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I. O. O. F. MEMORIAL DAY

Sunday, June 12, will be Observed.

REBEKAHS WILL TAKE PART

Graves of Departed will be Decorated—Evening Services at M. E. Church.

The local I. O. O. F. lodge will observe Sunday, June 12, as their memorial day with appropriate exercises. This day is now generally observed by Odd Fellows all over the land.

The plan of proceedure for the day is as follows: All local and transient Odd Fellows to meet at the I. O. O. F. hall, also all Rebekahs, at 1:30 p. m., at which time short services and light refreshments will be the order, and the members will be given drills in regalia.

At 2:30 the members will form in line and with the Rebekah lodge will march to the north end of Main street, from where the Rebekahs will return and the Odd Fellows will march to the cemetery for the services to be held there.

Every Odd Fellow and Rebekah grave, of which there are about twenty, will be decorated. They will return to the hall at 5 p. m., at which time ice cream will be served by the Rebekahs. At 7:30 p. m. all Odd Fellows and Rebekahs will meet at the hall and after a short service, will march to the M. E. church where the concluding service will be held by Rev J. D. Lewellen.

Sturgeon For Northern Rivers.

An effort is to be made to stock the Hudson river as well as other northern rivers of the United States with sturgeon, a fish which once swarmed in their waters, but which has since been exterminated. The proposal comes from Horace G. Knowles, formerly American minister to the Balkan states. Through Mr. Knowles' efforts the Roumanian government has promised a carload of sturgeon fry, some cans of young sterlet and smaller food fish to populate our waters. The first consignment of several hundred thousand fry will probably be planted in the Delaware river. The native sturgeon have been all but exterminated by wastefulness.—Scientific American.

Strength of Human Hair.

A human hair of average thickness can support a load of six and one-quarter ounces, and the average number of hairs on the head is about 30,000. A woman's long hair has a total tensile strength of more than five tons, and this strength can be increased one-third by twisting the hair. The ancients made practical use of the strength of human hair. The cords of the Roman catapults were made of the hair of slaves, and it is recorded that the free women of Carthage offered their luxuriant tresses for the same use when their city was besieged by the Romans.

STILL ANOTHER RAILROAD

Supposed to be Harriman Interests.

WILL ENTER STATE FROM THE

Idaho Side at a Point in the Vicinity of Jordan Valley.

A Burns dispatch to the Oregonian says that an important movement of the Harriman railroad interests is in progress in the eastern part of Harney County and across Malheur to the state line. Crews of surveyors have been at work for some time running a line from the Idaho border, at Jordan Valley, practically straight westward through Barren Valley to Venator where the intention is to join the former survey of the Oregon Eastern made four years ago by the Oregon Short Line.

The intention, as near as can be ascertained, is to enter the state from the main line at a point in the vicinity of Jordan Valley, then cross the Owyhee River west of there and proceed on an easy grade across the tablelands, avoiding the triangle that would be made by going around by Ontario and Vale; then southward along the course of South Malheur River; also leaving out Malheur Canyon entirely with its threatened right-of way troubles, and making a saving of about 100 miles.

The engineers, who are now working in Barren Valley, in the vicinity of Cord, and said to have found an easy grade all the way—less than 1 per cent—and few curves. The only costly engineering feat will be in crossing the Owyhee River, where a bridge of 100-foot span and 1200 feet high at the deepest point, will be required in order to keep on the lines of least resistance so far as the contour of the country is concerned.

Use of Kerosene in Polishing Metals.

Any one who has polished a flatiron or steel surface with emery cloth knows how soon the cloth gums and fills up. The cloth in this condition will do little or no cutting. A simple remedy for this trouble is to use kerosene on the surface. The oil floats away a large part of the gumming substance and leaves the emery cloth sharp and clean to do the best work; also it seems to act as a lubricant to keep particles of metal from collecting on the cloth and scratching or digging in the surface of the metal. A very light lard oil is equally good for this purpose, but not always easily obtained. A surface polished where oil or kerosene is used does not rust so easily as one polished dry for the reason that a little oil remains on the metal.—Popular Mechanics.

R. G. Smith is painting and papering A. H. Lippman's home this week.

FIRST IMPRESSIONS OF PRINEVILLE

The Place Looks Good to Strangers.

GREAT POSSIBILITIES HERE

Much Pleased with the Cordiality of the People —May Locate.

Prineville has been chosen as the objective point of a party of newcomers who have come over six thousand miles without a single break in their journey, attracted by the wonderful opportunities for advancement that this country offers. These people are the parents and brother and sisters of J. S. Fox. They came straight from Leeds, England, and have been in the country about a week.

Talking to a "Jonrnal" reporter recently, Dr. Fox said: "As one who has seen a good deal of different parts of the world, and has had since childhood some idea of the great spaces in the west needing to be opened up, which went into my mind under the name of territories before they became states, I was surprised to find such beautiful and large cities as we met with on our way. We were at Seattle on Sunday evening, but even at such a time it did not seem to give the same pleasant impression as we got at Portland, which point we reached early in the morning, and seems to be remarkable for its cleanliness externally and I think one might say to judge from the tone of the large number of people with whom as a stranger I conversed in one day spent there, that the "Rose City" exhibits a very fine beauty and fragrance of mental character.

Certainly I shall never forget the great kindness almost universally met with, one might especially mention the Commercial Club and the Young Men's Christian Association.

After this, it was not surprising that one's journey along through The Dalles, Biggs, and up the branch line to Shaniko and thence forward along the old stage road to Prineville—accompanied, as I happened to be, by several gangs of railroad laborers that filled the train and crowded all the accommodation to be had—gave the impression that one was getting beyond the confines of civilization to "the back of beyond and the other end of nowhere." One had rather expected such an experience, but the surprise came when rounding the corner of the hill when a sight of our goal was reached. There, in a wide spreading plain, lay the white dots and two or three upward pointing spires comprising the capital of Crook county, the metropolis of Central Oregon. What a contrast in location, in size, and in general attractiveness to the dusty, untidy straggling heaps of shacks and rubbish of which most of the settlements that we had been passing seemed to be composed. Here, in a beautiful oasis, amid the surrounding comparatively desert hills many square miles in extent, stood a patch of civilization, glistening in the pure sunlight for all the world as though it had been showered down upon the center of the plain out of some gigantic pepper shaker.

A week's experience of Prineville has but enhanced this first impression. The simple cordiality of the people is like the pure air and abundant water supply with which the place is naturally endowed; and I venture to think, though one's first impressions must not be taken for more than they are worth, that as we have found, almost beyond continous civilization, a town far surpassing the settlements on the way, so it is probable that we have here in Prineville something which has been developing on it own account in industry, in business, and perhaps in the higher ranges of man's life—mental and spiritnal thought and culture.

My being here at all is merely one evidence of the fact that Prineville is being reached by the great civilized world and great changes must take place. It makes one thoughtful for there are possibilities both of good and evil when the great development takes place. To Prineville I would say "Hold that fast which thou hast that no man take thy crown." Let the developments, physical, social and commercial, which must come, be so carefully watched and so wisely received that a minimum of harm and a maximum of good may result. Much depends on the character of the new settlers that must come, perhaps even more on the wise and united tone and policy of these already here to receive and to welcome them. These thoughts I leave to the combined wisdom of all those who wish to lend a hand to their country's prosperity.

Sheriff's Semi-Annual Statement

To the Hon. County Judge and Commissioners, Crook County, Oregon—I herewith respectfully submit my semi-annual report, for the receipts and disbursements of this office, for the six months beginning on the 1st day of October 1909, and ending on the 31st day of March, 1910.

To balance on hand Oct. 1, 1909, as per last report			$ 1,090 69
To amt. collected	1909	tax roll	111,066 70
" "	1908	"	6,337 93
" "	1907	"	598 43
" "	1906	"	504 56
" "	1905	"	54 73
" "	1904	"	53 51
Total			$119,706 45

By amount paid to county treasurer.

March 2, 1910		$16,256 70
" 26, 1910		77,989 56
" 31, 1910		13,944 87
Feb. 1, 1910		868 99
Dec. 23, 1909		952 68
Oct. 27, 1909		988 11
Oct. 14, 1909		3,956 74
Jan. 28, 1910		229 90
Dec. 2, 1909		138 46
Dec. 2, 1909		126 48
Jan. 28, 1910		128 39
Dec. 2, 1909		27 15
Jan. 28, 1910		27 95
Dec. 2, 1909		25 45
Jan. 28, 1910		12 40
Total		$115,673 83

To balance on hand April 1, 1910, $4032 26.

State of Oregon } ss
County of Crook }

I hereby certify that the above report of the receipts and disbursements of this office for the periods therein stated is true and correct.

Dated this 12th day of April, 1910.

FRANK ELKINS, Sheriff.
By John Combs, Deputy.

Paid Treasurer since April 1, 1910, $10424 96.

Strange Marine Worms.

The palolo is a remarkable marine worm that exists in vast numbers in the Polynesian seas, where it is highly prized as food by the natives, and once each year it visits the Samoan, Fijian and Gilbert archipelagoes to spawn. A singular fact is that it always appears at the last quarter of the moon in October. A Japanese marine worm, Meres japonica, is said also to regulate its breeding season by the moon, and at the new or full moon of the middle or last of December it suddenly appears in immense swarms in the Kogoshima gulf and adjacent rivers, covering the water to a depth of five or six feet. In two hours it disappears. The worm is used as bait and is so abundant that it is also collected for manure.

HELP BOOST THE COUNTRY

Club Membership Growing Right Along.

MORE NEW MEMBERS WANTED

Publicity Fund Close to the $4000 Mark—$6000 Wanted.

That Central Oregon is coming into its own is evidenced by the growiug activity of the various commercial bodies of the district, and the fact that they are broadening their outlook and becoming more solid and stable in their methods of publicity, show that they fully appreciate their opportunities.

We are glad to notice that the Prineville Commercial Club also exemplifies this growing spirit of activity in publicity matters. Its aim is not to boost Prineville as a city so much as Prineville as a district, then comes Crook County and Central Oregon. The board realizes that the prosperity of one part depends very largely on the prosperity of the whole. The stability and wealth of this district do not warrant any narrow-minded "booming" campaign, having for its object the rapid sale of real estate and the advancement of prices, for this policy is too often followed by a "slump." The Prineville district has never had a boom, never wants one, and never will have one if she can help it. The "powers that be" will at all times do their best to prevent such a thing, but the awakened spirit of "boostfulness" which has gotten hold of the people necessitates a thorough system of publicity to give this section the prominence that its location, wealth, natural advantages, and title as the county seat warrant.

First and foremost, some detailed plan of publicity had to be decided upon, and the greatest known expert on the subject in Oregon, Tom Richardson, manager of the Portland Commercial Club and secretary of the Oregon Development League, was invited to Prineville to address a public meeting and to confer with the Board of Trustees. The results of the meeting are apparent, perhaps chiefly in the awakened interest.

After Mr. Richardson's visit, acting upon his suggestions, the board commenced a campaign to raise a fund for publicity purposes. With $6000 as their aim, the board has already reached a figure close to the $4000 mark. This fund will be paid monthly, many of the fr as contributing as high as $25 a month.

After this, one of the first steps taken was to engage a salaried officer to attend to the thousand and one things, correspondence, etc., usually dumped onto the secretary. J. S. Fox was accordingly engaged as assistant secretary and has com-

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Big Corsets at about Half Price—Sizes 24 to 30

We are closing out our entire lot of Jackson Corsets to make room for a well-known line to be announced very soon.

New Millinery Arrivals

Wide Droop-Brim Sailors, with colored velvet bands
Special $2.25
New Trimmed Droop-Shapes in Burnt Straw Shade, special 3.25

Boys' Wash Suits

We have them from 85c to 2.50 Children's Romper Suits, special for this and next week, 50c.

Linen Suits

Ladies' Linen Suits, something especially desirable for this hot weather.

Silk Gloves

16-button length, special, from ..... $1 to 1.50

Ladies' Lawn Waists

In sizes 25, 32, 38, 40 and 42 at a big cut. See our display table.

Ease on Hot Days

For Men and Women. Tired feet rest easily in our White Duck Oxfords. Prices $1 to $2 a pair. Be sure and see them this week or early next. They're going.

Cash Grocery Specials

22 bars Beats-All Laundry Soap	$1 00	15 lbs Small White Beans	1 00
15 lbs Bayo Beans	1 00	3 Cans Bestine Cleanser	25
16 lbs Pink Beans	1 00	1 Sack Mayflower Oats	60

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