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MEANS MUCH TO PRINEVILLE

\$200,000 Paid for Land in This Vicinity.

ST. PAUL CAPITAL BEHIND IT

This Land Will Be Colonized Right Away—Will Not Wait for Railroad.

Two hundred thousand dollars was paid Monday for 1000 acres of land in the vicinity of Prineville. This means that something will be doing here before very long.

Curtis L. Mosier of St. Paul, former secretary of the central commercial organization of that place, closed a deal the first of this week with the Oregon & Western Colonization company for a tract in the immediate vicinity of Prineville, comprising a little less than 1000 acres at a sum approximating \$200,000. The lands were sold on a graded basis, according to their proximity to this city.

On his visit here with President W. P. Davidson a few weeks ago, Mr. Mosier said that he had great faith in the country and in the

future of Prineville. After his return to St. Paul he had a long consultation with Mr. John E. Burchard, one of the principal owners of the large tract, concerning the proposed deal which has just been closed by telegraph.

At this conference it developed that Mr. Mosier, who is conceded to be the best commercial club man in the United States, was anxious to get money into land in this vicinity. Accordingly he has associated with him a strong company of financiers. Besides closing a deal on the 1000 acres, which by the way lies in sections 1, 31 and 35, Mr. Mosier has secured options on other large tracts which will no doubt be closed on his arrival here next week.

A telegram from Mr. Mosier yesterday morning stated that he had resigned his position, which was paying him \$6000 a year, and would start for Prineville at once to take up the work of colonizing lands here. He will have charge of the publicity department of the entire 800,000 acre tract also.

In speaking of the plans for marketing the tract, Mr. Burchard said: "We are going to colonize these lands and that right away. The Prineville unit will be moving fast in a few months at least. Of course it would be less expensive for us if we waited for a railroad, but we can't do that. We will haul prospective buyers from

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WILL OPPOSE COUNTY DIVISION

Do Not Think It Advisable at this Time.

MEETING HELD TUESDAY EVE

Will Use All Honorable Means to Defeat Such a Proposition.

At a mass meeting held at the Prineville Commercial Club rooms on June 27th it was unanimously decided to oppose cutting up Crook county at this time. The following resolutions voiced the sentiment of the meeting:

Whereas, there is being proposed by initiative petition a measure to create a new county from the western portion of Crook county, Oregon, which measure is to be voted upon by the electors of this state at the next general election, and whereas, by reason of the present undeveloped and sparsely settled condition of the territory affected, the uncertainty of the permanent location of railroads and the main avenues of transportation and the unsettled and unstable condition of the centers of population, the proposition to divide Crook county at this time is clearly pre-

ture and inopportune, therefore be it

Resolved, by the citizens of Prineville and vicinity, in mass meeting assembled, that we hereby express our most emphatic objection to said measure, and pledge ourselves to use all honorable means to defeat any and all proposals to divide Crook county until such time as the centers of population are sufficiently established, and the avenues of commerce and trade fixed to such an extent that a division can be intelligently accomplished.

T. M. BALDWIN, Chairman.
C. M. ELKINS, Secretary.

To Portland and Back In Three Days

Mayor Stewart has the record for the quickest business trip to Portland to date. He left Prineville one morning last week at 4 o'clock and arrived in Portland at 8 that evening. The following morning he went out and bought a fifty horse power steam engine for installation in his mills here, and the following day returned to Prineville, having spent just three days in making the trip.

The steam power plant has been shipped from Portland and will be placed in position as soon as it arrives. It will be used whenever necessary in operating the Prineville flouring mills.

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.
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THE COVE POWER COMPANY

Prineville People Will Develop Electricity.

CAPITALIZED AT \$50,000

Work Will Begin as Soon as Contracts Can Be Let—Located at Cove.

A company of Prineville men composed of W. A. Booth, president; Warren Brown, secretary-treasurer; and D. F. Stewart, G. M. Cornett and Warren Brown as a board of directors, has filed articles of incorporation with the county clerk for the Cove Power Company.

The purposes of the incorporation are set forth in the articles and enumerate the following: The generation of electric power and the use of the same for running all kinds of machinery; the selling of power to the public generally to be used for any and all purposes to which such power is or may be applied; to buy sell and lease real estate and personal property; to own and operate grist mills and buy and sell grain and all kinds of feed stuffs.

The principal office of the corporation is given as Prineville. The capital stock is given as \$50,000 and is divided into 500 shares of \$100 each. Twenty-nine thousand dollars' worth of the stock has been paid into the treasury.

The location of the plant of the new company will be at the Cove Orchard on Crooked river, where filings have been perfected for the appropriation of water sufficient to develop 6000 horse power. All plans have been completed, and figures show that the plant complete will consist of a dam six feet in height in Crooked river, a canal of sufficient size to carry the water a distance of 2280 feet to the location of a big generating plant where a perpendicular drop of 41 feet will generate the water power.

Work will begin on the plant as soon as contracts can be let for the different units of the work. The construction of the dam will be the hardest part of the work and will be done by experienced men. The installation of the machinery will also be done by contract, as well as the construction of the electric wires from the Cove to Prineville and other interior towns.

It is not the intention of the new company to retail electricity except to those who want to use it for the operation of machinery. An arrangement is about to be made between the new company and the Prineville Light & Water company for the use of the current on the company's Prineville system which will give Prineville a twenty-four hour current.

No doubt other towns in the interior will be supplied with electricity by these people, but at present it is the Prineville business that these people are after. They have in sight a market for 2000 horsepower in Prineville, and all possible haste will be employed in the completion of the plant for these people. Many local shops and mills will buy the current, and one of the largest consumers will be the Prineville Flouring Mills. A motor will be installed in these mills that will be ready for use in addition to the water power whenever that supply is low.

One of the greatest features of the situation of the new company's plant is the fact at the point where the intake of the flume will be situated the water never freezes enough to bother the operation of the power plant. Another is that the supply of water is maintained largely by the flow of Opal Spring and other submerged rivers that will flow into Crooked river immediately above the point where the plant

is located, and will never be lessened by irrigation or appropriation at any point farther up the river.

The entire capital stock will be taken by Prineville capitalists, and it is the opinion of the owners that the greatest possible amount of electricity that can be generated by their plant will eventually be used here.

Work will be begun on the different units of construction in a few weeks at most, and some members of the company hope to see the plant complete and running by January 1.

Rowlee Discharged from Custody

F. C. Rowlee of Bend was arrested Friday morning by Sheriff Elkins on a complaint sworn to by J. H. Wenandy charging Rowlee with the theft of \$1600 in currency. Rowlee was brought to Prineville for trial before justice G. L. Bernier. Witnesses against him were J. H. Wenandy, Mrs. Wenandy, and Mr. Culp of Bend.

From the evidence introduced it developed that Mr. Culp and Mr. Rowlee, in company with Mrs. Wenandy and another woman went for a joy ride about 7:30 Thursday evening. The party were out about an hour and returned slightly under the influence of liquor. At the time the start was made Mrs. Wenandy had some \$1600 in bills in her stocking. When preparing for bed the money was found to be gone. Search was begun and continued all night without result.

At the hearing no evidence was produced to connect Rowlee with the theft of the missing bank roll and he was discharged from custody.

After the complaint had been filed the roll of bills was picked up in the front yard of the Wenandy home.

Pushing Work on Natron Extension

A dispatch to the Journal from Eugene says that construction work on the Natron extension will be rushed harder than ever this summer in an effort to complete the work next fall before the wet weather begins. About 1250 laborers are on the line and this number will be increased as fast as the contractors can get men. Two additional steam shovels are on the way and a force with a power plant will go over the divide and commence work on the big tunnel and work this way to meet the boring on this side that is now over half finished. The three bridges will be put in this summer also. It is thought that if the men can be obtained the 35 miles on this end of the line can be finished by December—or almost within a year after the real work has commenced.

The work on the tunnels is progressing very rapidly. The usual cut on each of them is about six feet a day. On tunnel No. 3, which is the longest, the cutters have entered the mountains 938 feet, which is over half the distance. Machinery and supplies are now being hauled over the mountain to set up a compress and power plant so that men can bore from the other side, and be working both ways.

Work on the three bridges will soon begin. The middle fork bridge will be 350 feet long and has two piers and abutments, and the others are 300 feet long, with the same construction. The bridges are of steel and the abutments and piers are of concrete.

The Southern Pacific steel crew will begin work about the middle of July and the work of laying the rails will continue until winter. At present there are about 4000 tons of 90 pound steel in the yards at Natron. The contractors expect to have all the rails and bridges connected as far as Oak Ridge by the middle of December.

When this is done the base of supplies will be moved from Natron to Oak Ridge. It will be from there that the next contract will be worked.

CROOK COUNTY STRAWBERRIES

Can Be Raised Here All Right.

GOOD MONEY-MAKING CROP

Several Thousand Dollars Sent Away Every Year for Berries.

Central Oregon abounds in alfalfa, grain, fruit and potato lands, but what is more surprising, especially to the old settler, is the fact that the entire country is dotted with places that are succeeding in growing strawberries. The country generally is not entirely adapted to their growth.

A thorough investigation shows that several beds of strawberries are bearing this year and that the amount has increased steadily with the country's growth for the past several years.

This year there will be a good crop of strawberries on the Gibson ranch, nine miles north of Prineville, and the quality is of the best. These will be in the market soon, and to date appear to be the only local berries that will be offered here.

Mr. Gibson has received a large shipment of boxes and will put them up in approved form.

Others that are harvesting crops of berries this year are Mrs. J. M. Montgomery, who lives about eight miles west of Prineville, and Mrs. S. A. Collins, who lives a mile north of town. Mrs. S. J. Newsom has the only strawberry bed of any considerable size in the city of Prineville.

Mrs. Collins has what is known as the St. Joseph Everbearing, which is a berry that begins to bear fruit about May 15 and will continue to do so as late as October. This is a small fruit but a prolific bearer and of fine flavor.

She also raises the Magoon, which is a larger berry, and of the same variety that is often shipped to the local markets from Hood River. She has but a small patch of each of these varieties but has raised a crop every year since they were planted four years ago.

Mrs. Montgomery has the only patch that can be estimated fairly as to what the crop will produce. By actual measurement the Journal man found that the land in this patch was but one-sixteenth of an acre, and the annual output has averaged 20 gallons for the past four years. The crop is not cultivated and little or no care is given the plants. No irrigation was given this patch this year.

Figuring from the crop raised on this place, and the market price of berries in Prineville, we find that a yield of no greater size than the one gathered when no cultivation is given would net the grower a little over \$300 per acre annually, gross, and it is but a fair conclusion that that amount could be increased to \$500 with proper cultivation.

The next best estimate of the crop is gained from Harry Hudson, who used to grow them in abundance on his place about ten miles south of Prineville. He had less than a quarter acre in berries and his income was from \$125 to \$200 annually from the patch. He sold his berries in the local market and from a wagon at 75c per gallon. The size was equal to the Hood River berry, he says. In all cases the growers and others who are in a position to say, state that the quality and flavor of the Central Oregon berry is as good if not better than that of the shipped product.

Harry Hudson states that he had difficulty with his berries until he experimented with them, and found that they started too early to get a crop. He would take a pair of sheep shears and clip the

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Do You Want to Keep Cool?

Announcement Extraordinary

To demonstrate the rich, beautiful tone of the celebrated UPTON PARLOR GRAND PIANO which we will give away ABSOLUTELY FREE as heretofore announced and which is now on exhibition in our store, we have arranged for a Piano Recital to be given at our store Saturday, July 9th, at 2:30 o'clock. We extend a cordial invitation to the music lovers of our city to attend, as this recital will be a genuine musical treat. Remember the date, July 9th, at 2:30 o'clock. The program will last one hour.

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.

- 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

Come to Our Store Saturday, July 9th

Free Piano Recital at 2:30 p. m.



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