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PLOWING BY STEAM NEAR PRINEVILLE

Kerwood Ranch Using Big Traction Engine.

SUCCESSFUL TRYOUT SUNDAY

Can Plow, Harrow and Seed at Same Operation. Pulls Sixteen Plows.

The steam plow is following in the wake of the combined harvester in the rapid development of Crook County.

Last Sunday a number of citizens of Prineville hired an auto truck for a trip to the Kerwood ranch about nine miles from town. That was the time and place set for a tryout of a big Russell traction engine bought for the purpose of farming on a big scale.

When the auto party reached the Kerwood place, formerly the Gibson ranch, it found the engine had stopped for a supply of water. With sufficient water aboard, plowing was resumed in a big eighty acre field. Behind the engine was hitched a gang of eight fourteen-inch plows. These plows were set about four or five inches deep on account of the condition of the soil. They can be made to plow eight or ten inches deep. The big engine pulled them along at the rate of three miles an hour without any seeming effort. The engineer said that he could feel no difference in his engine, so far as the pulling was concerned, whether the plows were in or out of the ground. Eight in a gang was really no test. Twelve or sixteen would be more like it. Besides the plows harrows can be attached and seeders follow the harrows. Thus you can plow, harrow and plant your grain at one operation.

Mrs. Kerwood was interrogated by the Journal man on the reason of the change from horses to steam. "Well," said that lady, "it is simply a question of economy in farm management. We have here about 800 acres, 400 of which we will plow. Now, instead of keeping 50 or 40 head of horses that must be fed the year around, whether they work or not, we have this traction engine that does not require feeding when it is not in use. Three men can run it and plow thirty acres a day. Think of the saving, not only in horse flesh but also in human flesh. When I get through plowing for myself I have neighbors that want some done. Already I have between five and six hundred acres spoken for. When the engine is not in use for plowing it will be used for other purposes about the place. It is cheap power. No trouble at all to keep up steam on a light consumption of wood. In the test Sunday, with the gang of eight plows, it took just 30 minutes to plow 1 1/2 acres.

When asked if there were anything doing in the railway line, Mrs. Kerwood laughed and said, "Wait and see." There are just a few little ends to pick up and before you know it, you people over there in Prineville will see the rails and ties. I have been summoned to St. Paul by telegraph and I am going next week. I would go sooner but I want to get this engine at work. Next week, though, I'm off. I don't believe in talking about what you are going to do, but just get in and do it.

When asked where the tonnage was to come from Mrs. Kerwood waxed eloquent. She has the most optimistic real estate man distanced a mile. She has several good things up her sleeve for Prineville that will create tonnage.



News Snapshots Of the Week

Judge Walter Bordwell sentenced the McNamara brothers. James B. was sent to prison for life for blowing up the Los Angeles Times building, thereby causing the death of twenty-one persons, and John J. got fifteen years for dynamiting the Llewellyn Iron works. William J. Burns, the detective who worked up the case against the McNamaras, charged Samuel Gompers with having had knowledge of the brothers' guilt prior to their confession. This was denied by Mr. Gompers. John D. Archbold succeeded John D. Rockefeller as president of the Standard Oil company. The Sixty-second congress opened, with Champ Clark as speaker of the house. Republicans control the senate and Democrats the house. President Taft's first message dealt entirely upon the subject of trust legislation. He will send other messages from time to time dealing with other subjects.

Are Building New County Road.

Some time ago a petition was circulated, petitioning for a county road to provide an outlet for that large territory west of the Deschutes river. A large number of signatures were secured and the petition presented to the county court for approval. The petition was allowed but work was not started at once. Many people even supposed that the road had not been allowed. However those people who were the most interested were busy.

Jacob Quiberg, who is supervisor of the Deschutes district has had a force of men working on the road west of the Deschutes for a number of weeks. The most difficult part of the road has now been reached at the grade on the west side of the river.

There are now two large camps established there with perhaps forty men at work on the grade. L. H. Powell, of Culver, has taken a contract on this work and has laid in a large amount of supplies. Every one in this country who could be secured to work is now in camp over there.

The importance of this road can scarcely be estimated, as it opens up an immense country which has many natural advantages, and which is now producing a great variety of crops. This has been a great stock country and to a certain extent will remain so, as although there has been a vast area taken up by homesteaders, there still remains a great grazing territory. There is also a very large amount of excellent timber.

Will Raise Chickens and Hogs

J. W. Stewart, who has been connected with the Elkins store for a couple of years, will resign the first of the year to take up ranch work. He has bought the lease of Earl Helms in the Pitcher place on the McKay and will move out next month. Earl Helms will move to Portland and go into business with his father, who offers him a half interest to make the change.

Mr. Stewart expects to go extensively into the chicken and hog business. He says he hates to quit the store but thinks that the change will be better in the long run.

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.

Cattle Stealing in Crook County

Evidence of wholesale cattle thieving which was placed before Deputy District Attorney Willard H. Wirtz this week by H. L. Priday, Willis Brown and Bidwell Cram of Trout Creek in the northern part of the county, has caused the arrest of Chick Wright and Dick Garrett, two paroled convicts, on a charge of larceny of a steer and warrants have been issued for Judd McPherson, J. S. Simmons and Claude Lows on a charge of mutilating and destroying hides and brands.

Justice of the Peace A. H. Kennedy issued a search warrant last Saturday which was placed in the hands of A. W. Yancey, special deputy sheriff, and the ranches of Judd McPherson and C. McPherson, his father, were searched revealing 12 or 15 hides, burned and cut so as to conceal their identity and other evidence was collected sufficient in the estimation of the deputy district attorney's office to convict the entire band.

Attorney M. R. Elliott has been retained by the Trout Creek and Hay Creek stockmen to aid the prosecution. The governor has revoked Dick Garrett's parole and word is expected momentarily revoking Chick Wright's parole. Both will in that case be sent back to the penitentiary without expense to the county. Up to this time the others have evaded the officers but it is expected that they will be arrested at any time.

Omer Wilson Held to Grand Jury

Omar Wilson, who assumed the management of the Bear Creek Lumber company last summer for Fred Powell, was bound over to the grand jury under \$500 bonds last Tuesday on a charge of the larceny of a steer. Wilson, who was a carpenter in Prineville for several months prior to his engagement on Beaver Creek near Paulina, is charged with having killed a steer belonging to Lewis Throop, last July. The meat was used at the cook house of the mill and the hide burned in the furnace. Wilson escaped after the crime was discovered but was brought back to Prineville from La Grande last week by Sheriff T. N. Balfour.

Opened For Business.

New Prineville Candy Kitchen opened Dec. 13, with a full line of fresh Homemade 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 Flake, regular 30c, special 20c. Something new every Saturday.
LONG'S CANDY KITCHEN

Oregon Grill Banquets Teachers

The Oregon Grill was the scene of merry festivities on Tuesday evening when Mr. and Mrs. George B. Thompson entertained the teachers of the public school of Prineville with an elaborate dinner, consisting of nine courses.

The teachers assembled in the ladies' parlor of the Hotel Oregon at 5 o'clock and spent a pleasant hour in music and games before dinner was served.

In a brief address of welcome to the teachers Mrs. Thompson expressed her interest in school work and her appreciation of the work that is being done by the teachers in Prineville.

Miss Cassidy responded in behalf of the teachers with a few well chosen words.

The young women are unanimous in their appreciation of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson's interest and the splendid repast that was enjoyed by them from the hours of 6 to 9. Before the banquet ended Mr. Thompson improvised a befitting toast over nature's beverage which was one of the unique features of the evening and greatly enjoyed. At a motion made by Miss Brobst all joined in extending a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess of the evening. After participating in singing old songs the company departed amid many expressions of the pleasures of the evening.

New Water System at Town of Deschutes

Deschutes, Or.—The new water system just installed at this town by the Deschutes Townsite Company is an unqualified success. The system comprises a reservoir which will hold 1,250,000 gallons of water, at a point 100 feet elevation above the town. This shows a steady pressure of water at the rate of about 40 lbs. per square inch.

Three main streets of the town are served, and altogether there are 13,000 feet of six-inch and 2000 feet of four-inch pipe. The water is taken from the Deschutes river by gravity flow, the whole system being a gravity system. It is the best town water system in Central Oregon.

Horses Wanted.

Will take a carload of young Eastern Oregon mares, broke to drive, weight must be 1200 or more, in exchange for unimproved Hood River fruit land, valued at \$100 per acre, or would accept them as first payment on a 20-acre orchard, of which about 16 acres are planted to apples; a portion of which will come into bearing next year. Valued at \$8000; balance on easy terms. Address East Hood River Land Co., 521 Beck building, Portland, Ore. 12-21.

Bert Wagner Fatally Injured

Bert Wagner, who has been drilling a well at the McCall place below Prineville, met with an accident Sunday that may cost him his life.

Part of the derrick he was using for drilling the well toppled over on him. A piece struck him on the forehead causing contusion of the brain. He was knocked unconscious and has not regained his senses.

The accident happened at 11:30. A hurry 'phone was sent to Dr. Edwards and he responded immediately. By 1:30 the injured man was brought to Prineville and placed in the Home Hospital. Prompt medical attention has no doubt prolonged the man's life but cannot save it. Drs. Edwards and Belknap made a more thorough examination at the hospital and do not see how the man can survive his injuries. Inflammation of the lungs has set in to complicate the case. The wife of the injured man came up from The Dalles Monday to be at the bedside of her husband.

The Journal Contest.

The contest this week has been the most strenuous since it commenced. The three leaders have been unusually active as may be seen by the number of votes rolled up. Mrs. Cyrus maintains her lead by a small number of votes. They stand as follows:

Mrs. Vira Cyrus	54,550
Miss Maggie Glaze	54,395
Miss Mary Elliott	42,385
Miss Emerlen Young	4475
Baptist Church, Prineville	1000
Miss Myrtle Joslin of Baystack	1000

The Victim of His Own Gun

Bend, Or.—Armond Sperar, aged 25, was the victim of his own gun Saturday afternoon while hunting 15 miles from Crescent. He was alone at the time, and it is supposed that in striking at his dogs with the butt of the gun, as was his habit, the weapon was accidentally discharged. The entire load entered his breast above the heart. The body was brought here by automobile, and will be taken to North Yakima, where he leaves a mother.

A. H. Lippman & Co. calls your attention that all lots in Union cemetery not paid for must be settled for before Jan. 1, 1912. 12-21

Six-pound all-wool sanitary Blankets, as long as stock lasts, \$5.00 per pair. A. H. LIPPMAN & CO. 12-21

GOOD VOTE POLLED MONDAY

Cooper, Shipp and Gray Elected Aldermen.

T. L. COON ELECTED MARSHAL

The Ordinance Granting Railroad Franchise Sustained By a Good Majority.

The city election Monday brought out a good vote. Not a complete vote, by any means, but by far the largest vote that has ever been polled in Prineville. Last year the total vote for marshal was 166. This year it totals 239. No candidate got the full vote. C. E. Smith, for treasurer, came the nearest with 209. Last year he received 156. Dr. Edwards received 178 votes this year for mayor. Last year it was 137.

There is no accounting for the impulses that prompt a man to mark his ballot if one is to judge from some of those that were turned in Monday. For example, one ballot would be marked for two officers and another for three or four. Candidates without opposition would be ignored for the reason, as one voter put it, they "did not want to swell their heads."

The race for councilmen was a close one, with the exception of S. R. Cooper. He had a lead of 44 over his nearest competitor. J. H. Gray was elected by 103 votes over Bob Zevery. E. H. Smith made a good run but lacked nine votes of election. The three councilmen are J. B. Shipp, S. R. Cooper and J. H. Gray.

A. R. Bowman defeated R. W. Breesee for recorder by a majority of 70.

T. L. Coon was elected city marshal. He beat his nearest competitor by 28 votes.

The referendum petitions ordered by the people on the railroad franchise granted by the city council was sustained by popular vote.

The official count, as verified by I. W. Ward and J. E. Roberts, is as follows:

City ordinance vacating a part of "D" street for railway terminal: Yes 131, No 92.

An ordinance granting to the Prineville & Eastern Railway, a franchise and right to build, construct, operate and maintain steam and electric railways, etc., along over, through and across certain streets within the city of Prineville: Yes 132, No 96.

FOR MAYOR.

Chas. S. Edwards.....178

FOR COUNCILMEN.

J. B. Shipp.....137
S. R. Cooper.....184
E. H. Smith.....118
Bob Zevery.....125
J. H. Gray.....126

FOR CITY RECORDER.

A. R. Bowman.....156
R. W. Breesee..... 86

FOR CITY TREASURER.

C. E. Smith.....209

FOR CITY MARSHAL.

F. A. Rowell..... 65
B. F. Jones..... 11
T. L. Coon..... 94
G. E. Smith..... 21
J. H. Crooks..... 45

House for Rent.

New six-room house, warm, electric lights, water, bath, toilet, phone, etc.; barn, chicken park. Also household furniture. Apply to J. E. Stewart, or C. F. Condart. 12-21-2tp