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PRINEVILLE NEEDS SCHOOL BUILDING

We Have Outgrown Present Quarters.

BUILT TWENTY-THREE YEARS

Entirely Too Small to Meet the Growing Demands of the City.

Prineville is to have a new public school building. The specifications and cost have not been decided upon yet but that a new building is to be built and that work will begin at the close of school next spring is an established fact.

The present schoolhouse was built twenty-three years ago and has been in constant use for school purposes. Originally it was a two-story structure with two average sized school rooms on each floor. Three years ago an annex of two stories with one large room on each floor was added on the south side of the building. The cost of the original building was \$4500, and the annex cost \$2100, making

the total cost of the structure as it now stands \$6600.

During the past several years the capacity of the building has been crowded to the limit, and one or more rooms have been in use in other buildings in various parts of the city.

In a school year closely preceding the erection of the present building there was but a three months' term of school and that was maintained by tuition, and at the time the meeting voted for the erection of the present building the district had lapsed, or "gone back" and lost its name and recognition by the state board of education.

Then a meeting was called and a vote was carried for the bonding of the district for the present building. There were seven men present at that meeting, H. P. Belknap and G. W. Barnes being the only present residents of Prineville who were there.

At the meeting Monday afternoon which voiced the sentiment of the voters and taxpayers in a unanimous decision for a good substantial sanitary building, there were twenty-seven people present, eight of whom were women. In fact the motion for the erection of the building, which was meant to assure the board that the voters wanted it, was seconded by Mrs. Belknap.

Mower for Sale.
42-foot cut Champion Mower for sale. Address, J. E. ADAMSON, Prineville, Oregon.

WHERE, OH WHERE, HAVE THEY GONE

Lost, Strayed or Kidnapped.

THE OFFICIALS COMETH NOT

A Big "Feed" that didn't Satisfy—Because Nobody Came.

Where is Vice-President J. P. O'Brien of the O. R. & N. Co. and his party of railway officials that were to have been in Prineville not later than Saturday night on a tour of the interior of the state? This is the question President Williamson of the Commercial Club and Wm. Hanley of Burns would like to have answered. Mr. Hanley was to have met the party at some point in the northern part of the state and escort them through the interior by auto.

Wednesday of last week Mr. Hanley called Mr. Williamson from Hot Springs, Union county, saying that he was to meet the Harriman road officials who were leaving Portland that night by special train for the interior, and would

land them in this city in two or three days. A mass meeting of business men was called at the club and it was the unanimous vote of those present to do as suggested by Mr. Hanley in his telegram, "have a great big blow out." It was voted to have a banquet as large and as fine as the one given the Louis W. Hill party, and the hotel management, various committees and others were set to work planning for the event with plates at \$5 per, and Mr. Williamson got busy with the telephone in an attempt to locate the party. As repeated efforts failed to locate them the committees were notified to suspend operations until the lost were found. A few days later Mr. Hanley phoned asking if Prineville had seen the party and that he had failed to locate them.

Mr. O'Brien will never realize what a fine "feed" he missed.

For Sale.
7-Passenger Touring car, Stevens Duryea, (Big Six) six cylinder, in good condition.
Also for sale, 7-Passenger Touring car (Thomas Flyer) in good condition. Will sell for cash or trade for land.
BETTS AUTO CO., The Dalles, Oregon.
6-19

Wanted.
Three men to saw logs and split pine wood. I furnish the timber, but want work contracted. Address P. O. Box 205, Prineville, Oregon.
6-19

Percheron Stallion for Sale.
Coming 4 year old graded, weight 1600; good action, good horse.
A. V. WARREN, Hay Creek, Ore.
6-5

SCHOOL ELECTION LAST MONDAY

Two New Directors Chosen.

CLERK'S FINANCIAL REPORT

The District in Good Strong Position, Financially—Expenses Higher.

Monday, June 20, was the regular school election day in all parts of the state and at 4 p. m. the meeting was held at the public school building in this city. Although there were but twenty-seven persons present all told, this the largest attendance on record to date according to the best authority.

T. H. Lafollette and Mrs. Emma B. Wickersham were unanimously chosen directors. Mr. Lafollette to succeed C. M. Elkins, who made it known to the voters that his six years of service had entitled him to a vacation at least. Mrs. Wickersham to fill the unexpired term of Mrs. W. A. Bell, who moved to The Dalles.

M. R. Elliott was elected clerk to succeed himself, by a unanimous vote also.

Much credit is due Mr. Elkins for the present solid financial basis on which the district stands and the business-like manner in which the school affairs have been conducted during his two terms.

The matter of the bonds for the construction of the old building was brought before the meeting, and it was shown that the entire issue of \$4500 was taken up by C. C. Maling, and that at the time of the issue there was an agreement with Mr. Maling as to the payment of the interest and principal. Interest was paid on the bonds regularly for a term of ten years and at the end of this time Mr. Maling presented the district with one-half of the bonds, making the balance remaining \$2250. There is some doubt as to the final disposition of these bonds and the liability of the district for the amount, it appearing that it may have been the purpose of Mr. Maling to present these to the district at the time of his death.

The financial report of the clerk was as follows:

Cash on hand one year ago	\$7852.57
Received from county fund	1902.27
Received from state fund	918.27
Special tax of this district	3210.00
Total fund	\$9983.11
Paid out during year	\$4082.94
On hand June 20, 1910	\$5899.77

These figures show a net gain over the fund of last year of more than \$1100, although there are yet some bills, at least one of less than \$100, to be paid.

The cost of many things for the maintenance of the school is higher than in former years, especially the wood item, which is a large one, because of the old wooden buildings that are being used.

From the above statements it would seem that the district is running with a surplus of several thousand dollars in its treasury. This is not the case. The clerk's report is made out in the spring when the money comes in and when expenses stop. This money on hand must run the schools practically until the next spring when tax money becomes available again.

Opinions Regarding New School Building

In the matter of a new school building for Prineville, M. R. Elliott, clerk of the district, stated that the time had arrived for the erection of a good spacious building. Regarding the new building Mr. Elliott said, "Yes, I am heartily in favor of a new school building for Prineville. I do not think it wise to begin it at once, however.

After waiting so long it would be absurd to begin a building that could not be completed before a railroad arrives in the country in the county, which will make the cost of material much less than if they were hauled from Shaniko. As soon as a railroad gets into the county building operations would be in order, I think.

"Of course if we were going to build a wooden building again, it would not matter so much, but I think I am safe in saying that less than 5 per cent of the voters favor that kind of a building.

"As to the kind of a building we should have, I think it best to have a brick or stone, whichever is the safest, cheapest, and best, and the rooms should all be as large and have as much seating capacity as one instructor could handle. The building should have not less than eight rooms.

"I think the idea of a three-story building absurd, because of the trouble in getting up and down stairs. In fact I would strongly favor a building with all rooms on the ground, if such a thing were possible, even if a second story was put on just for looks, because the health and safety of the pupils would be much better on the ground.

"As to the school law governing the matter of a new building I would say that it is entirely up to the directors just the same as in any corporation. They have the power to build any kind and price of building they like at any time they wish. The way the people have of getting the building they want is to elect directors that are agreed on the matter, as it is all in their hands without the shadow of a doubt. In this case the unanimous sentiment of the voters present at the election Monday was unqualifiedly expressed for a new building.

"Plans and specifications of school buildings are provided by the state board of education, and they should be consulted in the matter before anything is done. "The best way to meet the expense of a building such as our new one will be, is to issue a bond covering the amount, which will be taken up by the state board with money from their school funds, and the amount can be paid in twenty equal annual payments if so desired. The interest on such bonds is but 6 per cent, I think. It is, indeed, a fine arrangement.

Mrs. Wickersham, who is well qualified to speak on the subject, has the following to say regarding our schools: "I think we should have a good new fire-proof building that is well heated and ventilated. The buildings now in use are inadequate and some of the rooms are unsanitary and in some cases poorly lighted. No one is to blame for these conditions because the buildings now in use are the best that could be secured. It is simply a case of the town outgrowing its school accommodations.

"Something should be done as soon as possible to relieve conditions as they now exist. It seems to me that it would be a needless expense to taxpayers to erect smaller buildings for temporary use. I believe satisfactory arrangements could be made with the Crook County High School Board whereby one primary grade and possibly two, could be provided for in the old Court House. This would give the little children a clean wholesome schoolroom and at the same time save the expense that would be absolutely necessary to provide a room for them for the ensuing year.

"I should advise a new school building to be completed by next September because it will be difficult to get along this year with conditions as they now exist and with our fast growing population it would certainly be a hard problem to provide for the school children next year.

C. M. Elkins stated that we needed, and that badly, a new and sanitary building. "I think we should have a new building when the railroad gets near enough to

CROOK COUNTY'S EARLY HISTORY

What Do You Know About It?

COUNTY CREATED IN 1882

County Named in Honor of Major-General Geo. Crook, U. S. A.

How many people living in Crook county know anything of its creation or the origin of its name? In the Quarterly just received from the Oregon Historical Society is an address by Frederick V. Holman which covers both points. That portion referring to Crook county is as follows:

Crook county was created October 24, 1882, by the State Legislature. It comprises a part of the southern portion of Wasco county, as the latter was after Lake county created. Crook county's northern line begins at the western boundary line of Wasco county where it "is intersected by the line between townships eight and nine south." This northern line of Crook county runs east to the John Day river. The line then runs up the main channel of said river to the west line of Grant county. The rest of the east line of Crook county is the line then between Grant and Wasco counties. The southern line is the line then between Lake and Wasco counties to the east line of Lane county. The western line is the line as it then was between Lane and Linn counties, and Wasco county.

It is named for Major-General George Crook, U. S. A., who had command, at one time, of the Department of the Columbia. He was an officer who had greatly distinguished himself in the Civil war. After this war he won great fame by his successful campaigns against the Indians, in Idaho and Arizona, and later against the Sioux and Cheyennes. In every Indian campaign he was successful. After the Custer massacre, June 26, 1876, Gen. Crook fought the Indians engaged in that massacre, inflicting a severe defeat on them in Dakota and completely reduced them to subjection. In 1882 he went to Arizona and carried on another successful campaign against the Indians. There never has been another Indian fighter more successful than Gen. Crook. He belonged to the class of "rough and ready" fighters of Indians. He was humane to the Indians in time of peace and was highly respected by them. Throughout the country, west of the Mississippi river, his name is established for all time. It is fitting that a county of Oregon should be named for him.

Crook county is now bounded on the north by Wasco county; on the east by portions of Wheeler, Grant, and Harney counties; on the south by Lake county and a portion of Klamath county; and on the west by Linn, and portions of Lane and Marion counties. Its county seat is Prineville.

Fair Board Meeting.

At a meeting of the Central Oregon Fair board recently it was decided to cooperate with the Commercial Club in the matter of the collection and preparation of the exhibits for the fair this fall, and to take action to make the fair better than it has ever been.

The expense of collecting exhibits will be shared with the club to the extent of \$100. The premium lists have been printed and will be distributed by the secretary as soon as they arrive from the state printer's office at Salem, which will be in a few days. The large two-color posters have arrived and will be posted at once.

An effort is being made by the board to have the fair cover all of Central Oregon in its scope, and make a showing of all the products of the entire district.

Do You Want to Keep Cool?



Hot Weather Specialties

Every day's sales makes a showing in our store. The past week has been one of the best. Beginning Saturday we will make marked reductions on all Spring and Summer Goods. This creates an opportunity for you to make complete your summer wardrobe at about wholesale cost.

Do You Wear

- All Men's Clothing
- All Boys' Clothing
- All Ladies' Woolen Suits
- All Ladies' Linen and Cotton Suits
- All Ladies' Skirts
- All Ladies' Muslin Underwear

- All Lawns, Batists, and Waistings,
- All Summer Goods
- Including several dozen patterns
- All Fancy Parasols
- All Canvas Shoes and Oxfords



Several Dozen New Trimmed Hats

Just arrived by express. These are going rapidly. We are reducing the price radically on these and they, with every other hat in our Millinery Department, is Reduced in Price

Our Gordon Hat for Men \$3

If you have been paying \$5 or even \$3.50 for your Hats Try a Gordon at \$3. You will find them just as good, perhaps better.

Summer Vests and Shirts

Men's Summer Vests 85c to \$2.50
" " Shirts 75c to 3.00

Watch for Free Specialty Announcement

That is free to everyone in this space next week.



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