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## HILL OFFICIALS VISIT CROOK CO

### Wanted to See Things at First Hand.

### OFFICIALS CORDIALLY GREETED

### Predict a Big Transformation in This Country in Few Years.

Accompanied by Tillman Reuter, the man whose success in dry farming probably has done most to exploit the advantages and possibilities of Central Oregon agricultural land, the party of Hill officials who have been touring the territory adjacent to the new Oregon Trunk Railway returned to Portland yesterday, full of enthusiasm for the country and for the towns that rapidly are developing into cities in consequence of the railroad's entrance.

The party comprised H. A. Jackson, retiring assistant general freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern, John L. Springer, traveling freight agent; Fred W. Graham, Western industrial and immigration agent; and R. W. Foster, assistant general agent of the Burlington.

They left here Monday morning and went as far as Metolius, the present terminus of the Oregon Trunk, on the regular passenger train. From there they proceeded to Prineville by automobile stage, following this with visits to Bend, Redmond, Culver and Opal City. At each place they were met by enthusiastic committees of citizens, who entertained them with banquets, speechmaking and music and who conferred with them on the future business relations that necessarily must grow up with the continuation of the road and the rapid development of the country.

The trip was prompted by Mr. Jackson's early departure for St. Paul to take up his new duties as assistant general traffic manager of the Great Northern, to which place he was promoted a few weeks ago. He was eager to learn something of the Oregon Trunk country, as he knew that he would be flooded with inquiries as soon as he reached St. Paul.

While Mr. Jackson had been somewhat in doubt about the possibilities of that section previous to his departure, never having visited it before, he came back thoroughly satisfied with every feature of the varied industries and with the prediction that the next few years will witness a veritable transformation of the present sagebrush country to an area blooming with ripeness.

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## SOMETHING DOING BY THE COUNCIL

### Special Meeting Held Tuesday.

### WILL BUY STREET SPRINKLER

### City Improvement Election May 29—City Buys Dumping Ground.

There was a special meeting of the city council Tuesday evening. The committee of fire and water was instructed to purchase a street sprinkler. Main and adjoining streets are to be sprinkled just as soon as the water wagon can be put in order.

The matter of placing the new school building on larger grounds was unanimously indorsed by the council. All recognized the fact that the present quarters would be entirely too small. The next few years will see a marvelous change in this city and right now is the time to anticipate it.

The bids for grading Third street were all rejected. Councilman Ward will have charge of the work which will be done by the day.

The council passed the petition

for increasing the assessment of the city for improvements from 10 to 15 mills. The matter is now up to the electors. The voters will have a chance to pass on it May 29. As there is practically no opposition to city improvements the matter will go through with a whirl.

Five lots were purchased by the city for dumping grounds. They are located in the northwestern part of the city, near Marion Templeton's place. Instead of dumping your trash on the outskirts of town it may be hauled to these lots to be taken care of by the city.

### Looking for Land.

Many newcomers are in Prineville looking for land. All are being satisfied one way or the other. Those looking for 320 and 160-acre homesteads are being taken to that section of Crook county by our real estate men and locators where such lands are open to entry, those that want road land are being looked after by the local manager, John R. Stinson, and others that want irrigated land are being taken care of by Agent A. R. Bowman. The Prineville Commercial Club is doing its part in disseminating information of all kinds about the country and putting strangers on the track of what they are looking for. Our real estate men and locators are responsible citizens who have lived years in this country and know its resources. Strangers have called at the Journal office for direction and we have invariably indorsed every real estate man and locator doing business in Prineville. They are in business to serve the public and will do so if you give them a chance.

## DEVELOPMENT IN CROOK COUNTY

### Resources in Process of Transformation.

### Great Changes Will Take Within the Next Few Years.

The resources of Crook county is a subject upon which too much cannot be said. The Journal has been hammering for years upon the opportunities that await the man of small means in this new country and never misses a chance to proclaim the good tidings to the land hungry. The Northern Pacific Railroad is also helping in the good work and in one of its recent publications writes of this section as follows:

The earliest development of new, extensive territory will be experienced in Crook county, which occupies an area of about 8,000 square miles almost exactly in the center of the state. The railroad emerges from the canyon of Willow creek, a tributary of the Deschutes, in the northern extremity of Crook county.

Crook county is greatly diversified in its resources, and it is already in process of transformation from a stockman's country to a farming community. Yet this transformation has but just begun. Grain, vegetables and fruit have as yet been raised solely for local consumption. Grain, in large part, has been hauled to the small mills, ground into flour, and shipped farther into the interior for use by other stock-raising communities, or has been cut for use as hay. In the northern part of the county a large area of land is already under cultivation, but there has not, until now, been much incentive to careful cultivation of the soil. Enterprising farmers have found, however, that their land is capable of yielding as high as 50 bushels of wheat to the acre under a proper system of cultivation. The main cultivated area of Crook county lies to the east of the Deschutes river and north of Crooked river, which flows into the Deschutes from the east. In this district are located the Agency Plains, comprising about 175,000 acres; the Hay creek district, with 80,000 acres; the Blizard Ridge district, with 75,000 acres, and the Culver, Lamonta, Opal Prairie and numerous other small districts. The rainfall, about 15 inches annually, is sufficient for successful dry farming, but a large area can be irrigated and ultimately will be devoted to intensified farming. Fruit growing has been undertaken in a small way in northern Crook county, and the district has been found to be suited to horticulture. West of the Deschutes the country rapidly merges into the great pine timber area of the eastern slopes of the Cascade mountains. This is true of the entire length of the country west of the Deschutes.

South of Crooked river is a large Carey Act irrigation project. The company has a partly completed system planned to water 215,000 acres of land. The Central Oregon Irrigation Company will reclaim an additional 300,000 acres. About 60,000 are now under cultivation. Alfalfa, clover and root crops particularly, thrive on the irrigated lands, and it will be primarily a dairy district, although small fruits produce abundantly. Three hundred miles of canals and laterals, costing to exceed \$1,000,000, have been constructed. In this tract are the towns of Redmond, Bend and Laidlaw, all thriving and giving evidence of a great future. The entire section is being rapidly supplied with schools and churches, and stores are opening up, electric power and light plants are projected to utilize the water power and development is rapidly progressing in every way.

It is a wonderful dairying and stock country raising the finest of sheep and cattle. The climate is ideal, the rainfall being about 13 inches annually, with over 300 days of sunshine out of the year. The winters are not severe, January and February usually bringing a small amount of snow, but, as a rule, work can be carried on throughout the entire year.

West of the Deschutes river another company has secured a Carey Act segregation of about 30,000 acres, with the town of Laidlaw as the center. A farmers' co-operative irrigation system is also watering about 15,000 acres from Squaw creek, which flows into the Deschutes from the west a short distance south of the mouth of Crooked river.

The eastern slope of the Cascades is heavily timbered, and this timber can only be conveyed to the markets of the world by way of the natural routes down the various mountain streams to the Oregon Trunk Railway. An immense amount of labor will eventually be employed in working up this timber, and this labor must draw its supplies from and through the district mentioned.

The timbered regions of the government reserves abound with all kinds of game, large and small. The streams are filled with the finest trout making it an ideal district for hunting and fishing.

Another enterprise of vast importance in the development of Central Oregon is that of the Oregon and Western Colonization Company of St. Paul, which company has obtained what was known as the military-road-grant lands, comprising some 800,000 acres, and is putting the land on the market in small tracts upon easy payments. This land comprises a belt some twelve miles wide, and extends from the Willamette Valley on the west almost entirely across the state. The important towns in this tract are Prineville, Paulina, Riley, Burns, Narrows, Vale, Ontario. The Colonization Company, whose main headquarters are at St. Paul, Minn., with a branch office in the Railway Exchange Building, Portland, Oregon, and another at Prineville, Oregon, in charge of John R. Stinson, who will gladly furnish illustrated literature telling about this land.

At Bend, which lies 150 miles south of the Columbia river, the pine timber belt covering the eastern foothills of the Cascade mountains already mentioned, reaches down to the plains, and there the juniper merges into merchantable timber as one journeys southward.

The Deschutes river in this district not only supplies water for irrigation but develops enormous potential water power. In its course to the Columbia river it is estimated that it will generate more than 1,000,000 horsepower. A water power electric plant has already been established at Bend, and numerous filings on power sites have been made with the object of supplying cheap power for dairy and farm machinery as the country develops.

Crooked river at the point where it is crossed by the Oregon Trunk Railway is a narrow chasm 380 feet deep, about 320 feet wide, and with walls of perpendicular rock. It is a natural dividing line between northern and southern Crook county. Before the river is compressed into its narrow canyon, however, it drains a fertile valley, some fifteen miles long by nine or ten miles wide. Several tributaries, the principal of which is the Ochoco, drain smaller valleys and provide valuable reservoir sites for irrigation. Numerous small irrigation enterprises are now in existence, and there are many well cultivated farms in the valleys. In the center of the Crooked River Valley, and somewhat east of the main line of the railroad, is Prineville, the county seat of Crook county, a great trading center for stockmen.

Southeast from Bend and south of Prineville is the principal homesteaders' district of Crook county. There are still remaining hundreds

## COUNCIL FAVORS CHANGE OF SITE

### Want Larger Playgrounds.

### THE LAW ON THE SUBJECT

### It Takes a Two-thirds Vote to Order the Change—Let us have Meeting.

The city council held a special meeting Tuesday evening and among other things discussed the advisability of exchanging the park grounds for the present school site. The city fathers were unanimously in favor of making this change.

Regarding the change of school site, the Oregon School Laws read:

"Whenever, in the judgment of the board, it is desirable or necessary to the welfare of the schools in the district, or to provide for the children therein proper school privileges, or whenever petitioned so to do by one-third of the voters in the district, the district board shall call a meeting, at some convenient time and place fixed by the board, to vote upon the question of selection, purchase, exchange, or sale of a schoolhouse site, or the erection, removal, or sale of a schoolhouse. Such election shall be conducted and votes canvassed in the same manner as at the annual election of school officers. If a majority of the voters present at such meeting shall by vote select a schoolhouse site, or shall be in favor of the purchase, exchange, or sale of the schoolhouse, as the case may be, the board shall locate, purchase, exchange, or sell such schoolhouse, as the case may be, in accordance with such vote; provided, that it shall require a vote of two-thirds of the voters present and voting at such meeting to order the removal of the schoolhouse, and such schoolhouse so removed can not again be removed within three years from the date of such meeting."

In Prineville we have not known the evil effects resulting from crowding many children into close quarters, but we should profit by the growth of such cities as Portland, Boston, Chicago, Cincinnati and others where the crowding of population has thrust this new problem of providing suitable play grounds for children upon society.

All children must have light, pure air and plenty of healthful outdoor sport in order to develop into strong men and women.

While some of the homes in Prineville are fortunate in having suitable grounds for their children the majority are lacking in this respect. A child spends at least half of his early life at school and it is the duty of parents and teachers to provide necessary physical exercises for him. With suitable playgrounds a child can learn many a valuable lesson that is most useful in later life. Fair play, a desire to excel, a spirit of leadership, the lesson that perseverance counts, all these and many others may be and are learned on the playgrounds where the exercises are properly conducted.

of thousands of acres of sage-brush lands available for entry under the 320 acre homestead, or dry farming act. Under this act the homesteader is permitted to take up 320 acres of land suitable for dry farming and secure a patent in five years by residing thereon and doing a specified amount of improvement each year. The land is particularly adapted to the growing of winter wheat by dry farming methods, and is readily accessible by team or automobile from Prineville.

### Seed Potatoes.

Early Rose and Burbank Seed Potatoes for sale. Horgan & Reinke. 3-30

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- \$3.00 Lace Curtains.....\$2.40
- \$3.50 Lace Curtains.....\$2.75
- \$4.00 Lace Curtains.....\$3.15
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- \$1.52 Hemmed Crochet at.....\$1.20
- \$1.75 Hemmed Crochet at.....\$1.40
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