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PRINEVILLE, CROOK COUNTY, OREGON, THURSDAY, JAN. 7, 1915.

MURDERED IN Members of the New COLD BLOOD

Ralph Brown Shot New Years Morning

WHILE RETURNING from DANCE

Debauch, Slays His Employer.

Ralph Brown, son of County Commissioner Brown, was murdered cold blood near his home at in. Kaskela New Year's morning by his hired man, named Clarence Pettis. After the shooting Pettis fled to the hills.

A dispatch from The Dalles, dated January 2, says:

Clarence Pettis, slayer of Ralph Brown, arrived at The Dalles this afternoon on the same train which carried the body of his victim-Brown was killed as he was returning to his home near Kaskela with his wife New Year's morning, his assailant firing from inside the Brown home, the bullets going through a screen door. Pettis is 21 years old and was employed by Brown. He will be arraigned here Monday for first degree murder. The authorities say Pettis is sane and express belief that the ranch hand, after drinking heavily, thought he was a "bad man" and killed Brown.

Pettis surrendered to Sheriff Chrisman at 5:45 o'clock this morning, the sheriff entering the cabin where Pettis had taken refuge. after the slayer had sent a message that he would surrender if the sheriff would come for him alone.

Mrs. Brown was fired on by Pettis after her husband fell dead. She threw her coat over the body of her husband and ran for help, through a pouring rain to the nearest neighbor, three and one-half received \$1 for canvassing election miles away. She stopped once in returns. the long run to take off her outer \$1.50 each as witnes

The members of the new council were sworn in Monday evening immediately after the adjournment of the out-going council, and a special Mayor Edwards.

Council Sworn In

Mayor Chas. S. Edwards, Councilmen Elkins, Still, Reams, Pancake, Foster and Noble were present. The first act of the new coun-Pettis, in a Drunken New Years cil was to urge the enforcement of the ordinance to keep dogs from running loose on the streets.

The council passed a resolution asking that the papers of the city during the current year.

Committees were appointed by Mayor Edwards as follows: Health and Police-Pancake

Noble and Foster. Streets and Public Improvements

-Noble, Elkins and Still. Fire and Water-Foster, Noble

and Reams.

.Finance-Elkins, Reams and Pancake.

License-Still, Elkins and Pancake.

Judicary-Reams, Foster and Still.

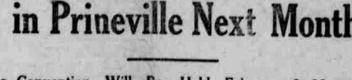
T. E. J. Luffy was appointed city attorney for the year and H. A. Kelley will continue his position of city engineer.

Rules for the Deschutes Power Company were read and adopted.

	The following bills were allo	we	:be
	Shipp & Perry	28	70
	Clifton & Cornett	1	15
	Deschutes Power Co1	59	20
	Mrs. Maling.	25	00
	C W Elkins	5	00
ļ	L M Bechtell.	25	00
	Claypool & Co		
	R E Gray	34	65
	John Curtis		
	H D Still	1	25
	E O Hyde	40	60
Ì	T L Coon	5	00
	C W Elkins	1	35
	F. A. Rowell, D. P. Adamso W. Ward, J. F. Cadle, John	m,	L

Newsom and H. A. Kelley were paid \$3 each as officers of election. O. C. Hyde and S. G. Hinkle each

The following men were paid in the corder's court: Earlm Omen, Mr. Vasey, Levi Dow, M. Porter, Richard Long, Ed Hyde, Chas. Dow. At a special meeting of the city his employer, saying the Browns council Monday night the affairs of had always treated him well. Just the old council were brought to a before the train reached The Dalles, close. Present-Mayor Clifton, Pettis, who had previously dis- Councilmen Elkins, Noble, Foster, The Committee on Health and "I'd willingly give my own life Police reported the spread of rabies if I could bring back to life the in the vicinity of the city and a Pettis says he is of Scotch disclosed the fact that a number of Mexican or Spaniard. He refused past few weeks within the city limits.



meeting was called at once by The Convention Will Be Held February 9, 10 11 --- Stockmen from all Over the Northwest Will Be in Attendance.

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Big Stockmen's Meeting	Livestock Association Holds Meeting	\$50 CASH PRIZE FOR ORATORY
The Convention Will Be Held February 9, 10 and 11Stockmen from all Over the Northwest Will Be in Attendance.	There was a meeting of the Mill Creek Livestock Association Satur- day, at which many matters of im- portance were discussed. A resolution was passed asking that an appropriation be made by the coming legislature giving a bounty of \$5 per head for all	At the Crook County High School T. M. BALDWIN MAKES GIFT
The Cattle and Horse Raisers' Association of Oregon which will hold its next annual convention in Prineville, Feb- ruary 9, 1915, was organized at Baker May 14, 1913, for the mutual protection and benefit of its members and the general promotion of the livestock industry of the Northwest. Its growth has been phenominal and its membership now	coyotes until the spread of rabies is checked. In speaking of this matter different members men- tioned the effect of this disease among the cattle and horses. The rapid and wholesale destruction of stock throughout the southern part of the county caused this resolution	Contest to Take Place During Commencement Week Each Year. Mr. Baldwin of the First National
consists of many of the leading stockmen of Oregon, Wash- ington and Idaho. It is expected that the meeting in Prineville will add very materially to its membership as the stockmen of	to be passed by a unanimous vote. An effort will be made today by Prineville delegates before the irri- gation congress in Portland to have that body urge immediate legisla- tion in this matter. Copies of the resolution were mailed to our rep- resentatives and all Eastern Oregon members of the legislature are ex-	Bank has won a permanent place in the hearts of all Crook County High School students and friends of the school by his splendid offer of an annual cash prize of fifty dollars for oratory. This cash prize will stim- ulate oratory in the school more than anything else in late years.
	pected to support and fight for the passage of a bounty law. Committees were appointed and other measures taken for the enter- tainment of the delegates to the Stockmen's Convention which will be held here next month. Officers were elected for the fol- lowing year. W. I. Dishman is the new president of the association and Raymond Calavan was re-	The following is the agreement: This agreement made and entered into this 2nd day of November, 1914, by and between the faculty of the Crook County High School of Crook county, Oregon, hereafter known as the party of the first part, and T. M. Bald win, of Crook county. Oregon, hereafter known as the party of the second part: Witnesseth that the party of the

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the second part hereby voluntarily This association is an organization agrees to donate fifty (50 00) dolof men who summer cattle in the lars in cash annually to be known as Ochoco, Mill Creek, Marks Creek The Baldwin Crsh Prize for Oratory, and McKay ranges which is within which is to be awarded by the party the forest reserve. They have per- of the first part to a student of the mits for more than 52,000 acres of said Crook County High School each land which is controlled by drift year under the following conditions, fences and line riders. More than to wit: 1700 head of cattle are summered

Crook County High School each year, entry to which shall be open to every bona fida registered student Hands of Treasurer of the institution.

A preliminary contest shall be Assessor H. A. Foster was prob- held eight weeks prior to the comably the first assessor in the state mencement date of the final contest, to complete the work of extending by the two literary societies of the the 1914 tax rolls and getting them school, the Ochoconian and Alpha into the hands of the county treas- societies, at which time three contestants shall be chosen from each weeks following the date the levy society to partake in the final com-

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At an oratorical contest during the commencement week of the

skirt, so that she could run faster.

Pettis first explained the shooting by saying he had a grudge against Brown. Later he told Sheriff Chrisman he had nothing against played indifference, said to Deputy Lafollette and Zevely. Sheriff Thompson:

man I killed."

to tell where his parents live.

Ralph Brown was 38 years old. He was graduated from the Uni- enforce the two ordinances con-Willamette valley girl, and a grad. their dogs tied while in the city. uate of Monmouth Normal School. dren.

Madras, Ore., Jan. 2 .-- Clarence Pettis, who shot and killed Ralph Brown yesterday at Brown's home at Kaskela, appeared at Ralph Mark's place about 7 p. m., and after ordering Marks to prepare supper told him that he had killed Brown and had intended to kill Mrs. Brown, too. After keeping Marks up until the train came in from the north, Pettis ordered limiting these places of amusement Marks to go down to the station, about four miles away, and bring the matter was left to the license the sheriff alone, saying he would kill them all if the sheriff formed a posse to capture him.

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The marshal was instructed to

The petition asking for the vacawere married. There are no chil- tion of plotted property near the water tank in the north end of the city was allowed.

> Tuesday evening council met in regular session. Present-Mayor Edwards, Councilmen Elkins, Still, Noble and Reams, Recorder Hyde and Marshal W. R. Pollard.

> A petition was presented by Jack Walker asking for a license to operate a picture show. It appearing that there is an ordinance to one for each 1600 inhabitants, committee for investigation.

cepted. The matter of the city Prineville.



Dr. Chas. S. Edwards, Prineville's New Mayor

Central Oregon feel very keenly the need of greater co-operation and protection in the growing and marketing of their products.

The association has for more than a year kept an inspector at the North Poatland Stock Yards who has been instrumental in returning to its rightful owner hundreds of dollars worth of strayed or stolen property. Several stock Fire patrol. . rustlers have also been apprehended and convicted by the cogeneral discussion of the subject operation of the members of the association.

The stockmen of Crook county and the Commercial Club descent, but appears to be either a cases had been discovered during of Prineville have united to make the annual meeting to be held here in February the most successful of any meeting ever held in Central Oregon.

Live committees have been appointed to look after the versity of Oregon. About 12 years cerning dogs in the streets. Country transportation of the delegates to and from the railroad and ago he and Miss Edith Percival, a people will be requested to keep every detail of their entertainment while here.

Stockmen from all the Northwest are cordially invited and expected to attend and help make this association an to secure for Crook county the \$450,- present governed and membership instrument for securing better range conditions, better laws 000 appropriation from the federal regulating the branding and handling of stock and better government for the reclamation istered bona fida student in the marketing conditions for our finished product.

printing was left to the Finance

Committee with instructions to re-

Councilmen Noble and Foster

were authorized to act in the mat-

ter of loose stock in the city streets.

Bills that were presented for pay-

Mayor Edwards reported a com-

port at the February meeting.

the February meeting.

J. F. BLANCHARD.

Banquet for Stockmen.

There will be a meeting of the wives of the stockgrowers of this vicinity with the ladies of the Annex at the Annex parlors of the from all parts of the country are in Second Part. Commercial Club on Saturday, perfect condition and automobile January 16, at 1:30 p. m., at which service has never slackened during ment were laid on the table until time arrangements will be made for plaint made to him by Mr. Hall, state convention which will be held and that there is no troublesome Bonds for Marshal Pollard and Indian agent at Warmsprings, con- in Prineville next month. All dust and dust holes in the roads. Treasurer Bechtell read and ac-cepted. The matter of the city Princeille

urer for collection n three fixed by the state, the books were mencement contest; in Treasurer R. L. Jordan's office.

on this range by the association.

1914 Tax Rolls in

elected as secretary.

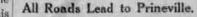
property is placed at \$11,565,637. Taxes to be collected total \$365,254. Of this amount the different funds are as follows:

General fund .\$272,157 50 pecial school. 70,271 21 19,288 42 2,942 90 City taxes for all towns... Madras High School.....

Crook County Sends Strong Delegation

Strong delegations are in attend- again; ance from Sisters, Bend, Redmond, and Laidlaw as well as from Prineville. A united effort is being made work

Malheur county is strong also, and by lot and not arbitrarily. is making the hardest kind of opposition to the Crook delegation. Our boys have their own brass band, and the First Part, are pulling off a street parade today.



Roads leading into Prineville

the fall and winter months. Drivers say that the roads are smoother than during the summer trip.

Each oration delivered must be The total amount of taxable the original production of the student who has entered the and shall consist of from 1,000 to 1,500 words, to be so arranged as to occupy not more than Ten (10) minutes of time. No quotations shall be taken from any author, writer or speaker unless due acknowledgment shall be made;

Every contestant shall be graded on composition and delivery, on a basis of 100 per cent for each. The More than 100 delegates from judges shall be selected and ap-Crook county are attending the state proved by both the party of the first irrigation congress in Portland to- part and the party of the second day and the remainder of the week, part; a winner is ineligible to enter

> During the life of this agreement, both literary societies of the school shall continue to be governed as at shall continue to embrace every reg-Crook County High School, chosen

> FACULTY OF THE CROOK COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL, Party of

By H. C. Baughman, president. By J. Wesley Smith, secretary. T. M. BALDWIN, Party of the

Notice to Dog Owners

Notice is hereby given that the dog ordinance will be strictly enforced in the future. Also attention of the country people is called to the facts that all dogs must be kept under

E. O. HYDE, Recorder

a banquet to be given during the

are urged to be present.