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CROOK COUNTY NEEDS THEM

Thrifty Homeseekers Coming In.

CAN TAKE UP 480 ACRES

In the Southeastern Part of County Under the New Law

V. Schreder of Davenport, Wash., passed through Prineville, Saturday, on his way with a load of furniture to his homestead in the Hampton Buttes country.

Mr. Schreder belongs to the class of people that are a distinct advantage to any community. He has eight children, four boys and four girls. Some of them—those that were old enough—graduated from the Davenport High School and the younger members of the family are well up in the grades. It took four loads with a six-horse team to move his household belongings (among them a fine piano) from Shaniko to his 480-acre tract that he got from Uncle Sam. It was the fact that he could take up

480 acres of land that brought him to this country. He says the soil is first-class and that the only thing he will have to contend with will be the frosts. The elevation of that country is about 4200 feet. He will raise hay and cattle at first, until he gets better acquainted with climatic conditions. He has great faith in that section and when his children become of age he will have them take up more land, if there is any of it left.

Mr. Schreder has applied for a postoffice and his application has met with the approval of the department. It will be established under the name of Rolyate. This is the name suggested by the department and Mr. Schreder thinks it a good one for the big valley in which he is located. There are twenty-three families in the valley. These people have made application to have a school district established and propose to be right in line with the march of progress. These new families are of the right sort and the very kind we are looking for. Crook county bids them welcome.

Candidate for Sheriff.

To the Democratic voters of Crook county:

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Crook county, subject to the approval of the voters of the county at the primary election to be held in September.

Respectfully,
T. N. BALFOUR,
Fife, Oregon.

CROOK COUNTY ANNUAL FAIR

Will Be Held October 18 to 22.

BIGGER and BETTER THAN EVER

Everybody Takes a Hand This Year to Boost His Own Section.

The prize list and race program for the sixth annual Central Oregon Fair has been issued and is being distributed to everyone that wants one of the little books.

The fair will be held from October 18 to 22 this year at the association's grounds in this city.

The list shows a total of \$2000 in premiums for products of the soil and industrial exhibits, including a public school exhibit. Fifteen hundred dollars in race purses, \$350 and a silver cup for baseball, premiums for bucking horse contests, saddlehorse races and other attractions.

The premiums are divided substantially as follows: \$700 for horses, \$500 for cattle, \$200 for

sheep, \$200 for hogs, and \$400 divided between poultry, farm products, vegetables, fruits, flowers, sewing and embroidery, art, minerals, curios, native woods, babies, school displays and the industrial exhibits.

Friday, October 21, will be school day, and all pupils will be admitted free on that date.

Baseball will be held on three days, and all amateur Central Oregon teams are eligible to enter for prizes. Entries close October 4, and must be made with the secretary and be accompanied with a \$25 fee which will be returned when the games are played.

Admission will be the same as last year—50 cents per day or \$1.50 for a season ticket. Children under 13 at half price.

Early preparation and the combined effort of the board, commercial club and all farmers in the community promises the best fair that Central Oregon has ever attempted.

To make a good exhibit it is necessary to select grains, grasses and alfalfa early and store them in such a manner that they will be secure from rats and mice. Now is the time to begin the selection of products. Make an exhibit—select some of your best products to day.

Bids Wanted.

Bids wanted for 60 cords of Juniper, 16 inch or 4 feet. Address M. R. ELSTON, Clerk School District No. 1, Prineville, Oregon.

CROOK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL

One of the Best in Oregon.

TWO NEW COURSES ADDED

Send to Superintendent Ford for the New Annual Just Issued.

The annual catalogue and year book of the Crook County High School for 1909-10 is now being distributed. This year's number is quite elaborate. Twenty-six half-tones of teachers and pupils engaged in different phases of high school work give it an interest and value never before attained.

The historical sketch of the school reads as follows:

The Crook County High, which was organized in 1902, has the distinction of being the first high school organized under the bill introduced by Senator Kuykendall in 1901. This showed that the county felt the need of an institution of higher education, as those who could not afford these advantages away from home were compelled to be content with what the common school offered and the history of the Crook County High proves conclusively that its organization was timely, as the school has steadily progressed since its founding and the year 1909-10 saw many improvements, such as the introduction of the Teachers' Training Course and the partial establishment of the Commercial Course, which will be added in 1910-11. The school has ever been a source of pride to the county and its advance along educational lines presages the progress that the entire county is enjoying.

Bookkeeping and Typewriting.

The demand for a Commercial Course was so strong in 1909 that the beginning of this course, the Bookkeeping, was added to the Curriculum. The coming year the Typewriting will be added with the addition of Stenography the next year, the Commercial Course will be complete. Students finishing this course will be prepared to do the work in any office, and as the demand for bookkeepers and typewriters is steadily increasing, the student who takes up this work will be sure of a speedy reward for his labors.

The Training Department.

To attain real success in any line of work, a ready and exhaustive knowledge of the subject is necessary. Every right-minded individual is conscious of this fact, yet we see teachers year after year struggling along contented with mediocre success.

The time has come when the ambitious, progressive teacher recognizes the value of special training and realizes that she must occupy less important positions if she does not progress along her chosen line.

The Crook County High School Board realized that, if the schools of Crook County were to measure up with the best in the State, they must provide some means by which their teachers could secure the necessary training near home. They, accordingly, placed the two years' Training Course in the County High School. This course gives all teachers and all who wish to become teachers an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the latest and best methods of instruction. Students in this Department are given regular observation work where the Supervisor conducts classes in the various subjects. Each day's work is carefully discussed and criticized, thus making the work eminently practical.

Special Methods Work is given in each of the branches taught in

the Public Schools. Practical work is given in Psychology, Principles of Teaching and Hand Work. Students who finish this Course are granted a Diploma, and are able to occupy responsible and lucrative positions, with the assurance that their work is of the best.

Requirements for Admission and Graduation.

All students who have passed the Eighth Grade Uniform Final Examination are eligible.

Any student who brings accredited work from other schools will be recognized.

Any student who completes any one of the three courses will be awarded a Diploma.

A Diploma from the Latin or Scientific Course will admit the student into any College or University of the Northwest without examination.

A Diploma from the Training Department, we hope, will be recognized as three months' experience and allow the student to have a second instead of a third grade certificate.

Students, who on account of poor health or other reasons, wish to take up special work may be permitted to do so at the discretion of the faculty.

U. S. Bulletin on Alfalfa Culture

In Bulletin No. 169, Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, J. M. Westgate, agronomist in charge of alfalfa and clover investigations and forage crop investigations, discusses the variegated alfalfa and gives detailed descriptions of the varieties and their qualities, closing with the following conclusions:

The studies of the somewhat isolated instances of specially hardy alfalfa fields have shown that these relatively hardy strains agree quite closely among themselves in their botanical characters and differ noticeably in a number of characteristics from the ordinary Western-grown alfalfa.

The investigations recorded in this bulletin have indicated that the primary explanation of these strains is that they possess a small percentage of the blood of Medicago falcata in their ancestry. The hardness of M. falcata, which occurs wild in Eurasia, is attested by natural growth on the dry cold steppes of Siberia, far north of the range of ordinary alfalfa (M. Sativa). In both botanical and agronomic characters these relatively hardy alfalfas show slight, but recognizable, departures from the corresponding characters of M. sativa toward those of M. falcata. Subsequent natural selection or selective acclimatization must still be assigned at least a supplementary role in the development of the hardness of the strains, since those lots which have been called upon to undergo severe conditions usually contain a greater proportion of hardy plants than those which have never been subjected to climatic environment so unfavorable as to eliminate the nonresistant forms.

The preliminary comparative field tests of the different variegated alfalfas are of too short duration to make definite conclusions possible as to their relative value. The tests indicate, however, that under very severe conditions the sand lucern while much harder than the ordinary alfalfa, is somewhat less hardy than the Grimm alfalfa, which has been successfully produced in Minnesota for 50 years. The initial seeding of any of the variegated alfalfas should be made on a rather small scale in sections new to these alfalfas. It is suggested that the Grimm alfalfa be given the preference in sections presenting very severe Winter conditions and that other strains, such as sand lucern and Canadian alfalfa, be more largely utilized in sections where the climate is somewhat less severe, but where it is still too trying for ordinary alfalfa. In regions calling for the hardest alfalfa such strains as sand lucern should be used as a substitute for Grimm alfalfa when the seed of the latter is not available.

The great variation present among the individuals of the different strains of variegated alfalfa makes them especially promising for breeding and selection work in connection with the further development of improved strains of alfalfa.

CROOK COUNTY'S FAIREST VALLEY

Big Grain Crops Up the Ochoco.

WHEAT, OATS AND BARLEY

A Good Yield—Timothy and Alfalfa Above the Average.

While the middle west is suffering from drouth and short grain crops Central Oregon is to the front with a bumper crop of all kinds of grain and hay.

A trip up the Ochoco this week disclosed the fact that grain that will thrash from fifty to eighty bushels to the acre on irrigated bottom land is a reality. E. T. Slayton has barley that will thrash 45 bushels to the acre, and H. S. Cram, and L. B. Lafollette will get no less than forty bushels of wheat per acre on unirrigated lands.

The Ochoco valley is far-famed as a timothy and alfalfa country, and the irrigated portions have been used for these crops for a long time. This season, however, many of the fields have been plowed up and sown to various grain crops. The Journal's photographer found wheat, oats and barley that was almost six feet in height.

On the ranch of E. S. Dobbs, eleven miles east of Prineville, was found the greatest variety of grain crops. Contrary to the usual plan of practical farmers, Mr. Dobbs sows more grain of every kind than the "rules" specify. One field of barley was sown 88 quarts of seed to the acre and the result was a crop that averaged about four feet and a half in height and the fodder very heavy and fine, making the best of hay or straw. Grain sown thick in this manner, and irrigated ripens from the top as well as the ground and the result is that the grain is matured and ready to be harvested while the straw is yet green and makes the very best of feed. Oats in two varieties that were more than six feet in height with head from eight inches to a foot long, Little Club wheat five feet high, and two fields of barley were seen here, all of excellent quality.

Gilbert Lawson has some timothy that will be a prize winner at the fair this fall. A cabbage patch at this place also was filled with mature plants and other garden truck looked equally good.

J. F. Blanchard has a crop of oats that are second to none and are of equal height and quality with the field of Mr. Dobbs. He also has a good patch of wheat as well as much of the staple alfalfa.

H. S. Cram has a good field of wheat, and the meadow hay on his place and M. R. Biggs' place is very thick and made excellent material for photographs, showing the resources of the Prineville district.

L. B. Lafollette has a crop of corn that is as good as any yet seen. It was sown on sod in the last days of April and has never been irrigated.

E. T. Slayton has three immense fields of alfalfa, wheat and barley. He picked apples of two kinds last week and the quality is second to none.

If there is a shortage of any crop in Central Oregon this year the Journal man hasn't found it yet.

For Sale.

Both alfalfa and grain hay for sale at the J. O. Powell place, near town, to feed beef cattle that are being driven to market. Phone Stroud & Cross, either phone, or call at the ranch.

For Sale.

7-Passenger Touring car, Stevens Durgea, (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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Summer Rummage Sale

Read these prices that have never been seen here before. To make trade lively all summer in our dry goods department we are putting all summer goods enumerated in this "ad" at extremely radical figures.



Only a Few Hats Left in Our Millinery Department

All Hats at \$5 to \$7 now \$2.50
All Hats at \$2.50 to \$4.50 now 1.50
\$1.50 Sailor Hats now50
Every Hat must be sold. Read the prices again and then come and see the goods.

Ladies' Linen Suits

Ladies' Linen Two-piece Suits \$3.50 and up
Ladies' Lawn Lingerie Suits 2.50 and up



Ladies' Shirtwaists

Regular at \$2.50 and \$3.00
Now only 1.00
Regular at 3.50 and 4.50
Now only 2.00

Duck Oxfords

Ladies' White Duck Oxfords 50c to 1.40
Children's Duck Oxfords 50c to 1.00
Boys' White Canvas 75c to 1.00

Lace Curtains

Regular 1.50 styles now 1.20
" 2.25 " " 1.65
" 3.00 " " 2.40
" 4.00 " " 3.20

Bath Towels

Heavy Knap Bath Towels
2 for 25c, 22, 27, 33c
Boys' and Men's Summer Suits, Etc., Etc., all reduced

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