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PRINEVILLE CENTER OF ROAD INDUSTRY

Three State Roads Under Construction Here This Year Will Mean The Spending of Half a Million Dollars in Prineville

THREE CAMPS ARE NOW ESTABLISHED ON THE OCHOCO CAYON ROAD

Construction on Crooked River Link Can Start By June 1---Grade West of City To Be Improved To The Amount Of \$20,000. Grade Will Be Reduced. North Main to Have 50-Foot Cut

ALL OLD OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED

MANY RESOLUTIONS ARE PASSED FOR BETTER STOCK

NEXT MEETING AT BURNS

The Sixth Annual Meeting Was The Best Ever And Plans Were Made For Advancement

With many delegates from all parts of the state and visitors from points throughout the Northwest and middle western states in attendance, the sixth annual session of the Oregon Cattle & Horse Raisers' Association opened in Bend Tuesday morning. A widespread movement for the introduction of better blood in the herds of Oregon breeders, with more up-to-date methods in the cattle industry was the keynote of the convention and it was forecasted in the annual address of President William Pollman of Baker, who declared that by reason of the 640-acre homestead act the open range is doomed, and that greater efficiency in the stock business would be required as a consequence.

"There was never a time in the history of Oregon when ranchers needed a stock association more than they do at the present day," Mr. Pollman said. "This is for their own good as well as for the best interests of the nation, and the entire world as well. In the reconstruction period there must be no slackers, and we must recognize that food production will be one of the greatest factors in solving the problems of the world unrest which have developed in the last few months."

Mr. Pollman concluded his address with a plea for the Victory Liberty loan, urging all stockmen in the state to put the finishing touches to the war by buying Victory bonds to the limit of their resources.

Mayor J. A. Estes, in his address of welcome to the members of the stockmen's association, turned over the keys of the city to them literally as well as figuratively. He presented a huge wooden key, two feet in length to George Russell of Prineville, vice president of the association, appointing him acting mayor of Bend during the two days of the convention, while a glittering star 12 inches in diameter, was pinned on the broad chest of James B. Kyle of Stanfield, who was named acting city marshal. Mr. Russell briefly acknowledged the honor, and the formal response was given by Senator Walter M. Pierce of La Grande.

Mr. Pierce in the course of his address declared that the world now looks to America for a solution of its problems. The stockmen, through food production, will play no small part in this, he maintained.

"The last year has been an eventful one in the cattle industry," he said, "for, due to war demand, prices have been increased and production has been greatly stimulated. What the future holds in store for us would be difficult to say, but we cannot believe that it will be in the nature of a retrograde movement."

As a committee of credentials, William Hanley of Burns, J. Billingsly of Ontario and J. N. Small of Silver Lake were appointed.

Many resolutions concerning the betterment of the industry were passed. The work of the Bureau of Markets was praised and a resolution aimed at stock rustling met unanimous approval.

All the officers of the association for the past year were unanimously re-elected to handle the affairs of the organization. They are: William Pollman of Baker, President; Geo. Russell of Prineville, First Vice President; William H. Daughtry of Portland, Second Vice President; William Doby of Baker, Treasurer; and S. O. Correll of Baker, Secretary. Mr. Pollman, Mr. Doby, and Mr. Correll have held their present positions since the

organization was formed in 1913.

Following the election, President Pollman appointed the executive committee, the following being endorsed without a dissenting vote by the delegates: P. G. Smith, Burns; Herbert F. Lemp, Boise; Tom Logan, Beaverton; William Jones, Juntura; Ike Mills, Paulina; F. A. Phillips, Baker; Ed. Powers, Durkee; Henry Haas, Enterprise; Grant Mays, Portland; Henry Wendt, Baker; Henry Lastuka, Ukiah; Thomas Mack, Baker; Robert Williams, Joseph; J. M. Small, Summer Lake; Bernard Daly, Lakeview; D. P. Brown, Adel; Ed. Stauffer, Jordan Valley; Frank Lowden, Jr., Walla Walla; Raymond Calavan, Prineville; James Nelson, Nye; A. M. Smith, Lakeview; W. A. Gover, Halway; E. W. Coles, Haines; Albert Campbell, New Meadows, Idaho; Walter M. Pierce, La Grande; F. A. Fitzpatrick, Paisley; J. E. Snow, Dayville.

The next annual convention will be held at Burns.

WOOL SALE FOR PRINEVILLE

Plans are being formulated for the holding of a big wool sale in Prineville this year.

Heretofore, not having a railroad, storage of wool for sale and shipment was out of the question. But now, with adequate storage and transportation facilities, it will be a great saving for the wool growers.

There is a large wool producing territory to the south and east as well as surrounding the city of Prineville. It is also likely that the most of the wool from the Mitchell and John Day country will be hauled out this way. The road over the mountains is being repaired by the Forestry service and will soon be in good shape for traffic.

JOINT MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

There will be a joint meeting of the Crook County Development League and the Prineville Commercial Club Friday night at the Club Hall.

Every man interested in a bigger and better city and county will be expected to be present.

Will Wurawaller,
G. M. Cornett,
Jay H. Upton,
G. H. Russell,
J. H. Rosenberg,
Committee

RELICS SHOWN FRIDAY P. M.

A. D. Weiser is here with his large collection of war trophies, which he is showing in the interest of the Victory Loan. Wednesday evening he showed them at Roberts, today he is showing them in the Powell Butte section and Friday they will be shown all afternoon near the public square on Main street. School will be dismissed in order that the students may all have an opportunity to see these relics. Mr. Wier will give a talk in explanation of the different features of the exhibit, which everyone should make a special effort to see.

FORESTRY SERVICE ROAD WORK IS BEING STARTED

The Forestry Service has commenced construction on the nine mile piece of road from the Jones sawmill to the Ranger Station on the Mitchell side of the mountain. This is to be a sixteen foot dirt surface road graded to conform to the government standard. B. T. Marshall is the Superintendent of Construction and E. G. Anderson is the construction engineer. Mr. Marshall was formerly with the California Highway Commission and holds a very fine reputation as a road constructor.

A camp has been established at the Herford place and a crew of about fifty men have begun work. It is intended to establish two other camps soon and put in about one hundred men. A big army truck is being sent in to be used in connection with this work in supplying the camps and moving the men. The road will likely be completed to the east line of Crook county this year.

More highway activity is taking place this year in the country immediately surrounding Prineville than has ever occurred since the Red Skins made their trails through the high rye grass and willows across the valleys of the Ochoco and Crooked rivers.

There will be more money expended in this county during 1919 than has ever before been invested in road improvement.

The Ochoco Canyon road, which was started last year by the State and Federal Governments, cooperating with the county, is again moving at a rapid pace. 100 men will soon be employed in this link of road connecting the Prineville country with John Day Valley at a point where the State Highway known as the John Day Highway is already under construction, eastward to the State line, at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The west end of the Bennett Highway will connect at Redmond with the Eugene Highway across the McKenzie Pass, which is being improved this year and next to the extent of \$430,000 by the Federal Government.

Not to be outdone by the Federal, State and County Governments, the city is doing its share toward the general improvement of highway conditions by filling the streets in the north half of the city with material which is being taken from the hill at the north end of Main street, which is being cut through to connect with the McKay road in a direct line into the heart of the Ochoco Project.

East Seventh street is being filled and nicely graded with this material, East Sixth is now being treated, and from there the work will be carried into the western and northwestern sections of the city.

South Main street will be opened and graded before June 1, in order that the Crooked River Highway construction may start at the south boundary of the city and continue uninterrupted to the Shorty Davis ranch.

THE BENNETT HIGHWAY

What is perhaps one of the biggest things that has ever happened for Crook County began operation when the State Highway Commission voted to include Crook County in the State Highway program for this year. Judge Wallace in placing the matter before the Commission last week in Portland, explained the condition we are confronted with.

The only road from Prineville to the densely populated section of the county has a 22 per cent grade and a clay roadbed. There are four tons of mail going over the road every day when mail can be moved.

Sometimes it takes six or eight horses to get through with the mail. Forty per cent of the assessed value of the county is in this mountain-locked section with its one poor road.

The county has spent \$80,000 on the present road and still cannot keep it open.

After much discussion, the commission finally came to an agreement and adopted a resolution to the effect that inasmuch as Crook county was so poorly represented in former appropriations and the need being so urgent at this time, the road from the Shorty Davis place on Crooked river to the Crook and Deschutes county line near Redmond be considered as one unit in the State Highway program and be constructed this year at an estimated cost of about \$300,000. Crook county is to put up \$95,000 and the balance to be paid by the state out of the post road fund.

This new road will be known as the Bennett Highway and will run from Redmond to Prineville, thence 22 miles south and east to the Shorty Davis ranch following Crooked river on a water grade. It is expected that all surveys and estimates will be completed so that the contract can be let by June first. The road will conform to the State standards and be gravelled the entire length. It is estimated that it will cost about \$220,000 for the Crooked river end of the road and about \$80,00 for the road from here to Redmond.

It is expected to require about \$20,000 on the grade west of town in cutting it down and widening and surfacing it to conform to the State standard. The road from Prineville west will be gravelled for the entire length and have a sixteen foot crown.

CITY WORK PROGRESSING

A large crew of men is at work tearing down the hill at the north end of Main street and placing the material on the streets needing repairs. A total of 1567 loads have been taken out up to date. The loads average a cubic yard each. The first thousand loads were placed on East Seventh street, which put it in fine shape. They are now at work on East Sixth street and will soon have it completed. It is intended to rush this work right along until all of the streets in the city are fixed.

A little difficulty was experienced last week when the excavators hit a ten foot streak of hardpan. The teams were laid off for a few days until the ground could be loosened up by blasting. This work was entirely successful and little more difficulty is expected as the remainder of the hill seems to be of soft material. There is somewhere between thirty-five and forty thousand yards to be taken out of the hill to complete the cut.

PRIZES TO BE GIVEN FOR TWO LARGEST SUBSCRIPTIONS

Harold Baldwin, county Chairman of the Victory Liberty Loan, has received a telegram stating that the State Chairman is sending two German helmets to be given as prizes to the ones making the largest subscriptions to the Victory Loan in Crook county. These are brand new Prussian Guard helmets that were captured at Metz by the Americans, and were manufactured for the express purpose of wearing into Paris by the victorious Germans. The two who win these helmets will have something to be proud of.

ville-Redmond road in Crook county. This road taps the upper Crooked river basin, which is one of the most fertile and populous districts of Crook county. The only road now to this country is over a high mountain, which is almost impassable for several months of the year. Crook county will contribute \$95,000 for this road, which will be 42 miles long.

While the Bend Bulletin includes the following in a recent article also:

"For the first time since its organization the state highway commission stepped aside from its rigid policy of confining work to roads on the state road map. The exception was made for Crook county, where an unusual condition exists.

The deviation in the plan of the commission was not made on its own initiative, and no one will know just what was required from the county court, which in this instance means Judge Wallace, who has been in the fight for this development for several years.

It is also difficult to estimate how much opposition was developed in nearby quarters by those who wished to see the development retarded here in the hope that it would mean greater development to other towns.

The fight was largely made and won by Judge Wallace, who was given valuable assistance from time to time by W. F. King and a final and valuable boost by G. M. Cornett.

The value of the work to the town and its people can never be estimated, and to these gentlemen who are responsible for the development the community owes a debt of everlasting gratitude.

AUTO TOURIST REST PARK

The committee on the Auto Tourist Rest Park has finally secured the ball park as the site for the rest station. It is to be fitted up at once with electric lights, city water, shelter, fuel and other things necessary for the comfort and convenience of the auto tourists. Homer Ross is Superintendent of the park and he will see that nothing is omitted to make this one of the most attractive rest stations in the state.

Paulina

NEWS NOTES

The Paulina Federal Loan Association held its annual meeting on the 19th. There were several new applications for membership.

The local stock association held a meeting in Paulina on Friday.

A meteor was plainly visible here on the evening of the 21st. It fell southeast of this place. This is the second aurore to fall this month which could be seen in this locality.

A. H. Olson finished his assessing here last week.

Doc Reary has rented the Geo. Miles ranch.

A. Carson was in town Saturday on business.

H. H. Anderson is building the new forest reserve fence.

Geo. Senecal of Suplee was down to the meeting on the 19th.

WIER EASTERN OREGON TRIP

The following itinerary has been arranged for A. D. Wier who is appearing in the interest of the Victory Loan with an exhibit of war trophies including his private collection made during service of more than a year as a "Y" secretary of the Western front. Mr. Wier has added to this a showing of souvenirs provided from the war trophy train which toured Oregon recently.

This exhibit has been sent out to appear at points that cannot be reached by the trophy train.

Mr. Wier's Western Oregon exhibit has been seen by several thousand people and has been declared one of the most interesting features of this campaign. Following is a schedule of the trip to Crook county:

Leave Portland 9:30 a. m. April 22, arrive in Madras 7:30 p. m. April 22. In Crook county April 23, 24, 25, and 26. From Crook county to Wheeler county and other Eastern Oregon counties.

FLOOD WATER LIMITED FOR OCHOCO PROJECT

ALL OF FLOW NOW BEING STORED IN RESERVOIR

SHOULD USE WATER NOW

Supply After Next Thirty Days Will Be Limited To Storage of 800 Acre Feet

Flood water on the Ochoco Project is rapidly decreasing and all the run of Ochoco is being stored in the mammoth reservoir at this time.

The stream that is wasting in McKay is very small and all who are in a position to do so should use water on their lands, for the supply will be entirely exhausted in the next few weeks.

Not more than thirty days will be required for the run off to be reduced to the point where there will be a real water shortage, and after that time all water used by and of the land owners will be charged against their allotment in the reservoir.

The total storage capacity of the reservoir will not be more than 8,000 acre feet, and all water used by the land owners will be charged against their share of that storage.

Prospects are very good for crops, but the water must be applied in order to supply the needed moisture to make the yields what they should be.

DEATH OF MRS. MCFARLAND

Mrs. Lucy McFarland, wife of W. R. McFarland, of this city, died at The Dalles hospital last Sunday morning following an operation.

Mrs. McFarland has been ill for some time and this was the second of two operations which have been performed upon her recently.

The funeral was held from the Methodist church in this city Tuesday at 4:30 p. m. Mrs. McFarland is survived by a husband, W. R. McFarland, two daughters, Mrs. Bert Roller, Mrs. E. C. Faught, and three sons, Walter, William and Eddie.

She was the mother of one of the pioneer families of the community and was well known to all the early residents of the Prineville country who will regret to learn of her demise.

DEATH OF WILLIAM POST

Wm. H. Post of Post, Oregon, died on Monday morning from pneumonia, which he contracted following an attack of influenza.

The deceased was born in Benton county, Oregon, aged 41 years, five months and eleven days. He is survived by a mother, father, three brothers and four sisters.

The funeral was conducted by the Oddfellows of Prineville from the local undertaking parlors on Tuesday afternoon, April 22, 1919.

Mr. Post was a stockman of considerable note, and had a wide circle of friends who will miss him greatly.

DEATH OF E. F. LONG

E. F. Long passed away at his home in this city at midnight Tuesday, April 21, 1919. The direct cause of his death was an attack of pneumonia following influenza. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa in 1856 and came to California when a boy, from there to Crook county 35 years ago.

He has been a resident of the county since that time and has been engaged in the stock business all of the time until his retirement a few years ago. Since that time he has been in ill health considerable of the time. He is widely known throughout the country here and his many friends will regret his passing.

He is survived by a wife, two sons and three daughters. Two of his daughters having died some time ago.

The funeral will be held from the residence on West Seventh street this afternoon at three o'clock.