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CROOK COUNTY FAIR THIS FALL

\$350 to be Offered for Baseball.

BESIDES A FINE SILVER CUP

Board of Directors Met Saturday to Discuss Ways and Means.

The board of directors of the Crook County Fair Association met Saturday to discuss ways and means for the fair this fall.

Larger purses will be hung up for baseball. It was decided to give \$350 toward a baseball tournament, \$200 for first money, \$100 for second, and \$50 for third. Besides the cash prizes the association will offer a championship silver cup to be the property of the club that can win it three times in succession. The ball tournament will commence on Thursday, October 20, and continue on Friday and Saturday. The games will be played in the forenoon so as not to interfere with the racing.

The association has granted the free use of the fair grounds to the

baseball boys for practice or for match games. The board took up the matter of securing a band for the fair this fall. A committee was appointed to see what could be done in this respect and will report at a later meeting. The members of the directorate are getting down to business early this season and seem to be imbued with a determination to make the fall fair surpass anything before attempted.

Deserts of Arabia. David George Hogarth, the geographer and explorer, said that in western Asia there are vast areas on which no European foot is known to have trod nor even any European eye to have looked. The greatest unexplored area lies in Arabia. Almost all the southern half of Arabia is occupied, according to native report, by a vast wilderness called generally Ruba-el-Khali, "dwelling of the void." No European has ever entered this immense tract, which embraces some 600,000 square miles. It would take a bold man to venture out for the passage of either 500 miles west to east or 650 north to south in the isothermal zone of the world's greatest heat.

Photographing Sound. Professor Dutton C. Miller of Cleveland, O., says he has discovered a means of photographing sound. He claims that by the use of his device it will be possible to distinguish on films the difference between the human voice and the tones of a musical instrument. The invention directly photographs the sound waves, magnifying them 2,000 times and recording them on films.

In his invention Professor Miller has used a harmonic analyzer, an instrument made in Switzerland, which separates sound waves into their component parts.

C. C. H. S. COMMENCEMENT

High School Will Close This Week.

NOW HOLDING EXAMINATIONS

Exercises at Club Hall—The Public Cordially Invited to Attend.

This is commencement week at the Crook County High School. The baccalaureate sermon was preached last Sunday by Rev. C. C. Babbidge. This (Thursday) evening, May 19, class-day exercises will be held at Commercial Club Hall. The following is the program:

Music.....Orchestra
Class History.....Miss Agnes Elliott
Giltatory.....Clark Morse
Vocal Solo.....Miss Helen Elkins
Class Poem.....Miss Louise Summers
Class Will.....Miss Ethel Moore
Vocal Solo.....Miss Nellie Summers
Class Prophecy.....Miss Wilford Belknap
Class Oration, "The Obligations of the Present to the Past".....Miss Emerien Young
Music.....Orchestra
Tomorrow (Friday) evening,

May 20, Commencement Exercises will be held at the same place. Prof. Sweetser, of the University of Oregon, will deliver the Commencement Address. The following is the Commencement program:
Music.....Orchestra
Invocation.....Reverend Lewellon Vocal Solo.....Miss Celia Nelms
Commencement Address, Professor Sweetser, U. of O.
Violin Solo.....Mr. Morgan
Presentation of Diplomas.....Judge Elie Vocal Solo.....Miss Conway
Benediction.....Reverend Bailey
Music.....Orchestra
The public cordially invited to all the exercises.

Welsh National Customs. When the French made a half-hearted attempt to invade Great Britain in 1797 a landing was made at Flushing, Wales, but the soldiers of Napoleon were frightened off by the sight of a great number of Welsh girls and women, whom they mistook at a distance for soldiers on account of their red dresses and tall black hats. That is still the national costume of the Welsh women.

Crushed. Mr. Timid (hearing noise at 2 a. m.)—I th-think, dear, that there is a m-man in the house. His Wife (scornfully)—Not in this room.—Boston Transcript.

Heaven and earth fight in vain against a dunce.—Schiller.
Luminous Watch Dial. A permanently self luminous watch dial and military night compass was a late exhibit in London by C. E. S. Phillips. The glass dial has figures on the upper surface and are backed with a radium bromide compound. The figures stand out very clearly at night.

THE ROAD LAND CHANGES HANDS

800,000 Acres in the Big Deal.

WILL BE OPENED TO SETTLERS

A Great Thing for the Whole Region of Central Oregon.

A dispatch from St Paul states that transfers have been completed in New York by means of which a St. Paul land corporation closed the largest land deal ever made in America, obtaining title to 800,000 acres in Central Oregon. The immense tract is transferred entire, and represents a belt about 400 miles in length and of varying widths, extending diagonally from Albany, Or., in the Willamette valley, east to the Idaho line at Ontario, Or., in the Malheur valley. Of this total 660,000 acres is rich agricultural land, much of which will be improved under irrigation, and 140,000 acres is heavily timbered, containing 4,500,000,000 feet of standing pine, fir and cedar. The land transferred includes some of the richest districts in Oregon, and will be peopled and settled at once.

To handle the tract the Oregon and Western Colonization company was formed with \$12,000,000 capital. Its headquarters will be in St. Paul, and the active management will rest upon President W. P. Davidson, a well known land operator, and Vice President John E. Burchard, who has been for many years one of the most prominent of northwestern land dealers, O. A. Robertson of St. Paul, who has extensive land interests, is treasurer, and Joseph C. Wood of St. Paul is secretary.

Notice was received by wire that the transfers would be concluded and President Davidson and Vice President Burchard made immediate preparations for an extensive inspection trip, including an 800 mile automobile ride over the entire tract, during which the general condition of the property will be investigated and plans formulated for immediate colonization.

The land will be transferred to the ownership of actual settlers through an active campaign, which with the rapid railway development now in promise, will create new fruit and grain districts equal to the most famous of the present Oregon valleys.

Of this 800,000 acres, nearly 300,000 lie in Crook county and include the richest and most fertile agricultural and irrigable lands in central Oregon. Thousands of acres of the tract are worth today between \$50 and \$200 an acre. The same run of values hold true throughout the confines of the grant in Harney and Malheur counties. The men who chose the land years ago for the road company for a distance of six miles on either side of the line had the entire country to pick from and they selected the meat of central Oregon from Albany to the Idaho line.

With scrip quoted at \$13 an acre, the purchase of which is the only means open for the acquirement of large bodies of government land, a greatly enhanced value is given to the company's holdings which cannot be classed as agricultural areas, but instead will be sold for grazing purposes. The grazing lands, however, represent but a small part of the 800,000 acres held outside of the timbered districts in the Cascades.

With the transfer of the vast tract from the French bankers to its present owners, who are planning on subdividing it and opening it up to immediate settlement, new interest has been added to the history of its acquirement. For 40 years the grant has lain

in idle uselessness, the owners refusing to sell any portion of it, except here and there a quarter section and the town lots in the cities which have been located within its boundaries. Generally speaking, most of this immense body of fertile land has been viewed as worse than useless for more than a generation, and the fact that it has remained undeveloped has done much to retard development.

Railroad Engineers Getting Busy

A special to the Oregonian from Bend says that six engineer camps have been established on the 125-mile stretch of the Oregon Trunk Railway line near there, the contracts for which already have been let, and provision has been made in the medical contract just let here upon the basis of the employment of 5000 men all Summer.

Bend physicians have received the contract to care for the sick and injured. The announcement was made today by Dr. U. C. Coe, of this place, that the contract had been awarded to him and to Dr. B. Farrell. Hospitals and medical supplies for the camps extending from Madras to Klamath Agency, will be centered at Bend, Dr. Coe announces.

In addition to the chiefs who are to be stationed here, assistants will have charge of work at the opposite ends of the grade and will report to Bend headquarters, and when practical have their sick transported to the central hospital here. Before the 5000 workers billed for this portion of the work put in an appearance the hospital end of the construction campaign will be in working order.

Six engineer camps thus far have been established on the newly-let portion of the railroad work. At a point six miles south of Bend, locally known as Wetweather Springs, is an engineers' camp which probably will become the largest construction camp south of Madras and the Deschutes Canyon, for in the vicinity is encountered the only really heavy piece of work in the Madras-Klamath stretch. The survey passes across a great field of lava two miles in width at the point of crossing.

Supplies are being started in to the proposed camps, it is understood, from both Klamath and Shaniko, and it is understood that arrangements are being made for the transportation by freight teams of several steam shovels to the vicinity of Bend from Shaniko.

Parks of Australian Cities. Australians, with a fine climate, believe in enjoying themselves, and there are plenty of facilities. Thus in Sydney there are parks and squares and public gardens with a total area of 4,335 acres. Sixteen miles from the city—a shilling excursion train fare—is the picturesque national park, containing 36,810 acres preserved in their natural state. A similar reserve called Kurin-gal Chase, comprising 35,300 acres of land, chiefly of densely wooded hills skirted for many miles around numerous tidal arms of Broken bay, is also held for the enjoyment of the public forever. Melbourne has no fewer than 5,400 acres of recreation grounds in or near the city. Adelaide is surrounded by a belt of park lands and has about 2,300 acres set apart for the public benefit. Nor are Perth and Hobart and Brisbane and some of the fine inland towns less well provided for.—Westminster Gazette.

THE BOISE & WESTERN R. R.

Will Bisect Central Oregon.

JAMES J. HILL BEHIND IT

The Exact Route of New Line Not Yet Definitely Settled.

With the arrival in Portland of John E. Burchard, of St. Paul, definite information became public as to the building of the Boise & Western Railroad, as the east and west branch of the Hill system in tapping Central Oregon, says the Oregonian.

Entering the state at Ontario, the Boise & Western will build in a northwesterly direction, through Malheur Canyon to a point directly east of Malheur Lake. From that point two surveys have been made for a continuation of the line.

One of the projected lines passes to the north of Malheur Lake and the other between Malheur Lake and Harney Lake. The objective point of the road will be attained through the use of either line.

Bend will in all probability be the junction point for the line with the Oregon Trunk Line, the railway owned by the Hills, and which is rapidly creeping toward the heart of Oregon by way of the Deschutes River.

Whichever route may be finally selected will depend upon the vision now being made to that section of the state by the party of which Louis W. Hill is a member. It is believed that the northern route, following the survey and grade of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Wagon Road, will be the first constructed. It will open a larger territory which is soon to be populated, and which will be shipping to the markets of the world before the Hill lines reach the south boundary of the state.

The southern survey will be retained for the Hill road to California, which will be built in the near future.

Following close on the announcement as to railway routes, came that concerning the final closing of the largest real estate transaction, from an acreage viewpoint, consummated in the history of the United States, and the organization of the Oregon & Western Colonization Company, with a capitalization of \$12,000,000.

Transfers of the 800,000 acre grant from the owners of the Willamette Valley & Cascade Mountain Wagon Road Company to the new purchasers, the Oregon & Western Colonization Company, were completed in New York City, and John E. Burchard, vice-president of the new company, is here to start development and settlement of the vast acreage. Heretofore withheld from settlement and use by the French owners, it is proposed to dispose of the lands rapidly in

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