

LAST OBSTACLES ARE REMOVED FOR RAILROAD

LARGE GROUP OF BUSINESSMEN AND STOCKMEN UNITE

RIGHT-OF-WAY GUARANTEED

Movement Is Popular, All Prominent People Sign Guarantee to Council

The last obstacle to the plans of the council for immediate construction of "Our Railroad" from Prineville to the connection on the Oregon Trunk line was removed Friday afternoon when fifty-five businessmen from Prineville, and stockmen from the country surrounding, guaranteed to the council by written contract, to provide the right-of-way for the road for its entire distance without expense to the city.

The matter was discussed, first at a well attended meeting Thursday evening at the Club Hall, and continued at the Friday luncheon at the Hotel Oregon, of providing for the right-of-way.

It has been estimated that this would cost not less than \$16,000 if bought outright, and the council, after close estimating, has found that the road can be completed with means at hand, if this expense could be eliminated.

It was suggested at the luncheon that a committee of thirty men sign a guarantee to the city, which would permit them to start the other work, knowing that this matter was finally settled.

In less than ten minutes, seventeen men had signed the guarantee, and this number was increased to 55 in about two hours.

The deeds have been signed for much of the distance, others are being signed every day, and it now seems that all the distance will be secured without litigation.

Should this not be possible however, there will be no delay on the part of the city. The matter is settled so far as they are concerned and the details of construction, contracting and other matters will be given their immediate attention.

Anyone who places an unreasonable figure on the privilege of crossing his lands will be given the option of letting the matter go to the courts for a decision of the value of such rights-of-way.

DRUGGIST IS VINDICATED

Both Local Pharmacists Accused; Neither Violated Law

On complaint of a Mrs. Dowell, whose husband had been intoxicated, Geo. Nicoli of the Prineville Drug Company was arrested for illegal sale of liquor on Friday, and the following day, the witness decided that the intoxicants were purchased at the store of D. P. Adamson & Company instead, and swore to a complaint against Adamson.

The charge against the Prineville Drug Company was thereupon dismissed and the second complaint was taken up on Tuesday with the result that at a jury trial, the evidence produced by the complaining Dowell purchased a bottle of biters, which is sold at every drug store, but seemed to have had some other intoxicant which had been received from another source.

Failing to hear any evidence of illegal sale, the jury brought in a verdict of acquittal.

While the arrest of proprietors of two of the most respected business places in the city caused something of a local sensation, the officers are to be commended for their zeal in the effort to enforce the laws.

News of the death of S. H. Norman, at one time a resident of this part of the state, and an uncle of S. A., Jim and Will Prose, was received in this city from Junction City on Monday.

BASKETBALL PROMISED

Redmond Girls Would Play Crook County High Soon

The Redmond High School basketball team has asked Miss Jackson for games during the next semester. If we accept this challenge we face the difficulty of a place to practice, also the possible adverse criticism of girls playing the game. We really want to know what the parents think about it. Be ready to answer at the coming Parent-Teachers meeting. Do you approve of your daughter's playing competitive basketball?

BLANCHARD REPLIES REGARDING THE JAIL

Editor Crook County Journal, Prineville, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—

So much has been said about conditions in the Crook county jail by various grand juries and the county attorney, that I feel called upon to make some explanation in regard to the matter, for fear the idea may become prevalent throughout the county that the place is so filthy and unsanitary that it will be impossible for the county to get any more roomers there; in which case the county attorney and future grand juries will absolutely have nothing to do except make recommendations to the county court.

Now as to the actual condition of the jail; it is neither filthy nor unsanitary, and not a single inmate thereof has become sick or ailing during the past two years, nor has there been, to my knowledge, a single complaint made by the sheriff, his deputies or any prisoner, as to conditions in the jail.

The county court has never, during the past two years, refused or failed to make any changes or improvements recommended by any county official in regard to his particular office. Even the county attorney has been furnished all the money and supplies he has asked for in the conduct of his office.

About a year ago the county court authorized the sheriff to make, or have made, any changes or improvements he thought necessary in the county jail. This I believe he has done, and since he is directly responsible for the safe keeping of the county prisoners, I believe any fixtures or furniture should be put in solely upon his recommendation, provided always, that the jail be kept in a sanitary condition.

Sincerely yours,
J. F. Blanchard.
January 15, 1917.

WEBB-KENYON LAW HELPS DRY STATES

FOR FIRST TIME STAMP OF APPROVAL ON PROHIBITION

FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN LINE

Will Be Great Aid in Enforcing "Bone Dry" Law Which Is Now Being Framed

The supreme court of the United States by a vote of 7 to 2 last week declared the Webb-Kenyon act constitutional. This is an act that was enacted by congress prohibiting the transportation of intoxicating liquors into any state where its receipt would be for any unlawful purpose under the inter-state commerce clause to the federal constitution.

The decision means that the federal government will now assist every state to enforce its prohibition laws with the help of the federal government. In other words if the mere receipt of liquor is unlawful in Oregon, then the Webb-Kenyon act would make it unlawful to bring it into the state from any other state, or if its use is made unlawful, then the bringing it into the state for any use that is unlawful will be prohibited by the federal law.

The decision will be of great assistance to the twenty-ninth legislative assembly of this state now in session in enacting a law to put into effect the so-called "bone dry" amendment to the Oregon constitution enacted by the people at the November election.

It will be remembered that the Webb-Kenyon act was passed during President Taft's administration, that it was vetoed by him on the ground that it was unconstitutional and immediately passed over the President's veto.

Those who are wishing to file on homesteads will be interested to learn that by the provisions of the law passed last July, anyone who has taken a homestead is eligible to apply for the remainder of their 640 acres, whether they own or occupy the original tract or not.

FOREST RANGER IS FROZEN TO DEATH

BODY FOUND NEAR LAPINE SATURDAY

LIVES SEVEN DAYS ONE MEAL

Was Found Lying On His Skis Buried In the Snow—In Heavy Thicket

The frozen body of Russell M. Christenson, Forest Ranger, buried in snow, was found Saturday near LaPine by the searching party from Crescent, which had been seeking him since January 1. The man had been lost in the mountains since December 24, and apparently died about January 2. Before the body was found members of the searching party walked directly over where it lay covered by the snow.

Christenson is believed to have lived about seven days, although he had with him but one meal a few matches, and no gun for a. After eating Christmas dinner with his partner in their lower cabin he started for the upper cabin, a distance of eight miles. He did not return in three days, as agreed, and two days later his partner gave the alarm at Crescent, after hunting along the trail a few miles and finding Christenson had wandered off.

The searchers were unable to follow Christenson's trail in the snow at all times, but finally narrowed the search down to a thicket. No tracks could be found leading away from this place, so a careful investigation was begun.

It is believed that Christenson became exhausted and his faculties benumbed, and that he lay down in the snow to take a sleep. His skis were lying under his body when found, in a spot within five feet of where the tracks ended on the bank of Spruce Creek.

Mrs. Edward H. McDonald, of Nateby, Alberta, arrived in the city Sunday evening for a visit of several weeks with her mother, Mrs. M. A. Robinson. Mrs. McDonald has property interests at Madras which she looked after before coming here.

LADIES WILL ENTERTAIN

Committees From Annex Plan Social Hour Tomorrow Night

Two committees from the Ladies Annex have planned an unusual social hour at their club rooms tomorrow night and all members of both branches of the club are urged to attend. The ladies have prepared an elaborate luncheon, and while they would enjoy gentlemen partners in "500", they particularly desire their presence at the festive board. The ladies of the Annex know how to cook as well as how to do many other things and you will miss a treat if you do not attend.

WHO HOLDS THESE CROOK CO. OFFICES?

Two officers, Geo. S. Young, surveyor, and Elmer Niswonger, coroner, were elected from Deschutes county territory in November.

Both men qualified in Crook county, filed bonds and did everything but take office on the first of the year, but have failed to do this up to the present date.

The former officers are acting under instructions of the court, until such time as the matter can be settled, and the court has made an order giving the officers elect until March 7 to establish residence in this county and take up their duties here.

If this is not done, it is quite probable that the offices will be declared vacant, and appointments made to fill the vacancies.

MERCHANT TAILOR MOVES

J. A. Gillis Takes New Quarters on Prominent Corner

J. A. Gillis, the merchant tailor, moved his business to the Belknap corner yesterday, which has been remodeled and fitted up exclusively for him. The building has been leased for two years by Mr. Gillis.

Mr. Gillis has been in business in Prineville less than a year, and in that time his business has grown until the quarters which have been sufficient for this line for a number of years, were too small and a move was made necessary.

The new location gives him one of the best show windows in the city, well lighted quarters, and ample room for his rapidly expanding business.

He has ordered a stock of wools of the latest patterns, and will have them here as soon as the mills commence to make spring deliveries.

OREGON INTER-STATE FAIR FOR PRINEVILLE

SCOPE OF CENTRAL OREGON FAIR ENLARGED

GOV. WITHEYCOMBE OFFICIAL

Wm. H. Daughtrey, Wm. Pollman With Chief Executive Compose Honorary Board

At the best attended and most enthusiastic meeting of the stockholders of the fair association held for three years, it was unanimously voted on Tuesday afternoon to enlarge the scope of the fair, to cover much more territory and a greater range of activities, and to change the name to the Oregon Inter-State Fair.

An honorary board was chosen consisting of Governor James Withycombe, William H. Daughtrey, president of the Portland Union Stock yards, and Wm. Pollman of Baker, president of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers Association. These men will be of material assistance in the plan for the biggest fair east of the Cascades, and will be called upon for advice in the governing of the fair.

The executive board was increased in number from three to five, and the board for the current year was elected as follows: H. McCall, J. B. Shipp and E. T. Slayton of Prineville, Wm. Wilson of Powell Butte and Geo. F. Kelley of Paulina.

A meeting of the board was held on the adjournment of the stockholders meeting, and H. McCall was chosen as president, Wm. Wilson, E. T. Slayton and Geo. F. Kelley were selected as vice presidents with equal power in the board. The selection of a secretary, which office has been held by J. B. Shipp for the past two years, was left for the next meeting of the board, and will be filled by Mr. Shipp until a successor is chosen, if any change is made. He asked to be relieved from the task, but the board felt that he would be a hard man to replace.

A committee was appointed to reorganize and reincorporate the fair under the new name, issue new stock in larger quantity than before and put the institution on a footing to care for the increased scope it has adopted. This committee is composed of R. L. Schee, Douglas Lawson and E. T. Slayton.

A legislative committee which will have charge of matters of legislation for the benefit of the association was selected as follows: Geo. Russell, Guy Lafollette and Will Purzweiler. This committee has the power to call in any other members they see fit, and will meet in Salem tomorrow to start their work.

The matter of erecting a dairy barn on the grounds was presented before the stockholders, and it was decided that the building should be constructed from private subscription.

John Kemmiling started the list with \$25, the Ochoco Creamery followed with a like amount, and G. W. Russell and Douglas Lawson both made contributions.

There will be another meeting of the board soon, and plans will be completed for a fair that will eclipse all former events east of the Cascades.

An eastern Oregon fair circuit will be formed at The Dalles on Tuesday next.

The Oregon Inter-State Fair will be represented by R. L. Schee, and the county fairs from Wasco, Wheeler, Sherman, Grant and Morrow county will each have a representative there, and possibly the Deschutes county fair at Bend.

Dates will be set for this circuit at this time, and the dates of the larger fairs will be considered in connection with the Inter-State Fair for many of the exhibits and attractions will come to Prineville on the large circuits.

All Roads Lead to Prineville