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FARMERS AND GOOD ROADS

Oregon's Greatest Need Says Hill.

LAND WILL BE SOLD CHEAP

From \$5 to \$25 an Acre—All Ready to Move Onto—Thousands of Acres.

"Farmers and good roads are Oregon's greatest needs," said Louis W. Hill, President of the Great Northern Railway, on his visit to Portland, says the Oregonian, and he immediately coupled this expression with a declaration of his intentions to supply a portion of both as far as he is able.

It is his aim to make the state attractive to farmers by offering some of the land held by the Oregon & Western Colonization Company, of which he recently secured control, at prices that will induce them to come here and settle on it.

"We have at least 10,000 acres that can be sold at \$5 an acre," he said, "and as much more that ought to bring \$6 an acre. We have it in 10,000-acre to 20,000-acre lots, ranging in price all the way from \$5 to \$25 an acre. It is ready right now for farmers to go onto it. Our next effort will be to get them to come."

"One great mistake that has been made in this country in the past is that too much effort has been directed toward bringing city people from the East to Oregon and trying to make farmers out of them. Now anyone ought to know that we can't do that. Let the city man stay in the city, but let's keep what farmers we have on the farms."

"What we want on this Central Oregon property is farmers—men who have been successful in farming in such states as Iowa and Kansas, and Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and the other Eastern States. It is there we are going to do most of our work. It will hardly be necessary to maintain an office here. We'll keep it for accommodation and to take care of the few stragglers that may drop in for information."

"We don't consider that we can get the people of Portland to go into Central Oregon. They know less about it than the people back East. Our main efforts will be conducted through our Eastern offices. We will continue our publicity work through the exhibit cars and our Eastern land shows. That's how we expect to populate Oregon."

The principal work of the Oregon & Western Colonization Company will be done by W. P. Davidson, who has been the president and general manager for several years. A campaign to get people to take up the cheap lands of the interior will be made first. The irrigated sections likewise will be offered, but the timbered areas will be held for future development.

"It is cheaper," said Mr. Hill, "for a man to buy land and pay for it at \$5 an acre than to take up a homestead. He can't afford to put in his time on a homestead if he can get land at that price. The \$5 land in Central Oregon is just as good as some in states farther east that is bringing \$25. It will be necessary to break it and cure it, but all of it is capable



News Snapshots Of the Week

Nearly 10,000 people were made homeless by floods throughout the middle west. Damage to property reached millions, but the loss of life was comparatively small. One hundred and seventy-five thousand anthracite miners went on a strike, completely tying up the hard coal industry. The state department took steps to comply with the Lodge resolution providing for an investigation of an alleged attempt by Japanese interests to gain a foothold in Mexico in violation of the Monroe doctrine. George Horine, a student in Stanford university, broke the world's record for the running high jump with a leap of 6 feet 6 1/2 inches. Lloyd C. Griscom, former ambassador to Italy, was operated on in Philadelphia. He is expected to recover. Mrs. Philip Carpenter of New York was nominated for the presidency of the National Federation of Women's Clubs. Calbraith P. Rodgers, the ocean to ocean flier, was killed by a fall at Long Beach, Cal.

of developing into first-class productive property."

Mr. Hill explained, in denying the oft repeated rumor that he is to resign the presidency of the Great Northern to engage more actively in colonization work in Oregon, that he will devote just as much time to Oregon and that he probably will be able to do the state just as much good if he remains where he is.

As soon as he gets back to St. Paul he will start negotiations with the managers of the Glidden automobile tour in order to have an early Glidden run conducted through the Northwest and terminating, possibly, in Portland. To do this, however, it is necessary to have good roads, he pointed out, and he expressed his fear that Oregon is somewhat lacking in this requirement.

Work at Redmond on Sheep Corrals

Redmond, Or.,—Work has been started on the large sheep corrals to be built adjoining the city limits, in order to take care of the sheep to be sheared here this Spring. Instructions have been given the contractor to rush the work in order to get the corrals completed at the earliest possible moment.

An experienced man has been engaged to take charge of the corrals, and enough sheepmen have agreed to shear their sheep here this Spring to bring the total that will pass through the corrals up to at least 70,000 head.

The location of the corrals here will draw sheepmen from a territory of 75 miles. There is plenty of open grazing ground and an abundance of feed in the vicinity of the corrals, and it is expected that the 70,000 sheep pledged for this season will be largely augmented when it becomes generally known that Redmond has needed facilities for handling sheep. Local business men are interested in building the corrals and are furthering the movement of making the city a sheepshearing and woolshipping point.

Save freighters' charges by making your own haul from REDMOND WHOLESALE LUMBER & PRODUCT COMPANY. 4-18-31

Houses For Rent.

6-room house, \$15.
7-room semi-modern, \$15.
7-room water and lights, \$15.
4-room, water, \$9.
3-room, \$8.
3-room, \$7.
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Eggs for Sale.

White and Brown Leghorn eggs, \$1.50 for 15. Leave orders at Elkins store, or phone independent. 4-4-tf

Mrs. L. B. Kerwood Talks of Crook County

That almost unlimited opportunities for homeseekers and especially new comers of small means, abound in Central Oregon, is being demonstrated more and more, according to Mrs. L. B. Kerwood, of Prineville, who carries on a ranch there and has prepared a statement of what can be done in the district for Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railroad, and in which she points out that farms there, properly tilled, will pay for themselves in three years.

"The rich ground found in the Crooked River Valley," said Mrs. Kerwood, "is composed of volcanic ash from 2 to 15 inches deep. To remove the sagebrush from this and plow and seed it, will cost about \$7 an acre. An acre of such land will produce two tons of rye hay the first year, which at \$10 a ton, will net the purchaser \$13.

"If the acre of land is improved and planted to potatoes, the cost will be \$25, including the cost of marketing the crop. There should be not less than 150 bushels of marketable potatoes, which, at 60 cents a bushel, will give a return of \$90, thus producing a return of \$65 the first year. In three years this will amount to \$195 and thus pay for the acre of land, even when a reduction of 50 per cent is made. Careful cultivation will produce a crop of 200 bushels for the first year, so that there is a large margin in this undertaking.

"If dry farming methods are used and wheat planted, there should be a return of from 30 to 40 bushels. Thirty bushels at 80 cents a bushel will bring \$24 and net a return of \$10 an acre. The land planted to onions will give a net profit of from \$60 to \$100 an acre. The land should produce from 60 to 100 bushels of oats. Any cereal crop will easily pay for the land within three years, if proper farming methods are followed.

"An alfalfa crop will yield from five to eight tons to the acre, worth \$12.50 a ton. On alfalfa stubble hogs can be wintered. The possibilities of poultry raising are large. Land in the Crooked River Valley is particularly adapted to this industry and results are excellent. There are also large possibilities in raising all kinds of fruits and small berries. Almost any crop may be raised there and returns are so large that there is little difficulty in producing enough to pay for the farm within three-year period as has been reported.—Oregonian

Prineville Loses Fast Basketball Game

One of the swiftest, most exciting basketball games ever played by the girls of the Crook County High School took place in Bend Friday evening, April 12, when they played the Bend girls' basketball team.

A large delegation of Prineville people, including many students of the Crook County High School, went over to see the game, and when the referee's whistle sounded at 8:30 the hall was filled with the supporters of each team. From the time the ball was tossed up in the center until the end of the first half, when the score stood 4 to 3 in favor of Bend, every moment was one of suspense. The high school girls were unfortunate as regards fouls, for every point made by their opponents in the first half was made on fouls. Miss Black rarely missing a throw.

In the beginning of the second half the score stood 5 to 5, but ill luck seemed to have camped with the high school girls. One of their guards, Miss Noble, was hurt and had to be taken out of the game, and though the girls fought right loyally, the score mounted up and at the end of the game stood 7 to 13 in favor of Bend.

Each team played a clean, consistent game and excellent work was done on both sides. Miss Black threw fouls for Bend, Miss Campbell for C. C. H. S. Miss Young was the star basket thrower for Bend and Miss Bailey for C. C. H. S. The guards—Miss Holmes and Miss G. Markel for Bend and Misses Noble, Livingston and Geyer for C. C. H. S., did excellent work. The Bend centers, Misses Wilson and A. Markel, played a fast, sure game, but Misses Cleek and Dobbs kept pace with them at every turn.

Every courtesy and consideration was shown the girls during their stay in Bend and nothing that could add to their pleasure was left undone. There is not a member of the team but has the kindest feeling for the hostesses who entertained them so royally.

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. 3-14-41

White Wyandotte Eggs for Hatching.

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

Eggs That Hatch.

From 15 eggs sold Mrs. Cottrell 15 chicks hatched; from my pen of 21 White Leghorns during March I got 496 eggs; from 144 now setting 136 test good. Who can beat it. Yours for eggs, J. W. STEWART.

Another Plan for County Division

Redmond, Or., April 15, 1912. Editor Journal:

The writer recently made a trip from Redmond to a point forty-eight miles southeast of Prineville, and was still twenty miles from Paulina, all in Crook county.

There was the common complaint—high taxes, and other parts of the county get all the road work. The county is entirely too large for economical management, and I believe that the interests of the people—I do not count politicians and town-lot speculators—we of the whole county, would now be best served by a fair division.

I was opposed to two former schemes of division for reasons that I believe were good, but conditions are now changed. The railroad has determined where the centers of population are likely to be, and has provided a means of communication between the communities of the desired new county.

I suggest the following plan for organizing Deschutes county, comprising that part of Crook county lying south of Metolius and Crooked river, and west of a line to be located by a joint committee to be appointed by the commercial clubs of Prineville, Bend and Redmond.

Let Bend and Redmond draw straws or play seven-up for temporary county seat for two years, the town getting it to furnish free offices for that term. At the end of two years have an election for permanent county seat, with an agreement—a gentleman's agreement—that the winning town shall furnish free offices for the ensuing two years.

I have consulted no one with regard to this matter, but throw it out for what it is worth, and send copies to both Prineville papers and all the papers in the proposed county. KIRK WHITED.

Wool Sales Day.

This executive committee of the Oregon Wool Growers' association announced the official Oregon wool Sales dates for the season of 1912, as follows:

- Echo, May 19 and June 13.
- Pendleton, May 30 and June 14.
- Pilot Rock, May 31.
- Heppner, June 3 and 4.
- Shaniko, June 6 and 21.
- Baker, June 8 and July 5.
- Ontario, June 10.
- Vale, June 11.
- Madras, June 21 and July 15.
- Metolius, June 22 and July 16.
- Enterprise, and Wallowa counties, June 28 and 29.

CROOK COUNTY REGISTRATION

This Spring the Largest on Record.

2425 ELECTORS ON THE ROLLS

Republicans Make Big Gains—All Parties Increase Their Numerical Strength.

Crook county has the largest registration in its history this year. The county clerk has 2425 registered electors on the rolls. This is 625 more than for 1910.

The total republican registration this year is 1546 against 1117 two years ago. There are 688 democrats this year to 509 registered at the last primaries. There are 112 socialists registered to 85 two years ago. Forty-four registered as independents and 6 refused to give their political faith. The registration this year is as follows:

Town	Total	Rep.	Dem.	Soc.	Ind.	Ref.
Prineville	286	171	105	7	6	2
Ashwood	77	57	15	2	0	0
Bear Creek	28	20	2	4	0	0
Beaver Creek	62	32	26	0	0	0
Bend	294	147	137	0	0	1
Black Butte	107	62	23	2	0	0
Breese	15	11	4	0	0	0
Camp Creek	65	31	23	0	11	0
Cross Keys	13	11	0	0	0	0
Deschutes	302	151	131	0	0	0
File	30	12	0	0	0	0
Hay Creek	111	74	17	0	0	0
Haystack	22	17	4	0	0	0
Hat Rock	42	19	13	0	0	0
Hillman	75	38	18	0	0	0
Howard	9	9	0	0	0	0
Ireland	42	28	13	0	0	0
Johnson Creek	42	29	11	0	0	0
Kitcher	189	109	42	0	0	0
Leblow	84	55	23	0	0	0
Madras	87	66	23	0	0	0
Lava	17	7	0	0	0	0
Lyle Gap	52	43	3	0	0	0
Madras	87	66	23	0	0	0
Maury	11	2	0	0	0	0
Mill Creek	34	11	22	0	0	0
Montgomery	35	15	11	0	0	0
Mosby	69	42	13	0	0	0
Newsum	42	20	22	0	0	0
Powell Butte	43	29	8	0	0	0
Redmond	136	115	33	0	0	0
Summit	8	5	0	0	0	0
Tetherow	65	41	11	0	0	0
Warm Springs	45	30	12	0	0	0
Willow Creek	48	27	13	0	0	0
White Butte	9	6	0	0	0	0
White Falls	47	29	15	0	0	0
Total	2425	1546	688	29	112	0
Last Elec.	1800	1117	509	9	80	0

Butte Valley District Never Was Divided

The lady writing from the Butte Valley school district last week, complaining that the boundary board unlawfully cut off the timber land from the Butte Valley district, was greatly misinformed as to the facts in the case. The boundaries of the Butte Valley district have never been changed since the district was established. We have been informed by County Superintendent Ford that no change was even thought of. Hence the lack of funds to complete a 9-months term of school cannot be placed at the door of the boundary board. The timber claims that were originally within the district are still there. If the district is heavily bonded and is in arrears with the teacher's salary the people living in the district know the remedy. Increase your school tax.

Took the Gold Medal.

Bliss Native Herb tablets took the gold medal at the Paris Exposition this spring. For sale by RAYMOND CALAVAN, Prineville, Oregon. 4-15-11

Settle Up.

As the following firms are out of business they wish to close accounts at once. O'Neil Bros. Co. O'Neil Bros. Co. Lone Pine Trading Co. O'Neil, Larson & Co. Settlement must be made by either cash or note with Walter O'Neil, Prineville, Ore., at the law office of George Bernier. 4-15

Money to Loan.

In sums of \$100 to \$1000 on three or five years time. C. F. SMYRN, Prineville, Ore. Office with Crook County Abstract Co. 2-29-tf