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IDEAL WEATHER FOR OCHOCO DIST. WORK

ABOUT 1/2 MILE OF CANAL COMPLETED BY STEAM SHOVEL

WORK ON RESERVOIR MOVING

Machinery on Ground For Tunnel Work—Much of Distance From McKay to Cut Blocked Out

The favorable weather conditions are assisting in the construction work under the Ochoco Project, and much progress has been made since last week.

The steam shovel has completed almost a half mile of main canal, commencing at the steep hillside near the east end, and a short distance from the dam, and is working west.

This canal is sixteen feet wide on the bottom, is about seven feet deep with a carrying capacity of four and a half feet of water and is being built at the rate of from 200 to 250 lineal feet per day.

The reservoir construction is moving steadily ahead, a good start having been made on the up stream retaining wall.

The orange peel shovel is in place and is doing good work on this wall.

From McKay westward toward the big cut work is progressing rapidly under Mr. Shotwell, much of the distance the canal is already blocked out and a few weeks favorable weather will make the completion of this link of the system possible.

In the cut, progress is rapid under Mr. Fuller who has charge of the men working for the district direct.

Much more has been accomplished on the entire system than was considered possible in so short a time, and the coming few weeks will show marked advances in the work.

RED CROSS WAR FUND IS PAST DUE

In the Red Cross campaign in June, Crook County subscribed to the Red Cross war fund \$9,600.00. This was a fine tribute and indication of our patriotism. The acid test however, is not what we say we will do but what we actually do, and it appears that there are a number of unpaid subscriptions in this county. All of the subscriptions to this fund were supposed to have been paid on or before the 1st of October.

The state campaign chairman, Mr. Henry L. Corbett, of Portland, informs us that the national office in Washington is "pounding me on the back every week for more funds and I am becoming embarrassed because so much money is still uncollected out in the counties." All pledges which were due on or before October 1 should be paid at this time to the county treasurer.

Y. M. C. A. MEETING AT POWELL BUTTE

Immediately following the church meeting at the Powell Butte community hall Sunday afternoon, Miss May Knox, of Prineville, gave a short talk on the Y. M. C. A. drive that is being carried on this week.

Miss Knox told what the money that is being raised is to be used for and explained the work of the Y. M. C. A. on the battle front.

The following men were appointed to take charge of the drive at Powell Butte: Walter Foster, Wallace Smith, J. A. Riggs and A. W. Bayn. The quota for their community is about four hundred dollars.

LUNCHEON AT M. E. CHURCH

The Commercial Club luncheon this week will be at the Methodist church Friday noon. Chicken pie will be served.

RED CROSS SHOP DONATIONS

Help to Make Our Soldiers Happy While at the Front

The committee for the American Red Cross Shop is very anxious to receive donations for the Thanksgiving sale. Articles of all kinds will be acceptable, particularly turkeys, chickens, mince meat, plum puddings, fruit cake, etc. Kindly notify Mrs. Thomas Sharp or Mrs. Collins W. Elkins. Donations may be left at the Red Cross rooms, Masonic Hall, not later than Monday morning, Nov. 24. Remember every little bit helps and what you give will make some soldier or sailor happier at the front.

MAIL ROUTE CONTRACTS

Bids for the following Star Routes will be received at the office of the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, Postoffice Department, up to 4:30 o'clock January 15, 1918: Prineville to Meadow, Prineville to Paulina, Prineville to Fife, Prineville to Redmond, and Suplice to Paulina.

These contracts are from July 1, 1918 to June 30, 1922.

CROOK CO. HIGH MAKES PLANS FOR NEW GYM

For some years, the fact has been acknowledged that C. C. H. S. needs an up-to-date gymnasium. We require regular athletic training for our boys and girls and provide no other floor than the natural lawn of the high school grounds. Now that the temperature of these November days is too uncertain to admit of outdoor games for the girls, some other means must be provided for continuing their physical education. The boys have long needed a scene of recreation other than the streets of Prineville and the whole community would profit from the use of such an amusement center as a building of moderate cost and equipment would provide.

The movement was launched last week amid great enthusiasm of the faculty and students of the High School as a nucleus and judging by the rapid pace at which the work has grown, the entire county will soon hear of the scheme for the betterment of our young people at home.

Under the able student leadership of Hazel Yancey and Clara Short, with Adrian Yancey as leader of the boys, the school has already taken up pledges amounting to \$100.00 and committees are ready to canvass town and country for this worthy cause.

Crook County is sufficient unto herself. When the call comes to raise money for an unparalleled Inter-State Fair, the people respond with their resources. When the women want to entertain a State Federation, every man puts himself out to give the visitors a rousing welcome. When a new Liberty Loan or a Y. M. C. A. campaign is floated, Crook County calls her constituents to aid in the national defense. Those who have proved the pre-eminence of Crook County in all public spirited work abroad, will surely respond to a local call from the youth of our own community.

The Art Department of the Women's Club has afforded the high school a rare opportunity to enjoy some very good copies of twenty famous American paintings which are on exhibit in the high school auditorium. Friday morning the opening exercises will be devoted to a study of characteristic American artists and their work.

MCCALLISTER DAIRY BARN BURNED SUNDAY

The dairy barn belonging to F. McCallister was destroyed by fire at 2:30 o'clock Sunday morning at the ranch about eight miles from Prineville on the Crooked river road.

The origin of the fire is unknown as the family retired at 9:30 o'clock and the barn was almost entirely consumed before they discovered the blaze.

Three small calves were burned and a lot of valuable machinery. The loss is estimated at \$4000 with \$1000 insurance.

HON. N. G. WALLACE



Who Was Appointed Last Friday by Governor Withycombe to Succeed G. Springer as County Judge

G. SPRINGER RESIGNS; N. G. WALLACE IS JUDGE

RESIGNATION FORWARDED ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 5

GENERAL SATISFACTION IS FELT

More Settled Condition Sure to Result—Biographical Sketch of Judge Wallace

N. G. Wallace is county judge of Crook County. His appointment was made by Governor Withycombe on Friday afternoon following the return of the chief executive from his visit to the livestock show at Lewistown, Idaho.

The vacancy was caused by the resignation of Mr. Springer on Monday, November 5.

The appointment is greeted with much favorable comment from all sides, everyone apparently recognizing the fact that the unquestioned ability of Judge Wallace in matters of law will solve many problems that have been difficult in times past, and feeling that the appointment will make conditions settled and the county machinery run smoothly.

Judge Wallace is a native of Arkansas, 42 years of age, and has been a citizen of Prineville since 1913.

He read law and taught school until 1901 when he was admitted to the bar, and took up law practice in the courts of Arkansas.

He was also engaged in the newspaper business in Oklahoma in 1905 and was there at the time Oklahoma was admitted to the Union as a state.

Judge Wallace received his commission yesterday and qualified for his new duties this afternoon.

TWO CHARGED WITH THEFT OF COW BRUTE

WARNER AND CONRAD TAKEN INTO CUSTODY BY SHERIFF

GOOD WORK SECURES EVIDENCE

Both Men Are Placed Under Bonds by Deschutes County Justice of the Peace

J. E. Warner and G. W. Conrad, of Brothers, were bound over to the grand jury Tuesday morning by Justice of the Peace J. A. Estes, before whom the men appeared on a charge of stealing a steer from J. T. Houston, of Prineville. Bond for Warner was set at \$1000 and for Conrad at \$250.

The men are thought by authorities to be connected with what is commonly referred to as the "High Desert cattle thieves' ring." Ranchers in the neighborhood were to a large extent responsible for securing the main portion of the evidence against them. A hide shown as evidence and purported to be that of the steer belonging to Houston, was so badly marred as to cause suspicion as to the purpose of mutilating it. The ears, brands, color spots and other identification marks had been clipped with the exception of one place, a small red spot under the left eye, by means of which Houston was able to identify the animal.

In the hearing R. S. Bradley, C. R. Harvey, F. R. Rowell, R. A. Ammons and Sheriff Roberts appeared on behalf of the complaint. The defense put on no witnesses. District Attorney H. H. De Armond handled the evidence for the state. The attorney for the defense asked that Conrad be excused from the case as he was claimed to have

CHRISTMAS PARCELS FOR SOLDIERS

Christmas parcels for the soldiers overseas may be sent either through the postoffice or, if over 7 pounds, by the war department. The latter must be forwarded before December 5, must be in a wooden container capable of easy inspection, and must not exceed twenty pounds in weight. They may be sent through the parcel post, addressed "Care of the Commanding General, Port of Embarkation." Mark such parcels "Christmas Mail."

WORKING ON PAULINA ROAD

C. J. Sundquist Will Start Improvement on Stewart Grade

C. J. Sundquist left this week for the Stewart grade on the Paulina road where he will work a number of men on road improvement.

Work will be continued on the places needing it most on this road until bad weather stops the progress of the crew.

Y. M. C. A. DRIVE IS ON IN CROOK COUNTY

The Y. M. C. A. drive in Crook County is progressing nicely according to reports from the committee in charge. Everyone is responding generously and there is no doubt but that the full quota will be subscribed in the given time.

There will be a speaker here from Portland tomorrow who will address the citizens at twelve o'clock at the corner of the First National Bank and will also speak at the Commercial Club luncheon immediately following at the Methodist church.

Following is a list of those in charge of the drive: Prineville, Robert Davis, Arthur Michel, W. I. Dishman, L. M. Bechtel, E. E. Evans and James Cantrell; Crooked River, Wm. Ayres and R. W. Douglas; Grimes Flat, Henry Howard; Ochoco, D. C. Ingram and Alex Donnelly; Paulina, Mrs. L. M. Miller; Post, Homer Norton; territory north of city, James McClun.

DEATH OF STANLEY SMITH

Prineville Boy Victim of Pneumonia Yesterday Morning

Stanley Smith passed away at the home of his parents near Prineville, Wednesday morning at one o'clock, after a very short illness. He was in Portland where he contracted pneumonia and came home in an automobile taking two days for the trip and was in a serious condition when he arrived here.

Stanley was the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Sam Smith and had spent most of his life in and near Prineville, having been born at the old Prineville Hotel, June 1, 1893.

Besides his mother and father he leaves a sister, Mrs. Lewis C. Morgan, of Detroit, Mich., and a brother Captain Henry Smith who is in the army.

Funeral services were held at the family residence near Prineville this afternoon at two o'clock.

very slight connection with it. The evidence, however, was thought sufficient to hold him.

Quick action on the part of Sheriff Knox and Sheriff Roberts had much to do with effecting the capture, with the assistance of the ranchers, who kept constant guard on the actions of Warner and his family last Saturday night and Sunday morning. The sheriff had received word informing him to be at Warner's place as early as possible Sunday morning.

When he arrived he found Bradley, Ammons and others had watched Warner's son, Gordon, dig up the head and hide of the steer from the earth floor in the barn and clip from them the brands. He was taken into custody and a further search revealed other portions of the animal elsewhere. The sheriff brought the boy into town and held him until Warner, who had been taken by Sheriff Knox, of Crook County, could be brought in.

Houston came in to town yesterday and swore out a complaint against Warner and Conrad, who was with Warner at the time Sheriff Knox arrested him when driving into Prineville with three quarters of beef—Bend Bulletin.

JUDGE WALLACE MAKES STATEMENT OF POLICY

ASSUMES OFFICE WITHOUT POLITICAL OBLIGATIONS

REALIZES IMPORTANCE OF WORK

Any Man With Interests of County at Heart Will be Welcome at His Office

Prineville, Oregon, November 14th, 1917.

To the People of Crook County: I have accepted the office of County Judge with a full knowledge of the grave responsibilities resting upon me as your officer. My sole purpose shall be to assist, if possible, the other members of the Court in working out the various difficulties confronting the county at this time. In this task, I ask the earnest support of every citizen in the county. I do not expect to undertake anything sensational, but shall lend every effort to a satisfactory business administration.

I am not a politician; have no political enemies to punish nor friends to reward; have no ambition to perpetuate myself in office; under the laws of this good State, I shall not be subject to the recall during my term. In view of all these things and the important work to be done, I will have no time for political advice, but the man, whoever he is and whatever he is, who has at heart the upbuilding of this county and its institutions, the man who wants to help, the man who believes in harmony and unity, will always find the latch string on the outside and a ready audience. I shall work in perfect harmony with the other members of the court, and will, at all times sincerely appreciate the advice and assistance of the taxpayers of the county.

Sincerely yours,
N. G. WALLACE.

DATE IS FIXED FOR DISTRICT ELECTION

Final orders in regard to the election to be held December 17 for the C. O. I. irrigation district settlers have been completed. Three directors placed in nomination by a petition of the settlers will be elected at large from the district. The names of those on the ballot must be in not later than Dec. 7. The county clerk and county treasurer will act as ex-officio officers of the district.

Voting precincts have been selected as follows: Terrebonne, Harvey Gates home, with W. F. Mackey and C. A. Douglas as judges; Redmond, the Redmond homestead, J. O. Skirving and M. E. Landes, judges; Alfalfa, school house, C. H. Hardy and Curt Muller, judges; Deschutes, school house, Rasmus Peterson and Hans Mickelson, judges; Powell Butte, community hall, J. L. Gibson and George Truesdale, judges.

County Surveyor George S. Young has stated that there seems to be a misunderstanding among certain ranchers as to just what the boundaries given in the petition for the district mean. They merely describe the property which is omitted from it. All lands within the bounds and not specifically mentioned in the petition are included. All of these are under contract or have water rights.—Bend Bulletin.

OCHOCO BONDS IN HAWAII

Ready Sale Found for Securities in Honolulu

Ready sale for a block of the Ochoco Irrigation District bonds has been found by Walter M. Kendall of the firm of Clark Kendall & Co., in Hawaii according to a letter from Mr. Kendall who is visiting friends in Honolulu and combining business with pleasure while in the islands.