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Prineville Commercial Club Meeting

The weekly Business Men's meeting of the Prineville Commercial Club held Monday night was attended by over thirty of the business men of Prineville, and a lively interest was taken in the various subjects discussed.

Dr. Edwards was chairman of the evening and after routine business was transacted, J. B. Bell, a member of the club committee, appointed to attend Gov. West's irrigation meeting at Redmond, was called upon to give an account of this gathering.

Mr. Bell stated that the meeting was attended by a large crowd, in fact, it was difficult to hear the speakers because of the number of people present. Gov. West's proposal in connection with the state's assumption of the North canal was a business-like, a fair proposition and was well received by those interested.

C. O. Pollard, another member of the committee, addressed the irrigation meeting at Bend in an interesting manner.

On motion, a committee of five was appointed, or rather, is to be appointed, when it is ascertained who will be able to attend, to represent this vicinity at the Oregon State Irrigation Congress, which meets in Portland on February 13 and 14. The \$5 entrance fee was raised by a collection during the meeting.

D. F. Stewart then addressed the meeting on the subject of Grain. Wheat would be more nearly correct for the major part of Mr. Stewart's talk was about that cereal, and it is one that he has made a thorough study of and is well qualified to speak about. He described the various kinds of wheat with reference to their adaptability to Crook county; richness in gluten and other desirable elements.

Homer Ross, forest supervisor, was called upon next, and in an interesting manner spoke on "The Ochocho National Forest, its admin-

istration, resources and relation to the surrounding country."

Mr. Ross discussed its resources under five headings as follows—

First—Timber.
Second—Watershed protection, stream flow, regulation and effect on precipitation.
Third—Grazing.
Fourth—Fishing, hunting, camping and general recreation grounds.
Fifth—Mining.

He stated that Ochocho Forest embraced a net area of about 700,000 acres, and contained approximately 7,875,000,000 board feet of lumber, of which 60 per cent was estimated to be mature and ready for cutting; 10 per cent over mature and the balance of 30 per cent is young and thrifty growing trees.

This timber, Mr. Ross said, has a total value of over \$11,800,000 and a sustained annual yield of 78,000,000 board feet, which means that this amount could be cut from our forest each year without diminishing the supply. This will eventually mean a great deal to Crook county since one-half of the Ochocho Forest is located within its boundaries and 25 per cent of the gross earnings of National forests is returned to the counties for road and school purposes. He further stated that the forest service is particularly interested in protecting watersheds from which water is obtained for municipal purposes, to see that towns secure a permanent supply of pure water.

Governor West at Redmond

A good delegation from Prineville went over to the Hub City to greet Governor West last Saturday. Much interest was shown in the governor's plan for state and government control of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company's project at the meeting held in Redmond. After the governor had explained his plan comprehensively to the several hundred settlers who crowded into the small hall in the Ehret building, there seemed to be no opposition, the only misgiving expressed was the fear that the officers of the present company would not apply the funds they would derive out of the plan faithfully to the completion of the units now under construction.

It is the idea of the governor to apply the funds to be derived from the liens on the Tumalo project at once toward the construction of the North Canal unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company's project. It does not mean an additional appropriation by the legislature but merely the authority to apply to a new project the funds that will be returned to the treasury from the Tumalo project. The governor feels that this money can be handled through the state land board as the school fund is now being handled and turned over every few years toward the com-

pletion of a new project in Central or Eastern Oregon. The details of the financing have not yet been worked out but the plan in general is deemed to be a practical one. The state land board will collect the liens which will be the actual cost of putting the water on the land.

Prineville is not so vitally interested in the matter as the towns of Redmond and Bend which lie in the midst of the irrigated districts, but Prineville will reap the benefit to be derived from additional population and additional productiveness that will be the realization of following the governor's idea. After the North Canal unit has been completed the governor intimated that the state would then be in a position to start on the Benham Falls unit which will bring the waters of the Deschutes river to the edge of the rimrock 300 or 400 feet above Prineville and up to its very door.

No opposition to the plan can be expected from the legislature for it is not a scheme to appropriate more money, but simply to apply to a further use money already appropriated for the purpose. The governor stated that when the legislature shall have witnessed the progress and class of work accomplished by the state on the Tumalo project and that nearly all the funds appropriated had been returned to the state or that notes secured by first mortgages on productive alfalfa fields were deposited with the state treasurer covering the actual cost of putting the water upon the land, no opposition would be found to the plan from any source.

Powell Butte

Miss Ebba Lindquist was in Redmond last week, where she sang in the song service at the Methodist church during the revival meetings. While there she was the guest of Mrs. Steinkopf.

Mr. Rhodes, lineman for the telephone company, was in this section last week adjusting telephone difficulties.

Frank Kissler, of Remond, is hauling lumber for a house and other buildings on his Powell Butte place. He intends to move his family out as soon as the buildings are completed.

Work on the Robert Moore house is well under way. N. B. Alley has charge of construction.

Mrs. Mary Charlton and daughter Ila came out from Prineville Friday for a visit at the farm and to attend a school election. They returned to Prineville Monday.

A. W. Bayn finished digging a cistern on his homestead last week. He intends to move the buildings below the ditch and to live on the place again.

At a school election at the Shepherd school house Friday evening C. H. Charlton was elected director to complete the unfinished term of N. P. Alley, who since the division of the district is in No. 90. The proposition of moving the Shepherd school house was up for discussion. The vote was a near tie on this question, the deciding vote being in favor of letting the house remain where it is.

Mrs. Etta Arnold and son Everett, of Bend, were visitors here last week. While here Mrs. Arnold bought several head of young stock, which with a bunch she bought in Terrebonne, will be finished for the market on the Arnold place near Bend.

Geo. Haven and Perrel Osburn shipped a car of potatoes Monday. These were loaded from the Farmer's Warehouse at Redmond. Messrs. Hobbs and Langdon shipped 100 sacks at the same time.

A. H. Rhode shipped a car of sheep to Portland Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Hall entertained a number of guests at dinner Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Mustard were dinner guests at the Rice home Sunday.

Powell Butte was well represented in the crowd of people who listened to Gov. West in Ehret hall at Redmond Saturday. The governor outlined a plan by which he expects to secure state and federal funds for the purchase and completion of the north canal unit of the Central Oregon irrigation system. As all Powell Butte lands north of the Stovepipe flume will be covered by water from this canal upon its completion, the matter is of vital interest to a majority of our farmers.

Revival meetings were commenced at the Wilson school house Sunday by Messrs. Smith and Johnson, traveling evangelists. The meetings are to continue indefinitely.

Lamonta Items.

A pleasant party was given at Joe Wiegand Saturday night Jan. 8, 1914, and a large crowd attended.

Those present were: Messrs. Leurs and Elmer Mitchell, Ruddy Retzlaff, Arthur Cox, George Ragner, Pearl, Jack and Rolla Wiegand, Steven Walte, Jesse Melton, Walter Hurst, L. Melton and Anthen Kerr, Misses Neva Wiegand, Clara Short, Marie Braden, Ada Mitchel, Lela Guyer, The hostess, Mrs. Wiegand was assisted by Mrs. L. Melton, Mrs. Martha Thomas, Mrs. Goff and Mrs. Steven Walte. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Carl Windom is in Portland with his mother, Mrs. Henry Windom.

Jack Summers, the telephone man, is going around fixing the phones.

Lela Guyer, Elmer Lewis and Ada Mitchell spent Sunday at Joe Wiegand's.

O. Cyrus and family spent Sunday at Mr. Pecks of Culver.

Pearl, Jack, and Mr. and Mrs. Wiegand made a tour of the small towns by auto, last Friday.

Mrs. Black is away on a visit to her mother who lives in Washington, and is seriously ill.

Gardener Black is home. He just returned from Eugene where he has been attending college.

Mrs. Grant's brother is here on a visit. He will return to his home in a few days. Mrs. Grant is busy having her barn built. They will build a new house in the spring.

Basket social and a good program at Lamonta February 6, 1914, at Rush's Hall. Everyone come. Ladies bring a basket.

A big hard time mask dance February 13, 1914, at the Lamonta

Hall. Welcome. Everyone come. George Ragner and mother, Mrs. Ragner, are away on a visit to the valley. They will make a tour of Portland, Silverton, Corvallis, Salem etc.

Deane Cyrus was a Prineville visitor last week.

Ethel Cox, an old Lamonta girl, is back in the county on a visit.

Newton Melton and family are in Madras for a few weeks' stay attending to some business.

Bernice Grant, who attended the Crook County High School for a few months, is home now on account of the illness of her mother.

A large crowd was out to Sunday School last Sunday.

J. M. King and family spent Sunday at H. F. Mitchells.

Jesse Melton spent Sunday at Wiegand's.

E. Roby and family spent Sunday at Henry Chestneys.

Frank Cowan and wife were visitors of Frank's father last Sunday.

Neva Wiegand visited with Marie Braden a few days last week.

James Thomas and family spent Sunday at Mr. Shorts. A pleasant day was spent.

Died

At the home of Mr. Jacob Harrington, near Opal City, Oregon, of paralysis, Friday, January 16, Mrs. Nancy Harrington, (nee Mrs. Nancy Lemon.) She was married to Mr. Harrington August 1, 1913. Mrs. Harrington leaves besides her husband, three brothers and a sister in Pennsylvania to mourn her death.

Stock for Sale

Three brood sows with pigs, one male hog, two years old, five milch cows, nearly dry. Inquire at the old home place or write Mrs. E. F. McMeen, Lamonta, Ore., or Chas. McMeen, Metolus, Ore. 12-18-6t

Notice to Creditors

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned, the executor of the estate of James Lawson, deceased, to all creditors of said deceased and to all persons having claims against said estate to present the same, with the proper vouchers, to the undersigned at the office of M. R. Elliott within six months from the first publication of this notice. Dated and published first time Dec. 18, 1913. W. J. JOHNSON, Executor of Last Will of James Lawson, deceased.

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