

# Crook County--The Land of Free Homes.

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the past, of course, has almost wholly dormant. During the last three or four years, however, the prospect for rail transportation has been such that thousands of acres of land in different sections of the country have been plowed and put into cultivation, raising all the cereals and vegetables to perfection, and, where irrigation is to be had, produced remarkable yields of alfalfa and meadow grasses. Wheat sown in the fall or winter yields from twenty to forty bushels to the acre. Oats and barley from thirty to fifty bushels and other cereals in like proportion. So far as vegetable production is concerned, it is enough to say that Mr. Tillman Reuter, a resident and dry farmer on the uplands of Crook County, was awarded the silver cup and highest awards at the World's Dry Farming Congress held last September at Spokane, Washington. Under the auspices of the Prineville Commercial Club, Mr. Reuter will make another exhibit at the next annual meet of the Dry Farming Congress to be held at Omaha during the month of September, 1911. Any one visiting the next dry farming meet at Omaha is hereby cordially invited to examine the exhibit in charge of Mr. Reuter. Alfalfa, on all irrigated lands, is the chief product, yielding from two to three crops aggregating from three to seven tons per acre each year.

## Precipitation and Temperature.

The precipitation varies throughout Crook County from ten to sixteen inches owing to the altitude. It would be safe to strike an average of thirteen inches of precipitation throughout the tillable areas. This moisture consists chiefly in rainfall, although snow occurs during the winter months occasionally to a depth of eight inches on the three thousand foot level. Of course, heavier snows prevail on the higher altitudes every winter.

The temperature of the county varies from ninety above zero during the warmest summer weather, to as low as twenty below zero during the coldest snaps of winter. These are the extreme temperatures. Many winters come and go, however, without zero weather. Ice was not frozen to sufficient thickness on the most protected ponds to store for summer use during five winters out of the last twenty. Usually we have ice from three to six inches in thickness at some time during the winter.

Owing to local air currents caused by the cool mountain air rushing down to the lower levels during the forenoon and the reverse of this air movement during the afternoon of the summer months, the summers of Central Oregon are delightfully cool, a good wool blanket being a necessary comfort most any night in the year.

## Products.

Thus far, the chief products of the county have been beef, wool, mutton and horses. Although the advent of rail transportation will change the scale of the past somewhat, and will perhaps substitute lumber and wheat for the present leaders, meat and wool production will always rank high in the scale of our products, for, after all has been said and after all the tillable land has been taken and farmed there still remains a good two-thirds of the county upon which stock will be grazed, because that is the highest use to which it can be put, thus furnishing a diversity of industry which bodes great benefit in the future to those who are fortunate enough to get a good foothold here while the country is new.

Winter wheat, oats, barley and rye are bound to be produced in great quantities on what are now vast sage plains in Crook County. Wherever properly tested all these grains have produced abundantly. Fully one hundred thousand acres of these lands have been taken under the three hundred and twenty acre homestead act in one locality a few miles southeast of Prineville during the past year.

Cattle run well upon the mountain slopes during the summer and are either fed during the winter or driven to the low lying plains bordering Crooked River on the south. Sheep are run much in the same manner, but are herded in bands of from sixteen to twenty-two hundred in a band. Horses run at large the year round except in rare instances where special care in breeding is being taken. The beavers are mostly driven about a hundred miles to the nearest rail station and shipped from there and marketed at Portland, Oregon, a few thousand feeders being kept along Crooked River and its tributaries where they are fed through the winter and marketed in the same manner along in March. The wool is marketed at the same shipping point—Shaniko—the terminal of the Columbia Southern

railroad, a short branch line of the Harriman system extending seventy miles south from a point called Biggs on the main line along the Columbia River in Sherman County.

Our horses are marketed in all directions, most of them of recent years going to Portland and Puget Sound cities. A good team of horses is now worth here from two to three hundred dollars. A good band of ewes are now worth four dollars per head and cows are selling for twenty-five dollars. Of course, these are prevailing prices and are subject to alteration. There having been no practical means of transportation, there has been but little wheat marketed from Crook County except for local use, the principal local market being the Prineville Flouring Mills, which institution has paid an average price of seventy-five cents per bushel for many years past.

## Potatoes.

Even a cursory review of the products of Crook County, Oregon, would be far from complete without a few words on the subject of potatoes. Our soil, altitude, climate and all produce a potato unique in quality. This is conceded by all who have tasted and compared. With modern transportation facilities the time is not far distant when the Central Oregon potato will force itself to the front just as the lower California soil and climate have given us a grape known the world over. Potatoes are produced on all the lower levels throughout the whole of the county without irrigation and the day is coming when thousands of acres of our soils will be devoted to raising potatoes for export.

## Fruit.

Fruit has been tried to a limited extent and all our lower levels have been found favorable to the growing of apples, pears, plums and the like, although it cannot be said, truthfully, that the county over is adapted to the growing of first-class fruit, although shrubbery of all kinds does well every where.

## Irrigation.

As the country begins to develop it is found that large areas will eventually be brought under irrigation and consequent intensive farming. For a number of years small areas lying along the Ochoco, McKay and other tributaries of Crooked River have been irrigated in a comparatively crude manner, enough to prove, however, what will become of large areas of Crook County when once the principle of irrigation is brought into general use. Farms, even now, that formerly produced hay enough to support a couple of span of horses during the winter and a few sheeps for the cows, are now producing hundreds of tons of the finest hay upon which hundreds of beef are fattened during the winter for the spring markets. This same change is now coming over large areas along the Deschutes and Crooked River and the plateaus lying between. Under practically one segregation under the Cary Act there are one hundred and seventy-five thousand acres now being reclaimed from the waters of the Deschutes River and disposed of to settlers. Of course, these lands cost something but they are worth something and the terms of payment are easy. Already a number of people have made enough from the lands to pay out on them and now have the very finest homes. Such lands are for sale at from twenty-five to sixty dollars per acre with small payment down and with the deferred payments carried along through a period of ten years. One hundred dollars per acre is not an uncommon nor an unreasonable price for these lands when deeded and under cultivation for they produce all varieties of cereals, grasses and garden truck. These lands are particularly well adapted to the raising of the clovers and garden. Two hundred bushels of potatoes to the acre is not an uncommon yield. Clover yields two cuttings each season aggregating four tons per acre. With transportation, these vast irrigated areas will excel in dairying combined with hog raising. Many a snug fortune will be gathered on these lands in the future through this process.

## Transportation.

The old way of doing things—the eight-mule team, the round-up and the trail; the sombrero, the lariet, fuztall and all are just now in the act of passing and for good. After more than a year's blasting and thundering along the Deschutes canyon for a hundred miles, both the great Harriman and Hill Railway systems are about to emerge from that terrific gorge and go racing in a number of directions through the greatest, productive area in the United States now devoid of modern transportation facilities. February 10th, 1911, just seven days off, is the time set by the constructive heads of both these railway systems to emerge from the Deschutes gorge and end for all time the isolation of Central Oregon. Then the real development of this vast agricultural region will begin. When and where this development will terminate is not an easy question to answer. That is a question for coming generations to work out and determine. It is the endless story of the new pushing aside the old.

## How and What.

How to get to Central Oregon and what to do after you get there might be a theme of sufficient interest upon which to devote a few words in closing this unpretentious booklet. Take the first train west and see Portland, Oregon, by all means. From thence, take either the Great Northern or the Oregon and Washington morning train for Prineville and the first day out you will land in the heart of Central Oregon. If our branch from the main line, now under construction, is not completed by the time you arrive you will make the last score of miles by auto stage. On arriving, go direct to the President or Secretary of the Prineville Commercial Club, who, of course, are responsible people, verifying all that is said in these few lines. They will take pleasure in showing you where and how, with but small means, you may obtain a home, a foothold in this great, big, new country. How you may get a home by reasonable industry and frugality, for homes do not rain down from the clouds here, neither are they to be found hanging down from the limbs of the trees, yet homes are here by the thousand for those who care to practice the homely virtues.

## Abolishment of Capital Punishment Defeated.

Abolishment of capital punishment received a tentative defeat in the Senate today, but advocates of the measure are positive that on reconsideration, which has been allowed, they will carry the day, says a dispatch of January 27.

This bill, substitutes for Patton's bill, prepared by the judiciary committee, proved to be the measure around which waged the fiercest battle of the day in the Senate and the lobby was packed when it was noised about the Capital that the question was before the Senate.

Under provisions of the bill capital punishment is abolished completely and the Supreme court is practically made the body to pass on the question of pardons. No pardon may be granted by the Governor unless the Supreme Court submits an opinion showing that new evidence has been discovered proving innocence of the accused.

Malarkey made an urgent plea for the bill, recounting his experience with prosecution and citing statistics to show that capital punishment has not proved a deterrent of crime. Dimick led the opposition to the bill.

"Why, nine times out of ten," he asked, "do men endeavor to secure a commuting of sentence? Life evidently looks better to

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them than the gallows. In the State of Oregon murder is rampant and not alone should these murderers hang, but the footpads should hang as well. Think of the idea of finding a man guilty of treason and telling him he shall not hang. In Switzerland capital punishment was abolished and then was re-established because murders increased so rapidly. When we deal with a murderer we must deal with him as he deals with the public."

Abraham offered a plea in favor of the bill and took occasion to attack the tactics of the prosecutors, declaring that they become fiends incarnate in their desire to secure a conviction.

When the question came to vote there were 15 in favor of it, ten against it, and five absent. Sixteen votes, or a majority of the Senate, are required to pass a bill. Bean, Chase, Halley, Carson and Wood were absent.

It is known that Bean favors the bill and was with it in committee. McCulloh, who voted against the bill moved to reconsider and the motion carried, the bill being a special order for next Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

The hope of the opposition lies in absentees, as it is practically conceded by them if there is a full roll call that the bill will pass. The main hope is in enough of the Senators being absent to cut the number down below the necessary 16, as was done today and it is believed by some of them that the special order will work in their favor inasmuch as some of the Senators are not particularly desirous of going on record and with the special order in view they absent themselves for the afternoon, or a portion of it.

The vote on the bill today was: Yeas—Abraham, Albee, Barrett of Washington, Bowerman, Calkins, Hoskins, Joseph, Locke, Malerkey Nottingham, Oliver, Parish, Patton, Von der Hellen, Selling.

Noes—Barrett of Umatilla, Burgess, Dimick, Kellaher, Lester, McCulloh, Merryman, Miller, Norton, Sinnott.

## A Buy That is a Buy.

400 acres of fertile land, all fenced; 300 acres under irrigation, 80 acres plowed, house and barn, six miles from the Oregon Trunk railroad. This land can not be duplicated for the price in Crook county. Price \$7000 cash. Write or apply in person to T. W. TAYLOR, Hillman, Oregon.

## Horses for Sale.

On the old C. Sam Smith ranch, near Prineville. 125 head of mares and geldings, large enough for work horses, will be sold in any number at reasonable prices. For further information address G. H. RUSSELL, Prineville, Oregon. 12-16-11

## Hay for Sale.

Loose hay for sale; wheat, rye and alfalfa mixed. Write or phone, 1-26-1mo PRICE COSMOS, Prineville, Oregon.

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## Lost.

Monday, January 16, a roll containing seven pictures and some blanks on road between Prineville and Powell Butte. Finder please leave at Journal office or Tengman's place, on Powell Butte road. 1-26-27p.

## Teachers' Examinations

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

FOR STATE PAPERS. Commencing Wednesday, February 8, at 9 a. m., and continuing until Saturday, February 11, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, spelling, physical geography, reading, psychology.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, book-keeping, physics, civil government.

Friday—Physiology, geography, composition, algebra, English literature, school law.

Saturday—Botany, plane geometry, general history.

FOR COUNTY PAPERS. Commencing Wednesday, February 8, at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Friday, February 10, at 4 o'clock p. m.

Wednesday—Penmanship, history, orthography, reading, physical geography.

Thursday—Written arithmetic, theory of teaching, grammar, physiology.

Friday—Geography, school law, civil government, English literature.

NOTE—Teachers holding permits are expected to take this examination.

R. A. FOER, County School Superintendent.

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Capital Stock fully paid	\$50,000.00	Surplus	5,000.00
Stockholders' liability	30,000.00		
Statement Rendered to State Bank Examiner Nov. 10, 1910:			
Assets		Liabilities	
Loans and Discounts	\$106,000.00	Capital stock	\$50,000.00
Overdrafts	1,760.82	Surplus	5,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	2,750.94	Undivided profits	7,945.66
Real estate	5,289.41	Deposits	210,000.00
Cash on hand and due from banks	\$79,157.19		
	\$211,907.36		\$211,907.36

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## Will Extend From Bend.

"You old rascal, how are you, anyway?" exclaimed a red-whiskered man, wearing a slouch hat and a broad smile as he playfully slapped a broad shouldered, breezy Western type of individual with his overcoat, in the office of H. A. Jackson, assistant general freight agent of the Great Northern Railway, Saturday afternoon.

The speaker and overcoat bearer was Louis W. Hill, and president of the Great Northern while the other man whom he addressed was "Bill" Hanley, the well known rancher of Burns, Or., one of Hill's advisers and a companion on the trip through Central Oregon last year that resulted in the increased interest of the railroad man in that section. The two had not met for a long time and their greetings were like those of school boys.

They started at once to recall experiences of that eventful journey and each declared that he had more fun than during any other period of his life.

Mr. Hill announced that he has arranged to take another trip into the interior of the state in the coming Spring or Summer, and insisted that his friend "Bill" will have to be a member of the party.

Although he did not venture

to speak authoritatively on the future construction work that may be done on the Oregon Trunk south of Bend, Mr. Hill said that that portion of the state eventually will have to be developed.

"Mr. Stevens has charge of the word in this country," he said, "and I don't know what his plans are. A number of routes have been surveyed south of Bend, however. One of these provides for a terminus at Medford. That line will have to be built. Another leads to Klamath Falls. It is probable that an extension will reach that place too, in a short time.

"But when it comes to entering California I believe that our system will draw the line. We expect to develop Oregon, but don't see any reason why we should go to California."

Mr. Hill is even more enthusiastic over the development of this state than is his father. He says the people of Oregon are not doing enough to exploit their wonderful advantages. He wants the Legislature to make an appropriation for advertising purposes and with that end in view will visit Salem Monday, and Olympia later in the week. He points to the success of a similar scheme already in practice in Minnesota, Montana and Washington.

"I can go to Salem and tell the boys there what I know of state advertising from my experiences

in the states that have tried it. It will not be mere theory. It will be definite facts.

"The state should place its stamp of approval upon every piece of literature that is sent out by the railroads, real estate agencies, the commercial bodies and by private individuals. Many people in the East fail to believe the alarming statements made about Oregon. Some of them are suspicious of promises of homesteads and five-acre land tracts. The truth of the matter is it sounds too good to be true. But if these assertions were backed by the indorsement of the state itself the prospective settlers would have more confidence in what he reads."

The completion of the Oregon Trunk road to Madras should be made a public event, declared Mr. Hill. The fact that this is about the only big piece of railroad work at present under construction in the United States gives it almost National significance. He suggested that a day be set aside for driving the last spike and that public officials and the people of the state attend the ceremony in a body.—Oregonian.

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