

PRINEVILLE COUNTRY TO BE FEEDING CENTER

Hay and Climate Make Best Possible Combination.

STOCKMEN SEEKING LOCATION

"People who Own the Lands Don't Know Their Value," Said E. T. Slayton.

"Two tons of alfalfa hay grown under the conditions which exist in the Prineville country will put as much onto a beef steer as three tons of the same kind of hay grown in any other part of the Northwest," said E. T. Slayton one evening recently. And it should be remembered that E. T. Slayton knows just what he is talking about in regard to alfalfa and cattle fattening. He owns one of the largest alfalfa ranches in this part of the state, handles more hay than any other one man, and feeds as many cattle every year as anyone in the country.

"I have gone into the yards and topped the market many times, as have all other alfalfa feeders in this locality," he continued, "and I find that our alfalfa fed stuff often brings a better figure than beet pulp or grain fed stuff."

"Then there is a combination of food value and climate that is of great value to the feeders here. I don't know just what it is, but the well drained roofing feed lots which are easily kept dry, and the value of the feed combine some way to produce an ideal feeding condition here.

"I think the Prineville country is destined to be one of the greatest, yes the greatest feeding center in the west for you see that we will draw cattle from all the adjoining counties to the south and east, and will do that as soon as we can produce the hay that will feed them.

"Three tons of hay will easily put a thin steer in shape for the market, and a conservative estimate with plenty of water is a crop of 4 1/2 to 5 tons of alfalfa to the acre on the land which is included under the Ochoco Irrigation district."

"Men with money who are cattle men, and who know from the experience that they have had with cattle fattened in the Prineville country have written to me about this project, and I expect to have cattle man here in a few days to take options on any lands that are for sale under this project."

"These options will be taken and held awaiting the developments of the irrigation district, and will be closed as soon as water is assured.

In this connection it should be considered that Warren & Dixon interests came to the Prineville country after careful investigation of the very points mentioned here by Mr. Slayton, also the Mace & Cofoid people were conversant with the conditions here through the work of H. H. Cofoid and the judgment of men who buy and sell stock

Forgers to Be Returned for Trial

J. F. Blanchard and Theodore Aune left Monday for Luttrell, Tennessee, where they will get the two men who passed worthless checks in Bend some weeks ago.

These men, John Steiner and Frank Taylor were arrested in their home state last week on a warrant issued here. The relatives of the young fellows under arrest offered to pay all checks and expenses if the county would drop the case, but Sheriff Knox thinks that there has been too much of this kind of business and proposes to make an example of these offenders.

as a business, cannot be questioned.

Mr. Slayton said when asked about the matter of shipping to market from this point, that the distance was not too great, and that with the accommodations now possible fat stock is being put into the yards without objectionable delay and shrinkage.

MAN HAS ARM BLOWN AWAY BY EXPLOSION

An employee, who was assisting in the construction of a large irrigation canal at the H. L. Friday place on Trout Creek, had both hands blown off, his skull fractured and suffered other injuries when a quantity of powder which was being used in the construction work exploded prematurely Tuesday afternoon.

The canal, which is a large one, is being constructed by Priday & Bolter, diverting water from Trout Creek to their lands.

The unfortunate man, whose name we have been unable to learn, was accompanied to The Dalles today by Dr. Rosenberg of this place. He is so badly mutilated that his recovery is considered doubtful.

Crook County High Is in Debating Society

The opening events of the State Debating league in Central Oregon will be held January 21, 1916, when at that time the C. C. H. S. negative team will meet the Madras affirmative at Madras. The latter negative debaters will clash with Bend's affirmative at Bend while the Mill City negative arguers will invade our territory and endeavor to wrest laurels from our affirmative wordsmen.

The question for discussion is Resolved, "That the United States should adopt the essential features of the Swiss system of military training and service." Orval Yancey and Rader Prewitt will represent the affirmative side of the question in the contest with Bend next Friday evening at the Baptist church and Fredrick Rice and Bernard Ramsey will attack the question in Madras.

This league is composed of the principal schools of the State and we fondly believe that our C. C. H. S. boys will gain honors during the process of elimination. Give them your support. The admission is free.

NEW ELECTION LAWS ARE NOW EFFECTIVE

Nominations May Be Had Without Petitions.

PETITIONS LESS EXPENSIVE

If You Wish to Sign Petitions for Candidates You Must First Register.

All candidates desiring nomination by petition must file their declarations with the county clerk before circulating their petitions, and all candidates desiring nomination without circulating petitions may do so by filing their declaration for party nomination by paying the required filing fee, which is as follows: For all offices to be voted for in the state at large, excepting national committeeman, delegates to national party conventions and presidential electors, \$100; for representatives in congress, \$100; for all other district offices embracing more than one county, excepting senators and representatives in the legislature, \$50; for all candidates for county offices, including district attorney and excepting district offices within the county, \$20; for all candidates for senators and representative in the legislature, \$10; for national committeemen, delegates to national party convention and presidential electors, \$15; for all district offices within the county, \$5; for precinct committeeman, no fee. All candidates elected must file their acceptance with certificate of nomination. There is no United States senator to elect this year, but the fee for entering this race is \$150, if the candidate does not want to circulate a petition.

All candidates for county offices who do not care to pay the above fee may have their names placed on the ballot by the method formerly employed which is by petition.

Get at least two percent of the party vote in the county from at least eight precincts. Have them sign the petitions after they have registered and file the petitions in the usual manner.

Portland and Seattle Market Quotations

Portland.
Wheat—Club, \$1.03; bluestem \$1.07; red Russian, 98c; forty-fold, \$1.04; red five, 98c.
Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$17.50; alfalfa, \$19.
Butter—Creamery, 29c.
Eggs—Ranch, 33c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 25c; valley, 26c.
Hops—1915 crop, 9@11c per lb.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.07; club \$1.01; red Russian, 98c; forty-fold, \$1.03; five, 99c.
Barley—\$27.50 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$18 per ton; alfalfa, \$19 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 29c.
Eggs—33c.

PRINEVILLE VALUATION HIGHEST IN COUNTY

Millage Much Lower Than Any Other Town.

ASSESSMENT OVER HALF MILLION

Total Assessed Value of County Property More Than Eight Million Dollars.

Prineville has a greater assessed valuation than any other town in Crook County. Prineville citizens will pay but a little more than one half the millage for city taxes than Redmond property holders will be obliged to produce for the same purpose and much less than one half of the amount required for the same purpose in Bend.

The valuation of the assessable property in the county seat is fixed at \$500,330 while Bend totals \$461,584 and Redmond \$243,198.

Prineville millage is 8, Bend 20, and Redmond 15.

The total assessed valuation of the property in the county is \$8,045,763, upon which a general levy of 26 mills has been placed by the court, which will raise \$205,757.49.

The school districts have fixed levies in most instances bringing from 1 mill to 19 mills.

Districts that are included in the Redmond Union High School district are assessed at 2 mills for the maintenance of that school and this will provide a fund of \$2,130.94.

No special levy for road purposes was made.

REGISTRATION BOOKS ARE NOW OPEN

The registration books are open for permanent registration of voters at the Clerk's office in this city.

The registration record is being made on a card index system, and will be filed in the office metal record cabinet which is kept locked.

This record will be retained and no alterations will be made unless the voter changes precinct. Then he must notify the Clerk so that no delay will be caused at the next election.

Miss Goldie Wagner has the honor of being the first to register in Crook County under the new system.

In order to facilitate the handling of the records, all who can do so should register early.

REVIVAL MEETINGS CONTINUE LIVELY

The great Revival Meetings at the Christian Church still continues. There have been 53 responses to the Gospel invitation. Seventeen the last two evenings, all men and boys but two. Never before has the word

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Fire Department Called Out Saturday Morning

The Prineville fire department was called out at shortly before three o'clock Saturday morning when the residence located on the corner of second and west B streets which was constructed by Mrs. C. E. McDowell and sold to E. A. Davenport later, was discovered to be a mass of flames.

The fire fighting equipment was on the ground in a very few minutes but because of the fact that the hose was frozen which caused some delay getting the water, the building was almost ready to collapse before water was available for combating the flames.

The efforts of the firemen were directed against the spread of the flames to the buildings close by. A temperature of 10 degrees below zero made the work more difficult.

Heat was so intense that electric light poles which were outside the premises were aflame from top to bottom and it seemed that nearby buildings would burn despite the efforts of the firemen. Cinders of considerable size were found several blocks away from the scene.

The only building which was badly damaged besides the residence mentioned, was a small dwelling which stood close by on the north, which was badly scorched.

The building destroyed was built some three years ago, contained eight rooms on the two floors besides those in the basement which were full size, and was modern in equipment.

Parties who had been living in the place, vacated the day before the fire and no one was living in the building at the time the blaze started. It had been used as a rooming house, and some of the roomers lost their personal belongings.

There was a \$2000 insurance policy on the building at the time of the fire. While the original cost of the building is not known, it is said to be about \$3000. The firemen are deserving of much credit for the work they did considering the extreme temperature and depth of snow.

PRINEVILLE MAN BUYS WASHINGTON MILL

Dale Jones, formerly of this city who has operated the Colville Flour mills the last year and a half under lease, has purchased the property from J. C. Bean. The property is valued at \$20,000. The building is four and one-half stories high, and has undergone some interior improvements the last year. The new proprietor has also added \$1,000 worth of new machinery.

The name of the mill has been changed to the Top Notch Flour mills, getting the name from a brand of flour manufactured at the mills. The mill does a large business of feed grinding. The capacity of the mill is 125 barrels per day, and has been working steady since September 1. The volume of business done at the mill the last year was double that of the previous year.

SEVERE STORM GRIPS ALL CENTRAL OREGON

Snow Ranges to two and a Half Feet.

MERCURY HITS 26 DEGREES

Hay and Wood Melt Away—Stockmen are Anxious—Young People Coast.

Records for snowfall and low temperature for the past dozen years at least, have been shattered during the present storm. The mercury reached a minimum of 26 degrees Tuesday night which is a record that the residents of the community will be satisfied with for some time to come.

Last night the record was eighteen degrees below and indications today seem to point to the fact that the maximum low record for this storm was reached on Tuesday. Snow is reported in varying depths from about a foot deep to as much as thirty inches in some parts of the county. The frozen ground beneath the snow has made sleighing possible all over the county. The mails are being carried on most of the lines in this manner. The trucks and passenger cars are making the regular trips between this point and Redmond however.

The most serious aspect of the storm is the shortage of hay that may result should the cold and snow remain with us any great length of time.

HELP FEED THE CHINESE PHEASANTS

During the past summer and fall, 96 pairs of Chinese Pheasants were liberated in the vicinity of Prineville. The extremely cold weather now prevailing and the deep snow will make it hard for these pheasants to survive unless they are fed.

W. L. Finley, State Biologist, has written to Jay H. Upton of this city, through whose efforts and acquaintance with Mr. Finley these pheasants were obtained, asking him to urge every one who received these pheasants and also any one on whose farms the birds may have taken shelter, to put out as much food for them as possible while the ground is covered with snow. Otherwise the birds may starve to death.

Chinese Pheasants are the finest game bird known and their beautiful plumage makes them a desirable addition to the bird life of a community. When once acclimated, they increase very rapidly and if these birds can be preserved this winter, in a few years there will be thousands of them. They are a great friend of the farmer as they destroy various pests, bugs and grasshoppers, and when the law will permit of their being killed, they will be a great delicacy to those who eat only sage hens and ducks as they are far superior in every way to either of those game birds.

Get the Mr. Dreemzit—The Janitor Has No Friends, Anyway By Gross

