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## FROM MADRAS ON TO BEND

### Contracts for Hill Line Will Soon Be Let

#### SHORTAGE OF LABOR FEARED

#### Thought That Men for Extension Work May Have to Be Imported from Outside.

The Oregonian says that contracts for the extension of the Oregon Trunk Line from Madras to Bend will be let in a week, or two weeks at the most. At the headquarters of the company it was stated that beyond Bend no provision had been made for the extension of the road. The first 109 miles of the road are now being constructed by the Porter brothers, and the work is progressing as rapidly as men can be secured for it. The problem of getting men for construction work in Central Oregon is becoming serious, and almost as fast as men are secured others leave. The heat in the deep canyon of the Deschutes makes the work undesirable. It is believed that the people who may get the new contract for the

further extension of the Oregon Trunk Line will be compelled to import laborers from distant states. John F. Stevens, president of the Oregon Trunk Line, is still in Chicago. Whether he will be here in time to take part in awarding the contract for the extension is not known.

### County Filing Fees Break the Record

Seven hundred and thirty-three dollars and sixteen cents was the amount taken in during March for record and filing fees. This is the largest amount ever taken in during a month since Crook county was organized. The office of county clerk is not only self-sustaining, but is a money maker. January of last year was a record-breaker when the \$600 mark was reached but March of this year smashed it into smithereens with a total of \$733.16. The average monthly fees for last year were \$360, but Clerk Brown says that from the way the year 1910 starts out the average will be somewhere between \$400 and \$500.

#### 160 Acres Land for Sale.

120 acres rich bottom land; good for grain or alfalfa; stream of water running through it; all under good fence; good barns and corrals; small house, good well and force pump. Price \$15 per acre; 120 can be irrigated. Address Med Vanderpool, Prineville, Oregon.

#### Prineville Steam Laundry.

Have your clothes washed at the Prineville Steam Laundry. Special attention given to travelers. Laundry is located in the McCallister building, near the Ochoona. JAMES EWING, Prop'r.

## PARTY INSPECTING ROAD LANDS

### Traveling Across State by Automobile

#### SEEING MUCH FINE LAND

#### 800,000 Acres Included in Purchase by Minnesota Men Representing J. J. Hill.

John E. Burchard, and W. P. Davidson of St. Paul, and Wm. Hanley of Burns, arrived in Prineville Monday on their way from Ontario to Albany on a trip of inspection of the Willamette Valley and Cascade Mountain Wagon land grant, which lands the parties with other St. Paul capitalists propose purchasing. The party are accompanied by F. S. Reider of Portland, and C. C. Lundy of Burns, who are traveling with them in the interests of the present owners of the lands, Mr. Lundy being able to show them from the road many of the sections of the proposed purchase. The trip is being made by auto from Ontario and several days have been taken up in the

cross-state tour thus far. Trouble was encountered with one of the machines and the party arrived here all in one car, having left the other some forty miles out on the Burns road.

When the interested parties were asked what impression they had gained in looking over the lands thus far, they said that they could not give out a definite statement at this time but that they had seen a great amount of good land and no doubt had passed as much that was of a fine quality that they had not time to inspect.

The party will leave here for the western part of the grant and will proceed as far as possible into the Cascades by auto, and if passage is impossible, will perhaps drive to The Dalles and ship their machine to Portland and go thence overland to Albany and then east.

These Minnesota capitalists are buying 800,000 acres of land, comprising the holdings of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Wagon Road corporation. This great deal, involving upwards of \$6,000,000, will, if finally closed, result in the opening up of a great tract of timber lands, involving hundreds of thousands of acres, said to contain over 3,000,000,000 of timber, hundreds of thousands of acres of wheat lands and a great quantity of the rich undeveloped land of Central Oregon. With this deal comes the strong probability that a railroad is to be built connecting Eastern, Central and Western Oregon by means of a cross-state line.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB ANNUAL ELECTION

### Entirely New Board of Directors Chosen

#### HAS BEEN PROGRESSIVE YEAR

#### Club Is on Solid Financial Footing—May Hire Professional Booster to Boost District.

The Prineville Commercial Club held its annual election of officers Tuesday evening. As this is the yearly house-cleaning time when the different officers give an account of their stewardship, there was a large attendance of members.

It was a year ago that the club was reorganized and a board of trustees appointed to hold office for a year. Their reports were read at the annual meeting and show that a lot of hard work has been done for the good of the club and indirectly of great benefit to Prineville.

The secretary's report shows that the club is now on a good financial footing; that the old debts have been practically wiped out, and that there is a small balance left in the treasury. With such a satisfactory record to their credit the old board was glad to be relieved of its responsibilities.

After the reading of the reports, the secretary read a letter from Tom Richardson of the Portland Commercial Club, stating that he would be glad to pay Prineville a visit. It was also suggested that the occasion be marked by a rousing afternoon meeting; that all stores and offices be closed. After some discussion it was decided to write Mr. Richardson asking him to set his date; that the club would look after his transportation and entertainment while here.

Reports of special and standing committees were given, after which the election of the new board of trustees took place. Five members had to be chosen, and the following were duly elected: J. N. Williams, W. F. King, C. I. Winnek, Oscar Hyde and Ralph Jordan.

After the election of officers, the meeting was thrown open for general discussion when a most enthusiastic session was held. There was a marked unanimous consensus of opinion that Prineville was now at a stage when she could no longer rest on her oars and just sit down and wait the people came, but that the time had come when it was absolutely necessary for the citizens to take active measures to bring Prineville and its vicinity and their resources before the outside public.

Suggestions were made that the time was now ripe for a paid secretary and a booster—someone who would meet the income at Shaniko and tell them about this district, as well as someone to answer inquiries for information regarding conditions in Central Oregon. It was suggested that when Tom Richardson came in from Portland that he should be asked to recommend a man, and a good one—who knew the publicity business thoroughly. Several of the business men present stated that they would be ready and willing to subscribe any amount up to \$25 a month for the payment of such a man apart from the regular club dues. The retiring secretary in a splendid booster speech, stated that if the club had the membership that it ought to have, and could have, if it had the new members instead of the prospects of the past members, that they would have enough money and financial support to carry out such plans without draining the business men. The retiring president also voiced this sentiment, in stating that it was only possible to do the things that had been outlined by the loyal and hearty support and cooperation of the membership as a whole. The general opinion seemed to be that Prineville was now at a stage when not a "boom" but a steady boost was needed.

At the close of the business meeting the club members indulged in a "smoker" and card games which was one of the best stag socials the club has ever held. Refreshments were served.

The secretary's report is as follows:

Receipts.	
Sale of bonds.....	\$2505 00
Membership fees.....	275 00
Membership dues.....	825 50
Hall rent.....	380 80
Other sources.....	291 10
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$4277 40</b>
Disbursements.	
P. A. A. C. Bonds redeemed.....	\$2500 00
Floating debt P. A. A. C.....	674 45
Janitor.....	156 00
Insurance.....	80 00
Interest on bonds.....	100 00

Light and water.....	154 40
Bonds and re-organization exps.....	73 10
Repairs and supplies.....	27 05
Publicity and advertising.....	343 30
Agricultural exhibit.....	4 70
Wood.....	42 50
Entertainment.....	10 15
Chair rent.....	40 00
Expense establishing stage line.....	50 00
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>\$1156 79</b>
[Balance on hand.....]	<b>\$ 127 61</b>

At a meeting of the Board of Trustees Wednesday evening, J. N. Williamson was elected president; C. I. Winnek, vice-president; and Oscar Hyde, secretary. The board will meet again this evening to appoint committees and outline a program for the coming summer.

### Club Enjoys Fine Evening at "500"

The Ladies Annex gave a most enjoyable 500 party last Friday evening. There was a good attendance and all seemed to enter into the spirit of the occasion. Perhaps the reason for this is the fact that the game is better understood. The ladies, especially, have made great progress in mastering the fine points of the game.

Comic cards, cut in the form of clubs and spades, designated the table and your partner for the beginning of the game. There were a dozen or more tables. The refreshments were par excellence. Delicious coffee, olives, pickles and sandwiches, made to represent ribbon cake, were served. Nuts filled with stuffed olives and nigger babies were also on the bill of fare. Everyone was looking for an April fool, and they got it. No, it wasn't in the nuts. It was the sandwiches. They were made to look like cake and so good was the imitation that it fooled the best of them. Prineville has certainly the best cooks in the country.

Another thing that added immensely to the enjoyment of the game was the new playing cards. The ladies "blew" themselves for some of the finest. Mrs. Ireland won the head prize for the highest score. A fine pack of Oregon view playing cards. R. E. Gray was awarded the "booby" prize for losing his score card. There will be one more game before the season closes for the summer. Don't miss it.

### Morgan's Orchestra Goes to Madras

The Lively-Jordan-Lanus Co. deal with Clifton & Cornett did not go through. The boys will be in the old stand doing business as usual.

Morgan's orchestra will leave Prineville Friday afternoon for Madras where they will furnish music for a grand ball being given by the engineer and contractors for the Oregon Trunk construction work in the vicinity of Madras, that evening. It is understood that the dance is being given free to the public, the railroad boys taking this means of showing their appreciation of many courtesies which have been shown them by the Madras people. The orchestra will make the trip in one of the Cornett Company's big cars. The following will go: L. C. Morgan, director, violin; John R. Lucky, violin; J. Warren Crooks, clarinet; C. A. Riddle, cornet; Claude E. Smith, piano.

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## NEW MAIL ROUTE IS A SURE GO

### Commercial Club Will See It Through

#### COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT

#### Recommends Acceptance of Bid for Service Which Will Begin at Once.

The committee appointed by the club to get information relative to establishing a temporary mail route between Prineville and Fife, or some other satisfactory point to the citizens of Bear and Camp creeks, reported in part as follows:

After going over the route we find that a postoffice is wanted by the people tributary to the J. E. Roberts' place, where there are now about 43 families.

At Held there is a total of 21 families to be served.

At the Barnes postoffice there are 36 families at this time. This number will be doubled during the summer.

We find that there is a demand for the establishment of an office at Riverdale (Gilechrist's). This office will take care of some people that now get their mail at Barnes and will serve a number of the new settlers south of that point.

We find that the people at Held and beyond desire service through Fife.

The people of the Camp creek district are all in favor of the establishment of the temporary line and promise their united support.

Subscription lists were left at each of the four places—Roberts, Held, Barnes and Riverdale. It is proposed to have these subscriptions paid in advance to the postmasters, and that they hold the funds until the Prineville Commercial Club appoint a committee to take charge of affairs.

We recommend that action be taken as follows:  
First—That a schedule be established and that bids be requested for carrying only the mail; express and passenger income to belong to the bidder. Service to be once a week.  
Second—We recommend that the subscription list be completed and approved before service is started.  
Third—We urge that immediate and continuous action be taken to secure the establishment of the postoffices and the advertisement of the mail contract by the postoffice department.

Fourth—That a committee be appointed to locate a suitable office and to appoint an agent to act without pay during the term of our contract.

In a supplementary report the committee states that the sum of \$174 is on hand, and that the bid of C. C. Lemley for carrying the mail be accepted. That he be called upon to give a bond in the sum of \$150, provided a proper schedule is agreed upon.

The committee further asks that the sum of \$42 per month for a term of three months be raised to make up the necessary amount to complete the payment of contract.

The report was signed by C. I. Winnek, W. F. King, C. W. Elkins, R. J. Jordan and J. E. Stewart. This committee was made permanent with power to carry out the work assigned.

The county court was examining the condition of the wagon road between Prineville and O'Neil this week. County Surveyor Rice will straighten out lines so that it can be determined whether the ditch company or the county will have to stand some of the expense. If the ditch is found to be on the public highway its owners will have to keep the road in repair along its property but if it is not, the county will have to stand the expense. Judge Ellis says the road was found to be in bad shape.

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