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Prineville, the Peerless

When you speak of Central Oregon, you must mean Crook County, for the center of this county is very near the center of the state—and Prineville is very near the center of Crook. To be more exact, the very center of Oregon is about 20 miles southeast of this city; hence Prineville is the central city.

This fact in itself means nothing save this: when you hear of the great country of Central Oregon mentioned you must always remember that this very section is meant. And in the future it will mean a good deal more; it will mean that the central portion of the state partakes of the best of all portions.

When I came here a week ago I knew very little about the town or county. I had read much about Prineville, had visited Crook and read a great deal about the country as a whole. Knowing that Prineville was the capital of Crook, I looked for a pretty good town here, but I did not know that I was visiting the real metropolis of the interior. But I surely am. From the standpoint of population, of business, of financial and industrial enterprises, Prineville is looked to as the New York of the interior.

In one of my first trips about town I had pointed out to me, in a casual way, what was said to be the first fine residence in town (and it is a pretty good house yet), as the early home of "the Sichels," and I soon learned

that the foundation of the fortunes of the Sichels, particularly Moses and Emanuel, were laid in Prineville. Later I saw their old store building, where they conducted a general merchandise business. It is just across the street from the big modern hotel, The Prineville, and I learned that several fortunes have been made in the same building, and the present owners, Jordan & Co., are doing a large business.

And then I was shown where Ben Selling first started in business, and laid the foundation of the Selling fortune. And the little store where Leo Friede made his first business venture still stands, as do the buildings where Henry Hahn and A. H. Breyman made their early ventures, to send them on the road to wealth and prosperity.

So Prineville is not a new town, not a mushroom town, not a town of today merely. It is a place with a past history as bright as that of any town in the state, a place where fortunes have been made, others still being made, and many more will be made in the future. In looking over the names of the officers and directors of the First National Bank I found the list headed by the name of B. F. Allen, one of the capitalists of Portland. He made his money here, in the farming and stock business principally. And his associates in the bank are Prineville-made men, and the same

is true of the officers of the Crook County Bank. In fact, Prineville not only does business on its own capital, but supplies large sums to Portland, as well as the smaller places in the interior.

A town to make such a financial showing must have resources to produce the results. The climate is not alone responsible, nor the great business sagacity of the fortunate ones; there must be other causes, other conditions to found and maintain a prosperous city and a prosperous community.

When I first introduced myself to the president of the Commercial Club, D. P. Adamson, I told him I wanted to find out as much about the Prineville country as I could in a brief visit, and before an hour had passed he had me in his auto showing me the town and immediate suburbs. Then Mr. Williamson took me in hand, and in his machine the following day I was taken down through the Powell Butte and Crooked River sections. Later W. F. King took me up the Ochoco and Mill Creek, and over the flats and around the buttes northeast of the city, and then Mr. Adamson again took me through the McKay and Dry Creek country and through portions of Crooked River Valley. In fact, I have had a machine at my call every moment of the time since I made myself and my mission known to the officers of the Prineville

Commercial Club—and ever ready to lend me aid and assistance has been the man in charge of the club property, the man who looks after the interests of visitors and inquirers, as well as all of the members who visit the clubrooms.

And "I rise to remark" that I consider this club the best conducted of any I have ever seen, as it is one of the most successful. The club house belongs to the club, and it is a property to be proud of. The building is 60 x 120 feet, two stories with a gymnasium occupying all of the upper story, save a fine stage, which is well equipped with scenery and necessary dressing rooms. Movable seats are provided and this is the theater of the town, the gymnastic apparatus being so arranged as to be easily removed when the place is needed as an auditorium.

The gymnasium is well equipped with all modern necessities, fine shower baths are at hand, and everything else for the convenience of the members. The main office is on the first floor, and just back of it the reading and card rooms and adjoining it is the billiard room. Then come the parlor and the ladies' rooms, with necessary dressing rooms and lavatories, kitchen, fully equipped with ranges and culinary adjuncts, dishes and tables and table linen, a library for the young people, and just at the door a tennis and basketball court, and in the rear a four acre athletic field is being fitted up—and all of this belongs to the Prineville Commercial Club. Now that is a clubhouse equipment worth while, but I want to impress upon my readers that

Vote for Improvements

An erroneous impression prevails that the city council is asking the people of Prineville to vote for the change in the city charter so that it may issue and sell bonds to the amount of \$40,000. Nothing is further from the truth.

What the council does want is to have the charter so changed that in the future when the necessity exists the city of Prineville may issue bonds to the extent the emergency may require.

The city of Prineville today has no place in which to keep safely the important papers and records of the town. They are now kept

in a cheap pine cupboard in a wooden building that might be destroyed by fire in a few minutes. These papers cost large sums of money and could not be replaced without great cost and trouble.

Now, what the council has in mind is a new city hall suitable to care for the records and also large enough to house the different fire apparatus, provide suitable rooms for the recorder's court and fire companies, and contain a city jail. These things are badly needed. Such a building as contemplated should not cost more than \$7000. To this must be added a small sum for land on which to place

the structure, as the land owned by the city on Second street is not large enough for the purpose. It is thought that a trade might be made for a lot on Third street, using the town property on Second street as part payment for the Third street lot.

Under the present charter the city can sell bonds for lights, water and sewerage, but it must be changed if we are to have other municipal improvements. Go to the polls next Monday and vote YES. You cannot afford to do anything else if Prineville is to keep up with the procession.

Water Rights Confirmed

A dispatch from Salem to the Portland Journal says that the state board of control has received word from Judge W. L. Bradshaw of The Dalles that he has heard all objections made to its water right determinations for Squaw Creek and Tumalo Creek in Crook county, and that with few exceptions, such findings will be confirmed as soon as the proper order and decrees can be entered.

In the matter of rights from Tumalo Creek there were no objections, but in Squaw Creek there were some errors and omissions in the findings corrected. None of them in any way changes the determinations.

A total of 238 rights to water was involved in the Squaw Creek determination and the decree to be entered will confirm rights to irrigate 16,013 acres of land, 6651 acres of which are under irrigation. In the Tumalo decree, 150 rights to water are involved, affecting about 30,000 acres, only 3058 acres of which are under irrigation.

The final hearing by the court was had in these two cases within 20 months from the date of beginning of the surveys by the state engineer. The new water code has been in effect little over two years. During this time the state engineer has completed the surveys as a basis for water right determinations on 20 different streams. The division superintendents have taken the original testimony of claimants to water on 17 of these streams and the board of control has entered orders determining the relative rights to water on nine of these.

Notice of School District Bond Sale

Notice is hereby given, by the undersigned, the County Treasurer of the County of Crook, State of Oregon, that, pursuant to an order of the Board of Directors of School District No. 1, of Crook County, Oregon, he will sell for the best price obtainable \$26,000.00 five per cent bonds of said district on or after the 31st day of June, 1911, at the office of the County Treasurer in Prineville, Oregon.

For further information, apply to the board of directors of said district.
Dated this 23rd day of May, 1911.
RALPH L. JORDAN,
County Treasurer of Crook County, Oregon.

For Sale at a Snap

A neatly built cottage papered and painted, with 4 rooms and pantry and 2 lots 30x170; will rent for \$12 a month. A pleasant home for \$800 cash. Call or write to the owner, Peter Mastenbrook, Prineville, Oregon.
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and came down about eight or ten miles and turned north up Mill Creek, and found a valley full as large as the Ochoco, and some ten miles long. And I forgot to say that Veasy Creek and several other small streams flow into the Ochoco, as well as Mill Creek, and up each of these smaller streams is a ranch or two.

About two miles up Mill Creek we stopped at the "house" of the oldest settler in Crook County, "Uncle Billy" Smith. In that little cabin "Uncle Billy" has lived alone 44 years—for more than 40 years he has taken the Oregonian, and says he has never missed but three issues!

"Uncle Billy" was born in Lincolnshire 52 years ago, and settled on Mill Creek and constructed this little cabin in 1867. His story is a most interesting one, but I cannot detail it in an article like this, for my notes of it alone would make a half a column. But I will mention that "Uncle Billy" is well fixed financially. He owns about 400 acres of splendid land, has water for much of it, has a little bunch of cattle, and money enough lent out and in bank to make an ordinary citizen comfortable for life. He is hale and hearty and bids fair to live for many years yet.

We went several miles farther up the creek to another sawmill, about like the one up Ochoco. Mill Creek Valley is about the same as Ochoco, only the stream is somewhat smaller. The lands up both creeks are mostly irrigated, but there is a shortage of late water. Much flood water now goes to waste, but it is only a question of a few years until reservoirs will be provided up these streams for the storage of winter water. When this is done there will be much surplus water for use on the flats and foothills west of Prineville.

Several miles up Ochoco a new ditch was taken out last year for the benefit of lands northwest of town. This ditch covers 1505 acres and cost \$14000. Pretty cheap that. Think of watering land for less than \$10 an acre. This ditch is so constructed as to be easily enlarged and with a reservoir above it would cover about 6000 acres. It is 14 miles long, and remarkably well constructed. These facts go to show the ease and cheapness of irrigation ventures in this section.—Addison Bennett in The Oregonian.

Shumias Entertain.

The Shumia Club closed its year's work last Friday evening with an illustrated lecture on "Merchant of Venice" by Rev. Mitchell. The young ladies' E. A. club and a few invited guests enjoyed the hospitality of the Shumias. Rooms in the Crook County High School Annex were artistically decorated by Misses Conway, Parrott and Mrs. Walker for the occasion.

Rev. Mitchell was assisted by Mrs. Belknap, who took the part of Portia, and Miss Parrott who arranged the lantern slides. It has been a long time since the people of Prineville have had an opportunity of hearing this noted Shakespearean scholar. Refreshments were served at the close of the lecture.

it is only typical of the way they do things here. Whatever is undertaken is undertaken with a vim and push and enthusiasm not witnessed in one place in a thousand.

And I must give the names of the officers of this splendid institution: President, D. P. Adamson; vice-president, J. H. Hanner; secretary, T. J. Quinn; and manager of the clubhouse and grounds, general factotum and Johnny-on-the-spot, "Jack" Summers. And I want to thank these men for the many courtesies they have shown me, as well as those members, like Mr. Williamson and Mr. King, who have made my stay pleasant at all times.

The sum total of my trips around the adjacent country covers about 200 miles and in that distance I confined my journeys to the undisputed country tributary to Prineville, the territory that can never be taken away by rival towns or antagonistic corporations—Prineville's territory because nature has so constructed the hills and valleys and water courses as to make every foot of the land I shall mention either on a level with the town, or a little above, so that water poured over the flats would flow towards this city.

Leaving town up the Ochoco, the valley at first is partially that of Crooked River and partially of the Ochoco, the former flowing in from the east and the latter from the north. Just above town the joint valley is perhaps three miles wide, perhaps with the irrigated bench lands a mile or so wider. And these lands are all in hay or alfalfa, and all irrigated, the water supply coming from the Ochoco. There are many fine farms, as well kept as you will find anywhere.

As you ascend, the valley in places pitches down pretty narrow, then opens out again as wide or wider than below—and always alfalfa and hay land, and good barns and residences, and fences well kept up. For about 20 miles we ascended this stream and then we came to the yellow pines, a belt of the finest timber lands in Oregon, and mostly decided, an asset that belongs as strictly to Prineville as the hat on your head, for it can find no other outlet save down the Ochoco. And steps are now on foot to construct a railway up that creek and establish a large mill near the city. Perhaps that is putting it a little too strong. But Mr. Rogers, one of the largest owners of this timber, has said that if the Prineville people will provide a site of 160 acres for a mill he will take the matter up and carry it through. Anyhow it is only a question of a short time until such a venture will be a reality.

Just at the head of the Ochoco Valley there is now a small mill, cutting about 1,500,000 feet a year. The timber is very fine, the country well adapted to logging, and great wealth will come from this source to the Prineville people.

From here we turned back

MILLINERY, DRESS GOODS, LAWNS, FLOWERS, TRIMMINGS, ETC.



ALL MILLINERY, including trimmed hats, flowers, braids and trimmings are now reduced. Splendid line of Misses and Children's hats, all sold at about 1-4 less than regular price.

Special sale of Summer Dress Goods, in 12 1-2c and 15c goods at 8 1-3 to 10c. 25c goods at 20c. White goods and waistsings. 15c to 35c.

Corsets up to \$2.50, special at 55c. Closing out the entire section of Jackson Corsets, whose factory was recently destroyed by fire.

NECKWARE SPECIAL—Just received by express, Immense sample line of Ladies' Neckwear; includes Collars plain and embroidered; Lord Byron collars; Princess collars in a dozen different styles; Jabots; Bows; in neat and dainty styles. Only one of each kind.

Ladies Summer Underwear, displayed on our underwear counter, special 10c and 15c, 3 for 50c., 3 for \$1.00. These values are to close out our first spring shipment and make room for large stock enroute.



HARDWARE RANGES & FARM TOOLS

SHOE STORE NEWS—Special lot of Ladies' Oxfords in \$2.50 to \$4.00 grades at \$1.50 to \$2.00.

Newest Pumps, Sandals and Oxfords for Ladies' and Children.
65 pairs Ladies' \$2.50 to \$4.00 shoes at \$1.50 for a few days only.

Children's Pearl Union Suits.
Children's Wilson Hose Supporters.
Children's Armor Plate Hosiery.

MOTHERS—We can sell you a neat suit for your boy at very low figures. Call and see us.

OUR LINE OF STEEL RANGES Can be depended upon to give satisfaction. Do you need a new Range? If so we want to see you.

Collins W. Elkins.

Prineville, Oregon.