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A Statement

In assuming the ownership and publication of the Journal I am realizing an ambition that I have carried for years—that of the publication of a good country paper in good town.

I feel that the Journal is a good paper and do not hesitate to say as much and also that Prineville is a good town. Both will be better and the growth of the one will necessarily be controlled by the growth of the other.

It is, no doubt, expected at this time that a statement be made as to the future policy of the paper. The prime object of the Journal will be to advocate and stand for the best interests of Prineville and Crook county and the irrigation and development of all parts of Interior Oregon.

Many things are badly needed by Prineville. For example, the irrigation of the 30,000 acres of land adjoining the town on the north; development of better sanitary conditions within the city limits and many other things.

At the same time the interests of the people living in the great country to the south and east of us will not be overlooked. I feel that development of the country is of far more importance than municipal improvements and the interests of the farmers and stockmen are of first importance to the development of this town.

Politically the paper will continue to be independent. The commercial and industrial development of the community will be the ambition of the Journal and it will not be a mouthpiece for any party or political faction.

To Prineville and the Central Oregon country the future of the paper is dedicated and of Prineville and this grand and growing country the Journal asks a loyal support.

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For 1915

It is but fitting that Prineville pause for a moment at this the beginning of a new year and take stock.

The record of the year just closed is not a bad one. The city's bonded debt has been provided for by the council and the question of an ample supply of pure water for the city has been solved by the discovery of the artesian flow so near the earth's surface. This is a natural asset not possessed by one per cent of the towns of our county.

There are, however, many things for which Prineville should strive. One of the greatest needs for the advancement of the city is organized effort. The advantages of cooperation or team work are made plain every day. The present war

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Harmonious action by Prineville business men, first in determining the needs of the city, and the unanimity of purpose by the business people and the stockmen and the farmers, would go far to get for Prineville and the Prineville country that which it needs and to which it is entitled.

There is a lack of understanding between merchant and buyer as to prices and values of merchandise. The facts are that many, if not most of the shipments of merchandise received by local buyers from other towns could be had cheaper from Prineville merchants, cost of shipment, quality and other features considered. This shows one of the greatest needs for mutual understanding. It is a case of a house divided against itself, and buyer and merchant both suffer to the general detriment of the community.

Pull together. Work together. Help your neighbor so that he may be able to help you.

Boost, don't knock. Boost the town and the community. Think it over and compare Prineville with other towns. It will stand the comparison.

Get in the harness, organize, help and you will find that before another New Year that Prineville will take the place that is really hers—at the head of the procession of Central Oregon towns.

Going to the Dogs

The protection of the resources and the inhabitants of the state from rabies is receiving general discussion. There has been a rapid spread of this disease which was not known in Oregon until a few years ago, and although it is a hot weather disease there has been a general and rapid spread during the last few months.

In Crook county alone there has been several thousand dollars worth of all kinds of stock infected during the winter and Lake, Harney and Malheur, and, in fact, all the counties to the south and east report the same spread of the disease.

During the past few months the bounty has been removed from coyotes which are almost entirely responsible for the trouble. Prompt action by the legislature is needed. An appropriation to provide for the extermination of these pests before warm weather comes is imperative for the protection of the livestock industry which is one of the most important in the state.

Much has been said by Portland papers about the large shipments of livestock from Central and Eastern Oregon. The industry is badly in need of protection and to the Multnomah delegation an opportunity presents itself to demonstrate just how strong that feeling actually is.

There is another phase to the question that immediately concerns Prineville. Despite the efforts of the council and the marshal during the past year there are a great number of loose dogs running about the streets of this town.

One man and a boy have been bitten in this vicinity and many others have had narrow escapes. Mad animals have been killed on three sides of the city only a short distance out and at least four crazed animals have been killed within the limits of the city. It seems that immediate and drastic action should be taken by the council to rid the city of the dogs or require that they should be muzzled, as in other towns where the risk is no greater than here.

In Portland when a case of rabies was reported every canine in the city was muzzled for months. In Baker and other Eastern Oregon towns every loose dog is shot on sight. In Harney county many of the country schools have been closed to prevent the exposure of the pupils from mad dogs and coyotes.

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