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**PRINEVILLE LEADS**

Within the past two years, some who have been inclined to feel dissatisfied with the management of affairs in Prineville have pointed to Bend as a town of "boosters" and in their zeal to eulogize the efforts of the splendid people of that town have lost sight entirely of what is going on right here at home.

True, Bend has her large mills and with their advent large sums of money have been invested in that town and to maintain the payrolls huge sums of money are required to be kept on deposit in the Bend banks. Most manufacturing towns are made up of an itinerant population, the workmen coming and going as regularly as pay-day comes. This is said with due respect to our sister town and only to lead up to a comparison. To anyone who feels dissatisfied with his lot in Prineville, we ask you to glance at a comparison of the deposits and cash on hand in the banks of the two towns.

According to statements published recently there was deposited in the Prineville banks \$746,939.60 and the statements showed that they had \$347,276.77 cash on hand. The statements of the Bend banks made on the same day showed deposits of \$730,550.94, with \$220,654.59 cash on hand. If it were possible to secure a statement of business transacted in the two towns it would necessarily follow that Prineville leads in that also, yet she does not have sawmills nor a railroad, but will have soon, and then with her rich farm and stock country tributary it can easily be imagined that bank deposits will be doubled, for without the industries which Bend has, Prineville now leads in deposits and cash on hand. Moreover, the Bend tributary to Prineville is a stock and farm country, owned and

settled by men who have come here to build homes and rear their families, working along quietly and making good. If you have an inclination to feel dissatisfied, take an invoice of your surroundings and see how much better off you are than your neighbor. It is not a very elegant expression, nevertheless quite true, that "The still sow drinks the swill."

**PRINEVILLE TO JOIN LEAGUE**

Big Booster Meeting Held at Commercial Club Fore Part of Week

By A. Michel

At a meeting of the baseball fans of Prineville in the Commercial Club parlors this week it was planned for Prineville to have the best baseball team that has ever represented this city. R. L. Schee was chosen to represent this city in a meeting called by the Bend Commercial Club in that city on Tuesday night with an idea of forming a Central Oregon Baseball League. He was given power to include Prineville in this league if conditions are right. The league as now proposed will include two Bend teams, Redmond and Prineville. This is a new idea in baseball in Central Oregon and should be a big success as this will give games every Sunday in one or the other towns.

At this same meeting Ed Albee, a member of last year's team, and one at present interested in the Inland Auto Co. of this city, was chosen manager. Mr. Albee will be furnished with a private secretary and will have all the marks of a big league manager.

It was the opinion of those attending the meeting that enough could be raised in Prineville to back this team. Prineville has always had a good baseball team and all it needs is the backing of the people of the town. It has always beaten its greatest rival, Bend, and this year must be no exception.

Mr. Schee has already made arrangements with the winner of the Inter-City league champions of Portland to appear here again during the Inter-State Fair. As soon as things can be gotten in shape contracts will be mailed all players available and a spring training camp will be started at Davidson Park. If you want a baseball team in Prineville this year give it your hearty support.

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**MRS. CLIFTON AT HOME TO THE SHUMIA CLUB**

The Shumia Club met at the home of Mrs. G. N. Clifton last Saturday and enjoyed a most pleasant afternoon. The program consisted of the following numbers: "Extracts from Adam's Diary," and "Eve's Diary," by Mark Twain, was read by Miss Wilde. A short sketch of the life and works of Jack London was read by Mrs. Rosenberg and London's "Acorn Planter", a drama, was given by Miss Conway. The guests were shown through the new home of the hostess, which was decorated for the occasion with flowers from Long Beach, and all expressed their hearty approval of the new bungalow. The club is endeavoring through the management of the theatre, to secure a splendid lecture on Art soon. Mrs. Elkins extended to the members of the club an invitation to be present at a reception given in honor of Mrs. Alexander Thompson, at the home of Mrs. Elkins on April 4, at which date Mrs. Thompson will give a program at the Club Hall under the auspices of the Ladies Annex Club. Mrs. Crooks, mother of the hostess, and Mrs. Lida Bechtell were guests of the Club in honor of Mrs. Bechtell's birthday. The Club drank to the health of Mrs. Bechtell and wished her many happy returns of the day. Mrs. Edwards entertains the Club April 7.

**PACKER'S PROFITS ARE OVER ESTIMATED**

DECLARED SWIFT & CO. SECRETARY IN LETTER TO THE POST

F. S. Hayward Presents Figures to Show That Profits of Packing Companies Are Not as Great as Believed

To the Post.

In the February 4 issue of The Houston Post appears an article by Adolph Boldt of the Lumberman's National Bank, in which he makes certain statements in detail as to byproduct values, and his estimate of packer's profits on cattle are so wide of the mark that we think it would be a serious matter to let them go unchallenged as a demonstration of the profitableness of the packing business with the object of encouraging any one to invest capital in such an enterprise.

Mr. Boldt presents certain figures as the values realized by the packers on hides and byproducts for the year 1916. His conclusion is that the packers must have realized in 1916 on a 1000-pound animal \$40.40 per head from the hides and other byproducts, and that instead of the profit of \$1.25 to \$1.50 per head which the packers really made on cattle in 1915 he has figured out a net profit of \$14.88 per head.

Mr. Boldt's figures are much overestimated. For the year ending September 30, 1916, the hides and byproducts from all cattle killed by us (and the average weight of cattle was about 1000 pounds) netted us, after deducting manufacturing expense from the actual sale, \$18.62 per head, which is \$21.78 per head less than his estimate. The hide netted \$12.22. The oil and stearine \$3.13. Other byproducts \$3.37 per head. Lighter animals would net less.

It would require too much space to go into the details of all of the products mentioned and show the errors in the figures. However, it might be instructive to consider his estimate on hides of 73 pounds, compared with the actual sale weight of 56 pounds, an overestimate of 17 pounds per head. The selling price is estimated at 31 1/2 cents per pound, whereas the actual sale netted 21 3/4 cents—an overestimate of 10 cents per pound, making on these two items alone an overestimate of \$12.50 per head.

The testimony taken by the congressional committee last year, in which it is stated that "some interesting facts were developed regarding the large profits made by the packers, which were substantially greater than they admitted," is mentioned. The facts as to profits brought out in this investigation showed that Swift, Armour, Morris and Cudahy on sales of over \$1,200,000,000 made a profit in 1915 of \$28,000,000, or only 2 1-3 cents on each dollar of sales. Furthermore, Swift & Company submitted at this hearing a certified statement showing that their cattle profits in 1915 were 1-8 cents per pound live

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 Swift & Co.,  
 F. S. Hayward, Secretary.  
 —Paid Adv.

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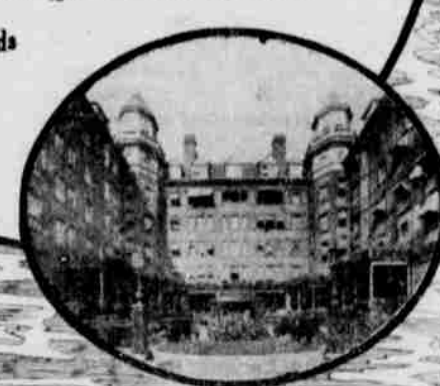
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