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## Thrilling Plunge Over The West Side Grade

Hogan Hansen and wife and little Condart girl took a desperate plunge off the grade west of town Monday. How they escaped instant death is a miracle.

The Hansens and little girl were perched on top of a load of wood making their way down hill. When they arrived at the big bend in the road, at the very steepest point, the brake gave way. Mr. Hansen turned the horses toward the hillside but his wife, in the excitement of the moment, made a grab for the lines and succeeded in getting only one of them. With this one she wheeled the team across the road and down over the precipice they went pell-mell for seventy-five feet—wood, horses, wagon, the Hansens and little girl.

At the point where the wagon left the grade there was a sheer drop of five feet and the descent to the base was very steep. Those who saw the accident say that the wagon turned over lengthwise once,

and rolled the rest of the way to the bottom. All were mixed up together—wood, horses, wagon, Hansens and girl—when the bottom was reached.

The little girl was the first to recover consciousness. She wiggled out from underneath Mr. Hansen, who was held down by the wood. This she removed and when released the two went to the assistance of Mrs. Hansen, who landed underneath one of the horses. She was extricated after some difficulty and all three were brought to town for medical assistance. Dr. Edwards found many cuts and bruises but nothing serious. Mrs. Hansen got the worst of the mix-up. The horses got out of the trouble as luckily as the rest of them. Beyond cuts and bruises there was nothing found to be the matter with them. The harness had to be cut off to get them on their feet. The wagon will need some repairs. If there is such a thing as lucky accidents, this is one of them.

## The \$450,000 Appropriation Not Unconstitutional

Secretary of the Interior Lane has authorized the Reclamation Service to enter into an agreement with the State of Oregon to cooperate in the joint construction of the Deschutes irrigation project and asked the President to set aside from the reclamation fund \$450,000 as the Government's share of the cost of construction, the State Legislature already having appropriated a like amount. This is in addition to the \$100,000 joint fund heretofore available for making surveys. From the time he entered President Wilson's cabinet, Secretary Lane has recognized that Oregon had not had a square deal in the administration of the reclamation law and repeatedly expressed the desire to grant the state further Federal aid. He has gone carefully into the situation and finally decided to enter on this co-operative project, for the idea proposed for co-operation is the direct outcome of the plan suggested last September by the Oregon Conservation Commission and endorsed by Governor West. In its letter to the department, the commission called attention to the fact that the situation in the Deschutes valley was such that the fullest development of irrigation and water power possibilities demanded concerted and comprehensive action by both state and Federal authorities.

Under the co-operative agreement between the state and the Department of the Interior the sum of \$100,000, equally divided, has been appropriated for the necessary investigations and surveys, which are now in progress. On the determination of the engineers that the proposed project is feasible and presents no legal obstacles Secretary Lane has made his request of the President.

Salem, Or., June 14.—(Special.) Holding that the bill passed at the last session of the Legislature, appropriating \$450,000 for the reclamation of land in the Columbia Southern project, is not unconstitutional, Circuit Judge Galloway today dismissed the suit brought by L. H. Mc-

Mahan to enjoin the Secretary of State and the State Treasurer from expending the money. Mr. McMahan has announced his intention of appealing the case and has 60 days in which to do so. Meanwhile Engineer Lauegaard, in charge of the work, has been instructed by the Desert Land Board to cut down expenses to a minimum. Judge Galloway holds that the state can, under a policy of internal improvement, reclaim its arid lands for the benefit of all the people under a "wise and progressive policy." The opinion continues:

"Under the Carey act and the acceptance of its provisions under section 3860, Lord's Oregon laws, the state comes into possession of its arid land for reclamation, with a lien on said land for all expenditures made therefor under the supervision of the Desert Land Board. Under the provisions of the act in question both principal and interest are to be eventually returned to the state. We are unable to see the analogy in the case at bar with what is known as the provisions of the Crater Lake road case."

Mr. McMahan alleged that the bill pledges the credit of the state and incurs an indebtedness in violation of the constitution. He declared taxes paid by all the people were to be used in providing land for one class.

Attorney-General Crawford, who represented the defendants, declared that the state was not obligating its credit, and that it had a legal right to engage in the work of internal improvements and to appropriate money raised by direct taxation. The Crater Lake road case was held not to be an analogous one, because that was decided by the Supreme court to be an appropriation under a special or local act. That appropriation was \$100,000 and Mr. McMahan won his suit to enjoin the expenditure of the money. The Supreme court held that "a statute making an appropriation for the construction of a state road and permitting the county courts of the counties through which the road runs to

lay a burden upon the taxpayers of the county, not shared equally by the taxpayers of other parts of the state, is local and in violation of the constitution."

## U. S. May Help Tumalo Project

Governor West has been advised by Director F. H. Newell, of the reclamation service, that the secretary of the interior will ask the president to set aside \$450,000 to co-operate with the state in the reclamation of the Tumalo project in case the survey to be made of the Deschutes drainage by the government and

state proves the feasibility of the project.

Members of the desert land board welcome this announcement and say the state can go right ahead with the Tumalo project, under the act passed by the last legislature appropriating \$450,000 for its completion, and that when the government is ready it can tie on to the works built by the state and enlarge the project.

In this way it is pointed out by Governor West that the state can proceed without the loss of any time, and if after the investigation the government approves of the project there will be no hindrance to its going ahead with its share.

## Crook County Good Roads Ass'n Makes Plea for Better Roads

With the organization of the Crook County Good Roads Association, which occurred May 7, 1913, an important step in the development of Crook County was launched.

The object of this association is the promotion and fostering of the construction and maintenance of good roads in Crook County, and is a result of an act passed by the 1913 Oregon State Legislature authorizing the county courts of the state of Oregon to issue and sell bonds or county warrants for the purpose of maintaining and building permanent highways within the respective counties, and of the further act of the state legislature in creating a state highway commission, a part of whose duties it shall be to appoint a state highway engineer who shall assist the various counties in the construction of main highways in order that the county work may be of a uniform nature and have statewide benefit as well as county benefit, and thereby benefit the farmers by connecting the different localities, as well as providing for interstate travel.

The main object of the Crook County Good Roads Association is to formulate a plan for the construction of a main highway through Crook County north and south and east and west which shall form a link in the state highway north and south and east and west, which shall be submitted to the people for vote through the county court, which is the channel authorized by the act.

It is the further object of the Crook County Good Roads Association to take steps for the compiling of statistics which will be furnished to the county court for the purpose of enforcing Section 6317 and Section 6382 of the present state road laws relating to the placing of sign boards throughout the county at all cross roads and forks of roads, and for the bridging of irrigation ditches and natural waterways which require bridges and which may cross the existing county roads.

It is hoped that if the various communities furnish this information to the county court gratis, that the county court will authorize the necessary expenditure for providing indestructible metal sign boards, which will be of great benefit, and it is anticipated by the officials of the Crook County Good Roads Association that their efforts will receive the hearty co-operation of all road supervisors and citizens of Crook County in the effort to better the road conditions as they now exist. It is a well known fact that the eastern states are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars in the relocation and construction of their main highways, and it is hoped that by proper thought and investigation Crook County will be enabled to locate its permanent highways so that it will not be necessary at any future time during the development

of the country to change the main highways connecting the various localities, so that all work done may be of a permanent nature.

It is a well known fact that in order to enable the farmers to properly market their crops, and to assist in keeping the rising generation on the farm, that one of the most important factors is good roads, and it is earnestly hoped that this view will be accepted by the people of Crook County, and that they will make a thorough investigation of the petition submitted to them in order that they may intelligently vote at the proper time on this most important development effort for our county.

The present officials of the Crook County Good Roads Association are: M. A. Lynch, of Redmond, president; Clyde M. McKay, Bend, vice-president; W. F. King, Prineville, secretary and treasurer; J. E. Morson, La Pine, director; Wm. Barnes, Laidlaw, director; N. A. Burdick, Metolius, director; J. N. Williamson, Prineville, director; and H. L. Lister, Paulina, director.

Any of the above named officials will be glad at any time to consider and submit to the other officials of the Crook County Good Roads Association any proposition for the betterment of the roads of Crook County that any individual or community may desire.

As the work of the association progresses further information will be furnished to the press of the county for the consideration of the public.

CROOK COUNTY GOOD ROADS ASSN.

## Cultivated Ranches Good to Behold

Thrifty-looking, well-cultivated farms proclaim at once the character of the owner. A trip through the valley below Prineville will convince the casual observer that there are many ranches in a good state of cultivation. Notably among them is the farm of Josiah Williams. He bought an old run-down place three years ago and in that short space of time has accomplished wonders in the way of improvement.

In his orchard he has plums, prunes and apples. His plum and prune crop will be good this year but the apple crop will be light. He will raise enough for home use, however. In his garden he has strawberries, lots of raspberries, gooseberries, currants, etc. His beans, corn, squashes and other garden truck look good for this time of the year. Mr. Williams has eighty acres of alfalfa that is ready for harvest. It is just in the bloom.

"It has more nutriment in it now than it will have at any other time in its growth," said Mr. Williams. "It is true that I could get a few more tons to the acre by letting it grow longer but I prefer to have

## Prineville Now Has Well Lighted Streets

Prineville is now enjoying the advantages of well lighted streets. Last Friday seven arc lights and twenty 100-candle power incandescents were installed in different parts of the town. Three more incandescents will be put in just as soon as the material arrives. This is an improvement that has long been needed but was impossible under the old system of generating the current.

Six of the arc lights are on Main street at the intersections from First to Sixth, and the seventh is placed at Third and C streets. The twenty-three incandescents are scattered advantageously throughout the city.

A floating type of transformer will handle the electricity for the street lights. This is the very latest "kink" out, Mr. Shattuck says. If anything goes wrong with the lights the machine notifies the attendant on the instant. This transformer steps the current down from 2300 volts to 500 for the street lighting. The transformers scattered around town step the current down to 120

volts for household purposes.

During the thunder storm recently the electric company lost two of its big 7-foot high tension transformers which are located in the new building near the water tank. A bolt of lightning was carried along one of the primary wires into the transformers and in a twinkling everything was melted. The lightning arresters, which are intended to prevent such a catastrophe were in position ready for use but had not received the electrolyte necessary for their operation. The stuff is shipped from San Francisco and the delay in transportation caused the loss of the expensive transformers.

The burn-out caused no inconvenience to the lighting system in Prineville. Two big transformers were rushed over from Redmond and night and day work by the local force bridged over the difficulty so far as our lights were concerned. These big transformers step a voltage of 23,000 from the primary wire down to 2300.

## Good School Meeting Monday Free Text-Books Voted Down

There was a good attendance at the school meeting Monday and a great deal of interest was manifested in school affairs.

Chairman Lafolette of the school board summarized the work of the board for the past year and outlined the work of the future. There was a floating indebtedness of a few thousand dollars that seemed to worry the chairman but those present did not see very much to worry about.

On June 26, 1912, there was \$4571.21 cash on hand, but there was outstanding a note of \$5000 against the district.

On June 16, 1913, there was cash on hand \$2580, and the floating indebtedness had been reduced to \$2000. This year the chairman was in hopes of wiping out the entire floating debt. This floating debt

was created in putting up the new building. It was thought the district could be bonded for \$30,000 but after contracts had been let it was found that legally only \$26,000 could be covered by the bonds. Hence, the floating debt.

T. H. Lafolette was unanimously chosen to succeed himself as director and J. B. Shipp with equal unanimity was re-elected clerk.

The free text book proposition was voted down without a dissenting voice. Nobody wanted it.

The chairman announced that notwithstanding the fact that Prineville had had good schools in the past he felt confident in the assertion that at no time in the history of the school was there a stronger corps of teachers engaged than those who would take up the work this fall. About 300 children were enrolled last year.

## Prineville Hogs Top the Market

Portland, Journal, June 17.—There were only light arrivals in the livestock market today with the exception of sheep, a big supply of these coming forward. The first bunch of hogs out of the Prineville country was brought forward today by George Russell. They were of the Poland-China variety, and were of extra good quality. Mr. Russell imported a boar from the east last season, and is said to have some of the best swine ever sent to the Portland market. The first load sold at \$8.30, which was the top of the market for the day.

## Fair Will Be Held in September

The fair this fall will be held in September. The time set for it to commence is Tuesday, the 23d and it will close Saturday, September 27th. The fair management wanted an early October date but could not get it without duplicating the time already announced by some of the neighboring fairs.

Secretary Cadle says that there will be many valuable special premiums this season. Local merchants and stockmen are offering very attractive prizes along lines of development in which they are especially interested. The fair this fall promises to be fully as attractive as the one given last year.

**Strayed**  
A chestnut sorrel mare branded S— on left hip. Leave word with Journal or Jas. Forrester. 6-5

**Wanted.**  
Fishermen to call at Kamstra's store for that particular Rod, Line, Leader or Hook. Largest selection. 5-15

**Strayed**  
Blaze face bay mare, Y brand on left shoulder, scar on right hind leg above stifle. Should have colt foaled about June 5th. \$15 reward to finder. Notify Henry Bivins, Culver, Ore. 6-19-4tp

For fine Oak Refrigerators see A. H. Lippman & Co. 6-12