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Prineville and Its Resources

The Northwest Townsite Co. of Philadelphia, who own large real estate interests here, have issued an attractive booklet on Prineville and its advantages. There are half-tone pictures of the Crook County High School, the homes of M. E. Brink, Jess Yancey and T. M. Baldwin, the Hotel Prineville and the First National Bank. This is what it has to say of Prineville and its resources:

Eighteen miles east of the Deschutes and Oregon Trunk railroads and lying in the rich Crooked River Valley, surrounded by one hundred thousand acres of Oehoco creek and Crooked river land, is the town of Prineville, the county seat of Crook county, Oregon, and the largest of all towns east of the Cascades mountains.

For years Prineville has been the base of supplies for an enormous area of fertile country. It is not a new town save in the sense that all Central Oregon towns are new since the arrival of the Deschutes Valley railroads.

Crook county, of which Prineville, as we have said, is the county seat, contains 8,000 square miles—is about as large as the state of Massachusetts. Only recently this enormous tract of land received its true valuation as an agricultural country, and even now it has by no means reached its full productive capacity. A generation ago it was a stock country pure and simple—it still contains 150,000 head of sheep, which produces yearly 1,500,000 pounds of wool and 75,000 head of mutton—but today wheat, alfalfa and a wide range of crops are to be seen growing in the rich "volcanic ash" soil. Alfalfa is the most profitable hay crop and is grown universally with irrigation—sometimes profitably on dry land. Two or three crops are produced annually—a total yield of four to seven tons an acre. Prices are from \$10 to \$30 a ton; in 1909 the latter figure was obtained for the bulk of the crop. If the crop is pastured to hogs, even greater returns are obtainable.

Wheat yields vary from twenty to forty bushels per acre—practically twice as much per acre as Ohio and New York, and other grain crops are equally as large. Add to the sheep-herding industry 35,000 cattle, 12,000 horses and 2,000 swine—the latter is rapidly increasing in numbers—and some idea may be had of the agricultural wealth of the country surrounding Prineville.

But this by no means sums up the resources of the territory tributary to Prineville. East of the town lies an enormous belt of yellow pine timber. Crook county as a whole contains over eleven billion feet of timber—mostly pine—75,000 carloads, or in other words, a quantity sufficient to run for fifty years saw mills cutting 150,000 feet daily.

So much for the resources surrounding Prineville. The town had in 1900 a population of 656 persons. The census of 1910 credited it with 1,042 inhabitants but today it is considerably larger. It was settled in 1867 and incorporated in 1880. From the first it was almost an eastern city in its conservation and careful avoidance of the "boom" spirit. Solid growth has been the result; "mushroom" growth is conspicuous by its absence; buildings are substantial and handsome; business is sound financially. Many of the prominent business men of Portland were former Prineville merchants.

Prineville court house, which cost \$100,000, is built entirely of black basalt, quarried within two miles of the court house site. The stone is fine-grained and hard—even more



News Snapshots Of the Week

Floods caused millions of dollars' damage throughout Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. Colonel C. P. Townsley succeeded Major General Barry as superintendent at West Point. General Barry now commands the department of the east. Former Inspector Hayes of the New York police force declared that Commissioner Waldo was responsible for the "wide open" conditions. William M. Wood of Boston, head of the woolen trust, was arrested, charged with conspiracy in connection with the distribution of dynamite in Lawrence during the strike. The Maine election was held. Governor Plaisted was the Democratic candidate, and the Republicans and Progressives united in support of William T. Haines. Harold H. Hilton, the British golf crack, was defeated in the first round of the amateur championship match at Chicago.

desirable than granite—and as it is present in quantity sufficient to build a city as large as New York. There is a bright future before the building stone industry. Other public buildings are equally as handsome, far surpassing those of many much larger cities.

Prineville's growth, like that of most Central Oregon towns, up to the present time has been greatly retarded by the lack of railroad transportation. This however has now been overcome. Prineville is only eighteen miles from the Deschutes and Oregon Trunk railroads, and it is certain that a spur from these railroads will be built into Prineville. The coming of the railroads will bring about a rapid rise in real estate values—produce an enormous increase in population.

Regarded from the standpoint of the man who wants a home or a business location, Prineville offers many exceptional advantages. Socially the town is one of the best in Oregon. There are four prosperous churches—Presbyterian, Methodist, Baptist and Christian. The public schools furnish all the advantages of the best city schools and the curriculum of the Crook County High school includes such higher branches as Latin, German and chemistry. A new school house has just been completed at a cost of \$30,000. Those who wish to locate in a prosperous and progressive community cannot find one more ideal than Prineville.

Every necessity, of modern life and almost all luxuries are to be found in the up-to-date Prineville stores. Owing to the wide area dependent upon Prineville as a trading point, the stocks of merchandise carried by local merchants are almost as large and varied as those of the average middle western wholesale jobber. Prineville business men are hustlers, but not boomers.

The rapid increase in Prineville's population, even in the face of the hindrance consequent upon the lack of railroad transportation, is, in great measure, due to the efforts of the Prineville Commercial Club. The town has complete water and electric light systems, numerous fine stores, flour mills, planing mills, machine shops, and several fine hotels, chief among which is the Hotel Prineville, built of stone at a cost of \$30,000 and containing every modern luxury. There are two strong banks in Prineville whose combined resources total three-quarters of a million dollars. An example of the town's conservative spirit is afforded by the fact that these two banks remained open for business every day during the panic of 1908, while other banks were closed under the "holiday proclamation" or transacted business on clearing-house certificates. These are the facts which makes the growth of Prineville in future

as sure as in the past, and many more times rapid.

First—Its importance as the county seat of Crook county, which contains enough farming land to make 8,000 one hundred and sixty acre farms, many of them irrigated; timber to last for over a hundred years, and the almost unlimited power-developing capacity of the Deschutes river.

Second—The location of Prineville in almost the exact geographical center of Crook county, surrounded by miles of rich land, easily irrigable from Oehoco creek and Crooked river.

Third—The already established importance of Prineville as a trading point, and the energy and activity of its citizens.

The coming of the railroads.

Gun Found.

Gun found last spring near Prineville. Owner can have same by calling at Journal office and proving property. 9-12-21

"Pie" at the County Fair

We have received a letter from the J. H. Haner Abstract Co. of Prineville, in which they request us to advertise their proposed exhibit at the Crook County Fair, to be held in October. We think the letter itself will best answer their request, to-wit:

PRINEVILLE, ORE., Sept. 18, '12. ED. CROOK COUNTY JOURNAL:—

In examining the premium list of Crook County Fair for 1912 we have made the horrible discovery that everything produced in Crook county has been given a place except "pie." This is awful. Think how the members of the fair board used to take a quarter-section of pie of mother's make in their fingers and devour it in the manner, and with the relish lavished upon a watermelon by a

southern colored gentleman. As the time rolled on each of them abandoned the method of eating, and adopted a knife. Still the time rolls along, and again the method is changed—the fork takes the place of the knife. Time rolls along some more until 1912 slips into affairs, and what has developed? That the fair board has become the servant of the modern cooking school. They have wholly forgotten "pie." They have forgotten mother's mixtures for which they used to coon transmogrify to the pantry. They have forgotten the dreams they used to have after a pie-eating contest during which they thought of being chased by goblins, ghosts and school ma'ams, and climbing to high places only to fall off and never lighting any place.

We insist that it is not fair. We therefore are going to take the responsibility of correcting this evil by placing a booth in the pavilion at the fair grounds, where we will exhibit our stock in trade, consisting of books and records made by us from the public records; also "pie" for which we will pay \$5.00 for the best, \$3.00 for the second best, and \$1.00 each for the next two.

Each exhibitor must furnish two pies from the same mixture, one of which will be used by the judges to cut up, while the remainder will be sold at auction and the proceeds therefrom will be donated to the library fund of the public school where the exhibitor resides.

Kindly give this matter the publicity through the columns of the Journal that will result in "pie" getting its merited attention.

Yours very sincerely,
THE J. H. HANER ABSTRACT CO.
P. S.—That board of directors will not be barred at the auction sale.

Pize Silver Cup at the First National

The O. W. R. & N. Co. have sent to T. M. Baldwin of the First National Bank, the handsome silver cup that the company is offering for the best two-year-old steer or over at the Central Oregon Fair, held in Prineville October 16-19. The cup and pedestal stands over 15 inches in height. The cup itself is 10 3/4 inches and is mounted on an ebony base 4 1/2 inches. It is suitably inscribed and will make a prize worthy of the company and the cause for which it is given.

Seed Wheat for Sale
Clean Scotch Fife Seed Wheat for sale by J. L. Windom, Culver, Ore. 9-12

This Beats Paying Rent
Will sell my two-room tent house and a lot close to school for \$300. Half cash balance time. MRS. LIVERY. 9-12-21

Pony for Sale
Saddle broke, 5 years old, weighs 800 pounds; price \$27.50, with new bridle. Inquire at the Journal office. 9-12

High School Has Large Enrollment

(By Principals Cos)
Crook County High School opened last week with the largest enrollment in its history. There are but two vacant seats in the assembly room, and several new and some old students are expected in this week. The room will be overfull before the end of the week.

We are sorry to lose some of our students that have been with us regularly in years past, but the removal of families to other parts, or duties at home are mainly responsible. We regret very deeply that we must lose any of our old "stand-bys." We feel the loss keenly, but assure them that our interest and best wishes go with them to their fields of labor for the coming year.

Among those missing from our ranks aside from those who graduated last spring are: Lawrence and Robert Lister, Ray McCallister, Bersh Livingston, Fred Barnum, Evelyn Milliron, William Wilson, Harold Cook, Susie Cowherd, May Campbell, Millard Elkins, Arthur Michell, Vern Merchant, Guy Powell, Eva Baldman, and others who dropped out earlier in the year.

The freshmen class is not only the largest class to date but is also a decidedly promising one. They are getting into the work like old veterans, and we predict that the other classes may soon have to look well to their laurels.

Our teacher of mathematics and German has arrived and is at work. She taught in the high school at Moscow, Idaho, last year. She comes to us very highly recommended, and if we may judge from first impressions not over recommended. We are extremely fortunate in securing Miss Herman for this year.

Our students are very industrious and insist on extra work almost to a man. But this extra work often results in conflicts between classes. Because of these conflicts several of our elective branches are not so full as was expected. It is often a source of great disappointment to a student to find two classes that he is especially interested in reciting at the same hour. To relieve this condition two classes will recite before school calls in the morning.

The commercial course is proving especially attractive this year, the enrollment being much larger than was anticipated.

The work at the opening of the year has been seriously handicapped by the delay in the shipment of books. They will doubtless be on hand in a few days.

Lamonta Items.

H. H. Clow, our handy man, was visiting his parents near Lamonta Sunday.

The threshers have been very busy lately.

The extreme heavy crops have kept the ranches hustling to take care of the grain.

It is whispered "Dan Cupid" has been putting in good time, and the wedding bells will soon ring.

Fine Farm for Sale.

Three hundred and twenty acres river bottom land, located on Crooked river, ten miles west of Prineville and ten miles from Redmond; 100 acres in alfalfa; 135 acres in wheat—the wheat is not threshed yet—and from 200 to 300 tons of hay and all the machinery; two gasoline engines; one automobile; one hay press; two wagons; hay buck; hay scales; one 2000-gallon water tank, and pipe to every corral; two large barns on place; good house and other outbuildings; alfalfa meal grinder; one-half interest in hay cutter; I own the ditch for irrigating it—the land is all under irrigation; two centrifugal pumps on the place; cement cellar and good tank house; one power wood saw, and other things too numerous to mention. This property is worth \$35,000, but \$27,000 will get the place if sold in thirty days.
T. F. McALLISTER, Prineville, Or. 9-19



Louis W. Hill, chairman of the board of directors of the Great Northern railway, whose advocacy of the local county fair as one of the greatest agencies for rapid development that a community can use, has signalized his interest in the success of the Second Annual Potato Show, to be held at Redmond October 14 and 15, by offering a silver cup as a special prize to be carried away by the most enterprising farmer exhibiting 36 best and largest potatoes at the show. Every farmer is urged to bring in his choicest exhibit and compete for this prize. Great honor and credit is due the farmers who have the enterprise and public spirit necessary to display the fruits of their industry at their county fairs.