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The Prineville-Mitchell Road a Good One

Excellent work is being done on the Prineville-Mitchell road by the forestry officials. Forest Supervisor Ross says that there are twenty-two men and ten teams on the job. Some embarrassment has been caused by reason of the slowness with which the counties meet their payments, yet the work keeps moving right along. The road crew is now going down the north slope on the Wheeler county side of the line. Six miles have so far been completed. Supervisor Ross, in his report, says:

The Forest Service, in co-operation with Crook and Wheeler counties, and aided by private donations, is now constructing a wagon road over a spur of the Blue Mountains, which is located in the Ochoco National Forest, between Prineville and Mitchell.

A clause in the agricultural appropriation bill, which was passed by congress in the spring of 1912, provided that ten per cent of the gross earnings of the national forests be spent in the state where earned for the construction and improvement of roads and trails in the national forests.

The sum of \$1,200.00 was allotted last fall from this fund for the construction of a road across the mountains that would connect these two towns, as well as to provide a route for tourists between the central and northeastern parts of the state.

This amount was, of course, insufficient for the work which involved the construction of eight miles of new road and the working over of four and three-fourths miles of almost impassable roads on the south slope. However, the allotting of this amount served to encourage Crook and Wheeler counties to help on the project, with the result that up to date these coun-

Auto Traveling Very Reasonable

To those skeptical persons who are unwilling to be convinced that motor travel is cheap as compared with the railroad, the expense items incident to the 3000-mile trip of I. C. Emerson are submitted in support of the contention that it does not cost a fortune to tour in a motor car. Driving a 30-horse power Overland, this enthusiastic automobilist covered approximately 3000 miles in California and Oregon at a total expense of \$150.00.

Mr. Emerson is proud of his Overland. He takes pride in keeping down his maintenance and operating bills. In this respect he has been very successful, and declares that all other motorists can do likewise if they will exercise proper discretion in driving.

There were six people in the Emerson party. Included were Mrs. Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. H. Black and their two children. It is worthy of note that on this 3000-mile journey they were not particular as to what roads they traversed. They selected their routes at random, paying attention only to the interesting points to be seen in the southern states. In many instances they went to places where the railroad does not penetrate.

Considering the number in the party, Mr. Emerson, whose home is in Dallas, Ore., made an enviable record. Five cents a mile for six people is pretty cheap for a continuous joy jaunt of 3000 miles. This is a record which Mr. Emerson is

ties have authorized the expenditure of \$1,200.00 each, which together with donations from merchants at Prineville and Mitchell and from ranchers between the two towns, has increased the amount for the work to approximately \$4,800.00.

A crew of men working under the supervision of an expert road builder, is now camped on Ochoco creek, and working northeast toward the summit of the ridge, where the road will cross through a low pass. A seven per cent maximum grade will be obtained on the north slope, while four and a half per cent will be the steepest grade on the south side.

It is estimated that \$1,500.00 will be required to complete the road before it can be opened for travel. The allotments from the 10 per cent item fund for the coming fiscal year have not yet been made up, but it is hoped that this amount will become available in time to complete the road by September 1st, in order that it may be opened to travel during the fruit hauling season this fall.

The completion of this road is eagerly looked forward to by the residents of Central Oregon, as it will not only open up a new territory to the John Day Valley for the sale of quantities of fruit and vegetables that are raised there, but it will also furnish them an additional route to a railroad point, as it places Redmond, a station on the Deschutes railroads, the same distance from Mitchell as Shankio now is.

It is expected that much travel and freight will go and come over this new route. With the completion of this road over the Blue Mountains another link will have been welded in a chain of excellent roads across the central part of the state in an east and west direction.

proud of, and believes has never been bettered under like circumstances.

"It's absurd to think that you have to be wealthy to tour around the country in an automobile," said Mr. Emerson. "As long as one is careful in driving over the rough roads one naturally encounters on an extensive trip, it can be done cheaply. My expense of \$150 covers everything—tires, inner tubes, gasoline, oils, gearing and team hire for being hauled out of the mud on two occasions.

"We went all over California. Every place that looked interesting was our goal. We started in at San Francisco, and hardly before we knew it were in Tia Juana, Mexico, having traversed more than half of the length of this long state. Time flies swiftly when one is in a strange clime, and always heading for some interesting spot. There are so many places rich in romantic and historical lore in California that the visitor's time is always taken up.

"The numerous advantages in owning a good automobile is illustrated when one wishes to take such a vacation. With a motor car you are not dependent upon the railroads. You can select almost any place you want to go to and head for it, regardless of time tables, junctions, railroad fare and the like. I find that it is much cheaper, when capacity load is carried, to travel by motor. Then, too, you are given much better opportunity to observe the country and its people, to appreciate the scenery and to understand what you are seeing.

"Most of California's roads are model ones. The beautiful boulevards around Los Angeles and San Francisco fill the motorist's heart with delight. You can go for miles and miles along the wide paved broadways in northern California and never shift from 'high.' The Californians are especially progressive in this regard, and as a consequence have built up an enormous motor tourist trade. The money that pours into the 'Golden State' through its system of fine roads pays a big return on the money invested in improved highways.

"I take pride in keeping down the cost of running my Overland. I drive it on the principle that if it is given the proper attention it is a good investment. It would be an extravagance if I used it recklessly, driving at any old speed over any kind of a road, and never caring an iota about the bills.

"I have often heard business men and those who ought to know better say that the automobile is a big luxury. It may be for some, but I have never found it to be a fact. I know, for instance, that I can run a car at a maximum cost of five cents a mile when it is loaded to its capacity. That's a great deal cheaper than paying railroad fares."

Mr. Emerson drove from Tia Juana through to Portland. Arriving there he drove back to Dallas. Going to California, he shipped to The Dalles and took the Central Oregon route to California. He followed the Pacific Highway coming back.

Prineville Country Gets Drenching

The Prineville country has received a thorough drenching during the past several days. Rain commenced last Saturday afternoon and has kept it up more or less intermittently ever since.

The June rains were a little late this year to be of the greatest benefit to growing crops, but nevertheless they will be worth thousands of dollars to the farmers of this section. Spring grain especially will be greatly benefited. The fall grains are pretty well advanced, yet not too far to be materially helped.

There is a great deal of hay down in different parts of the county, but so far very little loss is reported from the copious showers.

The rain arrived in the nick of time to save the grain crop in the Culver and Hay Creek country. The fields had been suffering from drought for some time and the grain in some places had commenced to shivel. Now this is changed. While the crop will not be as good as could be wished, yet it will not be a total failure by any means.

Wants Homestead Law Amended

Senator Borah of Idaho, wants to get action by Congress on his bill amending the three year homestead law by providing that in lieu of cultivation the homesteader may show improvements on his land averaging not less than \$150 for each acre embraced in his entry.

The cultivation clause of the present three-year homestead law forced into the bill by Secretary Fisher with the aid of the conservation element in Congress, and came at a time when the friends of the bill had to accept the amendment or lose the entire bill. This feature of the law is working a hardship in many cases, for it requires the homesteader to cultivate one-sixteenth of the area of his entry the second year, and one-eighth the third year. On an entry of 160 acres, therefore, the entryman must show the cultivation

of not less than ten acres during his second year of residence, and at least 20 acres the third year and at the time of proving up.

Inasmuch as it is practically impossible for many homesteaders to clear and cultivate 20 acres of their entry the third year, Senator Borah proposes that they be allowed to show, instead of cultivation, that their permanent improvements represent an outlay averaging at least \$150 an acre. In making such improvements Senator Borah maintains that homesteaders will show good faith quite as effectively as by the cultivation of a stipulated area of land.

Senator Borah feels certain that the bill will receive favorable consideration if the chairman of the public lands committee will call it up and once the bill is reported there is every indication that it will pass the Senate without much difficulty. Unless early attention is paid to his request by the chairman of the public lands committee, Senator Borah intends to renew his request on the floor of the Senate, and if a second request goes unnoticed the Idaho Senator is likely to move that the committee be discharged from further consideration of the bill.

Sheriff Elkins Picks Up Suspect Tuesday

Sheriff Elkins returned from a trip to Sisters Tuesday evening with a prisoner supposed to be J. W. Keith, a convict that escaped from the brickyard at the penitentiary last Friday afternoon.

Keith, who was convicted of obtaining money under false pretenses in Lake county, not only slipped out of a door unobserved, but cut a screen in order to conceal himself in a ditch until the guards and convicts returned to the penitentiary. He was missed just before supper and a general alarm was sounded.

Sheriff Elkins was notified by wire to keep a sharp lookout. The man brought in does not give a good account of himself and will be held for further identification.

Got Tired Walking Then Took Horses

Two young men, Bert Brown and Charles Thompson, were arrested last week by Deputy Sheriff Chet Hollinshead over the mountains near Springfield, for having in their possession two horses belonging to J. E. Morson of La Pine. They were brought here Monday by Sheriff Elkins in the county automobile, and at an informal hearing Monday afternoon admitted their guilt but disclaimed all intention of stealing the horses, explaining that their intention was to get out of the country because of lack of work and then manage to send the animals back to La Pine somehow. Judge Kennedy placed them under bonds of \$500 each, in default of which they will be steady boarders at the Elkins hotel until September.

Lost.
An Alredale terrier puppy, three months old; answers to name of Vip. Return to Thos. Sharp, Jr., and receive reward. 6-26-2t

Timber Claim for Sale
Timber claim, 10 miles from Prineville for sale cheap for cash. Apply to S. A. Prose, Prineville, Ore. 5-29 Impd

Strayed
Blaze face bay mare, V 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. 6-19-4t

Prineville Gets Much Better Mail Service

Postmaster Ledford has kept the wires hot between here and Washington in an effort to have the Prineville mail that is left at Culver at 6:28 a. m. delivered at once instead of holding it as under the old schedule.

The new time-table that went into effect when the Oregon Trunk put on the night service Sunday should give Prineville 12 hours earlier service if the stage delivered the mail at once instead of leaving Culver in the evening with mail that had been left in the morning.

Since the above was written Postmaster Ledford has been instructed from Washington to see that the

stage left Culver after the morning south-bound train. This places us 12 hours nearer Portland than under the old plan. Outgoing mail will be shortened about 28 hours at the Portland end. Instead of the mail leaving Prineville at 1 o'clock in the afternoon and remaining at Culver over night for the morning train to arrive in Portland that evening too late for distribution, the stage will now leave Prineville at 3:30 in the afternoon and arrive at Culver in time for the night train which is due at 10:02 p. m. This train reaches Portland at 8:10 a. m. and the mail is sent out on first delivery.

Suit Against County Taken to U. S. Court

The Oregon & Western Colonization Company has begun suit in the United States district court of Portland against Crook county, R. L. Jordan, county treasurer; Frank Elkins, sheriff; G. Springer, county judge; R. H. Bayley and W. W. Brown, county commissioners, enjoining them from paying warrants to the amount of \$46,139.96 for county bridges, culverts, etc. This suit covers the same ground practically as the one brought by J. H. Haner at the last term of the circuit court in which a demurrer was sustained by Judge Bradshaw. The transfer of the case to the United States court will permit of an early decision.

Appeal for Children of Central Oregon

DEAR FRIENDS:—Last week, by the kind assistance of the editor, we made known to you a scheme for helping in the education of our children. This week, may we write as a friend to friends and tell you more particularly what we wish to do.

Ever since we were obliged to leave our missionary work in India we have felt that God wants us for some special work elsewhere. Step by step we have been led to Oregon. Now may not this work for the children be the special work for which we are waiting?

Our qualifications as a teacher of children are as follows: We hold a diploma as Master of Arts and Honorary of the Melbourne University, Australia. For eight years we were principal of one of the leading colleges in Melbourne. In India, we continued to teach schools in Urdu, Hindi and English. We feel that our vocation in life is undoubtedly that of a teacher. Having traveled the world over, we have a fund of information and experience that is invaluable in the true education and development of children. We promise not mere teaching to read and write, not mere cramming for examinations, but true education in the deepest and widest sense of the word.

In the district school itself, we shall, of course, follow the state curriculum, but we will make the school books live and grow before the children's minds. Then in our proposed cottage boarding home, we will continue this great and noble work of education. We hope to be able to teach the children to speak French and German and to arrange for musical instruction in piano, violin and organ. Domestic training also must not be left out.

This and much more can be done if all parents and promoters of education will rally for a long pull, a strong pull and a pull all together to set this scheme of a cottage boarding home on foot.

Church services and Sunday school will prove a blessing and pleasure to both the children and mothers, for if children are entrusted to us we will place them under the care of house-mothers in the cottages. But mothers will be able to accompany their own children if they wish.

All this we are longing to do out of love for the children. Shall we refuse these advantages for our children just because of the mere want of money? Now who will give a liberal donation and give it NOW? O. C. Gray, of Bonny View Stock Farm, Post, Ore., has kindly accepted the position of treasurer.

Yours sincerely,
MRS. M. A. HOLLOWAY, M. A.,
Secretary

Obituary.

Mrs. Eliza W. Myers died at her home near Culver, Oregon, June 14, 1913. Her maiden name was Messich. She was 75 years and 20 days old at her death.

She was born May 24, 1838, at Crawfordsville, Indiana, and removed with her parents to Illinois when still a young woman. Was married to James Myers in 1869. To this union was born one son, Wm. P. Myers, of Prineville, Oregon, who survives her.

She united with the Christian church when quite a young woman, and was always a conscientious and consistent Christian. Her membership was with the congregation at Culver at the time of her death. She survived her husband four years and twenty days, and was laid beside him at Laidlaw, Ore.

A short funeral service was held at the Christian church by the writer, after which her remains were conveyed to the depot to take the train for Laidlaw.

The large gathering on this occasion and the profusion of flowers donated, and the kind attention of the neighbors and friends spoke eloquently of the esteem in which she and her relatives were held.

"Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, yea, saith the spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them." We gladly point her relatives to Him whom she trusted as the source of the only true happiness in this life and of the great life beyond.

S. W. ROBINSON.

Will Exchange for Wood.

If you have wood and want a sewing Machine, don't wait any longer. We have the New Home, the New Royal and Bonita that we will trade you. All first-class machines. M. Kamstra, the Jeweler, Prineville. 6-23