

BEND TRYING TO STEAL THE COUNTY SEAT

Would Put Skids Under Stone Courthouse in November.

SACRIFICE WOULD BE \$400,000

County Seat at Any Price Seems to Be Policy--Hot Fight Sure.

Petitions bearing several hundred names were filed with the Secretary of State yesterday which provides that the proposition of moving the county seat from Prineville to Bend be placed on the ballot at the election to be held on November 7.

The matter has been discussed for some time, and because of the fact that the Bend people considered this to be more to their interests than submitting a measure of dividing the county, this removal was decided upon at a meeting held in Bend on Tuesday morning.

The same afternoon the petitions were circulated and they were filed in Salem on the following day.

This, regardless of the merits which a proposition to divide the county actually possesses, places the taxpayers of the county squarely in a position to defend a proposition that on the face of it, would in the event that it should carry, mean a sacrifice of a large sum of money.

There is no doubt about the fact that Bend is entitled to a seat of government. Interests there and thereabout are such that should a reasonable measure have been submitted at this same election, it would have received an overwhelming favorable vote, not only from Prineville, but from enough of the remainder of the county to have granted them a county, of which Bend would have, of course, been the county seat.

In the matter that is being submitted however, the facts are reversed.

If it is right that the west side should have a county seat, the same is true of the east side. Doubly so for the reason that the buildings are already located here.

There can be but one answer, and that is a fight to a finish, with Bend on the one side and the taxpayers on the other, for a much larger percentage of the voters in Bend are non-taxpayers than in any other part of the county.

RABBIT BOUNTY BILL FILED AT STATE CAPITOL

The petitions asking that the rabbit bounty measure be placed on the ballot in November, were filed with the Secretary of State the first of the week, bearing about 600 names.

The measure provides that a bounty of five cents each be paid on rabbit scalps, and two and a half cents on sage rats killed within the county.

Should the measure receive a majority of the votes cast at the election this fall, it will go into effect on December 1, this year.

Bounty will be paid on not less than 50 scalps at one time under the act, and the person presenting the scalps will be required to swear that he killed the rodents within the boundary of the county, and the person presenting them will be identified by a taxpayer.

A. Zell Badly Injured in Accident Friday

A. Zell was painfully injured in an accident about 4:30 Friday afternoon when the large buggy horse he was driving became frightened at an approaching automobile on the bridge on West Second street.

Mr. Zell was coming into the city alone in the buggy, and met the car which came quite close to him on the bridge. The horse became frightened and turned squarely, toppling the buggy over and ran down the street.

The buggy turned over twice, throwing Mr. Zell into the top and bruising him severely. He was rendered unconscious by the shock, but soon recovered and was taken to his home east of the city.

THE COUNTY SEAT REMOVAL BILL AS FILED

The county seat removal measure follows:

Initiative Petition for a Bill.

To propose a local law for the County of Crook to remove the county seat from the City of Prineville and to establish the same at the City of Bend in said Crook County.

Initiated by J. A. Eastes, R. M. Smith, F. H. May, J. F. Arnold and L. D. Wiest, all of Bend, Oregon. Be it enacted by the people of the State of Oregon with and for Crook County:

Section 1. That on and after the first day of January, A. D. 1917, the City of Bend shall be the county seat of Crook County.

Section 2. On and after the first day of January, 1917, all the county offices and the circuit courts shall be at Bend, and all county business required to be done at the county seat shall be at Bend. On or before said first day of January the county court of Crook County shall remove all the county records, books, office equipment and other county property from Prineville to Bend, and shall provide all necessary office rooms, furniture and equipment at the City of Bend for doing and carrying on all the business of the county that is required to be done at the county seat.

Section 3. All laws in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

RAILROAD BOND ELECTION IN SEPTEMBER

The election on Prineville's railroad bond issue will be held early in September.

The firm which prepared the papers for this bond issue, is of the opinion that it is necessary to set the date sixty days ahead in order to call this election according to the charter.

The papers are all prepared and are now in the hands of the city and there will be no delays in getting the construction started as soon as the election has been held.

Arrangements have been made for the funds, which will enable the work to start without another delay in selling the bonds.

This will enable many local people to assist in the construction of the grade, and as the harvesting of crops will be over for the season, the months of September and October should see the road graded and steel laid into Prineville.

There is a baseball game scheduled this afternoon, between the married and single men. It should prove amusing.



Witepskie's Royal Hungarian Orchestra at Chautauqua this Afternoon and Evening.

CELEBRATION WAS BEST EVER--LARGE CROWDS

Auto and Motor Races Thrill Spectators.

DECORATED CARS BEAUTIFUL

Weather Ideal for Event--Holiday Spirit Prevailed--Sane Fourth.

With weather made to order and a record crowd participating, Prineville started her Fourth of July celebration Tuesday morning with a mammoth parade.

The line of parade was long and made up of many interesting and amusing floats with each department well represented.

In the out of town division for decorated cars, Tom Sharp was first with Andrew Noble second.

Mrs. Dishman won the first prize for the best decorated car of the city. Her car being a mass of yellow blossoms tastefully arranged. Mrs. Edgar Stewart won second place.

The Ladies Annex had the largest number of floats from one organization, winning a prize of ten dollars.

Harry Hudson piloted the win-

ning baby buggy decorated by Mrs. Cyrus, and a special prize was given the boy scouts for their entry.

Robert Osborn won in the motorcycle entry.

The most unique feature of the parade was a locomotive, representing the Prineville & Eastern R. R., constructed by F. F. Hoelscher on his motor truck. It was complete too, from cylinders to a smokestack. Engineer Tom Quinn showed masterful control, but could be pinched for not having a union card.

In the industrial section the Lyric Theatre was first with a float showing the scope of the movie business and the promise of excellent pictures during the week.

After the parade the street sports were taken up, chief among these being the motorcycle and auto races. Millard Elkins won the former and Randall and Quinn the latter, these furnishing thrills a plenty for the spectators.

Burdon surprised the majority by winning a 100 yard dash from Howard. Pete Barnes won the fat man's race and Harry Kennard the novelty motorcycle race.

It is very disappointing that the Portland baseball team could not come for it left an unfortunate blank in the celebration program. Some good games will be scheduled before the week is over however.

A baseball game was staged Tuesday evening between Prineville and a team of Paulina players hurriedly assembled. The locals won 9-2 in a game holding little interest for the fans. Lake Bechtell was hit in the face by a batted ball in practice, which caused a painful and rather deforming injury for the present.

OREGON'S DRY RECORD FOR SIX MONTHS

One Arrest in Prineville for Drunkenness.

PORTLAND IS BENEFITTED

Business Goes Along Better and Crime Is Reduced Everywhere.

Oregon has been dry for six months. The records for various parts of the country are interesting indeed, and it is the custom of the various papers to review the new order of things at this time.

Prineville has had one arrest for drunkenness during this time and the sight of a staggering man on the streets is very unusual, instead of the common thing as it were before January 1.

It is gratifying to see some of the big daily papers which advocated the liquor traffic, come out in no uncertain terms indorsing the present condition of affairs.

Two of the big Portland dailies, the Oregonian and the Telegram printed such articles, as well as big dailies in the Washington cities.

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CHAUTAUQUA CROWDS SURPASS RECORDS

Other Towns Far Outclassed by Prineville.

TICKETS ALL SOLD SATURDAY

Ideal Weather Assists--Crowd Waited Until 10:30 Monday for Talent.

Prineville's first Chautauqua is on and its a winner.

Tuesday, we are told, was the biggest second day that the Ellison-White people have seen this season.

Mr. White who is managing the event here, says that they are greatly pleased with the spirit in which they have been received and that the attendance and the enthusiasm is much better than they expected.

The programs have everyone of them been worth the price of a season ticket and while some of the largest events have been held already, the remaining numbers will be of the highest order also.

Indeed, the musical events, both this afternoon and evening are of an order that can be unequalled anywhere.

The talent has been selected with a view of leaving everyone more than satisfied and this will be the result when the week comes to a close here Saturday evening.

The performances start promptly as advertised, and the attendance is increasing from one performance to the next.

The late arrival of the train on Monday caused an unpleasant delay, but the hundreds of people who waited at the tent, entertained ably by the local band until 10 o'clock were well rewarded by the humorist S. Platt Jones.

If anyone wants to know what is the matter with Jones they will be compelled to ask Jones himself, for no one else could tell.

The musical numbers on Monday were up to everything that had been claimed for them and as to Victor Murlork, well he is a "moose," that's all.

THURSDAY Morning--Junior Chautauqua, King Arthur's Court.

Afternoon--Concert, Witepskies' Royal Hungarian Orchestra Inspirational Lecture, "Success Where You Are," Mrs. Harriette Gunn Roberson

Evening--Grand Concert Witepskie's Royal Hungarian Orchestra

Popular Selections, Mme. Fay Morvilius, Accompanied by Royal Hungarians

FRIDAY Morning--Junior Chautauqua, King Arthur's Court

Afternoon--Prelude, Elizabeth deBarrie Gill

Popular Lecture, "One Blood," Dr. Frederick Vining Fisher

Evening--Harp Concert, Elizabeth deBarrie Gill

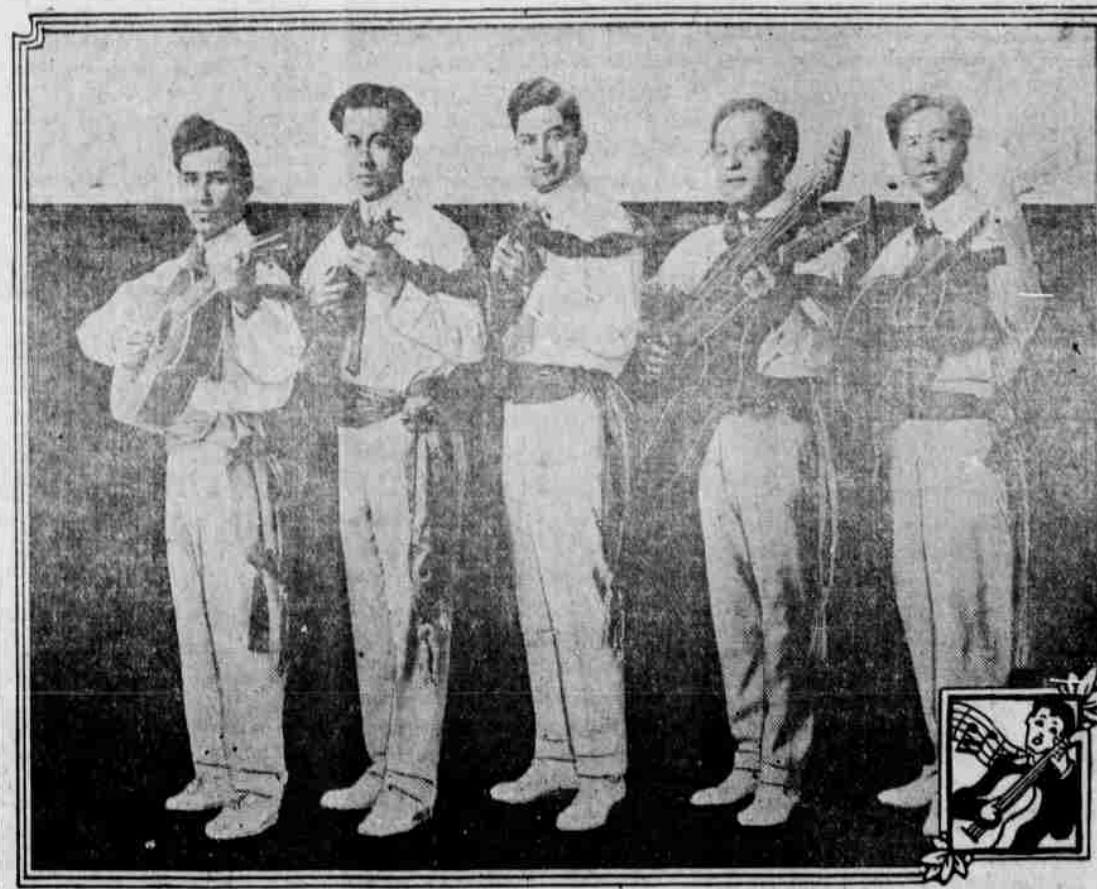
Stereopticon Lecture, "America Before the World," Dr. Frederick Vining Fisher

SATURDAY Morning--Junior Chautauqua, King Arthur's Court

Afternoon--Prelude, Kekuku's Hawaiian Quintet

King Arthur's Pageant, Supervisor and Children

Evening--An Evening in Hawaii (a) Opening Concert, Kekuku's Hawaiians (b) Illustrated Lecture, "Isles of Peace," Frederick J. Halton (c) Closing Concert, featuring "Aloha Oe" (Good-bye). Kekuku's Hawaiian Quintet



Kekuku's Hawaiians will close Chautauqua Saturday night, featuring "Aloha Oe."