

MAMMOTH DISTRICT IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

Almost 100,000 Acres Included in District.

IS A \$5,000,000 PROJECT

Propose to Bring Water From Deschutes Across Crooked River East of Terrebonne.

The largest irrigation district in the United States was created in Jefferson county on Monday of this week, when the people voted to form the North Unit Irrigation district by a vote of 247 to 129.

The formation of this district has been advocated for many months by people living in the community affected, but the matter was not submitted to a vote of the people until this week.

The project is an immense one. The lands that are under the survey cover most of those cultivated in the county, and extend from Lamonta to the Big Plains country.

The water supply will come from the Upper Deschutes basin and will be taken across the Crooked River to a point a few miles east of Terrebonne.

It is estimated that the amount required to complete the project will be not less than \$5,000,000.

Directors for the district elected at the Monday election are: A. D. Anderson, Fred Fisher, H. W. Gard, John Henderson and P. N. Vibbert.

TOPSY TURVEY IS WORTH YOUR WHILE

Tomorrow night Prineville people will have an opportunity to witness "Topsy Turvy," a musical comedy of the highest order.

More than twenty people who have been carefully selected and trained by the able director, Mrs. R. A. Clark, will present an evening of comedy and music which will be well worth the time and money of everyone.

Numerous specialties consisting of singing, dancing, character songs and other features will make every minute a busy one.

This play has been staged before by Mrs. Clark, who besides having a natural talent for such work has had several years' experience in the practical side of the business.

Mrs. Clark, who has been drilling the cast for weeks, says that every part is ready, and that the talent is of very high order.

Local people who are in the production are: Rei Powell, Bub Estes, George Stearns Clarence Dishman, Luckey Bonney, Harry Stearns, Paul Clark, J. O. Wall, Otto Hodges, Misses Wilde, Bilyeu, Mildred and Ruth Dishman, Pauline Truesdale, Estelle Conway, Shipp, Campbell and Clark, Mesdames Wirtz and Newson.

Doors open at 7:30, curtain at 8. Tickets on sale at Lakin's.

Community Hall At Powell Butte

A community hall is being built at Powell Butte this week on the Moore corner, just a half mile west of the Wilson schoolhouse.

The building is 36 x 72 and is being built on land donated by Mr. Moore for the purpose. The construction work is being done by the residents of the district, and that they will soon have the building completed is manifest by the fact that 29 men were present on Tuesday when the work was started, 18 worked yesterday despite the bad weather, and the work is being rushed today.

The roof is being completed today. The work is in charge of N. P. Alley, which assures standard construction.

The lambing season has started here, and N. P. Alley, Earl Saunders and Wm. Wilson are busy caring for their flocks.

R. L. Moore sold a large steer and a hog to Redmond parties Saturday, the porker bringing 8 cents.

John Tuck sold two loads of hogs to Harvey Harris the first of the week, at \$8.60.

Dunn Mustard has shipped several orders of seed potatoes to Washington state recently.

Wm. Wells has been busy for the past ten days hauling potatoes to the Redmond Warehouse where they will be sold soon.

Tom Houston bought 200 head of calves this week from Warren, Dixon & McDowell and is feeding them on the Lloyd Powell place on McKay. The price was not given out.

HIGH WATERS IN CROOKED RIVER

High waters in the Crooked river and Ochocho have caused considerable damage during the past few days.

The rivers have been higher during that time than at any period for the past several years, and irrigation dams, roads and bridges have suffered materially.

The intake at the Deschutes Power Company plant near Culver was threatened Tuesday, but a large force of men prevented it being destroyed. Had this works washed out as was threatened, the electric current for practically all of Crook and Jefferson counties excepting Bend would have been cut off, excepting such portions as could be served from the Cline Falls station.

Mail communication with Paulina was delayed for a time on Monday and Tuesday, and the pumping stations of the Dixon, McCall, Barnes and Lawson ranches have all suffered considerable damage.

The lower river fell about three feet yesterday afternoon, due to the change in temperature, and it is thought that the most dangerous point is past.

Enough water has passed through the channels of these rivers during the past 50 days to irrigate all the dry lands in this part of the state, if proper means could be developed to store and utilize it.

ONLY 1411 VOTERS REGISTERED TO DATE

With Only 22 Days in Which to Register.

G. O. P. PLURALITY IS HEAVY

This is a Final Registration--No Matter How Many Times You Have Registered.

The registration of 1411 voters was completed according to the returns from outside precincts and those registered at the court house in this city, up to the hour of closing on last Saturday night.

Some of the outlying precincts have sent in no names as yet, while some of the precincts have reported a heavy registration.

Prineville with 434 has a small lead in the total registration, with Bend a close second with 429, Redmond having 145, Sisters 79 and Tumalo 64. More than 75 per cent of the registration to date is masculine, the exact number being 1086, the fair voters being but 325 in number, of which amount 126 are registered in Prineville alone.

The division of the voters between the parties is almost a two to one republican faith, 812 of the G. O. P. voters being registered, and only 473 democrats.

There seems to be less socialists and scattering voters this year than formerly. Less than a score have registered at any rate. The Bull Moose party comes to the front with six members in the county to date, practically all of whom live in Bend. Less than a half dozen Prohibitionist voters have registered.

George P. Putnam is the only voter yet registered who gives his address as outside of the county, he receiving his mail at Salem.

The registration of women voters in Bend is noticeably light, less than fifty of them having registered up to last Saturday.

As compared to the registration before the primaries two years ago it seems that almost one half of those who will probably register before that time have already done so.

Only 3938 voters were registered at that date in 1914, and while there has been considerable increase in the voting strength, especially at Bend, it is not likely that this will more than offset the loss of the Jefferson county vote.

More than 5000 people, 5614 to be exact, were registered before the general election in 1914.

The registration books will close on April 18, and remain closed until after the primaries.

"Our talents and how we use them," and "Futile war," will be the subjects discussed next Sunday at the Christian church. Bible school at 10 and Christian Endeavor at 6:30. All the regular midweek services every week. You will be made welcome at our services. Geo. H. Ramsey.

BOND ELECTION ON TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Vote in Courthouse Basement--Hours as Usual.

EVERY ONE SHOULD VOTE

Railroad Will Be Built and Owned by City--Will Benefit Every Citizen.

Prineville voters will authorize the issuance of a bond issue in the sum of \$100,000 at the special election called for Tuesday, March 28. Of the result of the election is no doubt in the minds of the people of this city. The need is felt by everyone, for a railroad that will be the connecting link between this city and the railways that are operating in this part of the state.

It is only a business proposition. Everyone knows that such a railroad will soon pay its cost of construction, and the stock growers, who are interested as much or more than any one else, will save in marketing advantages, shrinkage and the advantage of getting from the feed lots to the market in the shortest time possible, enough to pay for the road many times.

All of these facts have been considered and worked out, both by Prineville citizens and the stock growers in the country tributary, and the result is that these people are going about the matter in a matter of fact way, and will care for it in a business like manner, in just the same way that they buy automobiles and do other things.

Since other interests have not seen fit to build them a railroad, they have decided to build it themselves, and there is but one possible result, and that is, the road will be built.

There is absolutely no question about the procedure. Everyone will help, and no man is afraid that he will do more than his share.

It will cost more than \$200,000 to build the road and put it into operation. Of this amount, the city will vote \$100,000. Other interests will do their part and private individuals will make up all the funds required to complete the project.

The funds of the city will be absolutely protected, for the city will own and provide for the operation of the road. That it will be a good investment for the city and its people is above question.

There is but one thought that the Journal wishes to urge here. That is, why not make it unanimous? The bond issue vote will prevail by an overwhelming majority, but it would be worth thousands of dollars to the city if the results showed every vote in favor of the issue. Think it over, and everyone try to do this thing, make it unanimous.

A committee composed of Douglas Lawson, Lake M. Bechtell and Jay H. Upton has been appointed and will take steps to organize a troop of cavalry soon.

Proclamation For Good Roads Day

Whereas, the citizens of Prineville, Oregon, and the business interests generally have expressed a desire to close their respective places of business and cease their usual vocation for one day for the purpose of aiding in the commendable work of improving the roads and streets in the vicinity of this city, and

Whereas, the said interests have asked that a day be set apart for the purpose of permitting the business interests and all citizens to participate in the improvement of the roads and highways in the vicinity of Prineville, and have asked that a public holiday be proclaimed for that purpose, Therefore, I, D. F. Stewart, Mayor of the City of Prineville in compliance with such expressed desire, and to enable the citizens of this city to lay aside their usual vocations and engage in the laudable enterprise of improving the public highways, do proclaim Friday, the 24th day of March, 1916, to be a public holiday.

Dated this 21st day of March, 1916.

D. F. Stewart, Mayor.

INTER SOCIETY CONTEST WAS HELD FRIDAY

The annual Inter-Society contest by students of the Crook County High was held at the Methodist church in this city Friday of last week.

There were twelve contestants, six from the Ochoconian and six from the Alpha society.

Winners were: Sylvian Michel, first over all contestants and first in humorous division, Victoria Huston, first in the oratorical division, and Ernest Estes first in the Dramatic division.

Seconds were: Luckey Bonney, oratorical division; Hazel Yancey, dramatic division, and Surepta Johnson in the humorous division. The numbers were all of a very high order. The work of the contestants shows that the student body is of the highest possible standard, and the work of the instructors is above reproach.

The number given by Mr. Michel was of special merit. It was a description by a man of affairs of a recital given by a famous pianist, in which every adjective in the language was brought into play, and all the emotions of which the normal man is capable of experiencing were described. The piece was a heavy part, and the ability of the student to deliver it, the depth of feeling and range of expression demonstrated more than the ordinary talent.

The Ochoconian society received the greatest number of points in the decisions this year, which gives them the banner for the third time, having been victorious in both 1912 and 1913. The Alphas won in 1914 and 1915.

The total number of points received in the five annual contests were 2125 by the Alphas and 2176 by the Ochoconian society.

PRINEVILLE UNDER MARTIAL LAW FOR DAY

Entire Male Population of City Taken Into Custody.

LADIES PROVIDE MUNITIONS

Improvement of Roads Is Object--Wilhoit Grade Will Receive Attention.

Tomorrow is annual good roads day for Prineville. A legal holiday has been proclaimed by Mayor Stewart, and every man found in his place of business during the day will be waited upon by a committee, who will escort him together with all the other male population of the city, to a point where the road needs working badly on the Crooked River Road, about eight miles west of this city.

These good roads days have been celebrated in former years, but the plan has been to scatter the forces, with the result that improvements have been less pronounced than will be possible this year when all the men who are good members of the Prineville Commercial Club, and who attend the Friday luncheons, will congregate on the grounds mentioned above, and perform an honest day's work.

In fact the usual weekly luncheon will be held at the above mentioned location, and there is where the

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LUNCHEONS GROWING MORE POPULAR

"The livestock industry is the real basis for the wealth of this community," said J. N. Williamson, at the Club luncheon last Friday. "After all is said and done, the every interest is dependent to a greater or less degree upon the livestock and this industry is entitled to the protection of the people of the county."

Mr. Williamson was followed by R. A. Ward, who delivered an address covering the rabbit and sage extermination matter that is prominent in the minds of everyone these days. Mr. Ward stated that more than 40,000 rabbits had been killed in the county during the winter by the use of poisons alone at a cost of about \$800. He gave many other interesting facts along this line of work, which is the extermination of animal pests for the United States government.

The meal was an excellent one, the tables having been decorated in green commemorating the day, and the service was extra good.

Every seat in the dining room was taken, a liberal sprinkling of farmers and stock men being present, to the gratification of the business men.

Tomorrow's luncheon will be held on the Wilhoit grade a few miles west of this city, and will be prepared by the ladies of the city. The next meeting will be held at Mrs. Pollard's Delicatessen, one week from tomorrow.

Get the Mr. Dreemzit--Facing the Boss In His Lair By Gross

