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W. W. BROWN HAS RESIGNED

Visited Prineville Monday; Tendered Resignation

Makes Promise Good

The Commissioner Has No Desire to Hold Office Since Supreme Court Ruling

County Commissioner, Willis W. Brown, who has said that he would not attempt to hold the office of county commissioner should the creation of Jefferson county be held legal by the supreme court, was in Prineville Monday, and while here signed the following resignation:

Whereas, it appears from the opinion of the Hon. George M. Brown, attorney general, that by immediately establishing a residence at Prineville or at some other point within the present boundaries of Crook county, I might continue as the qualified commissioner of Crook county; but,

Whereas, it further appears that I have no property or other interests within the present boundaries of Crook county and that all my interests and sympathies are with the new county of Jefferson where my actual and bona fide residence is; and

Whereas, I do not feel that under those circumstances I can sit and be a fair judge between the conflicting contentions that are bound to arise between the old county of Crook and the new county of Jefferson; and that my further participation as a member of the county court of Crook county would be unjust to the people of Crook county and an imposition upon those good people who have placed sufficient confidence in me to elevate me to the position in Crook county I now hold;

Wherefore, with deep regret in my heart for having to sever my connection with the people of Crook county with whom I have affiliated and associated for more than 30 years, I do hereby resign as county commissioner of Crook county, my said resignation to take effect upon this date. Given under my hand at Prineville, Oregon, this 30th day of March, 1915.

(signed) WILLIS W. BROWN.

Paulina Residents Holding Rabbit Drives

The residents of Paulina valley are holding a rabbit drive every week at some point in the valley. Last Sunday they killed 640 of the bunnies and a week ago they got 1260. They use poultry wire for the corrals and wings one-half mile long on each side of the gate. The corrals are moved to the various points where drives are made.

Easter Services at Paulina

Rev. B. F. Harper will hold two services Easter Sunday at Paulina. One at 11 A. M. and the other at 2 P. M. At 12:30 there will be a basket social to which everyone is invited. Mr. Harper wishes to extend a special invitation to the old bachelors to come out and help eat the chicken dinner.

Principal C. H. Poole has announced his resignation as principal of the Prineville public school, to take effect at the close of the present school year.

Practical Methods Taught at Short Course

The Farmers Short Course which was held at Redmond last week, was a success as far as those who attended the course are concerned.

All who attended were well pleased with the information they received and found many things which they can put into practice profitably on their farms.

Professor Brown gave a short lecture on home gardening on Monday evening, and Professor Fitts a very instructive lecture on silos and silage crops on Saturday afternoon, both of these lectures being additions to the regular program as given out by those in charge of the course.

The attendance was good, considering the busy season and the pleasant weather throughout the week for plowing and other farm operations. The average attendance at the lectures was twelve. Seventy-five farmers visited the ranch belonging to Mr. McCall on Crooked River, and heard the lectures there on dairy cows and hogs.

Miss Turley, in charge of the domestic science course, had an average attendance of 41 for the week, and gave very entertaining and instructive lectures on domestic science in its different phases.

It is to be hoped that next year's institutes may be held earlier in the season, and the meetings will probably be held at the country school houses instead of in town.

W. C. T. U. Institute At Redmond Apr. 9-10

Following is the program for the Crook County W. C. T. U. Institute to be held at Redmond April 9-10:

- 10 o'clock a. m., Devotional services, Redmond
 - Address of Welcome, Redmond
 - Response, Madras
 - Appointment of Committees
 - Paper—"The Mission of the Institute", Sisters
 - Music
 - Paper—"The Influence of Women's Vote on Moral Reform", Gist
- AFTERNOON**
- 2 o'clock p. m., Devotional, Terrebonne
 - Paper—"Organized Temperance Work a Necessity", Culver
 - Music
 - "Winning the Children for Temperance"—(a) Through Scientific Temperance Instruction, Mrs. C. Porter
 - (b) Through the Sunday School, Terrebonne
 - (c) Through the Loyal Temperance Legion, Mrs. Newham
 - Paper—"Explanation of our Prohibition Bill as passed by Last Legislature", Mrs. Charlton
 - Round Table Talk

- EVENING**
- 7:30 p. m., Musical and Literary Program
 - Address, Selected, Redmond
 - Social Hour

- SATURDAY MORNING**
- 9:30, Devotional Services, Metolius
 - Business Session
 - Reports of Officers
 - Reports of Committees
 - Election of Officers, etc.
 - Paper—"Our Financial Needs, How Shall We Meet Them", Mrs. Ellis, Madras
 - Discussion
 - Noontide Prayer
- AFTERNOON**
- 2 o'clock Devotional Services, Sisters
 - Music, Gist
 - The Mothers' Meeting and Better Babies Movement, Mrs. Lela Zell
 - Reading, Selected
 - The Latest Achievements of the Prohibition Movement and Outlook for the Future, Culver
 - Singing, Adjournment, Remediation

Special Easter Program

There will be a special program on Easter morning, beginning at 10 o'clock, given by the Baptist Sunday School. The subject of the service is, "The Living Christ For Every Life and All of Life." The program is based upon the idea of following the sun's progress around the world on Easter Day. Appropriate costumes will be worn. The pastor will give an address, "The Hope of the Coming Day." Junior B. Y. P. U. at 2:30. Senior B. Y. P. U. at 6:30. The choir will render several Easter songs at these services. All are cordially invited to attend these services.

Rev. Geo. H. Ramsey will speak in Redmond Sunday afternoon.

Bill Hanley Wants Oregon Developed Right

In the Sunday Journal of Portland, Bill Hanley gave a long interview in which he expressed himself on the large land holders of Interior Oregon, who he says are retarding the development of the state. As usual Bill was right in his contentions. His statements were in part as follows:

In the beginning when the wild crops were the only ones that could be raised successfully, it mattered little who owned the lands or in what sized tract they were held. But it does matter now especially because the development and settlement of the sea involves the adjustment of the great problem of the unemployed, the support of the city and homes for our surplus people does matter.

Hutton Is Sure of National Prohibition

"National prohibition is coming," said R. P. Hutton, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League of Oregon at the Methodist church Sunday morning. "There was a congressional majority of 8 for it on December 22 last. There will be the necessary two thirds soon for the young men voted for it. The opponents were the old men. The rising tide of young men who went to school where they taught scientific temperance because the W. C. T. U. had made it a law is our hope.

If our people will work together for the next five years we shall see the national victory by 1920. After that the chances will lessen.

Our national politics are still American as are most of our states' politics. Our cities are many of them already foreign and wet in politics. In 1920 there will be a census, a reapportionment of congressmen with the addition of forty to sixty more representatives. All of these will come from the cities for it is there where we are growing. This means forty more wets.

Mr. Hanley declares the state of Oregon is as much a foreign land to the average citizen as Africa or Hindustan. It is because the people do not know the enormous latent resources that they do not hasten the development. It must come. Oregon has mountains of gypsum, the greatest soda beds in the world, probably land gas. Transportation must reach it, capital must follow, development then and then only can be accomplished. Because of these factors Mr. Hanley declares that he will continue his policy of going down the line to encourage settlement. That is why he has been working for 20 years to get a railroad into the interior.

Work Will Soon Begin on 15-Mile Fence

W. H. Post, who with J. J. Price has the contract for the construction of 15 miles of drift fence for the Horseheaven Horse & Cattle Association, was in Prineville the first of the week buying supplies for the construction of the fence.

A car load of smooth, twisted wire has been ordered for the job, and this will be stretched on posts 16 feet apart.

Work will be commenced on the fence in about three weeks and Mr Post figures that about seventy five days will be required to finish the work.

Classified ads bring results.

The U. C. H. S. Baseball team was defeated by the Culver team at Culver last Saturday with the score of 10 to 3. The return game will be played here April 7th.

The Seniors are proud of their class rings which arrived last week. The date of the play for the Loan Fund has been changed from April 9th to April 16th.

Oren Noble is again in school after two weeks in Portland.

The Girls' Glee Club is practicing faithfully twice a week. They will sing at the next Parent-Teachers' meeting.

The Boys' Athletic Association realized \$5.50 from "The Stain," at the Lyric Friday night.

R. H. Bayley Must Give An Accounting

District Attorney Wirtz filed suit the first of the week against R. H. Bayley to force an accounting of food funds handled by Bayley during his administration as county commissioner. The original amount issued was \$25,200 which was issued on various sized warrants, numbered from 799 to 885. A part of the amount has been accounted for, and some of the remainder was turned over by Bayley to W. H. May, who has failed to render an accounting to date. Mr. Wirtz says that he will probably file suit against May for an accounting soon.

C. C. H. S. Notes

The Class in Commercial Law has just completed the four chapters on "The Sale of Personal Property." At present the class is reviewing a number of court decisions on cases involving questions under this subject.

The class will next take up several chapters on the subject of Bailments. Judging from the heated discussions which take place in recitations, the subject of Law is, to say the least, interesting. There are fourteen members in the class.

The class in first year Algebra is having its last exercise in fractions and will soon begin the very interesting subject of Graphs.

Mr. Hutton, Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League gave an interesting and instructive lecture on "hip," in assembly Monday

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TAX CANNOT BE REFUNDED

Court Cannot Make a Legal Order

Tax Commission Rules

Will Save Crook County Thousands of Dollars Annually in Cash

It will not be possible for taxpayers to go before the county court and get an order reducing their taxes after the amounts have been fixed by the board of equalization and the tax collector. It has been the custom in this and many other counties of the state to in such cases make an order stating that the matter was a wrongful assessment and refund taxes on a showing that was satisfactory to the court. Commissioner Blanchard refused to enter such an order the first time the matter came up after he took office, and the ruling of the state tax commission in the Baker county matter shows that Mr. Blanchard was right in his contention. It will save Crook county thousands of dollars, for while there are instances where injustices were righted, many abuses had developed.

In common their opinion the tax commission said in part: "the county judge used to have some authority to complete the work of the board of equalization but the law was changed about eight years ago."

The commission says that the board of equalization is delegated to pass finally on all assessments of counties and that if a taxpayer has a grievance he should take it before that body.

If there are errors or omissions, the tax collector or assessor can remedy them after the board of equalization completes its work, says the commissioner, but the tax collector or assessor has no authority to revise assessments as fixed by the board.

Crook County Property Finds Ready Buyers

One of the largest real estate deals of the year was consummated Saturday when James Lawler sold his interests in the Ashwood country to John and Lee Lawler and S. E. Friend. The deal included some 175 head of cattle and a few horses.

The consideration was not made public. James Lawler and family left today for Fresno, California where he will go into the dairy business.

Parent-Teachers' Association

The Parent-Teachers association will give a tea at the home of Mrs. Belknap on Friday of this week. A silver offering will be taken to defray the expenses of the president of the state association, Mrs. Phelps, who will be here for a meeting about the tenth of April. You are invited.

The Ladies' Annex

Miss Biggs reviewed "The Tragedy of Nan" at the literary department of the Ladies Annex last Monday evening in an especially delightful manner. Next Monday after a short review, the election of officers will be held. All members are urged to be present.

Helen B. Harrison, secretary.



Hedge in Spokane Spokesman-Review.