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Homes for 100,000 Families In the Central Oregon Country

W. P. Davidson, president of the Oregon & Western Colonization Company, and a party of Great Northern immigration officials, spent last Friday night in Prineville. They were on the last lap of a 600-mile tour through Central Oregon for the purpose of getting acquainted with the country.

Besides Mr. Davidson, the other members of the party were E. C. Leedy, general irrigation agent, St. Paul; C. C. Morrison, Chicago; C. B. Griffin, T. L. McDonald, and A. E. Hargrave, St. Paul, and F. W. Graham, Seattle.

Mr. Leedy was very enthusiastic over what he saw in this country and his impressions, as well as the other members of the party will be embraced in advertising literature to be sent out by the Hill lines. On the return to Portland, Mr. Leedy said:

"The trip was made in accordance with the policy of the Great Northern chief's of having their immigration men becoming thoroughly acquainted with the country in which they try to interest home-seekers. These men in the course of a year meet thousands of interested persons, and they bring more settlers to Oregon than any other source.

Another object of the trip was to inspect the big holdings in central Oregon of the Oregon & Western Colonization company, which is working with the Great Northern to colonize and settle the land with prosperous and contented settlers.

Our observations brought a realization of such wonderful prospects and possibilities as to belittle the tales that we had been told of Central Oregon," said Mr. Leedy.

"What can be done with the soil of that section must be seen to be realized. Some photographs we took of six-foot barley on one side of a road and 12-foot sage brush on the other is a mute tale that may look like a fake but it was possible to take hundreds of such views. The fertility of the soil is remarkable and this is especially true of Hampton Butte Valley, Prineville district and the Harney Valley. The same can be said of all the great acreage of the Oregon & Western Colonization Company.

"At every opportunity we talked with the new settlers and they not only expressed themselves as satisfied with their prospects but are trying to get possession of more land as soon as they are able. My associates on the trip were more enthusiastic than ever before on a similar one and eager to tell to the inquiring Easterner what chances are awaiting them in Central Oregon. All are experienced men in this line of business of directing immigration and as agreed at dinner this evening they never had a proposition that they felt so honestly worthy of advocating, before.

"During our four days' trip we saw ranches for fully 100,000 families awaiting their coming and there is little choice between them. When we get back East we need to tell only a part of the truth to prove that Central Oregon is the haven for those who want farms that are cheap, accessible to transportation, easy to cultivate and with crops certain."

"The trip was a revelation and a pleasure all the way," said Mr. Graham, and the other members of the party instantly agreed with him. "We can go back to work with more enthusiasm than we have ever had for the wonderful Oregon country. Its possibilities are beyond even what we had imagined. I have been there before, but in the

few years since then remarkable changes have taken place.

"Central Oregon is the grandest place of opportunity for the settler in the world. We passed field after field of rye that was growing higher than the fences. All the settlers there expect the greatest crop in the history of the country this fall. We took many pictures of the land, both settled and in the rough, and all these will be used by our immigration men in their work of giving publicity to the resources of Oregon.

"Whenever we would come across a settler, we would stop our autos and talk to him. It is a remarkable thing, and certainly significant of the fertility and possibilities of the country, that we didn't find a single dissatisfied person. There was not one who desired to pull up his stakes and quit the country.

"Mr. Davidson's company has 800,000 acres of land there which it is colonizing, and we never saw better land anywhere. It costs \$6 an acre to clear it of sagebrush, break it up, and plant it. It's level as a floor, and the soil can't be better anywhere. In fact, all this central Oregon land seems able to grow anything that can be grown anywhere.

"We passed through the towns of Bend, La Pine, Fort Rock, Silver Lake, Burns and Prineville."

Mr. Hargrave declared enthusiastically that the central Oregon land would raise acre for acre, anything that can be raised on the finest farm lands in Illinois where \$300 an acre is the prevailing price.

Sees Big Future For Central Oregon

G. S. Beeson, secretary and treasurer of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, has returned from Columbus, Ohio, where the bonds of the company are owned.

"The possibilities of the land in Central Oregon, with the aid of irrigation, are wonderful and every dollar now being expended will be returned tenfold in a year if the present work is continued," said Mr. Beeson. "When I first looked over the land, after considerable capital which I represent had been invested in it, it was my impression that it was a worthless enterprise. It was necessary for me to make a complete examination and at its conclusion my first opinion was completely changed. This latter opinion is now fully shared by my associates and there will be ample money



THE WORLD'S GREATEST WHEAT PRIZE \$5,000.

The Northwest Development League has arranged to give a world's greatest prize for wheat at the Northwestern Products Exposition to be held in Minneapolis, November 12 to 23, 1912. Try for it. It would mean a whole lot for the lucky farmer but much more for Crook county.

to complete the project even if it takes three times what was originally expected.

"It is now certain that Central Oregon will have all the rail connections to meet its wants and that these will grow with the development of the country, as it will deal in large products and with the railroads will come people to assist. Few people can comprehend what Central Oregon will become as a producer for the world within a few years."—Oregonian.

A Statement to The Public

An investigation made after the murder of Mrs. Carrie Patterson, a woman of the underworld at Bend, May 28, has revealed a condition of affairs there that should not be allowed to exist by the authorities responsible for the welfare of this county as well as the particular community effected. While it has heretofore been my policy to interfere as little as possible in the conduct of and the morals of incorporated cities within Crook county for the reason that several grand juries have gone on record against interference by the county and state authorities on the ground that these incorporated towns are very much more able to handle these matters

at a less expense to the taxpayers, I feel it my duty to make an exception occasionally.

Henceforth, I am constrained to announce, that unless the city authorities at Bend show more inclination to handle these evils within the corporate limits of that city the full powers of this office will be directed toward eliminating from that city all dissolute women and undesirable characters who follow in their wake.

A reasonable time will be given the city authorities to accomplish that end. Gambling must also cease and all gambling devices now used must be discarded. If at the end of that time these conditions still continue the more cumbersome machinery of the state courts will be called into action at the instigation of this office and arrests and convictions will follow until I am satisfied that there will be no recurrence of such tragedies as that of May 28.

T. N. BALFOUR, Sheriff.

Hurrah for the Circus.

Round trip to Redmond to see the circus \$2. June 13. Leave Prineville at 7 a. m.; returning after the show. BUCKLEY EXPRESS CO. at Prineville Stage Office.

For Sale.

Six choice lots with good 6-room house, barn etc.; nice shade trees and lawn. A bargain, only \$2000. Terms, address C, care Crook County Journal.

Good Railroad Proposition Put Up to Prineville

A railroad from Prineville to Metolius if we can raise \$100,000! Work to commence at once! It sounds good. Let us make good.

A railroad proposition was put up to the people of Prineville last evening by H. H. Skewes, representing Stanger & Co. of St. Louis, that means for Prineville to put up or shut up talking about a railroad.

This gentleman gives us an even better proposition than the one we recently offered the trunk lines operating in Crook county. So sanguine is Mr. Skewes of its acceptance by the people here that he has ordered his engineers to report at once for duty and he will commence tomorrow morning and get contracts signed up for the right of way.

Prineville must raise \$100,000 but it is not believed that it will be much trouble. So far it is simply a transference of names from the old list to the new. Nobody refuses. Metolius will raise \$25,000 and it will be the best kind of an investment for that town. The contract tells its own story and is in part as follows:

First—A railway corporation to be regularly organized and chartered within sixty days from the 5th day of June, 1912, under the laws of the State of Oregon, with a capital stock in such amount as the stockholders may agree upon, which articles of incorporation and charter shall specify and limit the authorized bond issue of such corporation to not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars, for the purpose of obtaining and purchasing rights-of-way and franchises, and building, constructing, operating and maintaining a standard gauge steam railway from the town of Metolius, in Crook county, to the city of Prineville, Crook county, state of Oregon, a distance of thirty miles, more or less, over the most feasible route between said points.

The railway corporation organized and constructing such railroad under the provisions hereof is to be deemed and held to be the second party hereto, without its signature.

Second—That bonds hereby subscribed shall bear interest at the rate of six per cent per annum from the time they are paid for at par value by the respective subscribers, and to be paid at some available, responsible bank or trust company within the city of New York, or a bank in Prineville, Oregon, semi-annually. Such bonds hereby subscribed to be regu-

larly issued and deposited in the First National Bank of Prineville, Oregon, for collection, and to be issued in such subscribed amounts respectively, and to be collectable at the rate of ten per cent thereof for each three miles of railway actually constructed under the provisions hereof. Provided that the whole amount of such bonds hereby subscribed shall be immediately due and collectable upon the completion of such railway from Metolius to Prineville.

Such authorized bonds to be secured by first mortgage on the right-of-way, franchises, road bed, buildings, rolling stock and equipment of such company, and shall mature at or before ten years from the date thereof. The amount of bonds issued under the conditions hereof, shall in no case exceed the assets of said railway corporation subject to the payment thereof.

Third—The railway to be constructed by said corporation under this agreement shall be on a grade not to exceed 1.5 per cent, and with a maximum curvature not to exceed 6 degrees. Regular passenger train service shall be maintained to connect with all passenger trains on the Oregon Trunk and Deschutes railroads at Metolius, from Prineville, and a sufficient freight train service to handle the traffic on said road not less than one train each way, daily. Road to be equipped with steel at least 80 lbs. to the yard, and rolling stock to be in thoroughly good condition.

Actual construction shall be commenced on said railway within sixty days from June 5, 1912, and said railway shall be completed and in regular operation to the city of Prineville, Oregon, within eight months from June 5, 1912.

Time is hereby made the essence of this contract, and any default on the part of the second party shall render this agreement void as to any subscriber of bonds herein as may elect to take advantage of such default.

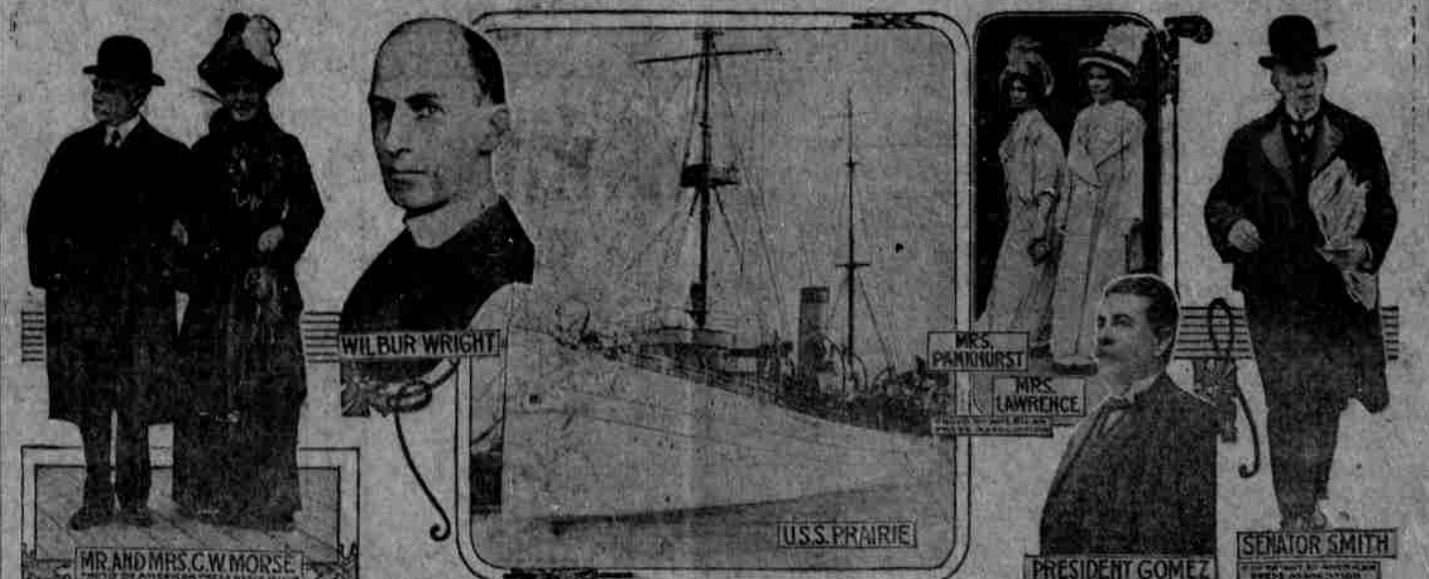
This agreement and subscription shall not be deemed or held to be consummated or binding until the full amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars of such bonds has been bona fide subscribed, such railway corporation duly organized with a bona fide intention of constructing and operating such railway, coupled with the ability to complete and operate the same, and such bonds regularly issued.

The bond hereby subscribed may be called in and retired by such railway corporation at any time any semi-annual interest payment may be due thereon, at par.

Dated this 5th day of June, 1912.

Sudden Death of "Happy Hooligan"

Died—In this city Tuesday morning, Harry Strand, familiarly known as "Happy Hooligan" from appendicitis, at the age of 60. Few people knew his real name, most acquaintances calling him "Happy" at all times and places. Strand was a Norwegian and had lived in and about Prineville for the last eight years. The funeral took place yesterday afternoon from the Lippman undertaking parlors.



News Snapshots Of the Week

W. Morse, the former ice king and banker who was sentenced to the federal prison at Atlanta and was later pardoned by President Taft because of ill health, returned from Europe with Mrs. Morse. He declared that he had almost recovered and would enter business again. The senate committee which investigated the Titanic disaster made known its findings through Chairman W. A. Smith.

The revolution against President Gomez of Cuba assumed such serious proportions that the army transport Prairie was sent to Guantanamo with 700 American troops. Wilbur Wright, the pioneer American aviator, was stricken with typhoid fever, and for a time his life was despaired of. Mrs. Emmeline Pankhurst, the English suffragette, and Mr. and Mrs. Pethick Lawrence, two of her lieutenants, were sentenced to nine months' imprisonment for "malicious injury to property." Charles