

**PRINEVILLE IS AGAIN
A CONVENTION CITY****Will Be Hostess to State Fed-
eration Women's Clubs****300 DELEGATES WILL ATTEND****Most Important Meeting in Fem-
inine World for the Year
in the Entire State**

Prineville is to be the meeting place of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs next year, and in capturing this, the most important gathering for the year for the women of the state who do things, Prineville is again ahead of all other towns in this part of the state.

The meeting will be held either in May or October, probably the later month, and will be attended by not less than 300 fair delegates from all the 137 clubs of the state, many and perhaps most of whom will be accompanied by escorts which will make a convention crowd really worth while.

This convention was secured for Prineville through the combined effort of the Ladies Annex, Commercial Club, Powell Butte Sorosis Club, Tumalo Tillucums and the Redmond Ladies Club, and the actual work which resulted in securing the meeting for this place was performed by Mrs. Collins W. Elkins, who has led the fight for the convention for the past four years, attending the meetings and finally securing the 1917 meeting.

The Federation meeting was held this year at Seaside and fourteen cities of Oregon were candidates for the 1917 meeting at that time.

These were eliminated one at a time until finally Prineville and Medford were alone in the race.

The matter of a final selection was left to a committee, which decided last week by unanimous vote in favor of Prineville.

Mrs. Chas. H. Costner, of Hood River, is president of the Federation and will come to Prineville to assist in the work of planning for the entertainment of the guests.

As 1917 is election year for the Federation, a full attendance is promised, and as there are 20,000 club women in the state of Oregon at this time, the advertising that Prineville will receive from the meeting is of immense value.

There are five federated clubs in this county and these will all be invited to assist in the task for the entertainment of these ladies.

The Shumia Club is not active in this matter, as everyone of its members also belongs to the Ladies Annex, and the work will be done in the name of the latter organization largely.

The Ladies Annex is in a very thriving and prosperous condition. They have a total of 125 members in good standing, everyone of whom is active and have added 35 of these since October 1 this year.

They have been promised and will receive the support of a united community in this task and will make the convention one of the best the ladies have ever attended.

Prineville, as usual, is at the head of the list.

**G. M. WYATT BOARDING
WITH SHERIFF KNOX**

G. M. Wyatt was convicted Friday afternoon in the justice court on a charge of selling liquor in Bend.

The jury returned a verdict after the first ballot.

Mr. Wyatt was his own attorney and called no witnesses in his own behalf, although he chose to take the stand himself and offer evidence.

He was fined \$100 and costs at once by Judge Bowman, and in lieu of the amount is boarding at Hotel De Knox.

**Dr. Hosch is Again
Mayor of Redmond**

A very spirited city election was held in Redmond, Monday, at which time J. R. Hosch was again chosen mayor and the "Citizen's Ticket" was elected throughout.

J. D. Butler was a candidate for councilman, and was on both tickets, which gave him the highest vote received by any candidate, or 169 votes for councilman for three year term.

The men who were elected for their respective offices are: J. F. Hosch, mayor; J. D. Butler, W. B. Daggett and A. R. Roberts, councilmen for two year term, P. M. Reedy and L. C. Marion, councilmen for one year term.

**LAKE M. BECHTELL IS
CHOSEN CITY ATTORNEY**

Lake M. Bechtell was appointed city attorney at the regular monthly meeting of the council Tuesday evening.

The resignation of Statira Biggs was read and accepted, Miss Biggs being compelled to leave the city because of her health.

The right of way map was reported about completed by City Engineer Kelly, who has charge of the railway construction, and will be ready for the use of the railroad committee in securing right of way within a short time.

An ordinance was given its first reading, which provides that the recorder and city attorney be placed on a flat salary instead of a fee system.

This will be taken up again at an adjourned meeting of the council on the evening of December 12.

**TWENTY-THREE MILL
LEVY MADE FOR 1916**

A 23 mill levy was made by the city council at their meeting called for that purpose on the evening of December 1. The levy for general purposes was fixed at 10 mills and a levy of 13 mills was made for the payment of interest on the railroad bond issue.

No one was present at the meeting excepting the councilmen and the usual stragglers and no protest was made concerning the amount of the levy.

The general fund tax for this year was raised from an eight mill levy, which was not sufficient to run the affairs of the city for a year.

The administration of the city's affairs has been very economical and the past year has seen more substantial improvement done and the way cleared for more solid construction work on the part of the city than has been accomplished for many years.

**CROOK COUNTY HIGH
HONORED IN BULLETIN**

Announcements are out for the Oregon high school debating league for the year 1916-17. They are in the form of a neat little bulletin issued by the University of Oregon. The frontispiece is a half-tone of the state champions for last year, Bernard Ramsey and Orville Yancey, accompanied by Superintendent Baughman, of the Crook County High. The question for the current year is, "Resolved, that Oregon should adopt a health insurance law embodying the essential features of the 'Standard Bill' of the American Association for Labor Legislation."

Mr. Baghman is director of the Upper Columbia district which includes Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Crook and Jefferson counties, and this will be the first district for the C. C. H. S. team to master, which will of course be done in due time.

The championship cup, which has been won one time each by the following schools, Albany, North Bend, Pendleton, Salem and Prineville, must be won three times before it is permanently owned by a school.

**EXPORTS ARE HEAVY
FROM CENTRAL OREGON****Prineville's Railroad is Now
in Great Demand****SHIPMENTS 30 PER CENT STOCK****Livestock and Other Tonnage
Will Make Business Good
For New Railroad**

The past two months have witnessed the greatest export business from the farming and livestock sections of Central Oregon that have ever occurred up to this time.

October was the banner month, there being a total of 110 cars of livestock and farm products shipped from Redmond, which is at present the shipping point for the Prineville country, and November followed with 80 cars of products for the use of the outside world.

The incoming freight shipments for these two months were about average for that point, 40 cars being received in October and 30 in November.

This freight comes to the Prineville country largely, at least 50 per cent of the total which is unloaded at Redmond being billed to this point, officials of the roads declare.

Of the total tonnage shipped out during the past sixty days, about 30 per cent has been livestock, practically all of which has originated in the Prineville country the records show, and the remaining seventy per cent is divided between grain, hay and potatoes, with a small percentage of other products.

For many years the freight movements were practically all toward this part of the state and the change in the tide of commerce means but one thing, and that is that the balance of trade is getting onto the right side of the ledger and better, much better times are here for the farmer and stockman.

The completion of Prineville's railroad and development of the Ochoo Irrigation District will make Prineville the most important shipping point in Central Oregon of food stuffs for the world.

**OREGON & WESTERN
SELLS LAND RAPIDLY**

B. F. Johnson, local manager for the Oregon & Western Colonization company returned Tuesday evening from Burns and Craine.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Davidson, president of the company, left this city Friday morning for Harney county and made a number of land sales enroute. Frank says that snow was falling fast in Burns Tuesday and he made the return trip by the desert route.

Land sales made by this company in the past ten days are: Josie Foster, 640 acres; C. T. Carey, 640; G. H. Anderson, 120; L. B. Scott, 160; A. Venator, 360; J. L. Carey, 480 and H. E. Berggen, 320.

**CROOK COUNTY TAX
LEAGUE IS ORGANIZED**

A temporary organization of the Crook County Tax League was effected in this city yesterday, with L. A. Hunt as chairman and J. J. Ellinger as secretary.

A budget committee was elected to cooperate with the court in the discussion of the tax levy today.

For the purpose of perfecting the organization, a committee was appointed to meet some time in January on call of the chairman. This committee is composed of George McGregor, of Terrebonne, chairman, I. B. Meyer, of Paulina and M. W. Pettigrew, of Redmond.

Only nineteen more days until Christmas, shop now.

**LAND FRAUD HEARING
IN CIRCUIT COURT HERE****Attempt Being Made by State
to Cancel Patents****VALUES PLACED AT \$750,000****Big Men in Legal Battle are
Without Audience--Will
Finish Today**

Attorney General Geo. M. Brown delivered one of those masterful pleas which have made him famous yesterday evening and last night, finishing at a late hour, in Judge Duffy's court in this city, in which he tied single and double bow knots in the legal vocabulary of the English language, calling down all of the metaphor and simile that only an attorney of exceptional ability can command, reviewing evidence and applying law in his effort to convince the court that the title to the famous Hyde-Benson lands in Crook county be canceled and the lands returned to the State School fund from whence they came, and to which they now rightfully belong, according to the views of the Attorney General.

For his audience besides the court were J. O. Bailey, assistant attorney general for the state of Oregon, G. G. Brown, clerk of the State Land Board, W. M. Bickford, of Missoula, Montana, Attorney Hershey from the last mentioned city, A. C. Shaw, of Portland, and a couple of newspapermen.

The three last mentioned attorneys are representing the land holders, including the Western Lumber Company, the Anaconda Copper Company, the W. A. Clark Company, the Riverside Land Company, a well known paper company and others who are in one way or another interested in these properties.

The state is being assisted by the United States in various ways in this suit which has been taken up in the seven counties in which the 35,000 acres of land are located.

More than one half of the lands are situated in the Cascade Forest reserve and are lands that the state and Federal government hold were selected in a fraudulent manner by the Hyde-Benson people at the time forest reserves were being created, in an attempt to secure valuable lie lands.

J. O. Bailey, the attorney who has been working on this case for the past 18 months in the interests of the state, says that the lands are valued at about three quarters of a million dollars, and the Crook county lands are perhaps the most valuable because of the heavy timber they carry.

About 12,000 acres of this land acquired by these people have passed beyond the power of the state to redeem, but Mr. Bailey is of the opinion that the 35,000 acres can be secured.

Mr. Hyde, the principal offender, was in the courts eight years in the matter and is now doing time for the offense.

Thousands of pages of evidence have been introduced here, and many volumes of law and cases.

A decision is not expected from Judge Duffy for several months because of the mass of evidence and law that will be necessary for the court to review.

"Arguments will be finished today."

**COUNTY DIVISION CASE
TO BE TRIED OUT**

The demurrer in the county division case was overruled this afternoon by Judge Duffy, and one day was given the attorneys who are opposing the division of the county to file an answer.

This means that the case will be tried out on its merits, both as to the Fife precinct matter and other questions involved in the complaint, in the circuit court here soon, perhaps within a week.

**Bend City Election
Causes Many Changes**

The municipal election in the city of Bend Monday was another of those love feasts that so often characterize the elections of this nature in any town, and when the smoke of battle cleared away, and the votes were counted it was found that the "old guard" which had been in power for 1916 was given the royal bounce and another ticket elected from top to bottom with the single exception of treasurer. Miss Mary E. Coleman was re-elected to this position without opposition.

S. C. Caldwell was elected mayor over J. A. Estes by a vote of 420 to 306.

Councilmen elected were A. E. Edwards, Lewis Bennett and O. C. Hinkle, defeating E. P. Brosterhouse and L. C. Rudow for these positions.

City elections in Bend have been characterized by their contests for the past few years, but Monday's affair sets a new record from this standpoint.

**COUNTY AGRICULTURAL
COUNCIL MEET DEC. 23**

On December 23rd, at the Domestic Science building at Redmond, the Crook County Agricultural Council will sit down to a delicious luncheon served by the high school girls at noon. This is the first annual meeting of the Council, which represents the entire county. Each of the 24 farmers organizations have delegated a representative to the Council, which, together with the State College and the U. S. Department of Agriculture direct the work of the County Agricultural Agent, R. A. Blanchard. The object of the Council is to set in motion in a community way all efforts which will make for better farming, better business and better living.

The following program was sent out by County Agent Blanchard: Cooperative purchase of seeds, strychnine, gypsum, feeds, etc., by P. H. Dencor; discussion by C. F. Hoskins and W. F. Mackey; Rabbit Campaign Extermination, by E. S. Barnard; discussion by W. M. Ogg and C. L. Mead; Stock Shipping Association by C. F. Hoskins; discussion by W. M. Ogg and P. H. Dencor; Potato Growers Association, by J. L. Gibson; discussion by S. D. Mustard and Earl Saunders; Establishing Hardy Crops, by A. S. Fogg; discussion by S. W. Merrill and A. D. Norton; Cooperative Cow Purchase, by C. D. Jarrett; discussion by W. M. Ogg and J. N. B. Gerking; Farm Demonstrations, by J. N. B. Gerking; discussion by A. S. Fogg and C. F. Hoskins.

President J. F. Blanchard, of Prineville, will call the convention to order shortly after the last pie is consumed. County Agriculturist R. A. Blanchard and State Leader, P. V. Maris will assist in the discussion.

**PROGRAMS OUT FOR
TEACHERS' INSTITUTE**

Programs have just been printed for the annual Teachers' Institute for Crook county which will be held in this city December 18, 19 and 20.

Some of the ablest educators in the state are on the list of instructors including:

J. A. Churchill, Superintendent of Public Instruction; E. F. Carleton, Assistant State Superintendent, Salem; Dr. B. W. Busk, State University, Eugene; H. C. Seymour, State Club Leader, Corvallis; J. H. Hoekenberry, Portland; Mrs. Emma Fulkerson, Salem; E. E. Evans, Crook County High School, Prineville; Chas. H. Jones, Oregon Teachers Monthly, Salem and Arthur D. Carpenter, Seattle, Washington.

Attendance at the annual institute is required by law now and the work is very helpful to teachers.

Do your Christmas shopping now, and do it in Prineville.

**FOUR DAYS LEFT TO
HELP YOUR FAVORITE****Ford Car to Be Awarded to
New Owner Tuesday****FURIOUS FINISH NOW IN SIGHT****Count Will Be Made by Three
Business Men Which Will
Be Final**

Next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock, the Journal will present the candidate having the largest number of votes in this office, the Ford car which is on display at the Inland Auto Company garage in this city.

The contest will close promptly at eight and positively no votes will be received after the clock strikes that hour. All votes must be in this office at that time to be counted, and all subscriptions must be accompanied by the cash to secure votes. The only way to secure these votes is on subscriptions to the Crook County Journal, and 5000 votes will be given for each year paid on subscription, or for each \$1.50 paid on subscription.

While no limit has been set to the number of years any person may subscribe in advance, it is not supposed that anyone will abuse this privilege.

This contest has been unusually short as such contests go, and has been unusual also for the reason that most of the work has been done by the two candidates, B. F. Nichols and Mrs. H. Nelson. The amount of hustling these candidates have both done is remarkable.

Once Frank Nielsen worked in this vicinity until Sunday when he left for his home at Tumalo, from where he went to Bend and will be back in Prineville for the closing days of the contest.

Mrs. Nelson has been busy as anyone could be. She has worked over much of the county and spent several days this week at Paulina and other points in that part of the county.

Because of the rush of votes, which have been coming in bunches during the past ten days, it has been impossible for this office to keep any record of the standing of the candidates, and so far as we know, both candidates have lost count of the number they have turned in.

The votes are all placed in a ballot box and will be counted as soon as possible after the contest closes, and the award made by the judges at once who will notify the Inland Auto Company whom to deliver the car to.

The result of the count will be posted on a bulletin board in front of the Journal office as soon as the count is completed and will also be published in the Journal next week.

Just four short working days remain for the contest, so if you want to help either of these candidates you must act at once.

**LARGE CROWD ATTENDS
THANKSGIVING SERVICE**

The Baptist church was packed to capacity Thanksgiving evening for the special community services.

The musical program which preceded the sermon was of exceptional quality, and was rendered as advertised with but one exception.

The sermon, delivered by Rev. W. L. Van Nuys, was one that was very fitting at this time. The speaker contrasted the condition in America today with those at the time of the first Thanksgiving day, and also drew telling comparisons of the United States today and the nations of Europe, who do not know what a Thanksgiving day is.

It was an appropriate topic, capably handled and demonstrated the ability of the speaker and his familiarity with the topics under discussion.