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Klamath Falls to Entertain Development League

Klamath Falls is making extensive preparations to properly entertain the visitors to the Central Oregon Development League, which meets in that city August 19, 20, 21. They have planned to make this Fourth Annual Convention of the Central Oregon Development League one of the best and most helpful meetings ever held. If the farmers and the business men of this section realized what a fine meeting this is to be they would wake up right now and get ready to attend. This is not simply a get together meeting to pat one another on the back, but is a meeting planned to be of practical, and valuable help to all who attend. The best speakers available have been secured and no progressive farmer nor business man can afford to stay away.

Several business men of Prineville have already made arrangements to be there, but we should have a much larger delegation than is now in sight to represent this section. We have some of the most successful farmers in the state in this vicinity and hope they will assume some of the responsibility in this matter and arrange to attend. A letter from the Klamath Chamber of Commerce to W. F. King, secretary of the Crook County Good Roads Association, tells definitely what will be done at this meeting:

To whom this may come, greeting: The Fourth Annual Convention of the Central Oregon Development League to be held in Klamath Falls, August 19, 20, 21, will be one of the best, if not the best meeting of the league ever held. We are making extensive preparations for your entertainment and comfort while in our midst. Particular attention will be given to the agricultural and

other exhibits from the various parts of the county, and we are desirous of having on exhibition a fine collection of all products raised in your locality. Space will be reserved for all, and you are especially appointed and deputized to see that your section is well represented.

On our program you will have the opportunity of seeing lumber manufactured in one of the best equipped large saw mills in the state.

Instructive and interesting lectures will be given by Secretary of Interior Franklin K. Lane, Assistant Secretary Miller, Louis W. Hill, F. H. Newell, Will R. King, Gov. West, J. H. Young, Wm. Hanley, P. L. Campbell, Mrs. Henrietta Willard Calvin, W. Lair Thompson, A. W. Orton, Calvin Brown, O. M. Clark, Capt. Baker, Prof. Rebec and John H. Lewis.

You must hear Farmer Smith's lectures, and from the Oregon Agricultural College we will have Pres. Keer, Dr. Whycombe, Professors Scudder Potter, Lunn Milam and Hetzel. Tillman Reuler, "The Dry Farming Wizard," will be with us.

The farmers' friend, Banker C. S. Hudson, will address the bankers and farmers on subjects of interest to all. Judge B. Daly and others will be given space on the program.

Program will also include two sessions of Domestic Science Institute. One session Woman's Club Institute. Four sessions of Farmers' Institute. Four business sessions of the Development League. Two large public evening meetings. Do not miss this convention. Remember the exhibits from your section. They are wanted.

Respectfully,
KLAMATH CHAMBER COMMERCE.
Lewis Wyld, Sec.

Valuation of Property in Oregon. State Tax Levied by Commissioners

According to an official statement issued by the State Tax Commission, the total tax levied for all purposes for the year 1913 is just \$1,111,805.79 less than that levied for the year 1912, the levy for this year being \$18,136,438.28, and that for the year 1912 was \$19,248,244.07.

The state tax paid by the counties is \$1,941,601.27 less this year than last, the tax for this year being \$1,122,214.49, and that for last year was \$3,063,815.75. The valuation for last year was \$860,644,164.55, and that for this year is \$905,011,679.

The reason the levy is so much lower for this year is that the levy of 1912 included the appropriations made by the legislative session of 1911. The levy for this year was made prior to the meeting of the legislature and does not include the appropriations. Next year's levy will include them, and the levy then will be considerably higher than this year.

The table prepared by the commission showing the valuation for the levy of this year, the total tax levy for all purposes, and the state tax to be paid by the counties follows:

County	Total value taxable property.	Amount of taxes levied.	Am't. state tax paid by each county.
Baker	\$ 23,313,864	\$ 345,064.96	\$ 27,277.75
Benton	10,922,226	241,371.84	14,483.25
Clackamas	28,402,984	658,760.39	40,333.78
Clatsop	9,849,070	458,156.28	25,296.50
Columbia	14,505,015	273,742.82	18,432.25
Cook	19,646,099	364,889.00	24,821.00
Crook	9,979,152	328,418.37	15,879.25
Curry	4,167,039	55,824.74	4,406.00
Douglas	33,126,258	583,759.58	39,357.00
Gilliam	9,751,239	110,902.25	10,972.00
Grant	5,950,882	118,769.36	9,299.75
Hainey	7,349,067	110,405.10	9,282.00
Hood River	11,378,447	180,855.04	2,750.50
Jackson	36,666,584	706,012.61	38,385.25
Josephine	10,863,438	256,640.88	13,719.00
Klamath	16,470,029	320,120.00	18,200.00
Lake	8,736,982	93,722.35	9,268.50
Lane	38,376,205	805,863.93	44,901.00
Lincoln	9,709,912	188,396.16	8,779.25
Linn	29,722,313	618,907.25	36,090.00
Malheur	11,531,847	235,731.26	12,291.50
Marion	42,785,026	785,282.52	51,577.00
Morrow	11,973,551	119,763.42	12,213.00
Multnomah	335,112,674	7,139,205.95	410,189.48
Polk	14,748,767	294,215.17	20,954.00
Sherman	8,701,814	106,585.16	10,333.25
Tillamook	15,123,414	339,396.07	18,231.50
Umatilla	45,312,925	617,326.39	43,069.00
Union	16,907,776	304,010.46	35,044.50
Wallowa	11,408,625	186,746.10	13,055.77
Wasco	12,915,857	278,048.49	19,388.50
Washington	19,069,713	430,389.71	28,414.50
Wheeler	3,267,816	56,263.44	5,008.25
Yamhill	16,192,968	422,340.16	24,776.25
Totals	\$ 905,011,679	\$18,136,438.28	\$1,122,214.48

Chief Engineer of Prineville-Metolius Railway at Work

Mr. von Planta of Portland, who has been engaged by H. P. Scheel for chief engineer on the proposed survey for the Prineville-Metolius railroad, arrived in this city last Thursday and is busy getting up descriptions of rights-of-way so final deeds can be drawn up. He is also making the necessary arrangements for terminals at Metolius and Prineville, including depots, warehouses, stock yards, etc.

Mr. von Planta has been advised by Mr. Scheel to complete all work up to the point of construction so that when the final word comes there will be no unnecessary delays. This engineer expects to finish up the above work by Saturday and will then leave to confer with Mr. Scheel about this railroad.

life, get in touch with and understand human kind And the same business training for girls, in their particular departments of work, and applied to their special needs, is just as valuable.

"One of the quickest stenographers I know in Portland is the daughter of wealthy parents. She doesn't need to work, but she says she wants to know so that if the time ever comes when she has to work she will be prepared.

"I know other girls of families well able to support them who have taken business college courses, who have learned how to trim hats, and make dresses, who have learned the chemistry of food, and their value to themselves, to society and to those immediately about them has been doubled. They're finer women for knowing how to work." Oregonian.

Dates of Opening of Schools

The Prineville public school will open Monday, September 15.

The Crook County High School will open Monday, September 29.

School News of Interest to Crook County

The annual Teachers' County Institute will be held in Prineville, September 22, 23, 24. County Superintendent Myers in working on the program and expects to make this gathering a helpful and instructive one. State Superintendent Churchill will attend and be of much assistance to the teachers in explaining and suggesting helps for the new course of study. Arrangements are also being made for other prominent instructors to assist in this work.

One day of the institute will be given over to the fair, where teachers and pupils will have an opportunity to see the school work that has been done throughout the county and thus be better able to measure their strength and progress. These exhibits also give inspiration and helpful suggestions for future work.

The fair is earlier this year than usual, so every one should begin now in order to make a creditable showing. The regular list of industrial prizes is good and should inspire every boy and girl to greater efforts. The special list is larger and better than ever before and should encourage the pupils of Crook county to honor their districts by winning one or more of them.

Growth of Schools.
During the past five years Crook county has enjoyed a good steady school growth as shown by its increase in teachers, pupils and school districts.

In 1907 the number of pupils of school age in this county was 2080 as compared with 3360 at the present time. Seventy teachers were registered in the county on the first date, while the 1913 June report shows 132. Since many schools have increased their teaching force, next year's report will show a greater gain.

roads and the map as outlined would furnish the necessary information for placing all such signs. The engineers present very generously donated their services to this work and Mr. Kelley was chosen chairman of this committee.

Those present were: W. F. King, Engineers Kelley, George Brewster, Fred A. Rice, Clarence D. Rice, D. H. Peoples, C. O. Pollard and J. H. Haner and Oscar Hyde.

Plans Made for County Road Map

W. F. King, secretary of the Crook County Good Roads Convention, interested a number of engineers and citizens of Prineville to the extent that they met Tuesday evening at the Hotel Prineville and after enjoying a good supper took up the proposition of devising ways and means of preparing a preliminary base road map of Crook county.

At the present time there is no authentic road map of this county from which to work. The plan is to have this map show the location and exact condition of every road in the county. Such a record will be of permanent value to all parts of the county showing where improvements are most needed and will also save both time and expense in ascertaining the exact location of all places. It is expected to build the map on the scale of one inch to the mile, thus giving a large map about 7x9½ feet.

This county is without the necessary sign boards at the forks of the

The whole number of organized school districts has increased from 66 in 1907 to 88 at the present time. Probably the greatest change has occurred in the personnel of the teaching force. At the present time 70 per cent of the teachers in Crook county are from other states, many being university and normal school graduates, while a few years ago the greater per cent was from the home county and state.

County Superintendent Myers hopes to continue raising the standard of the schools by securing special trained teachers. The new edition of the school law emphasizes this matter in the following words:

"No certificate to teach in an elementary school shall be issued to any person unless such person has completed an elementary teachers' training course, or its equivalent, which equivalency shall be determined by the superintendent of public instruction.

"These provisions shall not apply to any person who has had at least six months approved public school teaching experience at the time this act takes effect."

"The provisions of this act shall be in full force and effect from and after September 1, 1915."

This will give all young teachers ample opportunity to prepare for this work.

New School Buildings.
New school buildings are being built or making arrangements for building in the following districts:

Lower Rye Grass, District 30; Des Chutes, District 28; Diamond Peak, Culver, Metolius, Gateway, McKay, Terrebonne, Round Butte, District 67; Tethrow Butte, District 75; Bend, a ward school; and the Crook County High industrial building. Sisters has a fine new school building which they are furnishing. Most of the above districts have conducted schools during the past year in temporary quarters.

Enthusiasm Manifested for Good Roads

The inter-county meeting of good roads advocates held at La Pine on the 9th inst was well attended by delegates from Crook, Klamath and Lake counties. A more appropriate site for the meeting probably could not have been found in the three counties represented. The people of La Pine had prepared a platform for the speakers and tables for the guests among the pines in the outskirts of their village. Barbecued beef, with all the usual trimmings, was served at noon to about two hundred guests.

Prior to the luncheon a considerable delegation attended the dedication of a monument at the county line, being the point selected on the route of the Lincoln National Highway where the road will enter Crook county. The ceremonies were presided over by Col. Charles W. Thatcher the authorized path finder for the several projected National Highways across the United States.

In the afternoon several addresses were delivered. Judge W. S. Worden, of Klamath county, reviewed the progress of the good roads work in his county. During Judge Worden's administration Klamath county has built over five hundred miles of permanent roads, where a few years before there were practi-

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Business Training Brings Success

The Crook County High School is among the first in the state to realize the necessity of preparing her young people for practical work.

This year our county high school offers several courses that when completed will enable the graduates to begin at once their chosen line of work and thus pay back in a measure their debts to the state. The teachers' training course, the domestic science, the agriculture, the manual training and the book-keeping, short-hand and stenography, all offer special privileges and training to boys and girls of Crook county who wish to become independent upon graduation. The regular courses are to be made flexible so that students may arrange to take one or more of the above in connection with the regular school work.

Parents are beginning to realize more and more the necessity of giving their children special training along practical lines. If more attention was given to this work during the school years of our boys and girls there would be fewer failures and less suffering in later life. The following article from the Portland Journal emphasizes this idea of special preparation:

Should young women have commercial training?

"I think so," said a Portland business man. "What chance has a girl for employment that will pay her wages in any sort of proportion to her effort unless she has some special training for it?"

"If you could see the number

of women who have been married, whose husbands are dead or incapacitated by accident or illness, who come asking for something to do, you'd understand without any question why girls are better fitted for life if they have commercial training.

"Some of the stories those women who come asking for work and have never been trained for it, tell are pathetic to the extreme. But the commercial world hasn't room for any individual regardless of sex who can't do some one thing and do it well.

"If girls have to work they'd better be trained for work. If vicissitude makes it necessary for them to work, early special training will be found invaluable. If, after they are married, they find it necessary to work, those who have training will find that the best trained get the largest salaries, have the shortest hours and enjoy life most.

"And I am in favor of practical business training for girls on an economic and character building basis aside from the question of income.

"Any girl who has been trained to keep accounts in a business college will be able to keep accounts at home. Any girl who has gotten a notion of what values really are will not be inclined to extravagance, neither will she be deceived by the shoddy or unwholesome.

"I think business training for boys is an essential. I don't care if they don't do anything more practical than write for a living, business training will help them to square up against