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SUMMER NORMAL CLOSED SATURDAY

One of the Best Ever Held in County.

UP-TO-DATE METHODS TAUGHT

Teachers Receive Inspiration and Help Along Professional Lines.

Last Saturday marked the close of one of the most helpful and successful Summer Normals ever held in Crook county. The reviews, the hand work and the methods work were carried on from the beginning and besides being ready for the August examinations the teachers feel that they have received inspiration and help along professional lines. Several teachers of experience said that it was the best Summer Normal they had ever attended.

The time has arrived when the progressive teacher cannot afford to remain away from Summer Normals. It is hoped that next summer will find every Crook county teacher in some good summer school.

Principal Coe of the Crook county High School has written Superintendent Ford that he will reach Prineville about August 20, ready to begin his school work.

Miss Parrott left Tuesday for Madras. She will also visit Redmond and Laidlaw in the interests of the C. C. H. S.

Mrs. Wickersham and Miss Parrott will leave Saturday for Portland. They expect to attend the Chautauqua at Gladstone Park. Miss Parrott will spend some time at the University Summer school before returning to her home in Douglas county. Mrs. Wickersham will visit friends and relatives in Jackson county.

Teachers' Examinations.

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Crook county will hold the regular examination of applicants for state papers at Prineville as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, August 10, at 9 o'clock a. m. and continuing until Saturday, August 13, at 4 o'clock p. m. Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, physical geography, reading, psychology.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, bookkeeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, composition, algebra.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history, English literature, school law.

R. A. Fourn, County School Superintendent.

Mower for Sale.

40-foot cut Champion Mower for sale. Address, J. E. Adams, Prineville, Oregon.

MAIL CONTRACTS NOW EFFECTIVE

Few Changes in Crook County Lines.

THE CORNETT STAGE & STABLE

Company Control all Trunk Lines—Bids Wanted to Supply Bear Creek

July 1 the new contracts for mail service for the four years ending June 30, 1914, became effective.

The lines operating out of Prineville are under much the same management as before, the trunk lines in control of the Cornett Stage & Stable company. There was an increase in price for all contracts, because of the increased cost of operation.

The Prineville-Silver Lake line was let to G. M. Cornett, distance 115 miles, contract upwards of \$7000.

Prineville—Burns line, distance 153 miles, was let to G. M. Cornett, contract price about \$8000.

Prineville—Shaniko line, distance 56 miles, contract price \$9,800, former price \$2797. The reason for the increase in price of the Shaniko line was given by Mr. Cornett as the great increase in the weight of the mail and the fact that the line would be discontinued as soon as a railroad should be completed to Madras.

The department made many efforts to get other bids but were unsuccessful because of the fact that the line was considered an unprofitable venture by other bidders.

The Prineville-Sisters line was let to John Hunsaker, contract price about \$2200, distance 42 miles.

The Prineville—Howard line was let to S. R. Cooper, contract price about \$600, distance 18 miles.

Runaway Accident.

Mrs. Hanson, who came here a few days ago from Kent, Washington, was painfully injured by being thrown from a load of timber on the McKay road Tuesday.

Mrs. Hanson had gone to the timber with her husband for a load for Ship & Perry and drove a wagon on the return. In putting on the brake she dropped a line and the horses starting to run, upset the wagon and bruised Mrs. Hanson badly, besides cutting an ugly wound over her right eye.

She was brought to Prineville for medical aid and is attended by Dr. Hyde, who says she will be around again in ten days or so.

STATE ENGINEER IN PRINEVILLE

Looking After Crooked River Survey.

IT WILL BE COMPLETED SOON

How Water Rights are to be Determined by the State Board of Control.

John H. Lewis, state engineer and president of the Board of Control arrived in Prineville Tuesday to look after the survey of Crooked river which has been in progress for several months. He was met by H. K. Donnelly who has been in charge of this work. The survey will be completed within about ten days.

The object of this work is to make a map showing all irrigation ditches, the area of all irrigated lands, location of power plant, and to gather information for the determination of water rights by the Board of Control. A petition by water users was filed last year requesting such adjudication. The board has completed the taking of testimony on Squaw creek, Tumalo creek and Paulina creek in this county.

The determination on Willow creek in Umatilla and Morrow counties, where 250 claimants were involved, was completed by the Board and confirmed by the court in but a little over one year without any contests and only one exception being filed with the court and the exception was to correct an error due to illegible writing by the applicant.

The system is direct and simple. It is inexpensive and effective. The determination is made under the law enacted last year which has proved a success beyond expectation. This law, together with the new state law accepting the Carey Act, is the result of Mr. Lewis' work during his first four years in office. The water right records accumulating in his office will soon place water titles upon an equal footing with land titles, and his assistants have authority to protect these rights when determined.

Within the next few months a blank form will be sent to each water user on Crooked river and its tributaries upon which he will be requested to present his claim to the superintendent at a convenient point in the valley at the date fixed in the accompanying notice. Due notice of this hearing will be given in the local papers. All claimants will later be notified by registered mail of a time and place where these claims will be submitted for inspection and contest permitted. In this way the adjudication is up to the people. The lower user will not later be permitted to complain if he allows his neighbor above to go uncontested if he presents a claim for water in excess of his right. The priority date and amount of water used per acre are the important points for consideration, and most water users know about the extent of his neighbor's rights. The late appropriator will not permit the earlier appropriator to put in an exorbitant claim without contest. The incentive for filing such excessive claims does not exist as the water allowed is thereafter protected by the state and permitted to be taken in rotation when needed.

The determination settles rights for all time. If a shortage occurs a water master can be secured with authority to enforce and protect determined rights. This will be accomplished by closing headgates or by closing and locking the gates to admit only the water, to which the dieth is entitled. The water master has authority to make arrests.

The determination when made by the Board becomes effective at once but must be filed with the circuit court where exceptions or appeals can be taken.

The Umatilla river, involving about one thousand claimants, and the Rogue river with even a larger number of claimants, are the largest of about twenty streams which have been surveyed and testimony completed. The development on Crooked river was a surprise in that the area of irrigated land found was greater than along either of the two streams above.

Mr. Lewis is also secretary of the Desert Land Board and has charge of the correspondence and detail work relating to the Carey Act projects in this vicinity as well as eight new projects initiated under the new law. He was accompanied to Bend and Prineville by Attorney General Crawford.

Mr. Lewis goes south from Bend to inspect construction work now in progress on the 30,000 acre project of the Deschutes Land company. Thence to the Paisley project and later to the 100,000 acre project in Warner Lake Valley east of Lakeview.

County Committeemen Meet.

A meeting of the Republican county committeemen was held in Prineville Tuesday, in response to a call issued by Chairman R. A. Ford, of the county central committee.

The attendance was not as large as was expected owing to the busy season. Those who were present favored some sort of a party organization and thought the assembly plan conducive to that end. No county assembly has been called, however, owing to county division questions and other contests that would crop out at this time.

Eighteen delegates to the state assembly were selected as follows: Prineville—H. P. Belknap, R. A. Ford and M. R. Elliott.

Madras—Howard Turner, J. A. Coulter.

Black Butte—Robert Smith, G. W. Russell.

Bend—N. A. Forbes, W. P. Vandeventer.

Powell Butte—G. W. Reynolds.

Laidlaw and Redmond—W. D. Barnes, Carl N. Ehret, J. Alton Thomson.

Upper Crooked River—Hugh Lester, W. W. Brown.

Ashwood—T. S. Hamilton.

Haystack—Henry Windom.

Lamonta and Willow Creek—J. S. McMeen.

Grow Alfalfa Seed.

Central Oregon is one of the best countries in the world, so government service men tell us, for the production of seed plants, especially alfalfa, and yet in the local market alfalfa seed sells today for 27 cents a pound, and the product is shipped from the eastern part of the state or from the central states.

Last year R. M. Powell and other farmers on the McKay grew some fine quality seed, but their inexperience caused many mistakes that lessened the quantity of their output 75 per cent.

Now comes a Portland real estate firm with an idea that is good, well worth copying by the dry farmers in Central Oregon.

This firm has secured a large place in the vicinity of Culver—W. F. Hammer's place—and will parcel it out to Portland and other outside people at \$100 an acre for alfalfa gardens. The method of producing alfalfa on this land is wherein the merit of the plan lies. Any man who has an irrigated ranch will tell you that it cannot be done, but on second thought he will tell you as firmly that it can.

The plan is this: Prepare the land in the same manner as the dry farmer does, that is, after the system advocated by the Campbell method or some such similar method, and in the early spring plant alfalfa seed in rows as you would corn.

The plants should be cultivated almost constantly, and in this manner the soil will retain the moisture and produce a good strong plant.

Investigation shows that this is the method used by the government in producing its alfalfa seed, and tests made by these men show that a very large percentage of the seed is fertile, a much greater percentage than of the irrigated seed.

The maximum amount of seed that can be expected from an acre is one thousand pounds according to good authority, which readily shows that any kind a seed crop is better than hay.

CITY COUNCIL HOLDS SESSION

Matters of Great Importance Pending.

TWO NEW ORDINANCES PASSED

Council and Commercial Club Will Work Together for Better City.

The city council held an important meeting Tuesday night.

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Stewart, with councilmen Lippman, Yancey, Rosenberg, Storkmann and Shipp present.

Reports of R. W. Breese, recorder, Joseph Kelson, marshal, and A. W. Yancey, nightwatch, were read and approved by the council.

A motion was carried to permit Mrs. Malling and Contractor Pancke to place the building now occupied by Stroud & Cross, in the street by Young's blacksmith shop while the new building is under construction.

Ordinance No. 174 was presented which provided for the raising of revenue by a city road tax, and ordinance No. 175 which makes a poll tax a law were presented and passed, and on motion they were ordered published in the Crook County Journal three successive issues.

The following bills were allowed: R. S. Price, filling slough.....\$26 50

A. W. Yancey, nightwatch..... 60 00

M. E. Brink, drawing ordinances..... 10 00

Mrs. Anna Malling, rent on bldg 25 00

Joe Kelson, marshal salary..... 75 00

R. W. Breese, recorder's fees..... 5 50

W. F. King Co., merchandise... 16 90

The matter of electing a new councilman to fill the vacancy caused by Wardwell Gram resigning was left over until next month because of the lateness of the hour.

President Williamson of the Commercial Club and other members of the governing board of the club were present and several matters of great importance to the city were discussed by the members of the two bodies. The matter of ordinance for the grading of Third street was brought up by Mr. Williamson, also the removal of all wooden awnings on Main street. The purchase by the city of a modern and complete street sprinkling equipment was taken up, also the matter of a system of sewerage or septic tanks for the city, and a gravity water system.

It was remarked by all present that the removal of several of the wooden awnings on Main street during the past month had made a wonderful improvement in the appearance of the street.

If the property owners do not act in the matter themselves, action will no doubt be taken to pass an ordinance for their replacement by suitable duck awnings.

The matter of grading Third street will be considered at the next meeting of the council and after this street is graded many others will no doubt be treated the same way.

Street sprinkling by individual contract was decided to be insufficient, and action will be taken by the club to collect data from other towns and cities regarding the cost and installation of modern apparatus, the same to be bought by the city. These gentlemen were also requested by the council to get facts regarding the cost of proper sewerage, either septic tank or other sewerage, and to submit facts at some future meeting as to the prospective source and the probable cost of a gravity water system as the present system is not sufficient for the city at its present size, regardless of its prospective growth during the coming months.

A new city hall was mentioned and met with much favorable comment. The city owns a lot that will be suitable for the location of the building, and a brick or stone structure should be and will be built if the sentiment of the meeting Tuesday night can be taken for anything.

These matters naturally lead to the proposition of finance, and a bond issue of sufficient size to care for several of these improvements was favorably considered.

It was agreed to have the club collect data on all these matters of city improvement and to notify the mayor when ready so that he could call a meeting of the property holders to discuss the matter of issuing bonds and providing for the expenditure.

Wanted.

Three men to saw logs and split pine wood. I furnish the timber, but want work contracted. Address P. O. Box 305, Prineville, Oregon. 6-18

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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