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## Prineville Yet on the Map

### Addison Bennett Able to Locate the "Stable Old Metropolis" of Crook County

In the recasting of the map of Crook county, made necessary by the building of the two railroads up the Deschutes canyon, the "man who don't know" is liable to think, getting his misinformation from town boomers that the stable old metropolis of Prineville has dropped into a hole in the ground, or perhaps blown away.

Take the cattle sale from the Russell ranch, of which I told recently, says Addison Bennett in the Oregonian. The published account of that sale located the ranch about 50 miles away from its proper place, near a town on the railroad some 30 miles from where the cattle were entrained. While such reports, and they are numerous and glaring, do no harm to the initiated, they prove rather disconcerting to one not posted.

It is quite true that Prineville is 18 miles from the railroad; it is equally true that a very large share of the traffic upon which the railroads subsist emanates at and around Prineville. For this is beyond all doubt the political, social, financial and commercial capital of Crook county.

There is in no other town of equal size in Oregon, more money or more public spirit than in this little city on the Ochoco. The trouble has been that the people here have been under the impression that either the Harri-man or the Hill system would build a branch from the main line to this place, taking en route the wonderfully rich country along Crooked river and in the Lamonta country. As soon as it is definitely settled that neither company will do this there is not a particle of doubt about the Prineville people building the line themselves.

When writing from here a little less than two years ago I made an extended mention of the Cove Power Company, which concern was at that time building a power plant on Crooked river in the Cove, a half dozen miles or so west of Culver. A few months ago a Spokane concern came in here and bought this plant, also one at Cline Falls, on the Deschutes, a place a few miles west of Redmond. The new concern is called the Des Chutes Power Company, with a capital of \$400,000, and perhaps before this letter is published the new company will be lighting Culver, Metolius, Lamonta, Madras, Terrebonne and Prineville, with ample power left to run any machinery that may be set up and to light any other towns that may come into existence.

Redmond was lighted and had power from the Cline Falls plant, and of course that town has the same system in prospect.

Another concern here doing a lot of work is the Pioneer Telephone Company, which owns all of the corporation lines in the county, and connects with all of the farmer and private lines. This company is now spending a good many thousand dollars in practically rebuilding the entire system and in extending the connections. It is now possible to reach any part of the state over these lines, and direct connections are made with all prominent points in the interior, such as

Burns, Lakeview and Klamath, and all points west of the Cascades.

The city of Prineville has improved a good deal since my last visit. Several large business structures having been completed and occupied during the last six or seven months. In questioning the business men I found that business shows a steady growth. The banks make the same report, and the school census shows a good gain in population.

Speaking of schools leads to the statement that in many respects Prineville has the best school system of any small city in Oregon. For many years the people of this community have felt that it devolved upon them to furnish as good school facilities as could be obtained anywhere for the children of the large landowners and stockmen of the whole county, and they have well discharged their duties so that a school system second to none in the Northwest is being maintained.

Prineville is, of course, dependent on the success of the farmers and stockmen of the tributary country. Perhaps no community in the state watches the cattle and wool markets more closely than do the residents here. The prices of grain and farm products in general do not interest them so much, for about all that is raised hereabouts is fed to the stock. And perhaps this has something to do with the railroad problem, as the cattle, hogs, sheep and horses that are turned off by the growers can easily be driven to the railroad almost as cheaply as they could be entrained at Prineville.

Even the large clip of wool can easily stand the cost of hauling a few miles; so can butter and cheese. So in the finality it is the passenger traffic that needs the railroad for its convenience. However, if there was a road here from Metolius or Redmond, there is no doubt one of the principal industries in a few years would be the dairy business, and one of the chief revenues of such a road would arise from the carriage of milk and cheese.

For two days Mr. Williamson placed his own services and the use of his auto at my disposal and we pretty well scoured the country for 15 or 20 miles in every direction. Up the Ochoco, down Crooked river, in the Powell Butte country, across the valley toward McKay creek, out to the southeast over a vast territory affected by the bill passed by the last legislature appropriating \$50,000 to be added to a like amount set aside by the reclamation department for the survey of a great irrigation project—in every direction surrounding the town we went. An on all hands we found evidences of a sound prosperity.

### Fire at Madras.

Madras was visited by a disastrous fire last week. Four buildings were destroyed. One was occupied by Chas. Hobson as a cafe, one where George Debing conducted a restaurant, another occupied jointly by Dr. Haile and Dr. Clarke, and the building occupied by Dave Barnett, and Patrick and Thomas McCormack. The insurance was light.

## Great Loss of Life and Property in Ohio

Dayton, O., March 25.—Dayton tonight is nothing less than a sea of water, three miles wide, a mile and a half on each side of the main street, its principal thoroughfare, while it is estimated that from 2000 to 5000 people have perished.

The Algonquin Hotel is submerged in water up to its third story, and above this level the downtown district office buildings, hotels and business houses are places of refuge.

A school building that was known to have housed not less than 400 school children shortly before the waters rushed in that direction is entirely submerged, and as far as can be ascertained all of those little ones met a watery grave.

Dayton, except for its most remote suburbs, tonight was covered with a seething flood of water from 8 to 20 feet deep. Any attempt to estimate the loss of life is hopeless.

It is sure to run into the hundreds and may go into the thousands. The property loss will total millions of dollars.

The flooded district comprises a circle with a radius of a mile and a half, and nowhere is the water less than six feet deep. In Main street, in the downtown section, the water is 20 feet deep.

The horror is heightened by more than a dozen fires which can be seen in the flooded district, but out of reach of firefighters.

Most of the business houses and nearly all of the residences have occupants. Downtown the offices are filled with men unable to get home and on the upper floors and on some of the roofs of residences are helpless women and children. Hundreds of houses, substantial buildings in the residence district, many of them with helpless occupants have been washed away.

The St. Elizabeth's Hospital, with 600 patients, was reported to have been washed away. The building was known to be in many feet of water and indications are that the report may prove true.

The electric light plants were put out of business early in the day and total darkness, coupled with a torrential downpour, added to the horrors of the night.

Famine also became an immediate possibility.

The main levee of the Big Miami broke at Webster street about 8 o'clock. An hour later the water was through in a dozen places and a wall of water ten feet high swept through the main street just above the juncture of the Big Miami and the Mad River and where the water of Stillwater poured into the Miami the flood reached its height and rolled into the business section, a wall 20 feet high.

## M. E. Church Services.

At the Methodist church Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "Good Soldiership." The young people's church will meet at 3 p. m. Evening, subject of sermon: "How The Fatally Diseased Become Strong." The choir, under the leadership of Mrs. Coe, will render beautiful music. Everybody welcome. The Epworth League meets at 6:30. The pastor will preach at the Johnson school house Sunday at 3 p. m.

### Seed Wheat for Sale.

Early Wilbur. D. P. ADAMSON, Prineville, Oregon. 3-27

### Card of Thanks.

Our sincere thanks and gratitude are hereby extended to our friends and sympathizers, who so kindly assisted us in both words and actions during the recent illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, and also for the flowers. PAUL MERTSCHING, M. S. WM. HORSELL, and Sons.

## Beautiful Easter Services Sunday

The people of Prineville were given a rare treat on Easter Sunday by the renditions of "The Angels" by the Methodist choir at the morning service and "The Resurrection Hope" by the Presbyterians in the evening. These cantatas were directed by Mrs. E. L. Coe and C. O. Pollard. Both were assisted by Mrs. Charles S. Edwards, violinist.

All the churches in the city worshipped with the Methodist in the morning and union services were held in the Presbyterian church in the evening. The crowds were so large on both occasions that many were unable to secure seats.

The decorations breathed the fragrance of spring time blossoms and were appropriate, beautiful and artistic.

## Looking for More Artesian Water

The Central Oregon Well Drilling Company, who are now working on Mr. Hoeschler's place near Prineville, struck a second flow of water at a depth of 160 feet. This flow, however, is not strong enough to come to the surface, but seems to be gaining in volume. The drill is now working in a clay formation. When this is punctured a flow with a good pressure is expected. Wednesday the drill was down to a depth of 205 feet and will continue to a depth of 250 feet unless a good strong flow is secured before that depth is reached.

## M. W. A. and Royal Neighbors Entertain

Last Monday evening the Stewart hall was the scene of a social given by the M. W. A. and Royal Neighbors. An entertaining program had been arranged which was well rendered and highly appreciated. Among other numbers were selections by the M. W. A. band which furnished music throughout the evening. The M. W. A. has just cause to be proud of this organization. The Royal Neighbors gave their usual "feet" of abundance of ice cream and cake. Each departed feeling happy and voicing the affair a success. These socials are given every month by the orders.

## Camp Fire Girls Surprise Miss Noble

Miss Elma Noble was the recipient of a very pleasant surprise last Thursday evening when the Ochoco Camp Fire Girls brought forcibly to her mind the fact that that day was her birthday. A tramp was taken after school over the hills north of Prineville and every one enjoyed to the fullest extent the delicious dinner which Mrs. Noble, assisted by Mrs. John Wigle, served at the home of the former. The guests were Mrs. William Wigle, whose birthday occurred on the same day, Miss May Herman, Golda Cleek, Aver Dobbs, Lota Horrigan, Jessie Windom, Margaret Geyer, Lucile Cooke, Leola Estes, Beth Thomas and Theresa Bundy. Georgia Cleek was not able to be present.

### Work Wanted.

By man and wife on a ranch. Address A. R. MORRISON, Redmond, Ore. 3-27-p

### Bids for Freighting Wanted.

Bids are wanted for freighting steel bridge material for two county bridges—one from depot at Redmond to Antelope canyon bridge site, and the other from Opal City to the Springer bridge site. For further details address County Judge Springer, Prineville, Oregon. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids. WARREN BROWN, County clerk, Crook county, Oregon.

## Experimental Farm

### To be Established at Prineville This Spring— Prof. Shaw Will Have Charge

Prof. Thomas Shaw, the agricultural expert of the Oregon-Western Colonization Company, arrived in Prineville Tuesday to arrange for a dry farming experimental farm near Prineville.

The experiments will be conducted at the F. S. Towner place on the McKay bench, a mile north of town. Acre plats will be used.

"Only a beginning will be made this year," said Mr. Shaw. "It must be understood that this is a dry year and unless there is a good deal of moisture this spring not much of a wheat crop can be expected. Now, just let me illustrate," said the professor.

"To get at the present amount of moisture in the soil we took a spade and dug down 12 inches. This was as far as it went. Mind you two crops had been raised and the land had been plowed once. One crop was disced in. Right across the line where only one crop had been raised there were 18 inches of moisture. On some summer fallow land there were 36 inches of moisture, ample to produce a good crop without any more moisture.

"It is a strange coincidence that the moisture measurements worked out in multiples of 12, yet it is true. When the farmer understands the principal of moisture conservation he will not be wholly dependent upon seasonal rainfalls. Take the man with the summer fallow, for instance, he has enough without any more. Mind you, I do not say that more rain would not help his crop, but I contend that even if he did not get any more his crop would not be a failure. So much for rain conservation. Even Mr. Towner, on whose place the experiments are to be made, was astonished at the amount of moisture in the summer fallow.

"In making the start this year

we will sow three or four kinds of grain. Durham Spring wheat, Swedish Selected oats, Mensury barley and some Marquis wheat, the Canadian variety that won the \$5000 prize at the New York show last year.

"Two kinds of corn will be planted. The Rustler's White Dent and the Mercer Flint. Two acres will be sown about the middle of May and two acres about the middle of June.

"An acre of alfalfa will be sown in the usual way and an acre will be sown in rows to be cultivated.

"An acre will be devoted to sweet clover and sand vetch sown together to provide pasture. Also an acre of Dwarf Essex rape will be grown as a pasture plant. This field will be cultivated."

Prof. Shaw will be in Prineville again in May to hold a two-days' session on subjects pertaining to practical farming. Every farmer in the county is invited to be present and to bring his troubles with him. If there are any special subjects or any information pertaining to the farm that you want to know about drop a line to John R. Stinson, the Oregon & Western agent, here and he will forward same to Mr. Shaw. This will give the agricultural expert more time to develop the subject. He has to look after experimental farms all the way from Rugby, N. D., to Maryhill, Wash., so is a very busy man.

Prof. Shaw is the man that placed the experimental farms of the University of Minnesota in the front rank of such institutions. J. J. Hill appreciated his work so highly that he made Mr. Shaw a flattering offer to take up the work along the Hill lines, which he did. His services are free for the asking. He is not only willing but anxious to help you. Drop him a line.

## The Portland Cattle Market

North Portland, March 20.—This week we are unable to report a better condition in the cattle market, the receipts being heavy, especially on Monday when over forty carloads were in the yards, prices ranging from \$7.20 to \$7.70 for steers, the majority, however, going around \$7.50. Cows and heifers sold from \$5.75 to \$6.65.

The cattle we are receiving here at the present time can only be classed as medium stuff, and there is quite a shortage of prime beef cattle. This accounts for the falling off of prices, the cattle really bring all they are worth. We are of opinion that fat, smooth, strictly prime steers weighing from 1050 to 1250 will run the high tide mark of 8c pretty close. We sold the \$7.70 cattle on Monday's market, also some fancy ones on Thursday's market at \$8.25.

Monday's receipts of hogs of 25 carloads forced prices down about 10c to 15c, receipts since then about equal to demand. We think this is only a temporary setback, as the supply of hogs is scarce, and tops are today holding around \$9.15.

We would consent that shippers make their consignments as even as possible, holding out all hogs which are not finished, or weighing less than 170 pounds, as a few inferior hogs affect the appearance and price of a load unfavorably.

Prospects are brighter for a good sheep market in the near future, and although prices do not show any material increase, yet we expect them to do so shortly. Receipts this week have been very light, and the supply is not equal to the demand.

## Deputy Game Warden Wants Co-operation

Clyde M. McKay of Bend, deputy district game warden for Crook, Klamath, Harney and Lake counties, was in town the first of the week. He came over to enlist the co-operation of the lovers of good sport in this vicinity for a better enforcement of the game laws and also to arouse interest in the question of stocking our streams with fish. Mr. McKay says that he can secure a car of fish for this country if people would take a little interest in the matter. Rainbow trout, he says, are best adapted to local streams. He would be glad at any time and would help in every way possible to further any plan that has in view the better protection of game and the stocking of our streams with fish.

### For Rent.

Five-room house with water, lights and telephone. Rent \$8 per month. Write or phone CHARLES F. CONDAKT, Prineville, Ore. 3-20

### For Sale.

Well Drilling machine for sale. Address N. C. JANSEN 512 Seneca St., St. Johns, Ore. 3-20