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## MR. CARL R. GRAY MAKES PREDICTION

Sees Great Future for  
Central Oregon.

WILL BE GRANARY OF OREGON

President of Hill Roads Ad-  
dresses Threshermen's  
Association.

Predictions that Central Oregon is destined to become the granary of Oregon were made by Carl R. Gray, president of the North Bank, Oregon Trunk and other Hill roads, in his recent address before the State Threshermen's Association at Salem. Mr. Gray presented some interesting figures illustrating the present state of development—or lack of development—in interior Oregon and told why it can and will become one of the wealthiest areas in the entire country.

He said:  
"It is altogether probable that the intimate relation of the railroad I have the honor to represent with the hitherto practically unknown great central area of this state is the reason, I have been asked to address you and particularly the reason for the subject which has been assigned to me.

"There is nothing new or experimental in the country lying west of the Cascades. The three great valleys have been successfully cultivated for generations and there should be no question in the mind of any one as to the greatness and extent of their future possibilities.

"I find very few people, however, who really know much about the district which is now familiarly called Central Oregon. To be exact, it is the vast territory lying east of the Cascade Range and extending from the Columbia river to California, containing five counties—Sherman, Wasco, Crook, Lane and Harney—with a population of 38,610.

"These five counties have about four times the area of Maryland with one-thirteenth its population. They average one and one-third persons to the square mile; they have more than one-half the area of Iowa and less than one-sixtieth its population; they have 485 acres per person—Iowa has 16. In Crook, Harney and Lake counties the average population is seven-tenth of a person per square mile, in Crook county one and one-fifth persons.

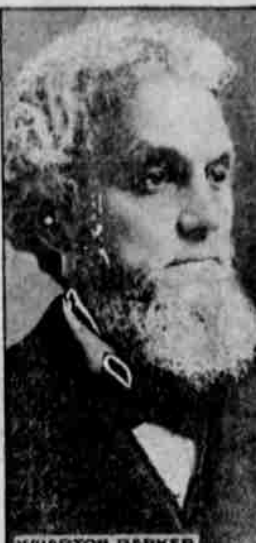
"Nevertheless, material advancement has been made, even without transportation facilities, which is evidenced by the single fact that Crook county in 1901 had but one threshing outfit which handled 100,000 bushels of grain, while in 1909 there were 15 which threshed more than 2,000,000 bushels.

"It is estimated that one-third of the acres of Wasco and Crook counties are susceptible of agriculture, being 531,472 in Wasco, 1,707,520 in Crook; one-fourth of Harney county, or 1,695,640 acres it is estimated can be cultivated. Figures are not immediately available for Sherman and Lake, but it can reasonably be assumed that these five counties contain 5,000,000 acres of tillable land.

"There are at the present time in the several segregations be-



SIR EDWARD GREY



WHARTON BARKER



LEONIDAS MERRITT



POPE PIUS X



A. BONAR LAW

## News Snapshots Of the Week

Sir Edward Grey, British foreign secretary, defined his attitude in the Moroccan incident and declared that the relations between Great Britain and the other European countries were so serious as to demand public attention. Pope Pius X. performed the final ceremony in the elevation of the three new American cardinals, whom he hailed as representatives of the "land of liberty." Andrew Bonar Law succeeded Arthur J. Balfour as the opposition leader in England. David Bruce-Brown, driving a Fiat car, won the grand prize at Savannah, Ga. His average speed for the 411 miles was 74.80 miles an hour, a new world's record. Leonidas Merritt, testifying before the Stanley investigating committee, declared that he had been stripped of property worth \$700,000,000 by John D. Rockefeller. Wharton Barker told the senate committee on interstate commerce that Roosevelt made a bargain with the railroad interests to help them in return for their support.

tween 750,000 and 800,000 acres of land which can and will all be irrigated, and there are easily 1,000,000 acres which will come within this category within the next few years.

"I am assured by agricultural experts that all of this land is susceptible of cultivation, the returns being unquestionable where intelligent and correct methods are followed. When one applies these figures and appreciates their potential force it is staggering, but it is not going to come at once, nor without effort.

"Down South a negro was convicted of murder and sentenced to death. The judge said to him: 'The sentence of this court is that you be confined in the county jail until the 22d day of August, and that on that date you be taken to the place of execution and there hanged by the neck until you are dead, and may God have mercy on your soul.' The thing seemed to sink rather slowly into the negro's full consciousness; he shifted around first on one foot and then the other and finally addressing the court in a pleading manner, said:

"Say judge, you don't mean this comin' August does you?"

Neither do I mean 'this coming August' or this coming year. Central Oregon presents man's size problems. It is practically without agricultural history or precedent. The vast acres are there; varying climatic conditions must be reckoned with; all the problems of proper seed, soil analysis, utilization of moisture, correct rotation, are to be met with and solved.

"The crying need of the country is naturally for people, but the greater need is for people of the right sort and to see that they are started right. A sufficient sum of money has been raised by contributions from the railroads, business interests of Portland and in Crook county, to establish and maintain for nearly two years, or until the legislature can assume its proper responsibilities, two experimental stations in that county—one to teach dry and the other irrigated farming.

"While at least two experimental farms will be maintained, we expect the best results to flow from intimate instruction given to the farmer upon his own land. We feel a natural and pardonable pride in having accomplished this much, still it is but a drop in the bucket when compared with the necessities of the whole situation.

"Oregon is essentially an agricultural state, and we have at Corvallis a remarkable agricul-

ural college. Properly supported and enabled to extend its operations by subordinate stations throughout the entire state, it can be counted on to do more for the commercial advancement of the state than any other agency.

"In European countries agricultural education has received far more attention than with us. In Denmark, which is about the size of Crook and Harney counties, there are more than 50 agricultural colleges and schools, and the state provides in almost every neighborhood its experts to continually counsel with and advise the farmers.

"The figures with respect to wheat in the United States are startling. The exports for the fiscal year 1909 were 65,479,311 bushels; for the fiscal year 1910, 44,353,949 bushels, and for the fiscal year of 1911, 24,388,619 bushels. These figures indicate that the surplus of wheat in our country is diminishing very rapidly and will disappear entirely within the next year or two unless there is a radical change. One of the reasons, naturally, is the increase in population and the decrease in proportion of farmers.

"A few years ago a farmers' products fed himself and one other; now they must feed himself and two others. In 1901 there was 9.81 bushels of wheat raised per capita; in 1911, 7.13 bushels.

"It seems to me to be entirely reasonable to say that Central Oregon can be made the granary of the state, but to do this it must be peopled and they must be educated and assisted. It is not a universal condition, but so frequently is it the case as to attain unpleasant prominence, that lands are held at too high a price. This will not be a continuing condition, however, and will largely regulate itself; but it does not have its adverse effect at the present and does tend to postpone settlement.

"The question is one in which all our interests are mutual. We unquestionably have the country, and we evidently have favorable conditions of soil and climate. Rarely does a new country start with so inviting a prospect. It is fair to say that the railroads have done their share and are now only awaiting an evidence of co-operation and progress to advance even further into the interior than they are at present."—Oregonian.

## To the Public.

Commencing Monday, Dec. 18, and until after Christmas, my store will be open evenings to accommodate those who cannot do their shopping during the day.  
Mrs. I. MICHEL.

## Inter - Society Declamatory Contest

On Friday evening of last week occurred the annual Inter-Society Declamatory Contest. All who have attended these contests in years past expected a good program, and those who have known anything of the work of the coach, Miss Gichel, were sure the contest would be of high order. But all were surprised at the high class shown. Every selection was excellent. There was a charm of naturalness about each number that is always so pleasing to an audience.

The program was long, there being twelve contestants and four musical numbers, yet no one was tired when it was over. It is the universal opinion that it was the best ever held in the city and many who have had experience with such contests in various places, pronounce it one of the best they have ever heard. High School patrons are proud of the work in this department this year.

In order to give the contestants a fairer opportunity they were divided into three classes—Oratorical, dramatic and humorous. The winner of first place in each class will be awarded a gold medal. In order to stimulate continued interest in these contests the faculty have offered a large banner to be held one year by the society scoring the highest total percentage. The society which scores the highest grand total of percentage in three successive contests shall retain possession of the banner permanently.

The contest this year was an unusually close one. The Alphas were determined to repeat their performance of last year, but were met with an equal determination on the part of the Ochoconians. The latter started with a rush, securing both first and second in the oratorical class, but were shortly tied when the former scored both places in the dramatic. It was not until the last speaker had finished that there was any certainty as to the winner. When all points were summed up it was found the Alphas had scored 533 points, but the Ochoconians were enabled to count 547 points better and therefore won possession of the banner for the first year. The winners:

Oratorical, Harold Cooke.  
Dramatic, Corrine Coffin.  
Humorous and Pathetic, Leola Estes.

First, over all, Leola Estes.  
Luckey's orchestra furnished a number of excellent selections. The duet by Mrs. Coe and Mrs. Elkins was also greatly enjoyed.

## Great Interest in Revival Meetings

The revival services conducted by Rev. Dr. Bulgin, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Rose, singers, and by all the churches of Prineville, are creating great interest in this city.

Dr. Bulgin is a forceful, enthusiastic speaker and an energetic worker. He has a message for all and those who hear him are inspired to think better thoughts and lead better lives. Dr. Bulgin has been in turn a man of the world, an infidel, a lawyer, and finally an earnest worker for Christ. His many experiences have given him broad sympathies and a good understanding of human nature.

The meetings here have been in progress since Sunday evening and already many have made a start toward a Christian life. Commercial Hall is crowded nightly.

The music is furnished by a choir of fifty voices, assisted by local musicians, under the direction of Mr. Rose. Both Mr. and Mrs. Rose are earnest Christians. They are conservatory graduates and add much to the interest of the meetings by their excellent singing.

## The Journal Contest.

The leadership in our piano contest is just about as uncertain as the Irishman's flea—now you have it and then—the other fellow has it. Mary Elliott made a strong bid for first place this week, but when the votes were all counted Mrs. Cyrus had the goods.

Interest keeps growing right along and with it extra work. Hereafter all votes must be in by noon Wednesday in order to be counted in that week's issue. This will save a whole lot of wear and tear on the contest editor and prevent possible mistakes. The new names must be placed in our subscription book and on the mailing galleys before the rush of Thursday. Our contestants will please bear this in mind. The vote this week stands:

Mrs. Vira Cyrus.....	27,875
Miss Mary Elliott.....	20,785
Miss Maggie Glaze.....	16,495
Miss Emerlen Young.....	4475
Miss Jessie Hartley, Paulina.....	3425
Baptist Church, Prineville.....	1000
Miss Myrtle Joslin of Haystack.....	1000

## Furniture at Your Price.

The O. T. Co. of Madras will sell at public auction their entire stock of Furniture and Housefurnishings Tuesday, Dec. 19. Sale commences at 10 a. m. Store near Oregon Trunk depot. This is your opportunity to secure furniture at your own price. 12-14-11

Four houses to rent, from 2-room to 7-room. List your house now. Prineville Furniture Exchange, Chas. F. Condart, propr. 12-14

## CITY ELECTION NEXT MONDAY

Six Candidates Out for  
Marshal.

TWO FOR CITY RECORDER

John B. Shipp is the Only Al-  
dermanic Candidate An-  
nounced So Far.

Local interest in the city election next Monday is chiefly centered in the contest for city marshal. Six candidates are in the field for the office—Al Yancey, Tom Coon, Ed Smith, Wm. Keehn, Floyd Rowell and Ben Jones.

Mayor Edwards will be a candidate for re-election. He deserves a second term. He has worked hard for the best interests of the city during the past year and has started improvements that should be completed under his administration. He has no opposition.

Claude Smith has no opposition, so far as we have heard, for the office of city treasurer. He will doubtless succeed himself.

There are two contestants for the office of city recorder—R. S. Price and the present incumbent, R. W. Breeze. Recorder Breeze has certainly made a record that will be hard to duplicate. He is the first man that has ever made the office self-sustaining. He has not only got his own fees out of it, but has also made the office pay about \$50 a month to the city. Breeze will be a hard man to beat.

J. B. Shipp will be an aldermanic candidate. His friends insist on his running and he has consented. His experience in council matters will prove of great value to the city. He's an old hand at the business.

There seems to be a great deal of misunderstanding regarding the referendum on the railway franchise. Some maintain that the franchise was granted to a self-serving corporation that seeks to hold desirable rights-of-way and terminals for speculation. Nothing is farther from the truth. If anyone will take the trouble to read the granting ordinance it will be seen that unless something is done within three years it becomes null and void. A year of the time has already elapsed. There is another clause that limits the sale or transfer of the franchise for such sum as will reimburse the original holders for money actually paid out for acquiring titles.

If we ever expect to get a favorable hearing from railroad officials or railroad promoters we must have something tangible to offer. The cash or its equivalent in rights-of-way, terminal grounds, etc. This franchise was a tangible asset for the city and something that would secure at least a favorable hearing at the proper time for any proposition we had to offer. Without it we have nothing but hot air to give. Consider the matter before you vote it down. A cross (x) before YES on the ballot means that you want the franchise continued as at present. A cross (x) before NO nullifies the franchise. Think it over. We need a railroad.

## Opened For Business.

New Prineville Candy Kitchen opened Dec. 13, with a full line of fresh Home-made Candies. Everything new and up-to-date. Candies that will be especially toothsome. Our Bon Bons, Ice Cream Chocolates, Caramels, etc. We will have a special sale Sept. 16. Yankee Peanut Flakes, regular 30c, special 20c. Something new every Saturday. LONG'S CANDY KITCHEN