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Prineville Day at the Redmond Potato Show

The business men of Prineville are making preparations for a big turnout at the Third Annual Redmond Potato Show and Fair on Friday, October 24. This is Prineville Day. Everybody is going. Now, if the weather man will only be decent about it and give us good roads the Prineville folk will test the accommodations of our neighbor. Get your cars ready. There

are fifty in town that should make the trip.

The show this year will not only include potatoes but grains, grasses, all kinds of vegetables and fruit and a fancy work department.

On the second floor of the Ehret building lectures will be given to farmers by prominent authorities from the Oregon Agricultural College. It is planned not to have an idle moment during the three days.

The Inside History of the Farm Demonstration Work

To the tax payers of Crook county, Oregon, Greeting:

As the county court has been criticised from time to time for its failure to appropriate money for demonstration work, I take this opportunity to give you the facts in the case. About two years ago, at a meeting of the Central Oregon Development League, held at Prineville the matter of demonstration and experimental work was taken up and a subscription of \$10,000 was made for work, as I understand, in Crook county. The contributing parties being the two railroads, \$2500 each; the Portland Commercial Club, \$2000 and Crook county, \$3000, in all \$10,000, for which sum the Oregon Agricultural College agreed to carry on the work for two years.

About the 15th of April last, Mr. Powers, the party representing the college in this work, was in Redmond and I prevailed on him to come to Prineville that we might learn something of the status of the matter. When I learned to my surprise no one seemed to be looking after the matter particularly as to collecting the contributions. Crook county had paid its contribution in full and Mr. Powers informed me the railroads had paid up, but no effort and perhaps no demand for the remaining \$2000.

I requested Mr. Powers to see the head men of the college and furnish me an authoritative statement that I might take the initiative in the financial department and gather in the balance of the funds. This he agreed to do but to this date I have heard nothing from him or the college officials.

I withheld this public explanation of the case in the hope we might get matters straightened out in a quiet way, but as the college has failed to answer my letter of some weeks since, written with a view of getting together for demonstration work for next season. I think best

the taxpayers should know the situation.

The matter in a nutshell is about as stated in last week's issue of the Deschutes Valley Tribune. The Oregon Agriculture College contracted to carry on the demonstration work in Crook county two years for \$10,000. The college has received \$8000 and the work was done one season, but little or nothing done the past season.

If I cared to plead the case of the county court, I would put a conundrum in this way: If it costs \$100 per acre to farm scientifically, how long will it take the dry farmers who are unaided to make a fortune?

But it is not a matter of great importance that the people should know who is to blame. What is needed is intelligent preparation for next season. Under the old law authorizing experiment stations the college was required to publish reports for distribution. In this case, the stations were created without state aid and there is no state law requiring a statement of receipts and expenditures. But the law of common decency, the custom-made law of business requires that those who handle money contributed for any purpose shall account to the contributors.

As the county court, for the people, contributed \$3000 it feels under obligation to the people to report results, and in view of the present unsatisfactory status of the previous investment we feel that we should have a definite understanding as to what shall be undertaken in the future, and the failure of the college to respond to the request for such an understanding is responsible for the failure to have the work under way for next season.

The court is a unit in favor of demonstration work, but want a distinct understanding as to the extent and character of the work to be undertaken. G. SPRINGER, County Judge.

Portland Cattle Market

North Portland, Or., Oct. 10, '13. The market report of the Portland Union Stock Yards Co. is as follows:

Receipts for the week have been—cattle, 984; calves, 30; hogs, 4740; sheep, 8582; horses, 10.

Beef liquidation this week has fallen off considerably and prices are a shade steadier. Bulk of business was transacted Monday and Tuesday, as receipts since then were insignificant. Prime steers sold in bulk \$7.50 to \$7.65 and cows \$6.50 to \$6.75. A lot of medium grade stuff was offering at the usual discount on choice beef prices.

Swine trade conditions are an uncertain quantity at present and values fluctuated easily. Tops

ranged from \$8.70 to \$8.60 with tendency downward. Outlet is fair for good light hogs, and smooth heavy weights, but size of receipts during the next six days will be the most influential factor on the market.

Sheep house transactions gave the impression of a steady to weaker tone on lambs. Some choice yearlings in small lots sold at \$4.50 and prime ewes at \$3.75 to \$4.

Lambs failed to reach over \$5 at week's close, but the number offered for sale was so small and quality so ordinary the trade could not settle on a substantial price. Generally mutton and lambs are steady if quality is choice. Outlet, of course, would be clogged but it has absorbed each day's receipts for a week without effort.

James Elkins Hale and Hearty at 82

Last Sunday afternoon Mr. and Mrs. Collins W. Elkins entertained in honor of the 82d birthday of their father, James Elkins.

Over one hundred old friends called to wish him many happy returns of the day and to talk over the days of "Auld Lang Syne."

None that were present will soon forget the flow of ready wit that seemed remarkable in a person of more than four score years, still strong and even vigorous in both body and mind.

Among the many pleasing incidents of the afternoon was when Hon. J. N. Williamson in his happy and forceful way presented Mr. Elkins with a "stick," after the old Scottish custom of "keep the stick and we'll be friends." This stick was obtained by Mr. Williamson a number ago while on a visit to the former home of Jefferson Davis in Richmond, Virginia, and was one of many made from the sills of the house when renovated and placed on a cement foundation by the Ladies of the Confederacy who obtained possession of the property and still retain it.

Judge M. E. Brink in a very appropriate manner and aided by Bryan's favorite beverage, toasted the honored guest as being "eighty years young."

Mr. Elkins was especially pleased to meet his old friends, George W. Noble and L. D. Claypool, all having ridden together on many a genuine cattle "round up" when the bunch grass was at its best back in the 80's.

Mr. Elkins came to Oregon in 1852 from Belmont county, Ohio, driving an ox team across the plains. He taught school; was assistant chief clerk of the Oregon legislature in 1854-5; was clerk of quartermaster-general's department in Salem during the Indian war of 1855-6. In 1860 he cast his first ballot for president, voting for Stephen A. Douglas.

Mr. Elkins is perhaps the only person in Oregon who held a public office 51 years ago. He was the first clerk of Linn county back in the early sixties. In the 80's he had a cattle ranch in Crook county.

The host and hostess were assisted in receiving and serving by Miss Helen Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Elkins, Mesdames Brink, Clifton, Smith and Winnek.

An Advertisement Is a Challenge

By HOLLAND.

THE man who advertises is fearless. He courts the light. He dares all and sundry to put him to the test. "This is what I offer," he says in effect. "Can you beat it? Can you do better elsewhere? Make comparisons and then do business with me only if you find it is to your advantage."

There is nothing hidden about the advertiser. He stands up for himself, for his goods, for his reputation, for his town. He wants everybody to know him, and his methods of business and his manner of treating customers.

This makes it safe to do business with him. Having spent much money making his name known, he cannot afford to have it tarnished, and he will go much more than halfway in an effort to correct a misunderstanding that is not of his making. He wants to tell more than the bare truth, to do more than what is really square.

DEAL WITH ADVERTISERS FOR A SQUARE DEAL.

For Sale

One 4-horse Superior Drill cheap.—Prineville Feed & Livery Stable. 10-9

Talk of Extending Road South from Bend

Klamath Falls Northwestern:—There is a persistent rumor, apparently on good authority, that the Hill and Southern Pacific Railroad forces are planning to let contracts that will complete the two lines north of here to allow an outlet to Portland.

According to the latest it is declared that the Hill system is laying plans to let the contract at once for construction of its line from Bend to Beaver Marsh, this side of Crescent. The southern Pacific is said to be preparing to let a contract for completion of its line from the present terminus at Kirk north to Beaver Marsh. There, it is claimed, the two roads will join forces and both will use the same line until such a time that the Southern Pacific is ready to complete its line through north from the Marsh by way of Crescent to the main line at Natron.

What lends color to this report is that several Hill engineers slipped into this city less than ten days ago, went north to the end of the Southern Pacific line, and after spending several days in that country returned through here to the outside. Just what they were doing is not known but since the rumor of a joint arrangement between the two systems has started it is believed they were looking over the ground to ascertain what equipment would be needed to complete the work of surveying a permanent line through from this end.

It is also declared on good authority that a crew of Southern Pacific engineers recently came to Klamath Falls and went north into the Crescent country.

While there is absolutely no confirmation of the aims of the two big railroad systems it is generally believed that both the Hill and Southern Pacific people are anxious to get trains through north from here to Portland. This being the case on top of the fact that Hill is seeking to reach San Francisco through Oregon lends much color to the statement that the two roads are to combine on completing the line through between here and Bend so Hill can reach San Francisco and the Southern Pacific can tap the rich territory between here and Bend.

Where the Fly Is Scares.

The common housefly is regarded in some parts of the world as a bringer of good luck. Some years ago a correspondent from Greenock wrote to Notes and Queries: "Among our deep sea fishermen there is a most comical idea that if a fly falls into the glass from which any one has been drinking, or is about to drink, it is considered a sure and true omen of good luck to the drinker and is always noticed as such by the company." But houseflies have the charm of rarity on the Dogger bank.—London Spectator.

Getting Round It.

A famous mountaineer said of mountain climbing at a dinner in Brooklyn: "Peaks that seem inaccessible may be climbed by turns and twists. Mountain climbing is a question of getting around the bad places. Getting around your difficulty—that is the secret of mountain climbing. Listz, the great musician, had the ability to get around things; hence I am sure he'd have made a good mountaineer. Once at a dinner Listz's hostess cried in a horrified voice that there were thirteen at table.

"Don't let that alarm you, madam," said Listz, with a reassuring smile; "I'll eat for two."

Yes, She Painted.

Young Grotz (admiring picture in parlor)—Does your sister paint, Margie? Little Margie—Yes, sir; but she's finished now, and as soon as she puts a little powder on she'll be right down.—Chicago News.

Crook County High Enjoying a Boom

The Crook County High School is enjoying a boom. The total enrollment at present is 111 and there will be more next Monday. The assembly room is quite crowded and it will be necessary to enlarge it very soon. Students seem very much interested and the faculty encouraged.

The Commercial Department is crowded to the limit with 63 registered in one class—penmanship. This department could give typewriting to thirty more if it had room and machines.

The operation of the school is slightly hindered by the shortage in the book supply.

The Domestic Science Department has an enrollment of 48. The classes have begun their work on food analysis and will be ready for experiment work by the time the kitchen is available.

The Normal Department has an enrollment of 22. This is a strong four-year course and a diploma from this department gives the graduates a one-year state certificate, renewable once, and admits them to the senior year in the standard course at the State Normal.

The Domestic Science Department has organized a Home Circle Club for the purpose of handling their work along social lines. The cultural life of the housekeeper will be developed in this way.

Four well-known practical housewives of Prineville have been chosen as worthy patrons of the Household Arts Department. They are Mesdames Baldwin, Winnek, Wigle and Elkins.

The work of the Agricultural Department is going along nicely. A great deal of interest is evidenced

by the students of the different classes. The stock judging class made a trip last Saturday to the ranch of Warren, Dickson & McDowell, where the students had practice in scoring some excellent specimens of beef cattle. Next Saturday another ranch will be visited, and so on, giving the student a chance to do practical work in judging and becoming proficient judges.

The Crook County High School has joined the State Debating League and expect to begin working on this feature very soon. The school has fine material and expects to produce a winning team.

The football squad is out for practice every evening and the boys will soon be playing genuine football. The manager of this squad is Robert Lister. Roscoe Claypool is captain. The boys expect to meet Madras on the Madras gridiron next Saturday. The line-up is not yet certain.

The student will give basket social F. p. m. at the high school for the benefit of the association. The general

pecially invited to help make us a success, i. e., the financial part of it. A very short musical program will be given.

The High School Dormitory is now ready for occupancy. It is comfortable and homelike with a cozy parlor, nice dining room, neat, well furnished sleeping rooms and bath. The girls must furnish bedding and towels. Board and room will be given the girls at actual cost, \$14 per month. A house matron and one of the high school instructors, Mrs. Walker, will live at the Dormitory and have general charge.

Expense No Object to Boston Millionaire

Telegram: Tom Lawson doesn't car for expenses; he has plenty of 'em.

For example, he has just shipped from Portland to Boston a beautiful little saddle mare by express. The charge for the journey being \$487. The mare was brought out here originally from the Lawson stable of thoroughbreds at "Dreamworld," the Lawson estate just outside of Beantown, so that the round trip the exquisite little pure-blooded animal cost the millionaire a neat little sum of \$974.

The mare is the property of Miss Lawson, the magnate's daughter and she had it brought out here for her own personal use and for the pleasure of her chum, Miss Jean Morrison, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. A. Morrison, of this city.

This express bill is by far the largest charge of that kind ever paid for a single animal in the history of Oregon and is nearly seven times the cost of a first-class passenger ticket from Portland to the "Hub" the fare to Boston being \$77.15.

The Lawson party, which has been in Portland and Oregon for several weeks, broke up this morning when Mrs. Henry McCall and Miss Lawson, the magnate's daughters, started for Boston at 10 o'clock. Mr. Lawson and his son-in-law, Henry McCall, took the same train, but dropped off at Deschutes Junction and went in to Prineville,

where McCall owns a large ranch. It is understood that Mr. Lawson will remain in the interior for a short time before returning to New England. He is working on a new hobby of his intensified agricultural development, which he has promised to "spring" on Oregon in the near future.

Send in Your Samples.

C. C. Chapman, agent of the Oregon State Immigration Commission, writes the Journal as follows:

Your section has not yet sent in samples to be included in the Oregon State Exhibit at the Eastern Land Shows. This exhibit is soon to be forwarded in one large shipment to the United States Land Show at Chicago. We desire that each community be represented. You have neither sent exhibits nor appointed a delegate to represent your county at this Land Show. Will you kindly advise us immediately what action you are going to take regarding this.

"We are greatly encouraged by the splendid co-operation and fine exhibits from all parts of the state. As your section has not yet sent in samples representing the agricultural possibilities of your county, we desire that you do so at once so that the Oregon State exhibit will be thoroughly comprehensive. Ship non-perishable products by freight, using shipping tags as previously sent you. Perishable samples may be sent by baggage. Your local agent is familiar with the shipping details.

Winter Apples

Winter apples, 75c per bushel at Sam Carroll's ranch, 10 miles from Ochoco mines. SAMUEL CARROLL. 10-16-31p