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SAM HILL IN PRINEVILLE

Millionaire Road Booster Here Last Friday

Highway is Great Asset

Central Oregon Highway the Only All-Year-Road Alaska to Mexico

Sam Hill, good roads booster, president of the Home Telephone Company of Oregon, automobile enthusiast, personal friend of King Albert of Belgium, all-round business man, recognized authority the world over on the matter of roads, father of the Central Oregon Highway as well as many other such highways, and whole-souled American, was a guest in Prineville Friday afternoon for about thirty minutes.

The Hill party was returning from their trip to the southern part of the state on matters connected with the Central Oregon Highway, straightening out some kinks in Mr. Hill's Alaska to Mexico, "All the Year Round Road", and stopped in this city long enough to let W. F. King, who is a personal friend of Mr. Hill and like the big man a good road disciple, alight from the car, and have a spring repaired.

Mr. Hill, unlike some other big men and like some others, is a firm believer in the policy of giving the people an idea of his intended goal through the press, and has a faculty of saying much in a short space of time, and getting directly to the point that brands him as a man of big achievements and one who is in the habit of getting whatever he goes after.

"Before starting to talk," Mr. Hill said, "I want to tell you a great big truth, one that you should not overlook. That is that W. F. King is one of the best assets that Prineville possesses. He is a man that is sometimes not appreciated or understood; a man that may be a little ahead of his time in some things, but he has a broad conception of things, and yours would be a better town if you had a few more Kings."

"Now good roads. This highway that goes through Prineville is worth more to this place than any two railroads could possibly be. We have been here (looking at his watch) just twenty minutes and I have spent seven dollars already and if we passed through on a train some of the boys might have looked out of the window and that is all. I wish to say, now get me, that Prineville has done more in the matter of taking out rocks, erecting good signs, and taking out curves in these roads than any other town of its size in the state and I am usually considered to know what I am talking about in matters of this kind. (Credit King and Hoelscher for this work)

"The Columbia Highway" he said, will be open on July 15, and that will stimulate travel over this road immensely. By the way that highway is absolutely the best and most scenic in the world, bar none. In connection with this statement be it remembered that Mr. Hill has driven his own autos over the best highways in practically every country on the globe during the past five years, studying roads and road building conditions in all parts of the world.

At this juncture, the party were ready to proceed on their trip back toward the Columbia and were whisked away in a cloud of dust, each in-

Official Scorekeeper Summers was Frantic when the Close Decision Came in the 8th



Photo by A. Knutt.

dividual in the party carrying away a liberal quantity of Central Oregon soil, which was as thick in their features as it would stick. All in the day's work, Mr. Hill put it.

The party consisted of Samuel Hill, H. L. Bowlby, R. W. Montague who is Mr. Hill's legal adviser and J. C. Potter who is assistant manager of the Home Telephone company and Mr. Hill's right hand man.

They succeeded in getting the county court of Lake county to agree to survey a cut-off that will reduce the distance on this road some thirty miles.

Prineville Gets a New Garage

Work commenced on a new fire proof garage on the corner of Second and West B streets yesterday morning. The lot was recently purchased by Homer Ross from J. H. Haner. The building is to be 50 by 100 feet in size, will have a concrete floor, pressed imitation brick, steel sides and corrugated iron roof, and will be finished in a neat and attractive manner.

It is understood that the building has already been leased by Mr. Ross to Mr. Albee who has been at the head of the service department of the Buick Car company of Portland for the past six years.

The building will be completed and open for business not later than July 15. It is understood that machinery and equipment will be installed to make the plant for the repair and service of the Buick cars and other makes as well.

The construction work is being done by Shipp & Perry who have cut all the material for the building at the mill, and will rush the construction as rapidly as possible.

Recorder Hyde Metes Out Justice

Joe Nedro was sentenced to 28½ days in the city jail by Recorder E. O. Hyde Friday of last week for carrying an automatic pistol. The gun was confiscated by the court also, and will not be returned to Nedro.

This is one of a number of cases that have been taken up in the recorder's court during the past two years, all of which have been dealt with in a positive manner. The habit of carrying a gun is one that breeds crime, one that can not be excused at this age.

O. L. Huff is in Portland today.

Prof. Lovett on Crop Cultivation

After a careful study of the conditions in this county, I find that the farmers generally, as is true in practically any farming section, underestimate the value of cultivation for obtaining best results with practically any of the crops which we grow. Many of the people in this section have objected to my statements to the effect that those with irrigation water are using too much water.

This statement has been made as a general one, and is true I believe when applied generally. I know, however that there are a number of farmers who do not use an excessive amount of water. Too little water, especially on alfalfa, will sometimes give poorer yields than too much water. I do not, however, believe that there are nearly as many farmers using too little water as there are of those using too much water.

For obtaining largest yields, intelligent cultivation is necessary on alfalfa as well as all other crops which we grow in this section. I believe that intelligent cultivation of potatoes and root crops will often mean the doubling or trebling of the profits from these crops. Grain crops should be harrowed no later than the plants are well in sight in the field. If the ground becomes baked or caked after this time, the crop may be harrowed after it has reached the height of about five inches. Potatoes should be harrowed three or four times after planting and before

they have reached a height of four inches. After this time, they should be cultivated with a corn cultivator or other similar instrument, usually three to five inches deep the first cultivation, generally lessening the depth of cultivation until the loosened two and one-half or three inches deep. Cultivation with the cultivator should be started as soon as potatoes have grown too large for the use of a harrow and continued after every rain, after each irrigation or whenever small weeds appear in the field. This method will apply also to practically all root crops. Not only will this method of cultivation kill out the weeds and loosen the soil so that air may reach the roots of the plant, but will conserve the moisture in the soil and thus lessen the amount of water necessary to apply for best growth of plants.

Excessive use of water is detrimental to any of the grain or hay crops we grow, but too little cultivation is probably just as detrimental to practically all of these crops and more detrimental to some. The amount of water leaving a packed or baked soil through evaporation is not appreciated by the average man. It may be roughly calculated by figuring that at least a ton of water per day passes out of the soil when thus packed during our Summer months. Cultivation is valuable for preventing this evaporation, and also for allowing the air which practically all crops require to reach the roots.

School Officers Elected For Coming Year

At the school election held in the city last Monday, J. B. Bell was re-elected clerk, and Dr. Chas. S. Edwards elected director for the three year term.

A tax levy of eleven mills was voted by those present, which is a reduction of one half mill from the amount of this tax last year. There was no contest in the election, and while there was a good attendance the people seemed to be satisfied with the administration of their school affairs.

Mr. Noble of the Central Garage made a business trip to Redmond last Monday.

John McPherson Must Finally Do Time

The case of State of Oregon against John McPherson, which has been tried in Crook County three times at a cost of many thousands of dollars, and has been on appeal to the state supreme court for the past several months, was confirmed in the higher court yesterday, and leaves nothing for McPherson to do but to appear and serve his time.

McPherson was sentenced to a term of from 1 to 10 years in the pen, and is at liberty on a \$5000 bond. He is at his horse ranch in Nevada.

Mr. and Mrs. Farrer of Paulina spent a few days in Prineville this week.

County Treasurer Jordan Became Agitated when the Visitors Commenced to Throw Their Bats Away



Photo by the office devil, who told us his grandmother was dead—again.

Prineville and Antelope Have Fast Game

Prineville had a real exhibition of the national game Sunday when Antelope and Prineville crossed bats on the home diamond. The visitors came with the idea of winning the game firmly fixed and supported the desire with men from their town, Portland, The Dalles, Pendleton and other points. The lineup was a strong one and the contest was assuredly anybody's game until the last half of the ninth.

The visitors were at the bat first and went down in one, two, three order. Prineville started a stampede when McCall walked and before the home team retired the bases were full and looked like a walk-over.

In the second, Antelope got a man on third and Prineville failed to get first.

In the third both teams failed to get a man past first, and everybody was playing ball with a vengeance.

The fourth brought a score for the visitors and only coolheaded work on the part of Hinkle prevented a second one. The home team with two men down and Bechtel on second looked in a hard position. Estes to bat struck a two bag run and brought Bechtel home, which closed the inning, score one and one.

Tetherow fanned three men in a hurry in the fifth and Prineville failed to see first in this inning.

The visitors made a second score in the sixth and were put out with a man on third. McCall to bat gave the crowd an exhibition of real Harvard baseball and leading off with a three bag hit made the second score for Prineville.

The seventh passed with nothing to record. Both teams started a man around the diamond, but without a result.

Antelope did no business in the eighth, and when Prineville came to bat, Tetherow led with a two bag hit, and was followed until the bases were full and the grand stand was wild. With two men down the third made a safe hit and Prineville brought two over on first, but one of these tallies was allowed by umpire Davis, and the inning closed 2 to 3 in favor of the home team.

The visitors went down in quick rotation in the first half of the ninth. Batteries for the day were Taylor and Greenwall for Antelope; Tetherow and Hinkle for Prineville.

Fred N. Wallace, manager of the Tumalo project was in Prineville from that city Tuesday.

CIRCUIT COURT IS IN SESSION

Stark and Milburn Enter Pleas of Guilty

O'Kelly is Not Guilty

Session Will Continue Remainder of This Week—Duffy in the Harness

Judge Duffy's court convened Monday morning for the special called term, and the usual criminal docket has been receiving attention all week. Garrett Sark entered a plea of guilty to the charge of jail breaking, and has not been sentenced yet. The charge of house breaking against him was dismissed.

David Milburn entered a plea of guilty to the charge of filling up an irrigation ditch at Lower Bridge, and was fined \$50 by the court which was remitted during Milburn's good conduct.

Charely O'Kelly was tried and acquitted on the charge of house breaking.

The jury in the case, State of Oregon vs Smead, Kelly and Gibson, failed to bring a verdict and were discharged by Judge Duffy after having been out on the case from last night until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

Wool Sales Disappoint Sheepmen

At the wool sales held yesterday in Central Oregon towns, bids were low but a few sales made.

At Bend, Porfly sold at 18½ cents; Yancey and Breeze at a trifle over 18; and MacIntosh sold for 18 cents even.

The bids ranged at from 17 cents for fine wools to 23 cents for the best coarse wool, and practically all of the larger clips, including J. N. Williamson of this city and many others are to be shipped to other markets, probably Portland.

County Courts Cannot Coincide

The joint session of the Crook and Jefferson county courts adjourned this afternoon at 2:30 to meet again on July 8. No settlement has been agreed upon, and a number of points of law will be passed up to the attorney general for opinion before that date.

A committee of two, consisting of Commissioners, Overturf and King, appraised that county buildings in this city for purpose of assisting in the settlement, placing the total valuations at \$88,000.

"Is Marriage a Failure" By Local Talent

The caste of characters for the coming play, "Is Marriage a Failure" is as follows:

Sally, Dolly Hodges; Priscilla, Miss Biggs; Rose, Miss Elliott; Alice, Miss Wagener; Billy, Mr. Caples; Frank, Mr. Dobry; Jeremiah, Mr. Upton; Walter, Robert Osborne. The date is Thursday, July 1. Don't forget.

A card from the C. J. Johnson party states that they were in old Mexico the first of the week, taking in the sights.

MAKERS OF WAR MUNITIONS.



Berryman in Washington Star.