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## PLANNING FOR SUMMER SCHOOL

At the Crook County High.

### EFFICIENT CORPS OF TEACHERS

County Teachers Urged to Attend—Get Ready for August Exams.

County School Superintendent Ford is planning to hold a five weeks' summer school in Prineville if there is a sufficient number of teachers interested in this work.

A thorough review will be given in all subjects required in the August examination and special methods work will be given in all subjects taught in the first five grades. The principal of the high school and Miss Rosa B. Parrott, will have charge of the review work. Mrs. Emma B. Wickersham will have charge of the methods work, which will cover all subjects taught in the first five grades. She will also give hand work in paper folding, clay, raffa, reed and cardboard that is suitable for the above grades.

Every teacher in the county is urged to avail himself of this excellent opportunity for advancement along professional lines. While attendance is not compulsory, we feel that the teachers of Crook county are anxious to make

progress and to fit themselves for better positions for next year.

There are no teachers in this state who are better prepared for this work than Miss Parrott and Mrs. Wickersham. Both have had excellent educational advantages and wide experience and we are most fortunate in securing their services for the summer school.

### Dates of Eighth Grade Examinations.

County School Superintendent Ford has set May 12 and 13, 1910, as the dates for holding the eighth grade final examinations for Crook county. The program for the two days will be:

Thursday, May 12—Physiology, writing, history and civil government.

Friday, May 13—Grammar, arithmetic, geography and spelling.

Sources of questions: Arithmetic—Practical arithmetic—Smith.

Civil Government—United States Constitution.

Geography—State course of study; Redway and Hinman's Natural School Geography.

History—List of topics from history outline in State course of study and current events.

Grammar—Buehler's Modern English Grammar, no diagramming.

Physiology—Graded lessons in physiology and Hygiene—Krohn.

Reading—The teacher will send to the county superintendent the applicant's class standing in reading, which shall be taken by such superintendent as the applicant's standing on the subject.

Spelling—Reed's word lessons.

Writing—Specimens of penmanship as indicated in copied matter and from manuscript in language.

## CROOK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

Joint Literary Society Meeting.

### ONE MORE BASKET BALL GAME

The Bend and Prineville High School Girls Play April 30.

The joint meeting of the Alpha and Ochocoan Literary societies was one of which both societies is justly proud, as each member showed careful thought and preparation. The program opened with a vocal selection by the school, followed by a declamation, "The Dead Doll," which was well rendered by Miss Mabel Dask. The next number an oration "Victory from Defeat," by Miss Wilma Nye, brought out clearly and forcefully many instances in both ancient and modern history where this had been true, and an especially pleasing delivery made the selection doubly enjoyable. The society histories by Miss Louise Summers and Clark Moree were worthy of the name, as they reviewed the work of each society from its organization up to the present time. This was followed by a vocal solo by Mrs. Wickersham, which was greatly enjoyed by all, as was the essay on "George Rogers Clark" by William Criswell. The declamation "Pat's Con-

federate Pig," by Warren Yancey, convulsed the listeners with laughter and all who heard him feel that Warren will be winner in next year's contest. This was followed by another oration "Silent Influence," by Miss Lotta Smith, which contained numberless beautiful thoughts on the influence that are moulding our lives and forming our characters and which was much more appreciated by the students and visitors on account of the smooth and forceful manner in which it was delivered. Miss Vivian Hinkle next entertained the listeners with a very pretty solo rendered in Miss Vivian's inimitable style. This was followed by an humorous reading by Arthur O'Neil, which was enjoyed immensely. "The Whirlwind," edited by Miss Blanche Wilson, assisted by Lawrence Lister and Vernon Bell, contained, in addition to the usual locale, current events and jokes, a children's department, in which the seniors figured conspicuously. Roland McCallister's declamation, "So Was I" won extended applause from the listeners and he certainly deserved the highest praise for his artistic rendition of the selection. The Alpha prophecy by Elmer Martin drew a vivid picture of the future of many of his co-workers in society, but we hope that Elmer will not prove a Cassandra in truth for we hope better for ourselves than portrayed in his picture. Miss Conway's vocal solo was as beautifully rendered as are the selections always by this musical artist. The next prophet to appear was Clarence Rice from the Ochocoan society and his prognostications were entertaining and humorous in the extreme and was greatly enjoyed by the Ochocoans, especially when he concluded by pronouncing the funeral obsequies of the Alpha basket ball team which had died a martyr to the cause. Miss Parrott followed with a short talk

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## CROOK COUNTY NEEDS SETTLERS

Eight Thousand Families Wanted.

### HOMES FOR THE THRIFTY

Opportunity Knocks but Once—Get Your Ear Close to the Ground.

The "Heart of Oregon" is the caption of a neat folder issued by the Prineville Commercial Club. It contains concise statements of fact concerning Crook county, every one of which can be verified. There are half-tone cuts made from photographs of county scenes. The city of Prineville is represented by some good views. The new courthouse shows up well. So also does the picture of the First National Bank, the Hotel Prineville, the high school and public school, the First Presbyterian church and the First Methodist church. The street scenes, too, give one a good impression of a thrifty town. The principal industries of the county have not been overlooked in the panoramic views, with one exception, that of livestock. The stacking of alfalfa on an Ochoco ranch is typical of the haying industry; sheep on the range in Crook county gives one an idea of its importance; a wheat field in the Madras country tells the story of what can be done in dry farming in this county, and a view in the pine timber belt south and west of Bend shows a magnificent stand of timber.

This folder contains just the kind of information that people looking for homes want to know and you can get it for the asking. In speaking of our new court house in Prineville the folder states that it was erected in 1908-9 at a cost of \$100,000.00. It is constructed entirely of black basalt, a native stone quarried within two miles of the building site. This is more durable than granite, and in sufficient quantity to build a thousand cities the size of New York. Crook county has an area of more than 8,000 square miles. Equal to that of the State of Massachusetts, and greater than the States of Connecticut, Rhode Island and Delaware combined. It has 2,750,000 acres of land not embraced within national forests or Indian reservations. It has 1,250,000 acres of vacant government land subject to entry. This is not all good farming land, but there is enough good average farming land to make 8,000 160-acre farms.

Sheep raising and wool production is one of the principal industries in Central Oregon. Crook county is famous as the home of the largest blooded-sheep ranch in the world. It is stocked with the prize winners from France and Spain and the highest grades of wool are maintained throughout the state. We have 150,000 head of sheep that annually produce

more than 1,500,000 pounds of wool, and market 95,000 mutton. Cattle raising ranks with sheep as an important industry, and 35,000 head range upon the hills and feed in the valleys.

Cattle and sheep are ranged in the national forests in the summer time and pastured and fed during the winter months. The government charges a nominal fee for grazing permits in the reserves. Crook county has 10,000 wild horses on the range and 2,000 work horses on the farms. 2,000 swine were raised in 1909 to partly supply the local market.

Crook county is admirably suited to the small stock raiser and for diversified farming.

The large livestock interests in Crook county requires the production of vast quantities of hay. The most profitable hay crop is alfalfa, and is grown universally with irrigation. Crooked river, Ochoco and McKay valleys centering at Prineville, are the principal hay producing districts, although some alfalfa is grown on Trout creek and Hay creek, in the northern part of the county. Alfalfa produces two and three crops annually and harvests from four to seven tons to the acre.

In 1908 hay sold from \$6.50 to \$15.00 per ton; in 1909 the price was \$10 to \$30 per ton and the demand was greater than the supply. Alfalfa lands are worth, uncultivated, \$50 to \$100 per acre; cultivated and with water right \$80 to \$125.

In 1909 this county produced 60,000 tons of hay, and the demand will increase with the coming of transportation facilities. It is only fair to say that vacant government land suitable for growing alfalfa, is in small tracts. There is a tendency to cut up the large land holdings and make better homes and more of them.

Within the last three years the northwestern portion of Crook County has become one of the great wheat producing sections of Oregon. Ten years ago these rolling plains were vacant government lands, covered with small sage brush and bunch grass; they are now converted into prosperous farms and producing 20 to 40 bushels of wheat to the acre. These farms are generally without water but living springs and well water is found on some of them.

The high plains southwest from Prineville, and now being reclaimed and irrigated by the Deschutes Irrigation and Power Company, under the Carey Act, are also fast coming to the front as a grain producing section. In favorable seasons these high plains will produce a crop of grain without irrigation.

As the country is being settled up, the annual precipitation seems to be increasing, and doubtless in a few years the natural rainfall will be sufficient to raise profitable crops on what was formerly known as "The Great Oregon Desert."

Crook County contains over eleven billion feet of the finest yellow pine timber. Some of this is embraced within the national forests, some is held by Eastern syndicates and the remainder is owned by private individuals. Generally speaking, there is no pine timber open to entry under

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## A LARGE BOND IS DEMANDED

So Decreed by Columbia Southern Settlers

### PLANS OF THE NEW COMPANY

The Long-looked-for Tumalo Reservoirs to be Built and Maintained

Between the settlers and the management of the new reclamation project for the Tumalo district, Crook county, there has grown a feeling that is strained on one side and complacent on the other says the Telegram. Settlers declared in a recent meeting that they wanted a bond equal to the amount of money to be expended in the reclamation project filed before they would accept the company's assurances at face value. This action was taken in response to an inquiry sent by the company management to the settlers now on the tract, asking if they wanted to participate in the new agreement which the Desert Land Board authorized. In response to the requests that an enormous bond be filed, the company is continuing its surveys and planning to commence construction as soon as the State Desert Land Board approves the form of the final agreement, and the \$40,000 bond asked has been filed and accepted.

In taking over the old project of the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company, the Desert Land Board required the new interests entering in the Oregon, Washington & Idaho Finance Co. to protect the former contract holders on the land. Those who took contracts and had lived on the land in compliance with the provisions of the homestead law must be given the alternative of keeping what they have, under their first contract, or entering into the new agreement, receiving credit for all they have paid. After a careful examination, it was found by the new company that settlers residing on about 2000 acres of the 27,000-acre project were entitled to hold their property. Recently Manager Hendryx addressed a circular letter to all these settlers, requesting them to notify him by June 1, whether they elected to remain, under the old contract, or come in under the new. A meeting of the settlers was held, and they sent a reply back that unless the bond mentioned was filed they did not want to consider the new agreement, and, further, that they preferred to remain under their old contract, demanding sufficient water for normal cultivation of their land.

When the first company undertook to irrigate the Tumalo district, mistaken engineering data was used. It was estimated that the normal flow of the stream would irrigate the district. No accurate stream measurements had been made, and in the brief time allow-

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## APRIL SAVINGS

OUR SPECIAL—\$2.50 shoe for ladies, in plump kid stock, in new last and medium height heel.

Dress Kid Shoes for 1.50, for one week only, these are remnants of several lines now closing out, plenty of sizes 3, 3 1-2, 4, 4 1-2, 6, 7 and are from lines 3.50 to 5.00. ONE WEEK ONLY.

Children's "Tough Stuff" play shoes, in tan leather, sizes 3 to 8, 1.40, 8 1-2 to 12, 1.60.

CLEAN-UP on "Village School Shoes" sizes 6 to 8, 1.35, 8 1-2 to 12, 1.50, 12 1-2 to 11-2, 1.75.

Men's Horsehide Working shoes, 2.50 to 3.25, the everlasting kind.

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