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RAILROAD BUILDER

PRESENT ROAD SHOULD BE BUT FIRST LINK SAYS STRAHORN

Railroad Builder Believes There Is Great Future in Store for Prineville

TIMBER IS WONDERFUL ASSET FOR THE CITY

Mining and Agricultural Possibilities Great. Prineville Railroad Could Be Made Part of System for Interior of the State

Robert E. Strahorn, builder of railroads of the first importance for many years, associated with some of the most important developments ever undertaken by the Harlan system, and one of the few big men who has been able to look into the resources of an undeveloped country and forecast what will be possible to make of such a community as surrounds Prineville, completed a thorough inspection of the local situation last week, and was very enthusiastic in what he found here.

In an interview we are able to give some of the ideas this man has concerning Prineville, and get a glimpse of his idea of the development it needs. We quote him as follows:

"As you know I have promised you good friends of Prineville on each of my two former very short visits to come over some time and take a good look at your back country, which is about the only comparatively undeveloped section of Oregon with which I have not been quite familiar. I am here this time to do it. This visit added to the others makes me more than ever hopeful that at some future time in some way not clear we may be able to link up my railway activities and whatever of helpfulness in development and constructive lines I may be able to add to your splendid achievements here.

This because you are my kind of people, doing wonderful work in the kind of a country I love and, well, I guess because ever since boyhood I have been a gourmand for just such opportunity and just such association.

Now, having seen the whole length of the Crooked river country and enjoyed a glimpse of the Bear Creek and John Day valley, having followed the Ochoco and its important tributaries to their heads, inspected your coal fields on the McKay creek divide and noting your other mining interests to be added to your two billion feet of pine timber, all immediately tributary to Prineville, I can form some opinion of your subsidiary resources and indulge in some very interesting forecasts of your future.

These districts and these resources when properly developed by wagon roads and railroads, which you have now so well started to do, will surprise you all with their prodigious returns, provided that you keep your shoulders to the wheel in a persistent push for every worthy development project.

These outside interests and districts will grow and promote Prineville's prosperity just in proportion to your efforts to push and help them. They rightly look for you to take the lead.

By referring to these as subsidiary interests and resources you will know that my mind dwells chiefly on the magnificent agricultural development now assured right here in sight of Prineville. The statement that you are now so soon to turn an ample supply of water on to some 22,000 acres of rich, deep, sandy loam land does not tell the story or paint the picture. The fact that all these acres are massed so completely within about ten miles ride around the city

that they lie the most ideally for irrigation and natural drainage of any similar area I have ever seen, at an elevation of less than 3,000 feet, with sheltering foothills all around and scarcely an acre of waste, a downhill haul to the railroad, which runs through them, a fine domestic water supply near the surface—some artesian, raising well above the surface—these and other considerations may rightly lead you to bank upon this increased agricultural development doubling your population and business in a very few years. This always with the proviso that speculators are eliminated and that the soil is actually properly tilled. With this done you have accomplished wonders in getting this great irrigation project so nearly completed on such a substantial basis, insuring a minimum of maintenance charges in so short a time.

Being now in the golden age of pine lumber, you will need above everything else next to the railroad to get action on your forests. This is a manufacturing resource which, when utilized will profit you beyond all expectations. Not only will it bring a vast sum of money into the country, but it will lend a stabilizing influence to farming operations by furnishing a big home market for all products. We only have to look at the \$200,000 monthly payroll at Klamath Falls to realize this. The pine forests of the northern states are about gone and those of the south will be in five years at the present rate of cutting. In the forests of Central Oregon, therefore, lies the hope of the white pine users of America and of most of them in the world besides. I would therefore, urge your united and persistent action toward realizing on this asset while everything is so propitious and before every other community gets its bunch of saw mills.

How about your railroad? Well, having devoted the best years of my life to projecting and building railroads and therefore being an enthusiast, (as one of the chief railroad men of our country remarked "an audacious one"), you must expect me to say it is the best thing you ever started. Those of you who have worked so hard to get this greatest of all developing influence deserve more credit than you can ever hope to receive from all the boosters and all the slackers combined. Sorry we are not all ready to celebrate its completion this minute. But these big things all come hard and high, especially in these perilous times. You still have a hard road to travel to get a real railroad into operation so that it can give the class of service which the people expect and which will make it nearly enough immune from auto truck and jitney competition to enable it to pay its way. But you must set your teeth together for the last hard pull, partly because you have started, but mainly because it will pay Prineville richly to do it. By this I do not mean that it will probably be a satisfactory investment in itself, but that the vast benefits Prineville will derive from its proper completion and its wise operation as a

FAREWELL SERVICE FOR CROOK CO. BOYS

Patriotic Program Given At M. E. Church, Sunday Night

LARGE CROWD IN ATTENDANCE

Plan Will Be Followed In Future As Each Party Is Called To The Colors

The churches of the city united in a special patriotic service Sunday night at the Methodist church, the occasion being in honor of the eight men, who left here Tuesday in the draft.

Patriotic songs, addresses and special music composed the program of the evening. Dr. J. H. Gervin acted as chairman of the evening. Speakers of the evening included J. H. Upton, Rev. Van Nuss, Rev. Fertig, and Captain H. L. Shoults, who gave a very interesting talk on army life and the benefits derived from it.

The church was appropriately decorated with American flags and the flags of the allied nations.

A large crowd attended the service and it has been decided to honor each quota which goes from Crook county.

Those who are entrained for Camp Lewis are as follows: Batt Moche, Guy C. Sumner, Emmel Reeves, Rupert E. Stewart, Sam Ritter, George L. Ealer, Melvin Weberg, Frank Mertsching and Captain H. L. Shoults was an alternate.

RED CROSS WORKERS MEET

The material for Red Cross work has been received and the workers are requested to meet at the Red Cross rooms Wednesday. The hours will be 10 until 4:30 o'clock on Wednesdays and 1 to 5 o'clock on Fridays. All who possibly can should attend these meetings.

MUST USE LESS SUGAR; ALLIED NEEDS GROW

Americans Asked to Use No More Than Two Pounds Per Person Per Month.

Shortage May Last Until Beginning of 1919, When New Sugar Crop Arrives.

After making a careful survey of the world sugar situation the U. S. Food Administration has asked the American public to USE NO MORE THAN TWO POUNDS OF SUGAR PER PERSON A MONTH until January 1, 1919.

Increased sugar demands from the Allied nations—where the present sugar ration is already reduced to the lowest possible level—and the need of keeping our army and navy supplied are two of the leading causes of the curtailment of America's sugar ration.

Americans are requested to make two pounds of sugar per person (half a pound a week) serve for all sugar uses in the household—including cooking and all sugar served at the table.

Public eating places, as well as housewives, will be required to limit their use of sugar to two pounds for every ninety meals served. In the U. S. Food Administration's cafeteria at Washington, where employees of the Food Administration take their noon meal, one pound of sugar is used for every 120 meals served.

The U. S. Food Administration is confident that the American public will heartily agree to reduce household use of sugar here to a level more nearly equal to the present restrictions among the Allied nations.

The situation which the United States faces in its efforts to maintain a fair distribution of sugar to the Allied world is as follows:

stimulus to other development will be worth the price.

I have never been in the past and I am not now so enthusiastic on this railway extension on the basis of its merely being built to Prineville. My confidence in its desirability has been based on my feeling that the line would ultimately be extended and figure as a great developer of the back country in probably two directions. This is the large stake you will have to play for when this unit is completed and you thus have something of value to offer to attain the larger result. This is the way Klamath Falls is figuring and our twenty mile extension down there, besides insuring the completion of about another twenty miles, has already stimulated development on a great and impossible scale without the railroad. It also has an important bearing on the financing and completion of my entire Oregon, California, & Eastern project.

CROOK COUNTY HIGH BEGINS SEPTEMBER 9

Special Attention To Be Given Military Training This Year

E. E. EVANS AT HELM THIS YEAR

Staff Of Teachers Has Many Changes From Last Year—A Big Attendance Promised

Crook County High School will open its doors for the coming school year on Monday, September 9. A nine months' term will be conducted and the school is scheduled to close on May 23, 1919.

All of the departments, which include the English, Science, Normal, Commercial, Home Economics, Manual Training, and Military Training will be conducted as usual.

Special stress, however, will be placed on Military training and additional instruction along different phases of this work, such as trench warfare, the bayonet charge and hand grenade practice, will be given. The school was among the first high schools in the state to introduce Military Training, and it is now considered one of the most valuable and important features of the institution.

E. E. Evans, who for a number of years was in charge of the Commercial Department of the school, heads the school as superintendent this year. The following teachers have been chosen: Mrs. Wedding, English; Miss Delphia Meek Taylor, Science; Darrel C. Davis, Commercial; Miss Ethel Thomas, Assistant Commercial; Eva Jackson, Home Economics; and R. R. Davis, Manual Training, and Military Training. The Normal Department still remains without an instructor, although the vacancy will probably be filled soon.

YANKEES RESTING BETWEEN FIGHTS



Here is a detachment of the American troops that did such brilliant fighting on the west front, converting the Hun offensive into a Hun disaster and retreat. They are resting by the roadside, smoking, joking and lighthearted, and ready to jump into the fight again.

PLAN TO ATTEND THE INTER-STATE FAIR

Go to the fair and take your whole family and your own products that you know are of a different kind from someone's else. Exhibit that pretty pair of pullets or that rooster of which you are so proud, and take some extra sized fruit or grain. Get the boys and girls interested in raising some fine poultry, a pretty animal or in making a special kind of jelly or choice bread, for nearly always prizes are offered for any of these things. You have no idea what a great help it is to attend these fairs and exchange ideas with your friends.

There are all kinds of exhibits; take yours and make a gain over the year before it. Now in all probability you will want to make a specialty of a certain kind of seed potato, or a certain breed of cattle. Is there any better place to set forth your product than at the fair? Perhaps you have a special breed of poultry, one that has proved a winner. Exhibit it at your fair; be there and watch the interest it creates. You will enjoy it.

No one will be more interested in a good fair than the ladies. Each will notice how their neighbors are doing their work and talk over new ways of preserving and canning and making delicious cheese; and how proud they are of a new idea set forth, of an extra large vegetable that you produced and cultivated in a different way from the ordinary. There is no better way to set forth your products than at a fair.

No one should stay away from the fair, no matter how busy one is. Take the whole family and attend, and above all take an exhibit; if not a large one, take a small one. Take an interest and your boys and girls will strive the harder to improve and aim to make their exhibits better than last year. New ideas are put forth by speakers. Hear them, try them, improve by attending, and you will always be known as a progressive farmer.

newest war songs, which has been published only a few weeks, and is entitled "The Blue Star In The Window."

An effort is being made to get the band to play under the flagpole at 7 p. m., and they will also play at the church building, where the lecture is to be given.

Mr. Dixon has traveled extensively and has appeared before some large audiences in this country, as well as in Canada. He will show some of the atrocities of the Hun, expose some of the principles that underlie the actions of the Kaiser, and tell some first hand information from the boys at the front who are fighting our battles.

There will be no charge for admission, so that all will be free to come and hear the facts that will be presented.

The four-minute men of this city have consented to be on the platform on next Sunday night, as well as some other representative citizens.

CHAIRMEN APPOINTED

Women Are Preparing To Assist In Liberty Loan Drive Next Month

The women of Crook county are making preparations to help with the next Liberty Loan campaign.

Over Nineteen Thousand Dollars worth of Bonds in the second drive and Twenty Thousand in the third drive. Let us make it double this time.

The chairmen of the different precincts have been appointed by Mrs. H. P. Belknap, County Chairman, who will appoint their workers to assist the Men's Committee. The chairmen are as follows: Prineville, Miss Hazel Sullivan; McKay, Mrs. Numa McCoin; Upper McKay, Mrs. B. L. Kidwell; Rye Grass, Mrs. Lynn Nichols; Ochoco, Mrs. Jessie Parrish; Johnson Creek, Mrs. Norris Morgan; Howard, Mrs. Lee Blevins; Post, Mrs. Clarence Stover; Paulina, Mrs. L. M. Miller; Grizzly, Mrs. Joe Smith; Bear Creek, Mrs. Jim Cram; Barnes, Mrs. Chas. Sherman; Crooked River, Mrs. Mary L. McDowell; Powell Butte, Mrs. Chas. Charlton.

FOURTH LIBERTY LOAN COMMITTEES NAMED

Following is a list of men who will be chairmen of the Fourth Liberty Loan drive: West Prineville, G. M. Cornett; East Prineville, J. B. Shipp; Powell Butte, J. F. Rice; Paulina, H. J. Lister; Supple, Herb Angell; Held, Frank Hackleman; Newsom Creek, Homer Norton; Breesee, J. R. Breesee; Pringle Flat, J. Floyd Houston; Bear Creek, Henry Carlin; Mill Creek, J. W. Stanton; Upper Ochoco, W. A. Donnelly; Upper McKay, Alex. Hinton; Lower McKay, John Grimes; Montgomery, Henry McCall; Fife, J. J. Romberg; Dry Lake, Fisher Logan; Roberts, Claude Dunham.

YANCEY-NOBLE WEDDING

Ceremony Performed At Home Of Bride Near Prineville

S. Orval Yancey and Miss Audrey M. Noble were married at the bride's home near Prineville, Rev. J. H. Gervin performed the ceremony at 4 o'clock Sunday, August 25. Only relatives were present.

Mr. Yancey is a prominent rancher of Prineville and the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Yancey. Mrs. Yancey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Noble and recently finished at O. A. C.

NATIONAL SONG SERVICE

Large Crowd Takes Part In Community Sing Tuesday Night

A community sing was held on the streets Tuesday evening at which time all the patriotic songs of the nation were sung. This was a nationwide movement, every city, village, and hamlet responding to the call of the President. Just as the grand old Liberty Bell in Philadelphia ceased ringing, at six o'clock, all patriotic citizens joined in singing the Star Spangled Banner, followed by other patriotic songs.

MOTHERS' PARADE SOON

All mothers in Oregon who have sons in the service, will have a parade on September 21.

Mrs. J. H. Upton has charge of the arrangements for the parade to be held in Prineville.

FRANCE AND BELGIUM GET AMERICAN SUGAR

Ninety-five per cent. of all refined sugar sent from the United States to the Allied nations went to France and Belgium during the first five months of this year.

France got 72 per cent., or nearly 88,000,000 pounds, and Belgium received nearly 11,000,000 pounds, or 23 per cent.

In each country this sugar was doled out by a strict rationing organization. The entire amount to the Allies in these five months—23,791 tons, almost half of which was shipped in May—is only about one-half of 1 per cent. of our total annual consumption.

ONE SPOON, PLEASE

Make one spoon of sugar
Do the work of two.
Keep the program going
Until the war is through.