

## PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DESCHUTES COUNTY

Complaint Filed But Machinery Continues to Work

200 ILLEGAL VOTERS ALLEGED

Abstract People Taking No Chance—Companies Incorporate for Bend

Deschutes county is, and is not. If you are a divisionist the new county is as good as any other county in the state, and if you are opposed to division, old Crook is the same "old Crook" that it has been since the creation of Jefferson county, and will remain intact for years to come.

And your opinion in either case is about as good as that of anyone else from all present appearances, with the fact that there is a court appointed by the governor, and a county seat at Bend in the favor of the division, and a proceeding against the establishment of the county that is sufficient to make its existence questioned to some extent on the side of the anti.

A complaint in the nature of quo warranto proceedings was filed Thursday by Willard H. Wirtz, District Attorney, on behalf of Gus E. Stadig, a west side rancher. Special counsel has been employed to assist in the case and a Supreme Court test of the formation of the new county is regarded as assured. The papers in the case were served on the various members of the Deschutes County Court at Bend and attorneys representing both sides have indicated a desire to have the matter tried and settled at an early date.

The complaint alleges that Deschutes County is a pretended municipal corporation attempted to be formed under the act of the Legislature, but never in fact legally organized and existing; that W. D. Barnes, A. L. Mackintosh and L. E. Smith, as members of the County Court of the pretended county, are acting without authority of law and usurping their respective offices; that the relator is a resident and taxpayer within the territory attempted to be formed into a new county.

It is further alleged in the complaint that the proposition of forming a new county did not receive 65 per cent of the votes of all the voters residing within the limits of the proposed new county, nor 35 per cent of all the voters residing within the remaining portion of Crook County. It also charges that 200 illegal votes were cast for the formation of the new county on the Deschutes County side, and also tacks the order of Judge Duffy in a



**HAPPY NEW YEAR, men and women!**

Happy New Year, girls and boys! Let me wish you all sincerely Twelve months brimming full of joys.

May new hopes and aspirations Stir within your hearts today, Scaring last year's disappointments From your memories away

Turn around and face the sunshine With its constant warmth and cheer,

Firm resolving you will seek it Every day throughout the year. Clouds which darken your horizon, While you're gazing toward the light,

Are collections of thin vapor Which will soon drift out of sight.

Let unselfish love for others Prompt you on to noble deeds; Flowers blooming by the roadside Are more beautiful than weeds.

Through life's mazes we all wander, Many stumble as though blind, So a helping hand be often Stretching forth to lift mankind.

May this New Year be much better Than the other years you've passed;

Let it be a strong foundation, Built to hold your future fast. Use enough good bricks and mortar

So your edifice won't shake Should the earth begin to tremble With a war or giant quakes.

—Grace Sorenson in Omaha World-Herald.

recent action whereby it was attempted to correct an alleged error in Fife precinct.

The County Court of Deschutes County is working as usual; deeds and like documents are being recorded there by J. H. Haner, clerk, and the other officials are exercising their various functions.

The Bend Abstract Company has been incorporated by the stockholders of the Crook County Abstract Company, A. R. Bowman owner of the Central Oregon Title & Loan Company is contemplating the opening of an office there should the division be held legal by the courts it is said, and two companies have been formed by Bend men to conduct abstract businesses there we are informed, one of which will bear the name of Deschutes County Abstract Company.

## JURY LIST DRAWN FROM OLD CROOK CO.

The jury list for the January term of circuit court has been drawn and notices have been mailed by Sheriff Knox to the jurors to appear at the courthouse in Prineville on the morning of January 8 for duty.

The 31 jurors are: Geo. Roberts, A. J. Noble, W. I. Dishman, John Grimes, S. A. Prose, Charles A. Proetz, H. J. Edwards, G. W. Wells, J. F. Haynes, W. J. Johnson, John M. Elliott, E. T. Slayton, R. C. Kinder, S. M. Bailey, John B. Shipp, Wm. Clausen, D. J. Evans, Richard Mullholland, Guy Sears, K. S. Dixon, I. M. Blevins, Jacob Becker, Geo. J. Shobert, G. H. Nye, F. S. Towner, Geo. Knox, F. T. Jones, Clair Quinn, D. A. Sears, Thomas Miller and Robert Demaris.

Mike Fitzgerald, a stockman of Mitchell, was among the recent arrivals in the city.

## WHITE CHRISTMAS IN PRINEVILLE AS USUAL

Community Tree Immense Success; Large Crowd

COMMITTEE HAS BALANCE LEFT

Every Child Given Present; Services at Churches Drew Many People

The unqualified success of Prineville's second Community Christmas leaves no doubt in the minds of the people that the annual event in this city will be celebrated in this manner in the future.

A snow fall of three or four inches added all that was necessary to make a suitable setting for the tree, and the spirit in which the people entered into the affair brought out a crowd of several hundred persons.

Multi colored lights and a large variety of decorations of different kinds made the tree beautiful indeed, and the location permitted the parking of cars on four streets surrounding the tree, besides the large crowds on the sidewalks. Rev. Reid was chairman for the occasion and Rev. Van Nuys delivered a short address.

Every child in the audience was presented with a generous sack of candy, oranges and other things that make the youngsters happy. The affair was a financial success, a small balance being left after all bills were paid.

Service was held at the Methodist and Presbyterian churches after the open air exercises.

## TELEPHONE MERGER IS FINALLY ARRANGED

One System Will Operate all Lines Out of Prineville

WILL BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1

Rebuilding of Many Lines and General Improvement of Service Assured

A merger of the telephone lines radiating from Prineville has been realized and will be made about the first of the year.

This is news that will be welcomed by the business people of Prineville, and the farmers as well, for the reason that many lines operating out of two centrals, between which there is no exchange of service is but a burden on the community, and the service cannot be as good as where the lines are all under one management.

One of the centrals in Prineville will perhaps be eliminated soon, and the lines will all be run into the central office of the Pacific Telephone Company.

Many of the lines will be replaced entirely with new ones we are informed, and the service generally improved.

This is another step in the march of progress in this community and the owners of the numerous small lines are to be congratulated on their broad-minded policy which has made this merger possible for the benefit of the entire service.

George Taylor is a business visitor today from Bear Creek.

## What Will the New Year Bring?



THAT this shall be a better year Than any passed away I dare not at its open door To wish or hope or pray.

Not that the years already gone Were wearisome and lone, That so with hope too long deferred My heart has timid grown.

Nay, rather that they all have been So sweet to me and good That if for better I should ask 'Twould seem ingratitude.

And so with things far off and strange I do not care to cope, But look in memory's face and learn What largess I may hope.

Another year of setting suns, Of stars by night revealed, Of springing grass, of tender buds By winter's snow concealed.

Another year of summer's glow Of autumn's gold and brown, Of waiting fields and ruddy fruits The branches weighing down.

Another year of happy work, Which better is than play; Of simple cares and love that grows More sweet from day to day.

Another year of baby mirth And childhood's blessed ways; Of thinker's thought, and prophet's dream, And poet's tender lays.

Another year at beauty's feast, At every moment spread; Of silent hours when grow distinct, The voices of the dead.

Another year to follow hard Where better souls have trod, Another year of life's delight, Another year of God.

—John White Chadwick.

## UNCLE FRANK NICHOLS THANKS HIS FRIENDS

Tumalo, Oregon, Dec 19.—The Crook County Journal: Will you kindly allow me space in the Journal to thank the many kind friends who contributed so liberally to my list of subscribers. I feel very grateful to them from the least to the greatest, and thus publicly thank them with all the emphasis possible. I also wish to thank the Journal force for their kind and courteous treatment, from the astute editor down to the devil. (Now I don't mean the evil one when I say devil.) I mean the printer and further I wish to thank the editor and his genial foreman for their many kind offices during the contest down to the last minute, and hereafter they have but to command and I will obey, if it suits me to do so. And last, but not least, I wish to thank Mrs. Nelson, the successful candidate, for conveying me home in the car which she had fought for so nobly to win.

B. F. NICHOLS.

## Will Reduce Telephone Rates

Rates on the Pacific Telephone lines operating out of this city will be reduced at an early date very materially. In some instances the new rates will be less than one-half what they were.

## CROOK COUNTY RANCH SELLS FOR \$150,000

Gilchrist Property Goes to Portland Timbermen

3300 ACRES OF LAND INCLUDED

Cattle Are Sold With One of the Best Known Ranches in Central Oregon

The sale of the Gilchrist stock ranch for a consideration of \$150,000, the greater portion of which was in other properties, to D. M. Stuart & Son, timbermen of Portland, is reported by Frank Readin, a real estate dealer, who handled the transaction.

The ranch comprises 3300 acres of natural and virgin meadow land at the head of Crooked river, about 75 miles southeast of Prineville. The land includes riparian rights to the Crooked river and springs.

The ranch was purchased from C. A. Gilchrist & Co., the consideration amounting to \$150,000, included \$63,500 in mortgages and securities, \$18,000 in stock in a lumber holding company and a 320-acre farm known as the Willamette Gardens, in Yamhill county, valued at about \$43,000. The balance of about \$25,000 was in cash.

The ranch will be operated by Mr. Stuart's son, Donald B., who is expected to return soon from California where he was married a week ago.

This is one of the best ranches in this part of the state, and has been operated by Charles Gilchrist and his brothers for many years.

The cattle holdings were all included in the deal we are informed, also all the machinery and horses that have been used to operate the ranch.

From Prineville to Bend the rate will be 20 cents for the first minute and 10 cents for each additional minute or fraction thereof. To Culver, Lamonta, Madras, Metolius and other Jefferson county points and also to Redmond the rate will be 15 cents for the first minute and 5 cents for each additional minute or fraction thereof.

The old rates from Prineville to Bend were 50 cents for the first three minutes, that being the minimum charge.

## The Woman's New Year

THE recent years have brought to women a sane knowledge of health conditions and of pure food requirements. They have brought the great prize of an awakened feminine conscience and a sense of responsibility which has resulted in better school conditions and in mothers' clubs and societies which have to do with the welfare of the young.

And, as it is fitting that all New Year's meditation shall have to do somewhat with resolutions, it would seem that the modern woman's outlook should include the determination to seek new paths of effectiveness and achievement. And since her allegiance is to her husband, her children, her home, her friends, her work, to the world, she should resolve that the new year shall bring the broader viewpoint, the wider sympathy, the receptive mind, which shall make her respond to the needs of those whom she loves and shall make her a gracious and useful member of society.

For myself I am glad that hope and health and friends have come to me in my New Year's ships, but I go beyond this to be grateful for the wonderful treasures of idealism and opportunity which the New Year's ships are bringing to you and to me and to all the privileged and fortunate women of this wonderful land of ours.—Temple Bailey in Philadelphia Press.

## A New Year's Day Reflection

ALL years are not alike in value to the race or the individual; neither are all days. There are black days and white days, weeks that are burdensome and weeks that are like a merry chime of bells, months that rumble with the thunder of defeat and months that resound with the shouts of victory.

There is no monotony in time, it varies as does the landscape. In one period it is as level as a western prairie, with no special experiences to mark its passage; in another changes come and events occur which make the weeks resemble the Alleghenies, mountain heights gathered together like a great company of giants whose shining helmets are visible though you have traveled far away and stand on your horizon line; in still another some day or week with its wondrous happenings rises from the plain of memory like a veritable Mont Blanc, and though seventy years be counted in your calendar you still see its summit and say, "That was the hour when my new life began."