

NEW BUSINESS BLOCK WILL BE ERECTED SOON

C. M. Elkins to Build on Site of Burned Store.

CONCRETE AND PRESSED BRICK

Building Will Have Two Stories on Main St.; One for Lakin --Both Modern.

Prineville is to have a modern business block to replace the buildings destroyed by fire when the Lakin and Curtis places burned recently.

C. M. Elkins who owned these buildings will erect a concrete business block which will contain two stories according to present plans.

The buildings will have a pressed brick front, tile entrances, and will be modern in every respect.

While the present plans are for a one story building, the walls will be of sufficient strength to carry another story at any time the owner sees fit to make the addition.

The building will have a 47 foot front and will be probably eighty feet deep on the alley.

One of the places will be constructed especially for Mr. Lakin who is planning to occupy it as soon as completed.

The construction work will probably be done by contractor W. J. Pancake, and will be started soon.

FRIDAY LUNCHEON WAS WELL ATTENDED

The Friday luncheon was held last week at Hotel Oregon.

The attendance was very good considering the fact that many people are on their vacations.

A committee was appointed to assist in every way with the Labor Day picnic. This committee consists of R. L. Schee, Dr. Burdon, John T. Wheeler and Sylvian Michel.

A short talk was made by John B. Bell, a former resident of this city who now lives in Eugene. He said that he was pleased to be able to attend a Prineville function again.

Jay H. Upton acted as toastmaster for the day.

DEATH OF PROMINENT LAMONTA FARMER

Luther Melton was born in Indiana in 1849 and moved to Nebraska in 1863, and in 1870 was united in marriage to Sarah Martha Wright. To this union was born seven children, six of whom are living and were at his bedside when death came. One daughter dying in Denver, Colo., in 1896, at the age of 22 years. United with the Latter Day Saints church in 1877 in Ashland, Nebraska, and remained in that faith continually ever since. Mr. Melton died, Wednesday afternoon, August 16th, at 3 o'clock at the family home at Lamonta, Oregon, aged 67 years, 13 days. He leaves a wife and six children, five sons and one daughter to mourn his death. The children are John L., of Las Animas, Colo., Newton E. of Lamonta, Ore., Mrs. L. H. Gerbing, of Bend, Ore., Oliver W., of North Yakima, Wash., Jesse of Tumalo, Ore., Weaver, of Lamonta.

Well Known Pioneer Called to Great Beyond

Fulgenzio Vannina died at his home near this city on August 21. Funeral services were held yesterday at 10:30 in the Methodist church.

Death was caused by heart failure, and came without warning.

Frank Vannina, as he was commonly called, was 72 years of age on July 15, and had been a resident of Oregon since 1882 at which time he lived near The Dalles.

He was born in Biasca, Switzerland and spent his early years in that country, afterward living in Australia, New Zealand and later in different states on the Pacific coast.

Mr. Vannina was one of the most successful and respected citizens in the community, having large holdings in the country south of Prineville at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife and a daughter, Mrs. Lowery.

DEMOCRATS HOLD A RALLY SATURDAY NIGHT

A rally which was participated in by democrats from Prineville and the surrounding country, was held at the Commercial Club hall on Saturday evening.

The principal speaker for the evening was Hon. Milton A. Miller of Portland.

Mr. Miller said that his party had been out about ten days and had traveled a great many miles by automobile, having come to Prineville from Silver Lake on Saturday.

Among other things Mr. Miller said that the government as it exists in Oregon today is a government by the people and that the laws and the government will be under this system just as good as the people make them.

He said also that it is the duty of everyone to study the laws that are proposed, and in that manner be able to cast an intelligent vote on the different measures that are submitted at the time the elections are held.

As a comparative statement, the speaker stated that there are 96,000 square miles in Oregon and but 204,000 square miles in Germany; that Oregon is peopled with less than a million as opposed to the many millions who live in Germany.

He said that the state was not in any way developed to its maximum, and that its future and its laws rest entirely with the people who reside within its borders.

Getting to the political end of his talk, Mr. Miller said that president Wilson has met more critical questions of an internal and foreign nature than any other president.

He spoke at length upon the president's foreign policy and stated that civilization is founded upon peace and not war, and that Wilson was opposed to a war policy.

Mr. Miller was followed by Judge Crawford of Union who quoted facts and figures to the effect that Mr. Wilson's policy has not been materially different from that of some of the other great presidents.

M. R. Biggs was chairman of the meeting. Music was furnished by the local band.

Prof. Schroeder Returns.

Prof. Albert Schroeder and family returned to the city Tuesday evening after having spent their vacation at Rolyat. Mr. Schroeder is looking fine and says that he is ready to take up the work of the public schools for the winter.

1916 GRAIN CROP IS GREATEST ON RECORD

Everyone Busy Harvesting and Caring for Wheat.

SPRING GRAIN IS EXCELLENT

Threshing Now Under Way in Jefferson County--Will Start Soon in Crook.

Central and Eastern Oregon is busy harvesting the greatest wheat crop on record.

Sherman county yields are as good as ever before, and the tonnage of wheat there will be almost too great to estimate.

Jefferson county fields are yielding five to ten bushels of wheat per acre more than the estimates, and everyone is busy harvesting or getting ready for the care of the immense crops.

Much of the acreage was spring grain, and this will be ripening for the next two weeks.

Crook county wheat crops will be heavier than ever before in many instances at least, and the quality of the grain should be good.

In the wheat growing sections of the Powell Butte country, the people are all busy with their harvest.

One of the best crops in that district is the D. A. Yates blue stem and marquis. Mr. Yates has had more success with blue stem than anyone, and those who have examined his crop say that his yield will be above 30 bushels per acre. He has about 120 acres in these two varieties of wheat.

The Brix place, owned and operated by C. C. Brix of this city and his brother Jacob Brix, will yield from 4000 to 6000 bushels of white Australian and marquis, both standard spring grains.

H. J. Edwards has a splendid crop on a large acreage and the recent rains insure him sufficient moisture for filling the later spring wheat, without any doubt.

G. M. Cornett has a large amount of good wheat, Victor Shawe will harvest about 200 acres of an excellent quality and John P. Hooper and G. A. Brown both have large yields.

Foster Brothers have purchased a new threshing machine separator, and are planning to thresh all of the grain in this district if possible.

Grain crops in which oats and barley largely predominate are very good in the irrigated districts on the Ochoeco and Crooked river.

Some of these were badly damaged by the hail and heavy rains two weeks ago, but such as were not damaged will be of their usual high standard.

The lands where alfalfa has been plowed up and grain sown, a yield of 100 bushels of oats and even more is not uncommon and 90 bushels of barley are frequently harvested.

Under New Management.

Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Barber arrived Sunday from Seattle to take charge of the Oregon Hotel. Mr. Barber, who has had wide experience in the hotel business, says it will pay to stop at the Oregon for the best hotel service to be had in Prineville. Colonel White, the owner, has several hotels in the Northwest and is ready to help build Prineville a railroad. He is at present developing a summer resort at Flathead Lake, Montana.

SHEEP SET NEW HIGH PRICE RECORDS HERE

J. N. Williamson Contracts 5000 April Lambs.

WOOL MAKES RECORD, TOO

Lambs at \$7.75, Wool Selling as High as Forty Cents and all Livestock Fat.

April lambs, contracted for October delivery at railway points at \$7.75 per 100, with average weights of not less than 80 pounds!

Any sheepman that would predict such prices up to the present time would be considered unbalanced, yet a sale of just this kind was closed last week by J. N. Williamson when he sold 5000 head of his spring lambs to the Union Meat Company of Portland.

And this is not an exceptional sale for this year either. The sheep king of the world, Mr. Stanfield, who makes his home in the eastern counties of this state and operates all over the United States, has purchased more than \$2,000,000 worth of sheep at the above prices for lambs, as high as \$8 and above per head for ewes and is preparing to ship them to eastern and middle western states, notably Michigan, where they will be sold and where the price at present for ewes of the best grades and a reasonable age are from \$12 to as high as \$20 per head.

The above mentioned purchases have been made in Oregon and other Northwestern states, and perhaps aggregate the greatest amount ever paid for range sheep in the same length of time.

The wool market seems to be in a manner at least, justify the high prices of sheep.

The market at this time ranges from 23 cents to 26 cents per pound for fine grades and from 30 cents to 36 cents for the coarse grades, while some sales have been made in Willamette Valley counties at 40 cents per pound.

Much of the local clip has been sold; but a few lots are being held for the fall market.

The largest clip that is being thus held is the Williamson wool, which is stored in Portland awaiting the November market.

In commenting on the market conditions of both wool and sheep, Mr. Williamson said, "Of course to those of us who have been in the business for many years and have sold sheep for \$1.00 per head and wool for 5 cents per pound it is difficult to get our ideals and valuations adjusted to the conditions that have existed in other countries for many years.

"About 200 years ago sheep in England went to a price that corresponds to that which they have reached in this country, and they have maintained that figure with the usual variations until the present time.

"I am told by men who know, that they are being closed out in Idaho and Montana, and that the supply of sheep is much less than ever before in the United States.

"While it seems almost unreasonable to state, I cannot see any reason why sheep or wool should ever get back to the low levels that they have formerly reached in this country, and they should stay somewhere near the present market quotations for a time at least."

The condition of all sheep as well as cattle and other kinds of stock

Prineville Man Is Stationed in Arizona

The following is self explanatory, and interesting: Yuma, Arizona, August 17, 1916. Please find enclosed one dollar and fifty cents, for the Journal. This is one grand country down here—for heat. At 12:00 noon, 114 degrees in the shade is not uncommon. We are in camp on the outskirts of the town and have our tents completely covered with arrow weed shelter to protect us from the sun. Suppose it is not so cool at Prineville this month, but don't think it will compare with this place. As you probably know, Yuma is on the Silver Colorado—so muddy that one cannot stir it with a stick—in the state of Arizona, noted for more rivers and less water; more cows and less milk; more sun and less shade and one can see farther and see less than any other state in the Union.—Henry C. Smith, 1st Sergeant, Co. "C," 21st Infantry.

is better than ever before.

Never in Oregon has there been such ranges, and such growth of stock. Every hoof of stock is in prime condition, fall ranges are good and an abundance of water is to be had for stock which is as necessary as the grass they get.

Hay and grain is more abundant than ever in former years, and the prices on these commodities of which many will have a surplus, is above any quotations ever made before.

Surely the stockmen and farmers have little to worry about this year.

RURAL ROUTE BOXES MUST BE INSTALLED

If you live on rural route number one out of Prineville you must either erect your box or certify that you will have same in position before the date of the first delivery which is October 2.

This information must be in the hands of Postmaster J. W. Boone before September 10 if you wish service to start promptly, Mr. Boone informs this office.

The service will be three times a week, and will be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

The schedule provides that the carrier leave the Prineville office at 8:30 A. M. and return by 4:30 P. M. on the above mentioned days, and service for not less than 100 families is required.

While more than one family may receive mail at a single box the limit for one box is five families.

No boxes will be recognized by the department unless they conform to the specifications furnished by the department.

These specifications may be had from the Prineville postoffice, and the boxes will be supplied through the local hardware dealers, but to be safe, do not buy a box until you see the postmaster.

The regulations in regard to the size of the boxes were changed on July 1 this year, and a box that would have been acceptable before that time will not now be recognized by the department.

There are two sizes, one No. 1 being 18½ by 6½ by 7½ inches, the No. 2, 23½ by 11 by 14 inches.

The small size will cost about one dollar, the large one \$2.50 or \$2.75 and you may have your choice as to the size to erect.

Don't forget the date, September 10, for if this matter is overlooked the route might again fail, and this is the last regulation the government will ask before service is started.

PREPARE TO HELP BUILD "OUR" RAILROAD

Special Election on September 11--Bonds \$100,000.

WORK WILL BEGIN IMMEDIATELY

Local Teams and Men Will Be Given Preference -- Completed in 1916.

That Prineville will have a railroad before the first of the coming year is now almost certain.

All arrangements have been made for the special railroad election which will be held on September 11, and the following day the council plans to meet and sign a contract with an engineer who will have charge of final surveys, as well as cross sectioning and also the supervision of the construction work.

It was at first considered by the council that a survey might be made before the election, but this will not be done. No time will be lost in getting men into the field after the favorable vote on the \$100,000 bond issue, and all other arrangements have been made that will facilitate the handling of the construction.

While it has not been positively announced by the council, a plan of doing practically all of the grading with local men and teams seems now to be the one that will be followed.

A prominent councilman said yesterday: "Every man who has a team that can pull a scraper should plan his farm work so that he can get onto the railroad during September, for we are going to build that road, and we will favor the employment of local help."

The fact that a contract has been signed with a bonding house that binds the buyers to take these bonds at their par value, unless the council gets a better offer from some other source, eliminates the delay that might otherwise be caused by the selling of the bonds.

All the funds that will be required for the work until the bond sale is completed have been assured to the council, so that they know just where they stand in that matter.

Because of the easy grades and short distance that the line will be built, it is thought that any difficulty will be eliminated in getting the road bed ready for the steel before the first of the year.

WHEAT PRICES HIGHEST ON RECORD, TOO

Central Oregon farmers are busy trying to decide just how high wheat can go in the local markets.

The maximum market in Portland up to yestery day was \$1.35 for the best grades, tidewater track delivery, while the Chicago market is much higher and with an upward trend that has caused some experts to estimate that the price may reach \$2.00 per bushel.

Those who are inclined to take a less optimistic view of things say that there is a three year's crop of wheat in eastern Russia, and should the war come to a sudden close, wheat will slump to 50 cents per bushel.

Twine and sacks for handling the crop are very high, twine selling in the local market at 15½ cents per pound.