad reaches the timbered area large mills will have been established and already cutting timber. There is always a good market for yellow pine lumber."

When asked when the Oregon Trunk Line would be operating trains into Central Oregon, Mr. Stevens said that he hoped it would be early next fall, but that he could not make a definite promise, as much of the work to be done is very heavy.

Mr. Stevens' assertion regarding the extension of the road beyond Madras is an authoritative one concerning the subject already definitely indicated.

Right-of-way men have been at work for weeks between Madras and Bend and it is known that practically all the necessary lands have been acquired. Graders have been at work south of Crooked River crossing several months and men have been engaged in blasting approaches for the bridge spanning the chasm. This is 10 or 12 miles south of Madras.

**Bridge is Remarkable.**

The Crooked River bridge, says Mr. Stevens, will have only one other counterpart anywhere, so far as he knows. There is a steel arch over a canyon on the Victoria Nyansa route in Africa that is very similar. The Canadian Pacific, in its crossing of Stony Creek in the Selkirk, has a bridge that in some particulars, but not all, is similar. The Stony Creek bridge crosses over the water at a height of about 300 feet, but the canyon is "V" shaped, and there is a steel approach to the arch on each side. The Crooked River arch will spring at both sides from perpendicular rock walls and span the river at a height of about 380 feet. It will be one of the highest arch bridges in the world. This arch will have to be built out from each side of the canyon to the meeting point as the canyon is

## Oregon Trunk Buys Land at Crescent

### While authentic statements continue to come from the Portland headquarters of the Harriman line and also from Oregon Trunk headquarters that nothing definite is planned with regard to the extension of the great rival railroad lines through Central Oregon beyond Bend, in this county, operations further along the route show that these statements are only an effort on the part of the railroads to keep the public in the dark as long as possible concerning their ultimate intentions.

During the last week Engineer Wakefield of the Oregon Trunk Line bought of Charles Graves and his daughter 480 acres at Crescent, formerly Odell postoffice, in the northern part of Klamath county, and the information has leaked out that it is the plan of that company to lay out a big townsite there and make a railroad division of that point.

Two miles from Crescent is the located line of Harriman's Natron extension to Klamath Falls, coming in from its passage between Crescent and Odell lakes, and Mr. Wakefield stated that his company would allow the Harriman road to come into their town for a division.

The price Mr. Graves and his daughter received was \$35 per acre including all improvements.

From Crescent, the Hill line is located as far south as the border of the Klamath Indian Reservation, and the surveying crew was halted there awaiting permission from Washington, to run the lines within the reservation. Two routes on south and west are said to be under consideration by the Hill engineers. One of these is to grade across the big marshes around the head of Klamath Lake and to pass around the north end and west side to Pelican Bay, thence on west to a connection with the Medford railroad now being constructed, and undoubtedly a Hill property. Or, the Hill road may run straight south to Klamath Falls then go west to meet the Medford line at a point a little further south. These routes would be getting into the Harriman preserves with a vengeance.

An Oregon Trunk extension is also being projected east from Bend across the Bear Creek country, the high desert, Hampton Buttes and thence to Burns, and from there through the Narrows to Lakeview for a connection with the Western Pacific.

## SHERIFF ARRESTS SEVENTEEN MEN

### On Charges of Gambling and Bootlegging

#### TWO HOLD-UP ARTISTS ALSO

#### Madras Furnishes Fifteen Victims—Other Two From Paulina.

Fourteen arrests were made at Madras Wednesday by Sheriff Frank Elkins, nine on charges of gambling, four for bootlegging and two for a holdup. Ralph Sharp was arrested on two charges, one for selling liquor and another for gambling. The sheriff returned to Prineville Wednesday with the men in custody. Those arrested are: For gambling: Charles Mason, Tom Fuller, Ralph Sharp, James Sharp, "Blackie" Green, Joe Wilson, Oral Moore, Lee Moore, and H. K. Nisson. For selling liquor: Ralph Sharp, Ban Puett, Frank Jenn and "Paddy" Lawler.

Ben Rice and Ed Ryan attempted to rob a man named Moore at the rear of Frank Jenn's soft drink joint last Saturday night. Rice and Ryan attacked Moore with a club and in the scuffle Moore fell against the back door of the saloon, the door gave way and the would-be robbers ran away. Sheriff Elkins was at Madras to arrest the other lawbreakers, and had some difficulty in rounding these two men up, but he brought them to town and has them in jail. Charles Mason and Tom Fuller, arrested for gambling, are also in jail, but the others have their liberty.

This morning, since the above was put in type the report comes that Druggist Siegel has been arrested at Madras on a charge of selling liquor and also Dell Eades and Bruce Heisler at Paulina for the same offense.

District Attorney Fred W. Wilson is now on his way here from The Dalles to conduct the preliminary examinations, which will be held before Justice George Bernier in Prineville, probably Friday evening, or as soon as Mr. Wilson arrives.

Several of the defendants will be arraigned before Justice Bernier in the county court room this afternoon. Atty. M. R. Biggs is for the defense.

# Interesting Facts

Clean-Up Prices for This Week and Next Week Only	
Men's Wool Shirts, regular \$2.50, at	\$ 1.65
Men's Wool Shirts, regular \$1.75, at	1.20
Men's Wool Shirts, regular \$1.25, at	95c
Men's All-wool Underwear, regular \$2.25, at	1.65
Men's All-wool Underwear, regular \$1.75, at	1.20
Men's All-wool Underwear, regular \$1.25, at	95c
Men's Heavy Sweaters, regular \$4.50, at	3.65
Men's Heavy Sweaters, regular \$3.00, at	2.25
Boys' Shirts and Sweaters, all REDUCED ONE-THIRD.	
Ladies' Heavy Bleached Fleeced Underwear, regular 75c, now	60c
Ladies' Heavy Bleached Fleeced Underwear, regular 50c, now	40c
Ladies' Lambs Wool Sweaters, all colors, regular \$3.00, now	2.25
Ladies' Lambs Wool Sweaters, all colors, regular \$4.00, now	2.95
Misses' and Children's Sweaters, all REDUCED ONE-THIRD.	
Ladies' Common Sense Fleece Lined Shoes, now	1.40
Ladies' Woolen Gloves and Mittens, special at	35c
Children's Woolen Gloves and Mittens, special at	25c

Watch This Space for Next Week's Announcement  
It Will Save You Money

## GROCERY CLEAN-UP SALE

Special Prices for the Second Week	
"Diamond W" Maple Syrup, half-gallon, \$1.25 value, special low price	75c
Canned Salmon, one-half pound flat cans, 15c values, special low price	10c
Fancy Seeded Raisins, "Royal Club," regular 15c value, special low price	10c
Fancy Cleaned Currants, "Royal Club" regular 15c value, special low price	10c
Large Size Plum Pudding, regular 75c value, special low price	50c
Small Size Plum Pudding, regular 45c value, special low price	30c
Fancy Sliced Pine Apple, regular 25c value, special low price	15c
Fancy Canned Apricots, regular 30c value, special low price	20c

# C. W. ELKINS COMPANY

## Prineville Citizens Invest in Lands

Several real estate deals have been made in the vicinity of Prineville recently in which the buyers have been Prineville business men and is indicative that the local people are not asleep to the opportunities for speculation in land values which are bound to rise with the advent of rail transportation and the consequent influx of settlers in Crook county.

One of these was the purchase by Champ Smith, John Combs, and Archie Powell of 320 acres of unimproved land from the Murphy Grant estate adjoining the I. L. Ketchum ranch just west of Prineville and situated on Crooked and Ochoco rivers. Since they bought the land these gentlemen have sold 50 acres of this tract to George Noble, 80 acres to Dr. J. H. Rosenberg, and a fraction to Mr. Ketchum. They still retain 180 acres in a compact body between Crooked river and Ochoco which they are having cleared of sagebrush and intend to irrigate. Dr. Rosenberg intends to clear his land and improve it and may construct a dam in Ochoco to water the tract.

Foster & Hyde have also been buying some land for the purpose of speculation. They have purchased the Rev. J. T. Moore homestead of 100 acres located on the McKay road about three miles north of Prineville and also a tract of 320 acres from W. H. Foster of Paulina, the land lying near the Wm. Davenport ranch a few miles northwest of town on the Shaniko road.

#### Mr. Cornett Home from Mexico.

G. M. Cornett returned the first of the week from his Mexican trip. He left Mr. and Mrs. Booth at Los Angeles. He reports a delightful trip. Mr. Cornett found Mexico a country very rich in natural resources. When asked if he made any investments down there he replied that there were too many opportunities for him to look up in the limited time he had at his disposal. He expects to go back, however, and will then make a study of the openings in the different lines. "There is land down there selling from \$2.50 to \$4 per acre," said Mr. Cornett, "that would bring \$500 if that country belonged to the United States."

## Madras Votes to Incorporate 69 to 3

At the election held Monday the citizens of Madras voted to incorporate, and elected officers. Out of 72 votes cast only three were against incorporation.

Two nominal tickets were in the field, but there were only two candidates on each that were different—Howard W. Turner and Robert Rea—opposing for the mayoralty, and Ralph Sharp against W. H. Cook for councilman. Previous to the election Mr. Rea withdrew from the race, leaving a clear field for Mr. Turner, who received about 60 of the votes cast. W. H. Cook was elected by a strong majority over Ralph Sharp.

The officers elected are:  
For Mayor—Howard W. Turner.  
For Councilmen—S. E. Gray, T. B. Tucker, W. R. Cook, T. A. Long, Warren Smith, W. H. Cook.  
For Recorder—John H. Jackson.  
For Treasurer—J. M. Conklin.  
For Marshal—Austin W. Culp.

Efforts were made several years ago to incorporate Madras, but the necessary number of voters were not residents at that time. Now, with the wave of prosperity and increase of population attendant on the railroad's coming, the incorporation of the town became imperative in order to restrain a certain lawless element that has made Madras headquarters, and also to put the town on the way to progress.

#### Sisters Items.

S. H. Davis has been on the sick list this week.

Mr. Winter, who has been quite ill is now convalescent.

George Wright of Berkeley, California, has just arrived, the guest of Mr. Templeton.

Jim Benham from near Laidlaw, visited our vicinity Monday.

Mrs. Skelton is on the sick list this week.

George Taylor of Bear Creek was the guest of W. F. Fryrear, several days this week.

J. P. Haley, who has a fine ranch north of Laidlaw, was a business visitor here Thursday.

Messrs. Skelton, Chapman, M. I., and O. E. Job made a business trip to Laidlaw Thursday.

Fred Wiese went to Bend on business the first of the week.