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Two Demonstration Farms For Crook County

Two new demonstration farms have just been established in Crook county by a committee from the Oregon Agricultural College, composed of Pres. W. J. Kerr, Prof. H. D. Scudder and Regent C. L. Halley. One, to be devoted to dry farming experiments, is five minutes walk from Metolius; the other, to be devoted to irrigation farming, is ten minutes walk from Redmond. In both cases farms already in operation were taken over for the season, since it was desired to put every available dollar of the funds secured for the work into the experiments, for which at present there is no provision for this year only.

Careful investigation of the possibilities of all parts of the county was made before the selection, since conditions there are unusual and the best methods are in many cases, unknown. The rapid development of the section since the entrance of the railroads has brought in many inexperienced farmers, and others unused to the dry-farming or irrigation work necessary there, resulting in disappointment and discouragement to many. The college hopes, through the experiment farms there, to show them the way to success.

After consultation of the Central Oregon Development League with Prof. Scudder, Pres. Carl R. Gray of the Oregon Trunk and the officials of the O. W. R. & N. referred the matter of plans to Pres. Kerr and Dr. James Withycomb, director of the Oregon Experiment Station, and started a campaign for funds. The new Hill line, the Oregon Trunk, and the new Harriman extension of the O. W. R. & N. each gave \$2,500, the Crook County Court added \$3,000, and the localities interested and private citizens brought the total to \$10,000, which was placed in the hands of the college experts for the work.

Two experts have been chosen by the college to take charge of the work. Because of the great importance in the development of Central Oregon, it was decided to put the irrigation work directly in the hands of W. L. Powers of the college faculty, who is probably the best authorized on that subject in the state. The dry farming station will be under the direction of C. C. Cunningham of Kansas State Agricultural College, who has been agronomist at the Ft. Hays dry farming experiment station in Western Kansas, probably one of the largest of the sort in the United States.

Using these two farms as centers, cooperative demonstration work will be done throughout the county wherever farmers have problems to solve, or difficulties to surmount. Every neighborhood will be reached and kept in close touch with the stations. The directors will travel through the county, holding private conferences and public meetings, and frequent special gatherings will occur at the central stations to study the work done there. Prof. Scudder, who has probably more detailed knowledge of the county and its resources than any one else, will be in supervision. He spent three weeks studying the county's various problems at first hand last year, that the final work might be thorough.

Three objects were kept in

mind in the selection of the sites: an average climate, soil and elevation, to make it as representative as possible of the largest number of farms in the county; immediate accessibility to as large a portion of the population as possible; and the securing of a farm already partly in stubble and partly in crop, equipped ready for work, with the farmer already on the ground and willing to lease the whole for the year at a reasonable price. Since there were funds for but one year, there was not time for clearing new land, and it was so necessary that the work should be readily inspected by the largest number of people possible, that land otherwise superior in soil, climate, or elevation conditions could not be used. At Deschutes an ideal location for the irrigation work was found, but owing to the lack of settlement at that point at present, it was thought best to locate in a more populous district. It is planned to do cooperative work near Bend, at Deschutes, in the vicinity of La Pine and near Hampton Buttes. The work begins at once. Plans for laying out and cropping the two farms, varieties and methods to be used and demonstrations to be made are already prepared by Prof. Scudder. Though the time is short, it is hoped to do much toward solving Crook county problems.

Good Program at the Lyric.

The big Lawe Oil Gusher at Maricopa, California, was struck March 12th, 1910. It tore away derricks and shot 350 feet in the air. The original well was 12 inches in diameter but the crater now measures 40 feet in width and 2,250 feet deep, and now flows from 50,000 to 75,000 barrels per day. All buildings near it had to be abandoned on account of the oil spray from the gusher which at times covered a radius of 3 miles, giving everything a thick coating of oil.

This well and its surroundings have been used in making the photoplay, "Lost and Won," a clever story dealing with speculation in oil stock, which will be exhibited Friday and Saturday evening at the Lyric.

Eggs That Hatch.

From 15 eggs sold Mrs. Cottrell 15 chicks hatched; from my pen of 21 White Leghorns during March I got 498 eggs; from 144 now setting 136 test good. Who can beat it. Yours for eggs,
J. W. STEWART.

County Court.

ADJOURNED SESSION.

Present—H. C. Ellis, judge; Commissioners R. H. Bayley and Rice; County Clerk Brown and Sheriff Balfour.

Proposed timber cruising. And now appears in open court certain taxpayers and others and present their arguments for and against such proposed cruise.

It appearing to the court that because of the uncertainty and probable inability of the assessor to make economical and fully beneficial use, in getting out the 1912 tax roll, of the results of a timber cruise for the current year, and to the further fact that due advertisement calling for bids for such cruising was, by inadvertence, not given, as provided by the former order of this court, it is therefore ordered that the county clerk forthwith make due advertisement in the official county paper, calling for bids for cruising by 40-acre tracts or lots, all of the timber lands in Crook county. The bidder to give a surety bond in the sum of \$20,000 to guarantee the correctness of his bid to within 15 per cent of a conservative cruise, such conservative cruise, to be determined by the court or a responsible cruiser selected by said court, the contractor to pay the cost of such cruise in case the variance exceeds 15 per cent, otherwise the county to pay therefor. Payments for such cruising to be made at regular terms of this court as the work progresses, until 25 per cent of the total cost thereof shall have been paid; the remaining 75 per cent of the cost thereof is to be paid by warrants issued at regular terms of this court as the work progresses, but the same are not to be due or payable until on or before one year from the date of the issuance thereof, such deferred payments to draw interest from date of issuance at the rate of 6 per cent per annum until paid. All bids to be sealed and filed with the county clerk prior to May 1, 1912, and the county court reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and further reserves the right to go into full details, should a contract be entered into with any bidder.

The clerk is further directed to return forthwith to the original bidders who have heretofore submitted bids, their respective bids.

Water! Water! Water!

I will sell or trade 102 shares Swalley water stock D. R. & I. Co. Will take pay in clearing land. For full particulars and terms write JONES LAND CO., Redmond, Oregon. 3-14-12.

White Wyandotte Eggs for Hatching.

Fielch and Kelly strains. \$2 per 15—E. E. EVANS, Prineville, Or. 2-11

Dragged Through the Ochoco

The Juniors and Sophomores of the Crook County High School had an exciting tug-of-war Monday afternoon. The Juniors put the challenge up to the "Sops" and stipulated that the opposing teams should man the banks of the Ochoco and that the losers should be dragged across the stream. The Sophomores didn't relish the prospect of a cold bath so fought shy of the challenge. They were given two extra men to balance the heavier Junior team and the stuff was on. Not only were the losers to be dragged across the creek, which at this time carries four or five feet of water and a strong current, but they must also jump off the F-street bridge and swim ashore. Both teams announced that all was ready and the war was on. The "Sops" gained slowly from the first. The Juniors were pulled to the water's edge and then slowly into the stream. When the water got waist high there was nothing to do but swim. Then they dove off the bridge into the swift running current and the stunt was over. There was a big crowd out to witness the contest.

Work Commenced On La Pine Ditch

Active operations began at the "Muskrat" and graders' camps, 10 miles southwest of La Pine, this morning on the main canal of the Deschutes Land company's irrigation system, following the arrival of fourteen men headed by Field Supervisor M. E. Rodgers, who reached La Pine Monday afternoon. Civil Engineer K. E. Hodgman and Engineer Martin O'Tooley came Sunday, the former going on to Crescent lake Monday to look over the condition of things at the outlet of the lake where the dam is to be constructed, while Mr. O'Tooley went to the "Wildcat," the steamshovel, to put it in order for operations which, it is thought, will begin by Saturday. The failure of a blacksmith to arrive has set back work a little at that camp. C. H. Clow of La Pine is to fire the excavator while Mrs. Clow is to cook at the "Wildcat" camp.

Herman Birdsall is the engineer of the "Muskrat" and Captain Ed Davey is to operate the dredge's levers as before. The captain and his brother are expected here tomorrow.

The teams and graders were in full swing early this morning.—La Pine Inter-Mountain.

Railroad Prospects Good Committee Well Pleased

T. M. Baldwin and M. E. Brink returned from Portland last evening, where they had been conferring with officials of the Harriman and Hill railroads with reference to a proposed branch from Terrebonne to Prineville. The members of the committee are high in their praise of the many courtesies extended to them by President Farrell, of the O. W. R. & N. Co., and President Gray of the Oregon Trunk, and many other officials of the two great systems.

The situation was thoroughly gone over with the railroad chiefs, and the increased traffic that will naturally and inevitably result from the proposed extension to Prineville was discussed at length. The committee received the assurance that the matter of extending to Prineville will have the very closest consideration of one or more of the great railroad systems, and feel that the

result of this investigation will be speedily followed by active construction. The extension to Prineville will result in more immediate benefit to the stockman than any other business, as he will thereby be enabled to load his stock direct from the feeding grounds and save the loss and expense of driving twenty miles to a shipping point.

Prineville is located in the very center of the greatest hay producing country in Central Oregon, if not in the northwest, and is destined to become the most important stock shipping point on the coast. Altogether the committee feels greatly encouraged, and that the railroad interests have a better understanding of the situation than ever before.

W. F. King who was with the committee, was delayed in Portland on business and will not return until tomorrow.

Butte Valley School Has a Real Grievance

EDITOR JOURNAL.—If Butte Valley district is still racking its brains as to why its school terms are shortened to seven months instead of nine, which it has every right to have, it need ponder no longer as the unexplainable is explained.

It seems the boundary board unlawfully cut of the timber land from the Butte Valley district, transferring it to the Bend district, and as very little land in Butte Valley district is deeded, it can readily be seen why this shortage of school funds.

The lack of money was not understood until the clerk, J. I. Jones, made an investigation, and found the above state of affairs, notwithstanding the Oregon school laws say very plainly that "Before any new district shall be established, or change shall be made in the boundaries of any existing district, the superintendent shall cause to be posted in three public and conspicuous places in such proposed district, or in each of the existing districts, at least ten days before action is taken, as herein provided, written or printed notices of the boundaries of the proposed new districts, or the changes to be made in the boundaries of any existing district, and of the session of the board when the same will be

done." [Ore. school law, p. 73.] While the votes cast in Bend for county officials may be a larger number than those cast at Powell Buttes, it would seem that the common interest in our country schools welfare should cause us to forget our "ax" once in awhile.

Butte Valley has an eighth grade class of six pupils, who, if they could have had a full 9-month term of school, would have passed with a splendid showing. But what chance have they, with the shortened term, when our town pupils, fresh from their books, barely pass? School will be out a month before they will have their examinations which is a serious drawback in itself. The work done by the Butte Valley school shows more than ordinary ability, and we believe in encouraging honest effort wherever found. We are not on our feet yet since organizing, our district is heavily bonded, and we are in arrears with the teacher's salary, so the fact that we have had the taxes of about nineteen timber claims taken from us without the formalities of law, call for an appeal, which we now make to every fair minded voter of Crook county who will vote at the primaries, April 19.

SCHOOL PATRON.

Pay Up—No Nonsense.

All persons indebted to me are requested to settle at once or their accounts will be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection.
3-28-12 Imp St Honors.

Arthur Hodges Seeks Municipal Honors

Our old fellow townsman, Arthur Hodges, is making a lively race for the office of mayor of Boise, Idaho. The Idahoans could not find a better man for the place. There is no question of his honor, integrity and ability to fill the place. Mr. Hodges served as deputy county clerk of Crook county for eight years. He was then elected county clerk for ten years. He has been mayor of Prineville for a couple of terms. He filled every position with great credit to himself. May his honest ability and integrity win him the mayoralty race in Boise is the wish of his Prineville friends.

Brown Leghorn Eggs.

15 for \$1.50. Leave orders at White's grocery. Mrs. PRINCE THOMSON. 23

Sawmill for Sale or Trade.

10 M capacity, near Sisters. Will give good terms to right man. Inquire at this office. 4-11

Brown Leghorns

Pure-bred Brown Leghorn eggs, \$1 setting; day old chicks. Mrs. LENA ZALL, Prineville, Ore. 37



News Snapshots Of the Week

John Arbuckle, the millionaire coffee and sugar merchant, died suddenly at his home in Brooklyn. Many sharp engagements were reported between the Mexican rebels under Pasquale Orozco and the federal troops near Torreón. General Salas, the former minister of war, committed suicide after a long battle in which he lost nearly 400 troops. A member of the posse searching for the Allen outlaws in the Virginia mountains succeeded in capturing Claude Allen, the son of Floyd Allen, whose sentence caused the murder of Judge Massie in the Hillsville court. The Chicago beef packers were acquitted of alleged violation of the Sherman anti-trust law. J. Ogden Armour and Louis F. Swift were the leading defendants. Phillip S. Hichborn of Washington, son of the late Rear Admiral Hichborn, committed suicide. It is believed that his mind was deranged by brooding over the elopement of his wife with Horace Wylie.