

STORM BREAKS AFTER SIX COLD, WHITE WEEKS

Mail and Passenger Service Normal Again.

STOCKMEN SEE PROSPERITY

Crooked River Running Banks Full Ice Jams Cause Considerable Annoyance.

The snow and cold weather, which has been so in evidence since Christmas day, disappeared the first of the week, and conditions are becoming normal again.

The last week of the storm demoralized train service into the interior and even yet delays are frequent because of slides and wash-outs along the line.

Mail which was dispatched over the O-W line from Portland did not arrive in this city for about a week while the O-T service was a few days quicker.

The ice breaking up in Crooked River caused high water at several points, and thousands of tons of ice line the gravel bank, for miles along the river. The water has not been unusually high however, and perhaps will not be during this break-up at least.

Snow which covered the ground at depths ranging from one to two feet and more, melted and went into the ground in a large measure, insuring good crops and good ranges for the stockmen.

Roads have not been bad yet, although those between Prineville and the railroad which are subjected to heavy traffic at all times, will become quite muddy soon unless they freeze solid again.

FREE BOOKS FOR USE OF FARMERS READY

Through arrangements with the State Library, a good agricultural library was placed in the office of the County Agriculturist in 1915. A notice of this fact was placed in the paper but few farmers have taken advantage of its use. Any farmer wishing any book or bulletin on any subject may be supplied through this library. Should the book or subject desired not be at present in the local library in the Agriculturist's office, the same can be obtained and furnished to the person desiring it. Books are loaned for two weeks. If kept longer than this, a fine of 2 cents per day is charged. The loan of books may be renewed by sending in request of extension of time, unless request for this has been filed in the office by some other person at expiration of first two weeks. Books can be mailed and will be sent prepaid but return postage must be paid by the borrower. 43 farmers used this library during the year 1915. It is hoped that 100 or more will use it during 1916.

A. E. Lovett, County Agriculturist.

Portland and Seattle Market Quotations

Portland.
Wheat—Club 96c; bluestem, \$1.08; red Russian, 96c; forty-fold, 97c; red 1/2a, 96c.
Hay—Eastern Oregon timothy, \$18.50; alfalfa, \$20.
Butter—Creamery, 32c.
Eggs—Ranch, 37c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 25c; valley, 26c.
Hops—1915 crop, 9 1/2 @ 12 1/2 c per lb.

Seattle.
Wheat—Bluestem, \$1.11; club \$1.02; red Russian, \$1.00; forty-fold, \$1.03; 1/2a, \$1.01.
Barley—\$29.50 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$19 per ton; alfalfa, \$20 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 32c.
Eggs—37c.

FORGERS RETURNED TO OREGON FOR TRIAL

J. F. Blanchard and deputy Aune of Bend, returned the last of the week from Tennessee with John Steiner and Frank Taylor who are wanted here on a forgery charge.

These young men, one 22 years of age and the other less, forged a number of notes on Bend merchants and made their escape, returning to their former homes before they were apprehended.

An affidavit which was furnished by a Bend merchant asking for the return and punishment of the forgers, and which was sent to the Governor of the state when requisition papers were asked for, furnished the basis for the authority on which the action was taken up.

The officials who had the matter in charge, as well as the above mentioned witnesses, are to be commended on their action in the matter. Crimes of this case are becoming entirely too frequent, and punishment is surely due the offenders.

J. F. Blanchard states that contrary to a rumor which is abroad, he has no relatives in the eastern states. The trip was made in good time with practically no stops, and at about one third the cost at which trips are sometimes estimated.

Too Late to Classify

FOR QUICK SALE—I will sell my Overland touring car just overhauled with electric lights and starter; extra new casing. Has run about 2500 miles. Price \$350. E. H. B. Call Journal Office. 137f.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of county school superintendent, subject to the approval of the republican voters at the primaries to be held May 19. J. E. Myers, present incumbent.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for County Commissioner of Crook County at the primaries to be held on May 19, 1916.

H. J. Overtruf, present incumbent.

I respectfully ask the consideration of the electors of the Democratic Party for the nomination for assessor, at the primary election May 19, 1916.

H. A. Foster.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for Sheriff of Crook county at the primaries to be held May 19, 1916. S. E. Roberts.

OCHOCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT FORMED

Vote Stood 51 for and Only 17 Against.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS CHOSEN

Land Owners go on Record as Favoring Irrigation of Thousands of Acres.

The Ochoco Irrigation district was formed at the election held Saturday by the decisive vote of 51 to 17.

Directors elected at this time were: John Grimes, F. Fred Hoel-scher, T. H. Lafollette, E. T. Slay-ton and D. F. Stewart. D. P. Adamson was elected treasurer for the district.

The returns were canvassed by the county court on Monday, as is required by law, and the results of the election announced as above.

The board will meet during the next few days and select a chairman from among their own number, also a secretary.

The formation of this district is the first step in securing water for the irrigation of the lands north of Prineville. It is one of the best pieces of land in the country, and with water which will no doubt be supplied during the next few years, will support some of the best homes to be found anywhere.

FARMERS' INSTITUTES TO BE HELD IN FEBRUARY

Arrangements have been made for Farmers' Institute meetings in Crook County to begin February 12, at Terrebonne under the auspices of the Terrebonne Improvement Club and ending at Grange Hall, February 19, under the auspices of the Star Grange. Other meetings will be as follows: At Redmond, February 14, with the Dechutes Valley Potato Growers' Association and the Women's Club; at Lower Bridge, February 15, with the Lower Bridge Development League; at Cloverdale, February 10, with the Cloverdale Council; at Tumalo, February 17, with the Tumalo Development League; at Powell Butte February 18, with the Powell Butte Improvement Club, and the Powell Butte Ladies' Club. Prof. J. A. Larsen, specialist in soils and crops, and Miss Anna Turley, specialist in home economies, both from the Agricultural College, with the County Agriculturist, will compose the staff of speakers for these meetings. Talks on cultural methods and growing of special crops, also on domestic economy and labor saving devices from the home will be given, but the large part of the time will probably be spent in open discussion of topics of most interest to those present.

Each community has charge of the meetings to be held in its locality.

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COMMERCIAL CLUB LUNCHEON FRIDAY

Plans for Regular Weekly Luncheons

R. L. SCHEE NEW CLUB MANAGER

A Busy Year Ahead for the Local Organization—Much Real Work to Do.

The Commercial Club luncheons are to be adopted by the Prineville Commercial Club as it is thought that this kind of meetings will prove more satisfactory than the weekly evening meetings.

The luncheons will be held on Friday of each week at the various eating places in the city and will begin promptly at 12 o'clock and over at 1 o'clock in order that the business men may not be detained from their work.

The first luncheon will be held at the Hotel Prineville on Friday of this week and all Club members are requested to be present. All farmers who are in the city on Fridays are urged to come and eat with the Club at the luncheons as we want to be of any possible service to you we can and stand ready at all times to help the entire surrounding country as well as the city of Prineville.

It is not the plan of the Club to conduct these luncheons like a banquet but to have a popular priced dinner with the business pulled off with a snap.

Don't forget Friday, February 11, at the Hotel Prineville. Twelve o'clock sharp; please be prompt.

MEETINGS CLOSE AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH

The Revival Meeting, just closed at the Christian Church, is believed to be the largest revival on the Pacific coast among the Christian Churches this year. The total number responding to the Gospel invitation was 138. Of this number 102 came by primary obedience, confession and baptism. Nearly the entire number will become members of the local organization. The

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Many Ice Jams In Crooked River

Ice jams in Crooked river at many places have attracted considerable attention the past few days. One at the lower end of the Bonnyview ranch yesterday flooded several acres of the ranch and destroyed several rods of fence yesterday. The Stewart-Carlson dam which supplies water to the Prineville Flour mills was swept away a short time before, and irrigation dams of the entire length of the stream have already been washed out, or are threatened with destruction.

Prineville to Have Local Brass Band

The band boys are planning on a band for the summer and will soon begin the rehearsals so that they will be in shape for the spring concerts. Prineville has more material for a band than any other town of its size in the state and the city cannot afford to be without it. It is the plan of the boys to use a local leader as they have in L. H. Lohs, a man who is very capable and under this plan the band will not be very expensive and easy to maintain.

PACKING COMPANY BUYS HARNEY LAND

The Swift interests of Chicago, well known packing house people, have purchased a half interest in approximately 140,000 acres of land located in Harney county, eastern Oregon, from the Corbett estate of Portland and William Hanley.

The property was formerly owned by the Blitzen Valley Land company, for which Mr. Hanley acted largely in the capacity of manager. With the entrance of the Swifts, the lands are taken over by the Eastern Oregon Cattle company, the incorporation of which was recently announced.

William Hanley will sever all connection with the new company after July 1, when he will retire to handle his own extensive eastern Oregon properties, which include the William Hanley company and the Harney Valley Improvement company, proprietors of the Double O, Bell A and other ranches.

The center of the vast tract formerly owned by the Blitzen Valley Land company is the "P" ranch from which radiate a dozen or so units comprising thousands of acres. These include the Sod House ranch, Buena Vista ranch, Grain Camp ranch, Diamond ranch, Happy Valley ranch, Riddle ranch, Rock Creek ranch, Roaring Springs ranch and Home Creek ranch.

The new owners of the lands have as their ultimate purpose to colonize to the extent made possible by

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Prineville-Redmond Mail Line Up for Bids

Bulletins are posted asking for bids on mail service between this city and Redmond, twice daily. The bids will be received at Washington until March 7, and service will start March 16. The life of this contract will expire on June 30, 1918. The new service provides for two stages daily except Sunday, and will leave Prineville at 4:30 a. m. and 4 p. m. The return will be made after each train arrives at Redmond, a limit of three hours being allowed the contractor for the trip each way. A change in the plans at department headquarters in Washington is responsible for the advertisement for bids instead of the service to start March 1, as was announced in the Journal recently.

LAKE WILL VOTE ON JACK RABBIT BOUNTY

Plan for Three Cent Bounty to Be Voted on this Fall.

PETITIONS FILED BEFORE JULY 6

Eight Per Cent of the Legal Voters Will Get the Matter on the Ballot at Election.

District Attorney O. C. Gibbs has seriously taken up the matter of establishing a bounty on jackrabbits in Lake county and to that end has prepared a rabbit bounty which he says has been modeled after the similar law which is now in effect in Harney county.

The only way in which such an act can become a law is by the vote of the people at a regular election. And before it can be placed upon the ballot a petition signed by not less than eight per cent of the legal voters must be filed with the Secretary of State not less than four months previous to a general election asking that such a measure be placed upon the ballots. In other words that petition must be filed not later than July 6, of this year if the question is to be voted upon this fall. The act as prepared provides a bounty of three cents.

Attorney Gibbs has agreed to handle the legal end of the matter if the citizens will see that the petitions are circulated. The actual cost of printing the petitions, distributing them, and circulating pamphlets in support of the measure is estimated at about \$50.00 Those interested would be expected to furnish this.

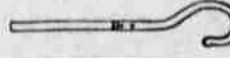
We will print the entire act as he has prepared it in an early issue and will have more to say upon the matter at that time.

CROOK COUNTY CLAIMS 11,719 HORSEPOWER

According to claims filed with State Engineer Lewis for the year 1916, rights have been initiated for the development of 456 410 horsepower. In many instances these claims represent rights to develop power but which have not as yet been actually developed. 219 claims have been filed covering development or proposed development ranging in size from 1 horsepower to 136,363 horsepower, the latter being the claim of the Portland Railway, Light and Power Company, covering its rights on the Willamette River at Oregon City.

Clackamas County leads in the number of horsepower for which claims are filed, having 349,716 horsepower. The only counties in the state in which no claims for power have been filed are Clatsop, Gilliam and Wheeler. The number of horsepower claimed in Crook County is 11,719.

Saturday is Lincoln's birthday

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