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1919 OCHOCO CROPS ESTIMATED \$724,000

Irrigation Causes Increase Of 1600 Per Cent. In Values Of Crops Produced On The Project

17,000 ACRE FEET OF WATER USED TO DATE

20,000 Feet of Water Wasted Because of Incompleted Reservoir. 5,000 ft. Stored, 6,000 to Come Down Ochoco and McKay

BALLOT NO. 304 IS CREATING INTEREST

MEASURE AUTHORIZING STATE TO GUARANTEE INTEREST

MAKES IRRIGATION BONDS SAFE

All Feasible Irrigation Projects Will Be Able To Sell Bonds And Proceed With Construction

Great interest is being shown by the voters of Crook county in the amendment to the constitution, referred by the Legislature to a vote by the people on June 3rd, known as the ballot as 304. It is the measure authorizing the state to guarantee interest for five years on bonds of Drainage and Irrigation districts. This measure is the final effort of the Oregon Irrigation Congress to make the Irrigation district bond a "gilt edge safe and sound" investment and it relieves the farmer of the heavy burden caused from interest on the bonds during a time that the land is non-productive and while large amounts of money must be expended in preparing the land for production.

It will mean that the farmer on the Ochoco project will not have to pay any interest charges for three more years.

It will mean that all of the feasible will be able to sell bonds and proceed with irrigation projects in Central Oregon to immediate construction.

It will mean that all lands which the local farmers can not farm themselves of which will be for sale, may be purchased by honorably discharged soldiers or sailors, for a period fixed by the State, so that the returned heroes will not have lost any rights or opportunities by reason of their services in the army and this feature of the bill is meeting the warm commendation of the soldiers of the present war as well as those of the Spanish war and Civil war.

Crook county is going to show its appreciation of the work of the officers of the Oregon Irrigation Congress by voting to a man who is in favor of this measure.

CROOK OVER THE TOP IN ARMENIAN DRIVE

Crook county is over the top in the Armenian fund drive. She has once more made her quota in another drive, this time for \$1,000 for the fund raised to aid Armenia and other relief work in the far East.

The county committee makes the following report as to money collected and turned over to them by the various committees:

Previously reported collected from county.....	\$ 506.66
Do. from City.....	477.50
From Sch. Dist 10.....	3.00
From city (later).....	18.50
Total received.....	\$1,005.66
Paid for stamps.....	5.00
Sent to State Treas.....	1,000.66

Total paid out.....\$1,005.66
HOWARD GOVE, County Chmn.
P. C. GARRISON, Treas.
MRS. H. P. BELKNAP, City "

DEATH OF D. A. SEARS

David Arthur Sears died last Sunday morning at his home on Upper Ochoco from the effects of spotted fever.

The deceased was born in Polk county, Oregon. He came to this part of the state when sixteen years of age and on June 4, 1893 he was united in marriage with Miss Hanna Evans. They have resided in their present home for the past twenty-two years.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters, Mrs. Porter Magara, and Miss Opal Sears, his father, 84 years of age, who lives in Prineville, a brother, Albert Sears of Mitchell and a sister, Mrs. Nettie Elliott of Portland. The funeral was held at the Methodist church at 2:00 p. m. on Monday. Rev. Van Nuys officiated.

HERE'S A GOOD ONE

We hold that a man may be honorable, high-minded, honest, truthful, and in every way a model citizen and still be allowed a certain amount of latitude when he comes to narrate the experiences of his latest fishing trip. We believe that all men who enjoy fishing hold these same views. Prof. Evans thinks so. He knows how easy it is to overestimate the size of the big one, how a dozen medium sized trout will fill a basket—the next day. How a trout sixteen inches grows in some mysterious way to twenty- or twenty-two after he has been caught and has lain over night. Knowing all these things, the Prof., who is some fisherman as well as all the things we said at the beginning, proceeded to stop at the start all conjecture as to how large the fish really were, by bringing home the bacon and showing the catch to everyone to whom he told his story.

This morning he went out early and returned shortly after eight o'clock with something like a dozen fine trout over ten inches long, and one old "residential" twenty-seven and a half inches long! 2 1/4 inches, count 'em, 2 1/4 inches! He caught this beauty just outside the city limits above town in the Ochoco. We will not continue further. This is press day and we are fearful now that as soon as this truthful narrative filters through the bone headed back room help that activities will cease abruptly at the Journal office, at least until the Ochoco is whipped to a creamy condition for two miles in each direction from the office.

BUSINESS MEN MEET TO DISCUSS NEW HOTEL

A group of Prineville business men will meet this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Commercial Club Rooms for the purpose of discussing the erection of a large hotel in this city. The meeting was called at the instance of several of the reading business men of the community, who believe that the accommodation of the business of Prineville in the future demands additional hotel accommodations. Mr. Wilson, architect of The Dalles, will attend the meeting to discuss plans.

Anyone who ever doubted the value of irrigation should take a trip of two or three hours from Prineville over the Ochoco Project and compare the conditions there with those of last year and previous seasons.

Scores of men, teams and tractors are to be seen hurrying the preparation of the lands for crops, irrigating and fencing the forty, eighty, and hundred and twenty-acre tracts as well as larger holdings.

Estimates made from the most careful and conservative comparisons show that the crop this year will be several times larger than ever before. The Engineer's office of the district has compiled the figures published herewith, showing that the total value of the crops produced on the Project last year was \$44,395, while the estimated value for the current season will total \$724,000.

It will be seen by comparison of the figures in the table that the acreage of alfalfa has not increased materially, while the yield will be more than double, perhaps three times as great as in 1918. This will be due to the increased amount of available water while new acreage in alfalfa has not reached a stage where it can be figured as an asset for this year, regardless of the fact that considerable has been sown throughout the project, and will be ready for harvest next season.

A surprising condition is seen in the fact that the average of wheat this year the water line already having passed the 71-foot point.

Water used since the canals opened up to May 1, was 17,000 acre feet, a heavy percentage of which was used in the soaking up of canals and ditch lines, while, of course, many thousands of acres have been thoroughly irrigated that never before received artificial watering.

Water that has been allowed to waste down the streams a part of which might have been diverted had the reservoir been completed totals 20,000 acre feet since March 1, while 4,000 acre feet was the run off prior to that time. There will be a storage of about 80 feet in depth in the reservoir this year, the water line already having passed the 71-foot point.

The value of the district to this community cannot be estimated and the general quickening of business conditions and activity of all kinds due to the district and the railroad traffic makes Prineville one of the busiest points in the state.

Table showing values of the various crops for this year as compared to 1918 is as follows.

OCHOCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT						
TOTAL IRRIGABLE ACREAGE 21,800 ACRES						
ESTIMATED TOTAL ACREAGE 1918, 12,641; 1919, 18,000						
ESTIMATED ACREAGE IN CROPS AND YIELD, 1918 AND 1919						
1918			1919			
Acres	Yield	Value	Acres	Yield	Value	
Alfalfa	4765	5750	\$115000	5000	20000	\$300000
Misc. Hay	3060	3360	62130	3500	7000	84000
Total Hay	7825	9110	177130	8500	27000	384000
Barley	145	1005 Bu	835	500	10000	8000
Oats	90	1267 Bu	1050	500	40000	32000
Wheat	3775	18370 Bu	35600	5000	100000	195000
Rye	809	4605 Bu	6910	3500	70000	105000
Total Grain	4819	25247 Bu	44395	9500	220000	724000

FORMER PRINEVILLE MAN WRITES FOR THE POST

Victor Shawe, a former resident of Prineville is the author of the story, "The Way of the Range," which is published in the Saturday Evening Post of May 3. The scenes of the story are laid in Prineville and the Ochoco valley and the descriptions are very interesting. Mr. Shawe shows marked literary ability and it is very evident that he will be classed with the first-class writers of the day. He is at present located in Chicago, in business with Omar Claypool, another former Prineville resident.

VICTORY LOAN RALLY SATURDAY

A Victory Loan rally was held in front of the Prineville Hotel Friday evening. The speakers were Sergeants Hayes and Frost, who talked interestingly of their experiences over there. They also demonstrated the use of the gas mask. Mr. Weir of the Y. M. C. A. exhibited his collection of trophies and explained their uses.

ROAD SYSTEM NEEDED FOR OCHOCO PROJECT

Two or three petitions are before the county court and many more are coming, asking for road changes and betterments under the Ochoco Project.

These involve the property lines of many land owners, the expense of building bridges and railway crossings, the construction of canals and other work on and along the lines of lands that are rapidly becoming high in value.

It has been suggested that a meeting of the land owners, the county court and the engineers of the project be held and the road system be worked out for the entire project, at some early date, in order to obviate the unnecessary expense in the changing of structures of various kinds.

It would not be necessary to make all the changes at one time but so long as a plan for the entire system is provided, the changes could be made as they were required, all fitting into one general plan.

Let someone call a meeting for this purpose.

TRAFFIC ON PRINEVILLE RAILROAD VERY HEAVY

INCOMING PASSENGERS MORE NUMEROUS THAN OUTGOING

PATRONS SAY SERVICE GOOD

Freight Is Heavy And Warehouse Is Crowded With Shipments Of Various Kinds of Merchandise

While it is yet too early in the month for the management to have their statement of business done during April ready to publish, it is evident that the traffic over Prineville's railroad during that month was much greater than they had hoped.

Passengers are becoming more numerous every day, and fewer tickets are bought for Redmond than when the road first opened for business, because of the fact that the traveling public is becoming aware of the fact that the road is in operation. The percentage of passengers to Prineville is about 40 per cent. greater than those leaving.

Tickets may be purchased to Prineville direct over either of the main lines, which are left at Prineville Junction, from where passengers are brought promptly to this city of the new railroad line.

Four trips are made daily each way from Prineville to Prineville Junction and in this way all delays are avoided.

The Ochoco Warehouse, which at present is handling all the freight here, is crowded to capacity and overflow capacity has been provided for some shipments.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH

There will be special services at the M. E. church next Sunday, May 4, 1919. The Rev. Geo. H. Parkinson, D. D., will preach both morning and evening. Rev. H. F. Pemberton, District Superintendent, will be present and assist in the services. Special music.

DEATH OF JOHN LEWIS

John Lewis, laborer, about 42 years of age, died this morning at the Home Hospital from pneumonia following the flu. Interment will be in the local cemetery tomorrow. Practically nothing is known of the deceased except that he has worked in the vicinity of Prineville for the past several months.

DEATH OF ISABELLA IRELAND

Isabella, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Ireland, passed away Saturday from the effects of pneumonia and other complications. The parents were blessed with her presence just seven months and seventeen days. Funeral services were held from the residence on Monday, April 28, 1919, at 4:00 p. m., Rev. Gervin officiating. The Journal extends its sympathy to the parents in their bereavement.

SCOTT-BALDWIN WEDDING

Vernon Scott of Portland and Miss Bertha Baldwin were married in Portland Monday. They will make their home in that city. Mrs. Scott is the daughter of Mrs. T. M. Baldwin and sister of Mrs. Seth Dixon and Harold Baldwin of Prineville. Mr. Scott has recently received his discharge from the army.

ANNIVERSARY MEETING I. O. O. F. AT BEND

Oddfellows and Rebekahs from all over Central Oregon met at Bend Saturday to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Oddfellowship in America. About two hundred delegates were present. The exercises during the day were open to all, but the banquet in the evening at the Emblem Club was for members only. The degree work for members only was put on after the banquet. There were over thirty Prineville Oddfellows and Rebekahs in attendance.

CITY OF PRINEVILLE RAILWAY

TIME TABLE NO. 1

EFFECTIVE SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 1919

West Bound				East Bound				
Motor No. 1	Mixed No. 3	Motor No. 5	Mixed No. 7	STATIONS	Motor No. 2	Mixed No. 4	Motor No. 6	Mixed No. 8
A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.		A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.
4:45	6:40	5:30	6:40	PRINEVILLE	Ar. 7:25	9:20	8:15	9:45
5:05	7:00	5:45	6:55	WILTON	Ar. 7:05	9:05	8:00	9:30
5:35	7:35	6:15	7:25	O'NEIL	Ar. 6:35	8:30	7:25	9:00
6:00	7:50	6:35	7:40	PRINEVILLE JUNCTION	Lv. 6:20	8:15	7:10	8:45

Daily Freight service.
Making all connections at Prineville Junction with Oregon Trunk and O. W. R. & N. trains.
Stages for Post, Paulina, Suplee and Izee leave Prineville daily except Sunday.
For Roberts, Barnes and Fife on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.
American Railway Express.
Through tickets sold from all O. W. R. & N. and S. P. & S. points.