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## Crook County High School Adds Two New Departments

For the past few years the study of agriculture has been included in the curriculum of the Crook Co. High School. It has proved to be not only a popular subject with the students, but also, as a means of culture and mental discipline, of equal value with any of the more abstract studies which formerly composed High School courses. In addition to this it fulfills the demand of the day in that it is an eminently practical subject. It gives the student the preparation for going out and making the greatest success in one of the most honorable and independent walks of life.

According to the conclusions reached in the investigations made by one of the leading educators of the country, the old system of education educated 94 per cent. of the pupils away from the productive walks of life, causing them to be consumers rather than producers. The tendency of the newer movement, in which agriculture and other practical subjects, such as manual training and domestic science has been introduced, is to educate the pupils to be producers. This is remarkably shown in the change of sentiment among the boys and girls of one county in the state of Washington. In 1907, out of 164 boys and 174 girls who expressed their choice of a life occupation, 157 boys and 163 girls expected to leave the farm. But in 1910, after these subjects had been introduced, and the idea of the dignity of labor emphasized through the work of the schools, out of 174 boys and 178 girls, 162 boys and 161 girls expressed their determination to remain on the farm. In neither case was any effort made to influence the pupils in the expression of their choice of a calling in life.

The coming year in the Crook Co. High School there will be another

step in advance along this line. A two-year course will be started, in which the work in each subject treated will be greatly amplified. Considerably more time will be devoted to laboratory and field work, and various farm problems will be worked out in such a way as to make a lasting impression upon the students.

Without doubt the course will eventually develop into a four-year agricultural course, which plan is already being adopted in a few of the High Schools of this state.

First year. First Semester: Soils. Second Semester: Plant Propagation and Horticulture.

Second year. First Semester: Animal Husbandry and Dairying. Second Semester: Farm Crops and Farm Management.

At the recent adjourned meeting of the Board of Education of the Crook Co. High School, it was decided that, because of lack of interest manifested in normal work, that department should be discontinued for the ensuing year. Work in it will be resumed at any future date when interest is such as to warrant the forming of a class.

At the request of Principal Coe it was decided to give added attention to agriculture. Accordingly Prof. Smith, who has had charge of that work for the past year, was asked to prepare a complete two-year course. In order to get the best course possible, he thought it wise to consult the leaders of that work in the state—the instructors of the Oregon Agriculture College at Corvallis. In order to best fit himself to handle the various subjects he spent some time in study there. He has just returned and is bubbling over with enthusiasm for the new department. All students who can will do well to elect one year, or if possible, both years in this most valuable subject.



Crook County High School, Prineville, Oregon

## County Court Adjourned Term

Court met Monday, August 5, at 10 a. m. Present, Judge H. C. Ellis, Commissioners R. H. Bailey and James Rice, County Clerk Brown and Sheriff Balfour.

Replacing Bolter's bridge.—The local road supervisors and others have reported that the present wooden bridge across Trout creek, near Bolter's, is in a dangerous condition, the same having been personally inspected by the members of this court and found that the posts thereunder are decayed, and that it is necessary to rebuild said structure forthwith. After getting estimates to replace the structure with lumber it was considered cheaper to put in a steel bridge. It is therefore ordered that a contract be entered into by the county court and Coast Bridge Co. for a steel trestle 220 feet long with a 16-foot clear roadway, the bridge company to furnish the steel forms necessary for the setting of the concrete pedestals, for the erection of the steel in its place upon the pedestals furnished by the county, the laying of all plank, joist and railing and the painting of same, for the sum of \$2,100, f. o. b. Gateway, Oregon.

Petition for county road by Peter Erickson et al which was accompanied by a bond of \$200, with John Toth and J. R. Harvey as sureties, and it appearing by affidavit that at least 12 signers of said petition were freeholders residing in the road district, and it further appearing from the opinion of the district attorney that all papers were regular, it is ordered that the board of road viewers meet at the

beginning of said proposed road on the 15th day of August, 1912, view, review and survey said proposed road and report thereon at the next term of this court.

The petition for the G. G. Groves' et al road was granted, the law having been complied with. The board of road viewers are ordered to meet at the beginning of said proposed road on the — day of August, 1912, view, review and survey said proposed road and report thereon at the next term of this court.

Deschutes river county bridge.—Pursuance to a continuance from the last meeting of this court a full investigation has been made and the court finds, among other things, that the bridge asked for is much needed by the public in general, especially by people on the westerly side of the Deschutes river and from the vicinity of Sisters and Tumalo; that it is feasible and can be constructed for a reasonable price across the Deschutes river in road district No. 12, near the northerly limits of the city of Bend; that there is no public bridge across said river nearer than Laidlaw on the north, a distance of upwards of six miles and on the south at the beginning of the Big Meadows, a distance of 17 miles; that there are two private bridges across the Deschutes river which the public is, and has been for many years, obliged to travel regardless of their unsafe and dangerous condition, and this court, after considering the first cost of a combination steel base bent bridge with wooden stringers and decking as compared with a lumber bridge, and in view of the fact that the construction of said bridge at this time is an emergency matter, it is therefore ordered that

## The Fair Grounds Busy Place The October Racing Program

The fair ground is a busy place these days. Carpenters are at work on the additions to the pavilion. When they get through the building will be in the shape of a Maltese cross, with ample capacity for the display of agricultural products.

The big grandstand will take some time to build. It will be 160 feet long/28 feet deep and about 30 feet in height, and will hold a thousand people. A portion has been set aside for reserved seats. The band stand is located on a swinging platform in the dormer, which occupies the center of the building. It will be built up high enough so as not to obstruct the view from the seats.

The judges' stand opposite will be octagonal in shape and contain accommodations for these officials.

The poultry house has long been needed. It will be circular in shape, 30 feet in diameter, with an inside court. All buildings will be finished in rustic and neatly painted.

There will be one thousand feet of free stables for campers with hay and grain at actual cost. The fair officials are doing their utmost to make the 1912 fair the best ever held outside of the state fair at Salem. The amusement features this year will be something that has not been attempted before so far in the interior of the state.

The Los Angeles band is the best that could be provided. The flying machine will draw people from all over the interior, and there will be other entertaining features to attract the crowd.

The racing will be better than ever this year. It will be more than a local affair. The purses hung up are large enough to attract statewide attention, and they are doing it. Inquiries are being received from many distant points. The following is the race program for the four days:

### FIRST DAY

Introductory Race  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile dash ..... \$100.00  
Crook County Trot or Pace, mile heats, 2 in 3 ..... 150.00  
Saddle Race,  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile dash, stock saddles and horses ..... 75.00  
Crook County Commercial Club Stake, running  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile ..... 300.00

### SECOND DAY

Running  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile dash ..... 200.00  
Crook County Colts, 3-yr-olds, trot or pace, mile 2 in 3 ..... 100.00  
Crook County Merchants' and Manufacturers' Purse, 2:30 class trot or pace, heats 3 in 5 ..... 300.00  
Quarter mile dash ..... 100.00

### THIRD DAY

Farmers' and Breeders' Stake, running mile dash ..... 300.00  
Running  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile, 2 year-olds ..... 150.00  
Gentlemen's Double Team Roadsters' Race, mile, 2 in 3, owners to drive ..... 100.00  
Running  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile dash ..... 100.00

### FOURTH DAY

Indian Women's, one mile ..... 25.00  
Society's Purse, 2:25 class, trot, mile heats, 3 in 5 ..... 500.00  
One-half mile handicap ..... 200.00  
Running one-half mile Consolation race ..... 100.00

Entries to all named races will close Oct. 1, 1912  
Over-night entries 8 o'clock p. m. night before race  
American Trotting Association rule to govern all harness races, the society being a member of the same; and American Racing Rules to govern running races  
Entrance fee to all stakes and purses, 10 per cent of same  
Money divided 70, 20 and 10 per cent

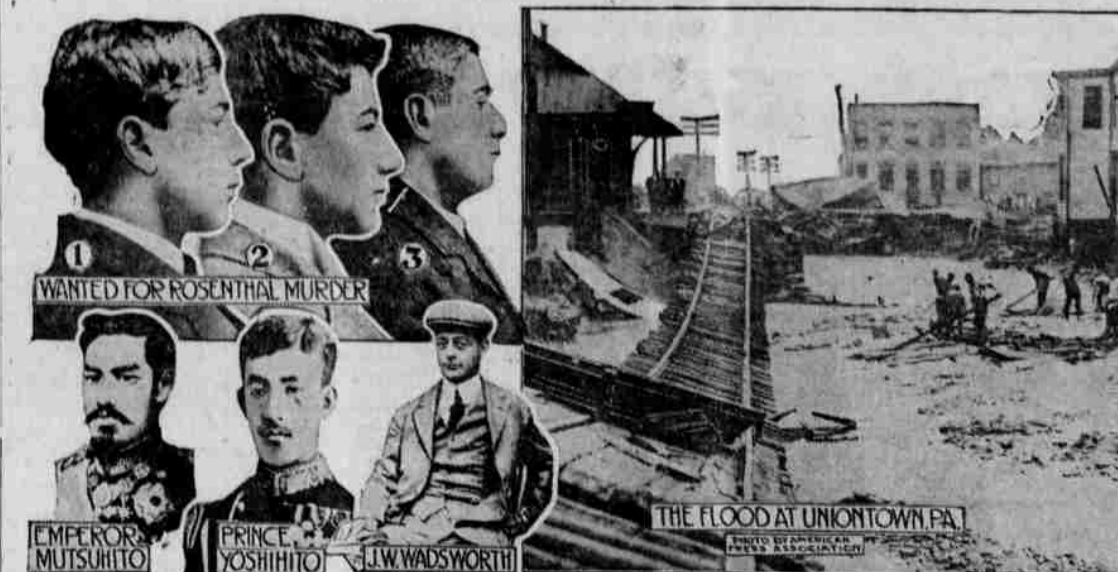
## August 17 is Farmers' Day At Redmond Demonstration Farm

Crops on the Oregon Agricultural College demonstration farms at Redmond and Metolius are approaching maturity and in order that the farmers and citizens of Crook county may avail themselves of the opportunity of seeing the demonstrations before harvest, arrangements have been made with the College authorities for holding a "Farmer's Day" at the Irrigated Demonstration farm near Redmond, on Saturday, August 17th.

Dr. James Withcombe, director

of State Experiment Stations, Prof. H. D. Scudder, probably President Kerr and one or two other members of the experiment station will be with the business men's excursion from Portland, on the way to Oregon Development League convention, to be held at Lakeview, and will stop over to visit the irrigated demonstration farm and deliver lectures at the farmers institute in Redmond the evening of August 17th.

Washington—The Commissioner of the General Land Office says that at the present time 250,000 land patents are held in the General Land Office awaiting the application of the owners to receive them. The possession of a patent is not absolutely necessary to pass title to the entryman consequently thousands of entrymen entitled to patents do not make application for them and they have accumulated until they have aggregated the number given. Recently some enterprising law firms have been writing to entrymen offering to secure their land patents for them for a nominal sum, and apparently are doing literally a "land office business." The services of attorneys are not necessary in order to obtain these patents, and those entitled to them can get them by making application to the officials of the local land office in which their enterprises are situated without costs.



## News Snapshots Of the Week

New York declared that he believed police were concerned in the murder of Herman Rosenthal, the gambler. He also asked police everywhere to look for and arrest five men for the murder, including (1) Louis Marks, (2) Harry Horowitz and (3) Frank Muller.



HARRY THAW

## Death of Charles W. Haight.

Charles W. Haight, who owned a large ranch in Cow Canyon, and is known to every old timer in Crook County, died at The Dalles last Friday.

The deceased went to The Dalles about a month ago for medical treatment, but his nearly four score years of life had considerably reduced his strength and his vitality continued to ebb until the time of his death. Charles W. Haight was born in Otsego county, New York, December 20, 1833. When he was 5 years of age he moved with his parents to Tipton, Ia. He attended school there until 1853 then left with a party bound for California. Mr. Haight located at what was known as "Kelsey's Diggings" where he worked at mining for three years. In 1857 he came to Oregon, locating at Wilber. He attended school for a few years going to the Florence mines in Idaho in 1862. For three years Mr. Haight engaged in freighting between Boise and Bannock City, Ida. In 1865 he returned to Wilber and was united in marriage to Miss Eliza Virginia Otey. Together with his wife he moved to Wasco county in 1872 and resided there until his death.

**Estray.**  
Black two-year-old filly, banded VD connected on left shoulder; owner can have same by proving brand, paying for this notice and pasture charges.  
7-18-St CHAS. O'NEIL, Howard, Or.

**Cottage to Rent.**  
Five-room cottage to rent. Inquire of Mrs. D. F. Stewart. 7-25