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## PRINEVILLE'S POPULATION

Not as Large as Expected.

1910 CENSUS SAYS ITS 1042

But Its a Hummer for Its Size—Big Volume of Business Done Here.

The 1910 census report gives Prineville a population of 1042 against 656 in 1900. At least 200 people have been added to our population since the last census was taken. While this increase during the past ten years is not as great as some expected, we venture the assertion that there is not another town in the state of equal size that has made as many permanent improvements within the past ten years as has Prineville. This town has enjoyed a steady growth from every point of view, as shown by our big brick and stone structures; our churches, our schools and handsome homes. This steady and permanent expansion is still going on. There is not a vacant house in the city and the demand cannot be supplied. In some instances three families are occupying one home. Many building

projects are in course of construction or in contemplation for the coming summer. Bids are being asked for in this issue for the construction of a new \$26,000 public school building. The Crook County Bank is only waiting for the removal of Belknap Hall before it begins the construction of a handsome new building. May 29 we vote on the erection of a new city hall that will be an ornament to the town. The Baptist people will finish their new stone house of worship this summer. A sewerage system for the town is receiving thoughtful consideration, while the grading of streets has already been taken up by the city council.

What does all this mean? It means that Prineville is a substantial, growing town that is here to stay. It means that it is the supply center for a large territory that come here to trade. It means that we have the best schools in this section of the state. It means that the present year will bring to Prineville one of the greatest periods of growth that it has ever enjoyed.

### A Good Buy.

House and six lots for sale. Desirable property. A bargain. Inquire at this office. 4-13 Im

### Horses for Sale.

Two 2-year-old fillies, big ones; also 5-year-old mare, 1400 lbs., broke gentle. Inquire of Ed. Smith. 4-13

### House and Lot for Sale.

In fifth addition to Prineville; well finished and well furnished. Inquire of Mrs. Maude Long, Grizzly, Or. 4-13 Im

## MONEY FOR THE 29 ROAD DISTRICTS IN CROOK COUNTY

Table Showing Assessable Values, Road Tax and Amount Available to Each this Year

The following table shows the total amount of taxable property in each road district, the amount of road tax and the amount available under the statute (50 per cent) for use by the road supervisor of each district. Each road district is allowed 3 19-20 mills on the assessable property of the district for road purposes. These figures were taken from the 1910 tax rolls:

Road District No.	Total taxable property.	Road Tax	Amount Available
2—Ireland.....	\$ 491,181.00	\$1,940.00	\$ 970.00
3—Bend.....	240,479.00	950.00	475.00
4—Montgomery.....	81,873.00	332.00	166.00
5—Black Butte.....	1,152,282.00	4,550.00	2,275.00
6—Haystack.....	101,495.00	1,226.00	613.00
7—McKay.....	309,985.00	1,224.00	612.00
8—Hay Creek.....	152,852.00	604.00	302.00
9—Willow Creek.....	158,176.00	624.00	312.00
10—Cross Keys.....	70,745.00	304.00	152.00
11—Ashwood.....	418,199.00	1652.00	826.00
12—Deschutes.....	975,115.00	3852.00	1926.00
13—Johnson Creek.....	130,021.00	514.00	257.00
14—Mill Creek.....	233,537.00	922.00	461.00
15—Howard.....	185,330.00	732.00	366.00
16—Summit.....	200,430.00	792.00	396.00
17—Bear Creek.....	293,050.00	1140.00	570.00
18—Camp Creek.....	287,050.00	1136.00	568.00
19—Hardin.....	142,425.00	562.00	281.00
20—Beaver.....	313,303.00	1238.00	619.00
21—Maury.....	143,203.00	566.00	283.00
22—Newson.....	219,335.00	830.00	415.00
23—Kutcher.....	406,511.00	1642.00	821.00
24—Reese.....	90,229.00	356.00	178.00
25—Powell Butte.....	84,969.00	336.00	168.00
27—Redmond.....	333,738.00	1318.00	659.00
28—Laidlaw.....	433,780.00	1714.00	857.00
29—Lamonta.....	219,379.00	866.00	433.00
30—Lyle Gap.....	91,392.00	360.00	180.00
32—Lava.....	225,884.00	892.00	446.00

## ANNUAL MEETING COMMERCIAL CLUB

Retiring Officers Make Good Report.

MEMBERSHIP NEARLY DOUBLED

The Club is Out of Debt and Has Over \$400 in the Treasury.

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Prineville Commercial Club Tuesday evening. The retiring officers made a splendid showing of work accomplished and received the unanimous vote of approval of the club membership. The secretary's report showed the total receipts to be \$4836.61. Disbursements, \$4400.76. Cash on hand, \$435.85. Seventy-seven new members were added during the year; 19 were dropped, making the present membership in good standing, 154. The following directors were chosen to conduct the affairs of the club: J. B. Shipp, D. P. Adamson, Dr. Rosenberg, J. H. Quinn, J. H. Haner. President Williamson, in his address, told of the things done and left undone by his co-laborers. His remarks were replete with wit and humor and lots of good hard common sense. In part he said: "It has been thought proper by the outgoing directorate that I should briefly summarize our successes and our failures during the past year for your edification. More especially was this thought appropriate from the fact that the present membership of this body is composed of near one-half new members—the membership having nearly doubled during the past year. At the beginning of the year a more or less vague idea existed in the minds of this community that the time had come when our heretofore isolated community should, in some manner, receive its share of public notice—that something should be done in the line of what is popularly termed publicity. The then outgoing directorate had begun the work by assembling what is known as the "Heart of Oregon" folder, some samples of which had then arrived. At the annual meeting one year ago, we were all of one mind touching the necessity of action in the matter of publicity work. We were all agreed that something should be done, but when it came to a definite line of action we were all about in the same boat. While we were convinced that something should be done, we were all more or less hazy as to what that something consisted in. Those who have gone before have found, and those who will follow after will find, that the publicity feature of this organization is both costly and laborious. It costs both money and diligent effort to attend to publicity work. During the past year fully one-half of the fund raised for this purpose has been expended in establishing mail routes and building roads leading into and out of Prineville. Our chief effort in the line of advertising the agricultural and other resources of Crook county has consisted in assembling and forwarding to the Great Northern Agency at Portland about a ton of samples of cereals and grasses of all kinds in the sheaf. These samples were subdivided at the Portland office and an exhibit made at St. Paul, Chicago and Omaha and the balance placed in the Great Northern exhibit car which has shown all through the East during the fall and winter. More than half of our letters of inquiry from the East during the past three months have referred to the Crook County Exhibit in this car, thus clearly proving the value

of this method of advertising. Having used up what is known as the "Heart of Oregon" circular some time ago, we have prepared and had published ten thousand copies of another booklet entitled "Central Oregon" at a total expense of \$100, which we are now using for answering many letters of inquiry. The Great Northern Railway has requested thirty-thousand copies of this booklet for their own use and it might be well enough to consider the proposition. It appearing that we could buy insurance by the wholesale cheaper than in small quantities we bought and paid for three years' insurance on the club property, which pays for the past, the present, and the coming year and will not expire until 1913. We contributed \$50 toward defraying the expense of Mr. Tillman Reuter's display at the World's Dry Farming Congress at Billings, Montana, last fall, which display, as you know, received the highest award. We have also begun the work of assisting Mr. Reuter in preparing his exhibit at Omaha during the coming October and have set aside a fund of \$150 for the purpose of completing and assembling the exhibit. It is fair to state, that we have requested, and Mr. Reuter has agreed, that such exhibit shall be known as the Crook County exhibit instead of the Madras exhibit. After one prolonged effort extending throughout the year, we have finally succeeded in getting a brass band started on a permanent footing, and if I am within the proprieties, want to suggest to the incoming directorate, in Heaven's name keep it going—for, of all the experiences connected with our past year's work, we have suffered more vexatious disappointments on this score than on any other. Whether or not the Annex should be the prefix to the Prineville Commercial Club was a question that came up for discussion and was decided in the negative early in the year. After due consideration it was determined, that as long as we had our sign out and were pretending to carry on a Commercial Club, we would either carry on a club or take down the sign and close the doors. Thus we have proceeded during the year. Not a dollar have we allowed contributed either by the Ladies' Annex or by any of our schools or volunteer fire companies toward the maintenance of this organization during the past year. Instead, we have tendered throughout the year, entirely free of charge, the use of the hall above both to the schools and the fire companies, and have just completed and paid for a comfortable home for the Ladies' Annex at a cost of, approximately, with additions to the library, some \$400. Through the officers of the Annex, we have been notified that the ladies desire to arrange, and furnish their own rooms, which privilege was granted them. It is no more than proper to note in this connection, that notwithstanding these concessions, the proceeds from hall rentals during the past year have been more than double that of any year in the history of this club. I hope no one will consider that I am speaking in a commendatory vein of the accomplishments of the outgoing directorate. True, we have done some things and leave not a debt or obligation of any kind, save the bonded indebtedness, behind us to our knowledge. Yet no one knows better than we that what we have done is a tale soon told, and what we have left undone would fill a good sized volume. I only want to refer to our failure to complete the building during the year by painting it and finishing the upper story. So many plans have been suggested for ceiling the hall above that I want to say just a word on that subject. That large roof should never have any more weight swung to it. Instead, a lumber ceiling should be put in so as to

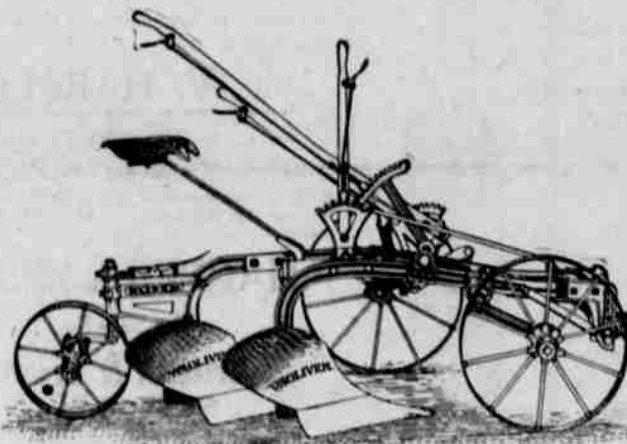
## TILLMAN REUTER'S LITTLE FARM

Surprises Even the Old-Timer.

CULTIVATION THE SECRET

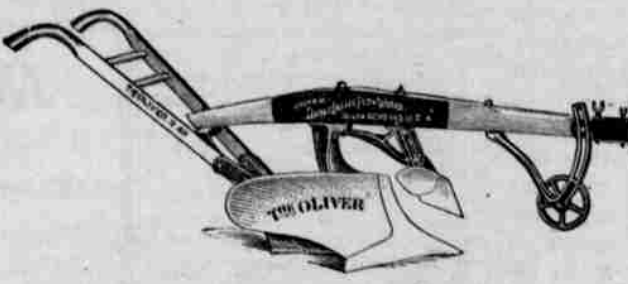
Addison Bennett Writes to the Oregonian of the Things He Saw.

The Oregon Trunk, or Hill line, is really a branch of the North Bank road, and when the new bridge is in operation across the Columbia at Fallbridge and the new Crooked River bridge is completed, the run will be continuous from Portland to Bend, and the time around seven hours. Special equipment will be provided, such as dining and observation cars and no stops will be for meals. At present meals are taken at Nathan, about 36 miles North of Madras. Like other Hill road in Oregon, the Deschutes road's equipment will then bear the lettering or name of the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railroad. The new Columbia River bridge is in one respect the most peculiar structure of the kind in the country. It is about 4000 feet long and will be constructed on cement piers, yet not one of them has a footing in water—each end being on solid rock. There is no other place on the river where a bridge could be erected so firmly and so economically. The piers are all now done, much of the steel for the superstructure is on the ground and more is arriving every day. So the ferry will be abandoned in the very near future, perhaps before June 1. The trains from the south bank run a temporary track for a few miles, to a point near Moody, where it joins the track which runs down to the new bridge. Then for a long distance the Hill road winds along the west bank of the Deschutes and the Harriman along the east bank. Seventy-five miles up the river from Fallbridge, at North Junction, the two roads come together and run over a joint track to South Junction, a distance of 10.4 miles. Here the Harriman road swings off to the east, and the Hill road follows up the Deschutes a short distance and then goes up the Willow Creek canyon to Madras. The Harriman road crosses the Agency Plains country and swings to the west above Madras, the station for that place being a couple of hundred feet above the town, and then it crosses Willow Creek just at the mouth of the canyon, and, of course

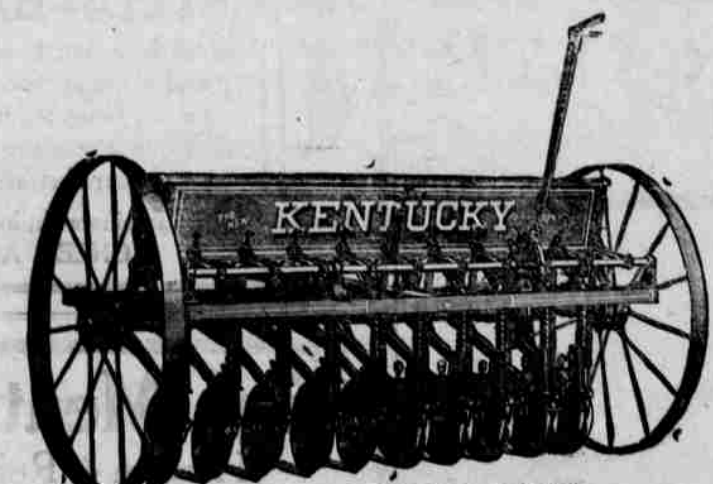


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