

## PRINEVILLE MAY BUILD A RAILROAD

### Plans Submitted at Meeting Last Night

## SURVEY ALREADY COMPLETED

### Is 18 1/2 Miles in Length and Follows River Route—Bond Election Required

Prineville may become the moving spirit in the construction of a railroad between this point and the main line after the plans that have been followed by Medford, Grants Pass and other Oregon towns. At least such plan is under consideration by a committee of citizens and the city council, and at a meeting of the council held last evening it was the opinion of every member of the council that such step should be taken.

The plans for a bond election will be considered at a meeting in the near future.

Under the proposed plan, the city will be assisted in the matter by other interests, but should bonds be voted the municipality will own just as much of the enterprise as they finance. These plans have not all been worked out however, but the people may rest assured that their best interests in the matter will be properly cared for by the council.

The survey has been completed, and extends from this city, on the south side of Crooked River, to a point some three miles north of Redmond on the O. T. railway. It is 18 1/2 miles in length and a very easy grade.

The matter will be submitted to the voters before many weeks, the council decided, and upon the result of the bond election will rest the future of the proposed project.

## NOW IS THE TIME TO USE THE ROAD DRAGS

By A. E. Lovett.

The work done on roads in Crook county after the rainy season is usually a waste of time. Roads graded and dragged in the fall or early spring will be improved materially and will stand the traffic of the dry summer season in good shape. Experience in the work of roads within the county proves these facts. Roads graded and worked after April 15, remain soft and become almost impassable before the summer is over. Roads which were graded and worked last fall or early in the winter are at present the best road we have and if kept in repair until after the rains cease, will continue to be the best roads throughout the year. It is not too late now to grade and put roads in shape if they receive the attention they should throughout the spring months. Ungraded roads will be better if rocks are removed and holes filled in the tracks before May

## Many Attend Smoker of Commercial Club

More than 100 men attended the most successful smoker ever given by the Prineville Commercial Club, in the club building Thursday evening of last week.

No business of any nature was taken up at this meeting, the affair being a social one only.

An abundance of good music was provided by the club orchestra, songs by Joe Smelzer, games of various kinds and other sports provided the amusements for the evening.

Free tobacco in wooden buckets, corn-cob pipes in dozen lots, and apples by the box, assisted in making the evening pleasant for those present. It is the plan of the club to make these smokers a regular event each month.

1, but these generally will become rough, full of ruts because of lack of drainage and continued travel in one track.

There are many good graded roads in Crook county now, and they will make the best roads we have if given attention. As soon as the frost is out of the ground, these roads should all be dragged with a road drag. Many could be dragged at present and greatly improved for the entire season's traffic. If the dragging is done while the road bed is wet, the drag tends to close the pores of the road and make a harder surface which not only stands the wear of the traffic better at present, but will also afford perfect drainage of the broad bed and thus prevent the forming of spots which will eventually become deep ruts and a rough road. There are many who condemn the road drag because they are unacquainted with its proper use. If used properly and after each snow or rainfall, good roads will result.

Crook county has several steel road drags which are good machines and where one of these is not available, a drag may be easily and cheaply made by using split logs or 4 by 10 timbers with an iron strip along the front face of the drag at the lower edge to catch and carry the loose dirt of the road bed.

The drag should not be pulled at right angles but the hitch should be so made that the drag will travel at an angle of about 45 degrees pushing the loose dirt and higher bumps toward the center of the road bed. The machine should be started at the outer edge of the road, shoving loose dirt, etc., toward the center. The next lap should reach about two thirds the length of the drag nearer the center and the work continued until a ridge or higher portion remains at the center of the road. Usually the first work on the road in the early spring will require that the entire road be gone over twice with the drag. Further operations will necessitate going over the road only once; that is, covering the entire road bed one time. The drag used in this manner will not only harden the surface of the road bed, but will keep a crown at the center which is necessary for the proper drainage.

## BOUNTY MEASURE IS UP TO THE VOTERS

### Sums of Money for Rabbits and Rats Asked For

## NEED OF ACTION IS REALIZED

### Stockmen and Farmers Want Pests Exterminated—Loss Exceeds Bounty

A measure which provides for a bounty of five cents on each jack-rabbit and two or two and a half cents on sage rats, will be submitted to the voters at the November election this fall.

There has been so many responses to the article printed in the Journal last week concerning this matter, that it seems to be a measure that is demanded by all parts of the county and by all interests, farmers and stockmen alike.

A movement has already been started by the members of the rabbit club at Post to have this measure submitted to the voters at the coming election, and petitions bearing the measure will be printed and distributed by this club and from the Journal office direct during the next few weeks.

Requests have been received from representatives of the Redmond, Powell Butte, Terrebonne, Tumalo and numerous other clubs for copies of the petitions and promises of support both moral and financial, are being received from all parts of the county.

It should be understood at this time that no money will be asked for or accepted from anyone until the expenses in connection with the measure are accurately estimated. They will no doubt be handled then by one of the organizations mentioned above.

## WORK STARTED ON THE RIVER ROAD

Work was started the first of the week on the Crooked River road, and today has advanced to the point where it can be plainly seen that Commissioner Blanchard means business.

The men and teams are being sent onto the work as fast as they can be provided for, and a full crew will be busy by the last of the week.

Donations of work are still coming in, and it seems that there will be enough subscribed, which combined with the county funds, will make an excellent road to the Forest ranch.

From this point, Redmond interests will be prepared to take the matter up and make an excellent road to their city, while the same is true of Terrebonne.

If Mr. Blanchard makes as good a road here as the one which is just completed on the south, it will be excellent.

## IRRIGATION MEETING AT SALEM MARCH 9

### Program is to Secure State Support for Bonds

## PRINEVILLE ABLY REPRESENTED

### Rural Credits Will Also Be Considered—Measures Considered for 1917

On March 9, at Salem, Oregon, there will be held the most important and vital conference respecting the agricultural interests of Oregon that has ever been called together. Representatives from the farming interests, the banks, railroads, labor organizations, timber interests and newspapers of the state will endeavor to formulate an amendment to the state constitution, that will permit the State of Oregon to aid in the irrigation and drainage development that is needed in the state and will also enable the State to furnish money at a low rate of interest to the farmers. This conference will also attempt to draft laws necessary to carry out the enabling provisions of the constitutional amendment.

Nothing more important has ever been attempted for if this conference succeeds in its purpose and is able to put aside political and selfish motives, the day of real development will have dawned for they will then be able to submit a real constructive proposition to the people of the state, which will be approved.

Prineville is entitled to considerable credit for the work that has already been accomplished. Jay H. Upton, introduced the original resolution at the Oregon Irrigation Congress, committing the irrigation congress to the change in the laws and O. C. Leiter, city editor of the Portland Journal and well known in Central Oregon, as the campaign manager for William Hanley when he ran for United States senator, was a member of the sub-committee which made the final draft of the resolution calling the above conference. Mr. Leiter sat in the Oregon Irrigation Congress, as a delegate from the Ochoco Irrigation District and displayed a Prineville badge throughout the entire congress. Both Mr. Leiter and Mr. Upton will represent the Central Oregon Development League at the conference to be held in Salem on March 9.

## VALUABLE MINERALS IN CROOK COUNTY

Crook County minerals are useful for many purposes, among which are the following: To make plaster of Paris, sealing, ornaments, water glass, papier mache and fire-works. Information as to the location, value and appearance of these minerals is given in the bulletin just issued by the State University. The com-

## Club Luncheon Was Attended by Forty

The Friday luncheon was attended by 40 members of the Commercial Club. A committee was appointed to act in conjunction with the county court in the opening of the east end of Third street.

The plan was suggested by a committee which was appointed at a former meeting, to have an artesian well drilled in the street between the county courthouse grounds and those of the city park, and have the street vacated there for park purposes.

Plans were submitted and approved by the committee on mail service for a rural route to supply the country north of Prineville. Petitions will be circulated soon for this route, and all who are in any way interested, should assist in getting the required number of signers on these petitions.

The luncheon next week will be held at the domestic science rooms of the high school where luncheon will be served to 30 men, at the usual price of 35 cents.

Interest seems to grow in these functions and much good will no doubt result as time goes on. Considerable credit is due to manager Schee and Dr. Rosenberg, who acts as toastmaster.

piler is Graham John Mitchell, assistant professor of geology.

Crook County is credited by the bulletin with eight minerals which range in price from \$1.90 per ton to approximately \$700 per ton. It is the Trout Creek mines that produce the \$700 kind, stibnite. Stibnite is the source of antimony, which is used in manufacturing such things as safety matches, fire-works and percussion caps.

The black sand region about Howard contains gold, silver, cinnabar, hematite, ilmenite and magnetite. Sennabar is the chief ore of mercury. Hematite is hard and reddish. It is used in making cheap paint, as a polishing powder, and as an ore of iron. Ilmenite may occur in compact masses, in thin plates, or in sand. It is used for lining furnaces. Magnetite, which is also an ore of iron, is named from its magnetic property.

Diatomaceous earth is found at Lowerbridge. It is white or cream color and lies in beds. It is used in the following ways: For making polishing powder, fireproof cement, fertilizer, water glass, tile glazing, sealing wax, gutta percha, Swedish matches and papier mache. The presence of gypsum beds near Bend on Crooked River supports in a way, the theory that the region between the Cascade and Blue mountains was once the floor of an inland sea. For gypsum is supposed to result from the evaporation of the waters of inland seas.

It occurs in masses but is soft enough to be scratched with the fingernail. It is used for making plaster of Paris and fertilizer. The value is about \$1.90 per ton.

The bulletin is headed "Minerals of Oregon," and treats all of the mineral deposits of the state. It may be secured free of charge by addressing the registrar, University of Oregon.

## OCHOCO DISTRICT BOARD ORGANIZED

### Regular Meeting Will Be Held on First Tuesday

## E. O. HYDE CHOSEN SECRETARY

### T. H. LaFollette is President of Board—Waters of McKay Will Be Filed Upon

The project engineer who will have charge of the investigation work on the Ochoco Irrigation District project, will be selected from the applicants before the board at the regular meeting in March, which will be held on March 7, at 2:30, in the office of the secretary.

T. H. LaFollette was selected as chairman of the board at their meeting Thursday noon, and E. O. Hyde was chosen to act as secretary for the board.

A number of very important matters were taken up at this meeting, one of the most important of which was the order to have the flood waters of McKay creek measured with a plan to divert them for the use of the project. This action was taken immediately, and the measurement was started on the following day.

## PRINEVILLE WINS OVER THE DALLES

The Crook County High's stock of loyalty and enthusiasm advanced several points Tuesday evening when the debaters used The Dalles as stepping stones toward the levels of State supremacy. Ramsey and Rice again secured an unanimous decision in their favor, while at The Dalles, our affirmative team was defeated two to one, but this one vote was sufficient to provide a winning majority. On to Astoria is now the word.

Carl Wigle and Roscoe Roberts compassed the invading team and their speeches were well founded on fact and ably delivered. The work of Ramsey and Rice was so much on a par that what may be said of one applies to the other.

## J. ALTON THOMPSON FOR COUNTY SUP'T

J. Alton Thompson of Tumalo phoned the Journal this morning that he is a candidate for superintendent of schools on the republican ticket. Mr. Thompson has been a resident of the county for a number of years, has been principal of the Redmond and Tumalo schools, and is one of the prominent educators of the county.

He has been mentioned in connection with the office a number of times, and has consented the use of his name in the present race upon the solicitation of friends.

Mr. Thompson has laid holdings in the Tumalo country.

Should he be elected to this office he will no doubt care for the duties of the office in a business like manner.

## Get the Mr. Dreemzit—He Meets One of Those Exasperating Kids By Gross

