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## WATSON P. DAVIDSON GUARANTEES PURCHASE OF BONDS

Obstacles all Removed--Plans Fast Shaping.

### COUNCIL MADE NO MISTAKE

Build the Road and Mills and Payrolls Will Follow--Davidson.

"I am ready to give the council a check for that \$100,000.00 if satisfactory bids are not received. I want to see dirt flying on that road at once. Let local people grade the road and keep all our money at home."--Mr. Davidson.

The sale of the \$100,000 bond issue for the construction of Prineville's railroad is absolutely assured.

Watson P. Davidson, president of the Oregon & Western Colonization company assured the council at a meeting held last evening, and in an interview this morning stated that although he is not in the market for municipal bonds, he is prepared to give the council a check for the par value of the bonds on next Tuesday evening in case a satisfactory bid is not received on that date.

"There is no question as to the feasibility of the railroad," said Mr. Davidson, "and the council have taken absolutely the right steps in every respect in the matter. They should be encouraged and given every assistance in the work of building this road and I have decided to make what personal sacrifices are necessary to buy these bonds myself if they do not meet a ready sale otherwise.

"It is only a matter of completing the road to Prineville, which will be done this summer, until a logging road will be started into the timber to the east of this town, which will mean a large mill here.

"Mr. Rogers has sold his timber in the Cascades and is getting his money for it. He is anxiously watching the railroad development here and I know he is ready to act in the matter.

"This means a pay roll, the doubling up of values of all the property in the city and surrounding country and the transformation of Prineville from a country village to something very much better.

"As I understand the matter this is the only point that has prevented your council from getting the dirt to flying on this road, and I for one want to see action and that is the reason I am making this offer. I have investigated your records and all the facts concerning the matter, and I have spent much time and thought over the situation.

"Of course it is possible that after the \$100,000 is spent which you now have assured you, and the other assistance has been given, you may be short some money. Maybe not, but possibly you will be, say as much as \$40,000 or \$50,000. That is easy. Just issue stock, or possibly bonds against the road and the thing is done."

"I was requested to investigate the entire situation and report my findings to Mr. Gillman of the Oregon Trunk. I am ready to say that Prineville's railroad will be under construction at once, and that the conditions are in every way favorable for early completion of the project."

### Memorial Day Services Held at Cemeteries

Memorial Day was fittingly celebrated on Tuesday when the graves in the cemeteries north of the city were decorated with flowers and flags.

A parade by the Spanish-American war veterans, who after appropriate ceremonies down town, marched to the cemeteries and concluded their program, added to the spirit of the occasion.

Places of business were closed during the afternoon, the banks and postoffice observing the entire day.

#### Prohi's Meet June 5.

A meeting of the of the prohibition party of Crook county will be held on Monday June 5, 8 P. M., at the Methodist church. This meeting is called to elect delegates to the 21st legislative district convention and such other business as may be necessary. This will be a mass meeting and all are invited to attend.

### CROOK COUNTY HIGH GRADUATES CLASS OF 30

Appropriate Exercises Held Friday Evening.

#### SAILING VESSEL IS EMBLEM

Fitting, Able Program Conducted by Graduates in Sailor Garb.

Prineville showed her pride in the 1916 graduating class by crowding to the limit the Club Hall, Friday evening, to hear their commencement exercises.

The stage was set to resemble a sailing boat and this idea was farther advanced by sailor costumes.

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### Plans Made for Road Work Years 1916-7

Residents of the Upper Crooked River and Bear Creek country will get no road development this year, but surveys will be made and plans perfected for improvement, and perhaps some new roads next year according to Commissioner Blanchard.

Mr. Blanchard told those who attended the Friday luncheon last week that the roads were being dragged after the rains in various parts of the county.

Mayor Stewart reported that many inquiries were being received about the railroad bonds, and that he expected a number of bids on the date set, which is next Tuesday evening.

The next luncheon will be held tomorrow at Mrs. Pollard's Delicatessen. Everyone is urged to attend.

W. C. Osborn of Culver registered at the Oregon Tuesday.

### GREAT EMPIRE BUILDER PASSES TO REWARD

Friend to Central Oregon and all the West.

#### OREGON TRUNK PET PROJECT

Will Be Succeeded in Handling \$500,000,000 by L. W. Hill No Changes Anticipated.

James J. Hill is dead. That is why all railway trains on the immense Hill system stopped dead still on the tracks at noon yesterday, and the same reason is given for just the same action on the part of everyone of the many immense steamers on the Hill steam-

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### P. M. EMBEZZLES \$3700 MONEY ORDER FUNDS

Chas. A. Bengston of Dry Lake in Toils.

#### CONFESSES TO P. O. INSPECTOR

Automobiles and Woman in the Case--Did Rushing Business at Three Banks.

Chas. A. Bengston, postmaster at Dry Lake, Oregon, was taken into custody late yesterday evening and lodged in the county jail here by postal inspector C. W. Linebaugh for the misappropriation and embezzlement of U. S. funds.

The post office in question is merely a mail station, but the inspection showed that Bengston had appropriated an amount close to \$3700 in a year's time, a feat hard to equal even in a large office.

His surety bond was placed at only \$1000 when given the position. The embezzlement of this fund was made through the assistance of a woman, Jessie B. Thayer, employed in the office. In confessing, Bengston explained that they had drawn money orders in their favor on a county bank and issued others to other banks to balance the account. Two automobiles had been purchased with the money, \$5.40 was found in the office and a small balance in two of the banks.

Bengston was placed under \$5000 bond and as this is a government case it will be tried in the Federal Court at Portland.

Realizing that he was caught a signed confession as made by the defendant. Unable to provide the bond he is boarding with Sheriff Knox.

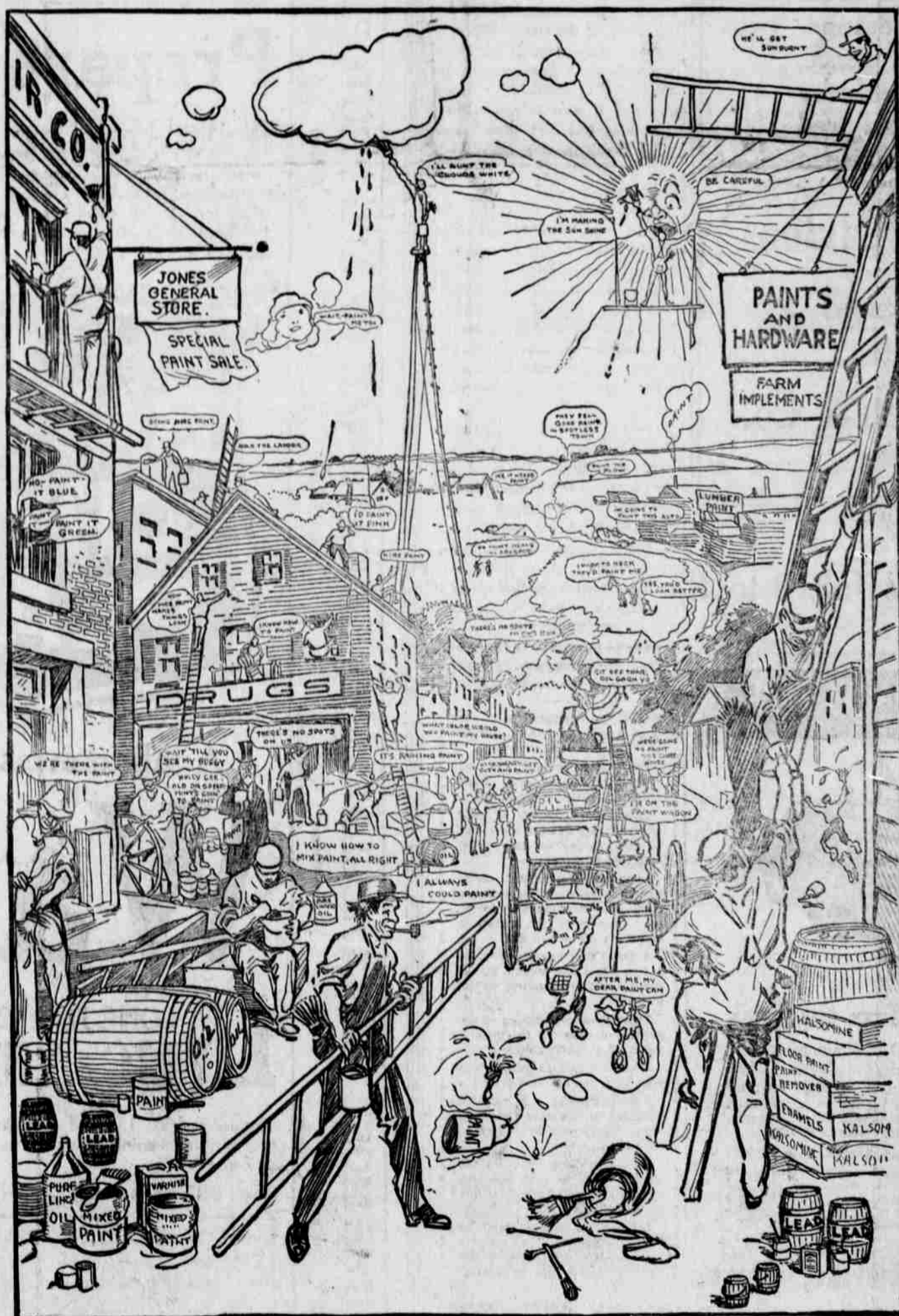
### NORMAL GRADUATES SECURE POSITIONS

The graduates of the normal department of the C. C. H. S. are eighteen in number. Crook and Jefferson county schools have contracted for the services of just thirteen students of this total. Of the other five, Audrey Noble is going to the O. A. C.; Gladys Bayn is working in Supt. Myers office; Maude Brennan, Edith Smith and Ila Knox have not secured contracts for certain.

Bernard Ramsey will teach at Vanora; Fred Rice, at Bear Creek; Leta Horgan, Trout Creek; Letha Evert, Camp Creek; Rei Powell, Prineville; Florence Merrill, Tumalo; Adeline Deitrich, Culver; Victoria Huston, Tumalo; Glennie McBain, Lamonta; Dorothea McCauley, Terrebonne; Edna Merritt, Bailey District; Beth Thomas, Summit Prairie and Jessie Payne at Howard.

A better endorsement of the school's normal work could not be found than this almost unanimous acceptance of its students as teachers in this part of the state.

Ernest C. Kimmell and Dora Maude Van Meter were united in marriage Saturday evening, at the Oregon Hotel in the presence of a few friends. Geo. H. Ramsey officiated.



It's "Clean Up and Paint Up" Time