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PAC. INTERNATIONAL MANAGER VISITS US

O. M. PLUMMER, PORTLAND,
PREDICTS GREAT FUTURE

VISITS DAM AND BIG RANCHES

Says Land Under Project Will Make
Good Income On A Valuation
Of \$200 Per Acre

(By O. M. Plummer)

Gen. Mgr. Pac. Livestock Exp. "I have lived in Oregon for over 30 years, have visited every county in the State; most of them many times but with the exception of a stay over night on our way to Central Oregon Development Convention in 1914, this is my first trip to Prineville. I have known the stock men, however, for 20 years, during which time I was a part of the Stock Yards at Portland.

"Prineville has always been counted one of the leading sections of Oregon from a beef standpoint, but I feel sure that few people of the Northwest recognize the tremendous possibilities of this district under the new Ochocho Project. Yesterday evening I visited the dam in company with Dick Riggs and Mr. Johnson. On the way up we went into Riggs' lower farm to see a couple of his good Shorthorn bull calves and to give some of his fine cows the 'once over.' I have attended nearly all of the big sales in the Northwest for many years and at once recognized in his females some of the tops of the various sales, costing him close to \$2,000 for each individual. His hand of pure breeds is at Summit Prairie and goes better than 100 head—a worth-while herd in any man's country.

"Either Dick is an unusually good farmer or the soil on his farm is of extra quality for I saw the finest field of oats and rye it has been my good fortune to get into in many a year. We walked out in the field and found the oats above our heads with a wonderful stouling and vigor of growth. Dick admitted that 'this was some oats,' but that he had tried out many varieties. It will pay the ranchers of this valley to borrow a start of this seed.

"The magnitude of the dam and the lake it will create was a revelation to me; with a dam 600 feet on the bottom, it will be as strong as the rugged hills on either side and with the system of sluicing the rocks and clay from the hills above, it will become a part of the mountains themselves.

"This lake should be a great nesting place for waterfowl during early Spring and a paradise for fishermen. As I understand it, it is full of wild fish besides the trout which have been and will be planted there. As there will always be a good body of water in the dam even in midsummer, I predict many a gasoline launch on its bosom and summer resorts along its many bays, while the rim rocks will make wonderful diving places.

"We came back on the road above Slayton's place—his 800 acres are with alfalfa almost ready for the second cutting was a treat for the eyes and made me realize where all his good beef had come from in the past. The fine old trees around his place and that of Cram's set off these places wonderfully, making us see the value of trees. We came on back over 'Poverty Flat,' and whoever named this section will get an awful jolt when he sees the development of these same 'Poverty Flats' during the next two years. The hundreds of acres which we saw just now being cleared of sage brush—some of it all cleared last year and now in alfalfa—the easy lay of the land from an irrigation standpoint and the cheapness of the clearing off of the sage brush. We sensed fully the garden spot which the whole project would become with the completion of the dam and the use of this water on the 26,000 acres under it. Whole sections of land as level as a floor, green with grain and alfalfa, which less than two years ago was the home of the Jack Rabbit, shows what is happening.

"Sage land under the process of clearing, showing the brush raked in windrows, show the ease and small expense of such work. In many of the places fire had just finished its work and there was only a thin line of ashes to indicate what had a short time before been acres of sage with apparently no value, but now merely awaiting the plow to become an interest-bearing proposition of \$200 per acre.

"This is surely a wonderful cattle country—a pure bred paradise and I

look for this section to produce many of the herd leaders and foundations for less favored parts of the country. You already have well known breeders in your midst: Biggs, Stearns, Dickson and the rest, while the Wurzwellers have been paying big money for years to build up their splendid herds. From a cattle standpoint Prineville's future should be assured; taken year after year, the raising of alfalfa and grain and its marketing through livestock is an investment safer than first mortgages (more constructive) and as sure as death and taxes. It makes no difference what the tops and bottoms of the market, the man who raises his own cattle and feeds his own hay is a power unto himself and need fear no man. Livestock shows have a very forceful bearing on the prospects of any country and should be most thoroughly supported—not only by the stockmen but by the bankers and merchants in general, not for the direct returns which come to the merchant as a result of show week, but for the hundred-fold greater good which comes indirectly as a result of the increased wealth brought about by pure bred livestock, the making of two pounds of meat grow where one grew before. That is creative wealth, not gambling in futures.

Your Oregon Inter State Fair has a reputation a long ways from home and it is up to the people of this part of Oregon to support it loyally, both by exhibits and by attendance. It is only by the growth of such district and county fairs that State Fairs and Livestock Expositions may flourish. The sympathy and active cooperation which the stockmen of this county are giving the Pacific International Livestock Exposition gives me great encouragement and Mr. Schee promises me that Crook county stockholders will come down in a body on November 22 and help spread the fame of the Ochocho Project.

"There is one thing sure: Were outside investors to realize the opportunity from an alfalfa and livestock standpoint, there would be little land left for sale by next Fall."

FORMULA FOR SQUIRREL POISON

1st—Mix dry: One (1) ounce of powdered strychnine alkaloid and one (1) ounce baking soda.
2nd—Make starch paste. Stir one (1) tablespoon of gloss starch into one-half cup of cold water, then pour it into one-half pint of boiling water and cook until a thick, transparent paste is formed, which is free from lumps.
3rd—When paste is formed add the dry mixture of strychnine and soda. Stir until thoroughly mixed.
4th—Add one-half pint of heavy corn syrup.
5th—Stir in four (4) tablespoons of salt.
6th—Add one (1) ounce of glycerine. (Mix well).
7th—Add, while stirring, one teaspoon saccharine.

8th—Pour this over twenty (20) quarts of good, clean, heavy oats and mix until each kernel is coated.
9th—For convenience in handling the grain should be spread out to dry, stirring it up occasionally to prevent its drying in a cake.
A quantity of grain equal to a teaspoonful is sufficient for bait. Do not put in little piles but scatter the grain about the burrow or along the trails. If the bait is thus placed it will not endanger livestock. It is a waste of poison to throw bait directly in burrows or to put them in piles. If the bait is placed in piles one squirrel will eat more than enough to poison him, while if scattered, the time required to gather the grain and the exercise will hasten the action of the poison, thus causing a quicker death and leaving some of the bait for the next squirrel.

CASUAL REMARKS

Labor over the country seems to want to work one day and strike six.

Have you arranged for your winter's wood? Better not put it off until ice days.

Some of our best friends are on top of a haystack. We are glad to see them getting up in the world.

If you have any hay now is the time to hay.

War opened on the sage a'n last week and several large killings have been made in this vicinity.

Never though we would come to it but we will have to take off our hat to the hog.

Cattle have slumped and shoes are going up. The beef trust has evidently been killing hideless cattle.

The C. of P. Ry. was very kindly changed the parking place of the cars and made driving out the McKay road much safer at the crossing.

It promised a rain for this vicinity Tuesday night, but broke the promise before morning.

MRS. J. H. UPTON ENTERTAINS

Yesterday afternoon Mrs. J. H. Upton entertained at her home in this city with an elaborate luncheon in honor of Miss Berniece Billings of Portland, who has been visiting her for some time. Eight of the most intimate girl friends in this city were present as guests for the occasion.

E. H. BRENT HOME TWO Y'RS IN FRANCE

ARRIVED IN FRANCE IN
DECEMBER OF SAME YEAR

ENLISTED FROM HERE IN 1917

Was Gassed in Battle of St. Mihiel
And Gassed And Slightly In-
jured at Battle of Argonne

E. H. Brent, the well known piano and automobile salesman of Central and Eastern Oregon, arrived home in Prineville the first of the week. He enlisted from here in September 1917 and arrived on the front in France in December of the same year. He served with the French Engineers in the Vosges mountains during the first winter. In the spring he was put in charge of twelve truck supply trains operating in the territory from Rheims to the region due north of Nancy, which includes Verdun. As a first sergeant in charge of these supply trains he served during the remainder of the war. He served in the battles of Mihiel, Cantigny and Argonne Forest. Was gassed at the Battle of St. Mihiel and slightly wounded and gassed at the battle of the Argonne. Lost all of their officers but the Major in the battle of the Argonne.

Sergeant Brent was listed as belonging to the 20th Engineers, 1st Army, as his home unit, but because of the nature of his work he was separated from his company the most of the time. His supply trains served many different companies and were at the beck and call of any needling them.

He arrived in America on the hospital ship "Amerika," the second largest ship afloat and was discharged about two months ago. He was cited for Bravery by General Pershing.

The Sergeant has been in the Canadian Rockies and other places since his return to rest up and regain his strength. The verdict of the latest medical examination which the government gave him a week ago in Portland was that he must not go to work for at least a year.

As this climate is very good for him he expects to make his home here and will tune pianos and sell a History of the Great War to occupy his time.

Sergeant Brent has promised a detailed account of some of his many adventures in the World War which will appear in the Journal in the near future.

WITH THE EXCHANGES

In the course of a general survey, preparatory to a more detailed investigation of reservoir sites in the Deschutes valley, Professor W. O. Crosby, Andrew J. Wiley, Homer Hamlin and Irving B. Crosby, who arrived here last week, are starting a two days' tour today which will include Opal Springs, Crooked river and the Deschutes canyon at a point west of Culver, where approximately 1000 feet is exposed. From there the party will visit Suttles lake and the Metolius.

Tomorrow the government experts will leave for the Crane prairie reservoir site. Saturday Benham falls dam site was inspected and yesterday the Tumalo reservoir.—Bend Bulletin

Although earlier in the season sage hens were reported to be almost a minus quantity this year, the statement of hunters who returned last night from trips into the High Desert showed that there were just as many of the big game birds as in any preceding year. A number of sportsmen got the limit without difficulty yesterday and said that there are plenty of young birds yet to be had.

Probably the best hunting available was in the vicinity of Wagon Tire mountain, in Harney county, young sage hens being so numerous and tame that the element of sport was almost eliminated.—Bend Bulletin.

The failure of congress to provide pay for assistant county agents, left our assistant with no other course but to quit the office. Mr. Bell came here in February and has shown his ability to handle all affairs in connection with the office in a highly satisfactory manner and those in touch with the office will regret that he cannot continue with us.

Mr. Bell has been at the McCall ranch this week assisting in the work of computing the tests of several of the famous McCall Holsteins and leaves this evening for Portland, where he has accepted a position with the Oregon State Dairy Association.—Redmond Spokesman.

With numerous forest fires raging causing an enormous loss in timber besides a loss in grazing land, which is scarce at best at this season, Eastern Oregon is interesting itself in airplane patrol of these huge forests. The matter has been taken up with the government by Secretary Meacham of the Baker Commercial Club, ask-

ing for an aerial route to cover Baker, Grant, Union, Walowa, Malheur and Harney counties. The airplane patrol service is being used in a number of timber reserves with great success, and it is hoped this district, with its national forests comprising a stumpage of over twelve billion feet of timber, besides the privately owned timber amounting to three billion feet, will be placed under this modern system of protection.—North Powder News.

H. B. Davidhizer added to his already large land holdings in the purchase of the J. N. Roberts ranch on Prairie Creek. The ranch is one of the finest in Wallawa county, consisting of nearly one thousand acres. The consideration was \$117,000. Mr. Davidhizer now has in his combined ranches two thousand acres, besides four hundred acres of hill land.

Eben F. Dotson sold his ninety-acre ranch on Prairie Creek to Nick Sanderson. The purchase price was \$150 per acre.

A ranch deal of gigantic proportions was consummated last week in our neighboring county, Union, when the six-hundred acre ranch of Floyd McKennon on Sand Ridge near La Grande, was sold to Henry Nurrey of that city. The consideration was \$100,000 and the deal included quite a bunch of cattle.—Joseph Herald.

Eastern Oregon Branch Experiment Station, Union, July 10.—Three and a half tons per acre of grimm alfalfa has been produced on the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station. This was the first cutting and present indications are that the second will be equally as large. Of all the various varieties of alfalfa tested at the experiment station grimm has given the best results. It is a hardy variety, withstanding both drought and severe cold. It differs from the ordinary alfalfa in that it has a submerged crown.

Several tons of grimm alfalfa seed have been purchased by the farmers through County Agent Paul Spillman. Tests have been conducted at the Fred Zaugg farm in cooperation with the county agent's office and many farmers have seen the difference in the growth of the grimm and the common alfalfa.

Grimm alfalfa was first introduced in Oregon in 1915 by the experiment station, the first seed being brought from South Dakota. After a trial with many other varieties it was found to be far better than any of the varieties that had been grown up to that time.—Wallawa Sun.

PRINEVILLE HOTEL ARRIVALS

Following is a list of the visitors in Prineville who have registered at the hotel during the past week:

Thursday, July 17, 1919

W. A. Robbins, A. F. Swanson, H. B. Ainsworth, G. E. Sammon, Carl Garbe, O. M. Plummer, Adah Vanderburg, Iren Vanderburg, R. E. Chadwick, L. A. Newell, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hudson, A. Whisman, Bend; James Inglis, P. A. Gibson, Barnes; Jack Penton, Eugene.

Friday, July 18, 1919

J. R. Farris, W. J. Hanson, J. C. Dell, Portland; Chas. A. Walker, Minneapolis; M. A. Phelps and wife, Miss Phelps, Q. D. Chapman Spokane; John G. Wyers, P. Wyers, Marie Wyers, White Salmon; T. J. Dealy, A. Altaf, Roy Foster, Paulina; B. N. Davis, F. D. Antrim, Portland.

Saturday, July 19, 1919

Jeff Kelly, Paulina; O. M. Plummer, Mr. and Mrs. D. B. Hill, Lawrence Clark, Arthur Linton, Portland; Mrs. Mary Strycker, Roberts.

Sunday, July 20, 1919

H. A. Riethmiller, Portland; B. E. Dimon, P. M. Haar, Spokane; C. W. Kemp, C. H. Kemp, Madras.

Monday, July 21, 1919

Ira N. Gabrielson and family, Everett Horn, L. R. Child, G. W. Hillman, Chas. H. Doid, J. E. Monteith, W. A. Chesley, J. B. Small, R. E. Reid, Wm. Zeiker, Ole Twelsen, Portland; Elvin Kuhn, Suples; W. S. Campbell, Silverton, Oregon.

Tuesday, July 22, 1919

L. E. Smith, Redmond; Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Pickard, Eugene; Lydia Laughlin, Mitchell; Chas. McKenzie, Hood River; R. B. Hynes, J. T. Hardy, T. W. Comsack, Portland.

PORTLAND MAN BUYS PRACTICE

The first of the week Dr. Howard Gove disposed of his dental practice and office equipment in the Crook County Bank Building to Dr. F. M. Ingersoll of Portland.

Dr. Ingersoll has been in the city a little more than a week investigating the prospects here and expressed himself as well pleased with the outlook. He is a graduate of the North Pacific Dental College and is considered an artist in his profession.

HAYSTACK BURNS

A new twenty-five ton stack of alfalfa hay, belonging to A. J. Noble, on his ranch a mile northwest of this city, caught fire some time Tuesday night from combustion, due to overheating, which has been going on for the past three weeks. The stack is a total loss, having burned to the ground.

PRINEVILLE MAY HAVE TWO CHAUTAUQUAS

TWO ORGANIZATIONS TO
COMPETE FOR POPULARITY

NEARLY ENOUGH GUARANTORS

Mrs. Huntington, Representing the
West Coast Chautauqua Bureau
Is Seeking Contract.

Mrs. Huntington formerly of the Portland Journal, and who was here with the Ellison-White Chautauqua in 1916, is in Prineville this week, interesting the citizens in that organization's entertainment possibilities.

The Chautauqua committee has practically decided to let this company put on its show next year in addition to the Ellison-White chautauqua. The plans are to have the two Chautauquas in late June or in early July; one following directly after the other. The supposition is that by the competition Prineville will be assured of better entertainment and will pick the organization pleasing the public fancy for the following year.

Mrs. Huntington will meet with the Commercial Club at the luncheon Friday and complete the plans. It is reported that nearly enough guarantors have signified their willingness to sign for this added attraction.

ATTORNEY SEES CHANGES

W. A. Robbins, General Attorney for the United Railways Administration, O. W. R. & N. and S. P. lines north of Ashland, was a Prineville visitor last week adjusting some matters with the management of the City of Prineville Ry. Mr. Robbins is not a stranger in this locality, having been deputy district attorney for this district in 1901-2-3 with headquarters at Fossil and Condon. Mr. Robbins has been with the railways and Government Railway Administration for 15 years and is now located in the Wells Fargo Building, Portland. He states that he can see many improvements in Prineville since his last visit; notably the large number of new stone and brick buildings. Mr. Robbins has a warm spot in his heart for Central Oregon, never having entirely been weaned away from the early friendships around in this section when he was a struggling young lawyer with only one book.

MASONS MEET AT BEND

Half a hundred Masons of Central Oregon, representing the lodges of Madras, Prineville, Burns and Redmond, met at Bend with that lodge Thursday in the first of a series of get-together meetings. Representatives from the Prineville lodge were M. E. Brink, W. S. Ayres, S. B. Ellis, A. R. Bowman, B. F. Johnson, Paul Garrison, Frank Towner and G. F. Euston. The afternoon was spent in ritualistic work at the Masonic Temple, and at 6:30 the visitors were guests at a dinner at the Pilot Butte Inn. After the dinner, five candidates were initiated followed by a breakfast served at the Masonic Temple, which closed the session. The representatives from here arrived at home about 4:00 a. m. and reported a very enjoyable time.

SWIMMING PARTY

Mrs. W. I. Dishman entertained about eighteen young people last Sunday in honor of her daughter, Mildred's birthday. The first part of the program was a trip to the Crooked river dam for a swim, after which they returned to the Dishman home, where a picnic lunch was served on the lawn and the remainder of the afternoon spent in having a good time.

HAY BLOWN INTO BARN

Clifford Raber, a Benton county farmer, has hit upon the device of running his hay through the silage cutter and blowing it into the barn. He says it puts the hay into shape that every bit will be eaten, compacts into one-half the original volume, and lessens the cost and labor of storage, says Geo. W. Kahle, county agent.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Reid of Portland, who is speaking on live topics every night this week will preach Sunday morning at 11 o'clock and in the evening at 8 o'clock. Morning subject, "Can a Christian Become a Successful Business Man?" One of the common pleas of many business men is that you can't be a successful business man and a successful Christian at the same time. Come and hear this plea refuted in one of Dr. Reid's strongest messages.

His evening subject will be, "Sleeping in church." You won't go to sleep listening to this message, for it is one of the evangelist's very best.

FACTS ABOUT THE GIANT BRITISH AIRSHIP R-34

The flight of the British Airship R-34 is an event of the greatest importance in aviation for practical commercial and passenger purposes. It is the first trans-Atlantic crossing from East to West in the air.

The dead weight of the airship is 30 tons, and when fully equipped for flight, except for gasoline, water and oil is sixty tons. Its length is 665 feet over all, height 92 feet over all, girth 80 feet. It has 19 gas bags (not balloons) with a capacity of 2,000,000 cubic feet of gas. It is longer than the Singer Building is high. Five Sunbeam motors of 12 cylinders each supply the motive power. Magneto ignition is, of course, exclusively used, because of the intensely hot spark and absolute reliability. For this purpose two magnetos are used on each twelve-cylinder engine, that is, one magneto for each six cylinders or ten magnetos for the sixty cylinders. The normal speed of the engines is about 2100 revolutions per minute, each engine develops 275 horse power, or 1375 horse power all told.

The power is transmitted to the propellers through clutch and gear mechanism, not by direct drive as is the case with airplanes.

It carried 30 officers and crew and one stowaway. The officers were: Maj. G. H. Scott, Commander; Maj. G. G. H. Cooke, Navigating Officer; Capt. Greenhard, First Officer; Lieut. Shotton, Engineering Officer; Lieut. Durrant, Wireless Officer; Capt. Harris, Meteorological Officer; Lieut. Commander Zachary Lansdowne of the U. S. Navy and representing the Department, by special invitation of the Royal Air Force of Great Britain.

The 2050 sea miles from Ireland to Nova Scotia was traveled in 59 hours at an average speed of 35 miles per hour. Continuing 1080 miles further to New York, made the total non-stop distance 3130 miles.

The average for the full trip was 23 sea miles per hour. She arrived safely at the Roosevelt Field, N. Y., July 6th, where she was anchored to large concrete blocks set in the ground by the U. S. Government, in preparation for her arrival. This work, including the services of 400 expert mechanics, cost \$110,000 in all.

C. OF P. RY. NOW CARRIES MAILS

The mail schedule into Prineville changed on Saturday, July 19, 1919. At that time the City of Prineville Railway began carrying all mails to and from this point. This means that all Eastern mail must now be in the office by 5:00 p. m. and all Western mail by 6:00 p. m. in order to go out on the 5:30 and 6:40 trains. The incoming mail arrives at 8:30 p. m. and 7:30 a. m., which means that all mail for the day will be distributed for delivery at the office at 8:00 a. m. and instead of two miscellaneous city deliveries a couple of hours apart the carriers will start at eight o'clock a. m. with all first class mail and the dailies and follow immediately after with all second class mail and packages. Thus all of the mail for the day will be received in the morning. Also this mail schedule will make much better connections with all the stages to the country points.

SUMNER HOUSTON INJURED

Sumner Houston, son of J. C. Houston of Roberts, was seriously injured last Sunday when a horse that he was riding fell with him in such a manner that the horn of the saddle crushed him in the stomach, breaking no bones, but causing internal injuries the seriousness of which cannot be determined as yet. Dr. H. P. Belknap was called to attend the injured man but owing to the nature of the injury was unable to do much for him. Time alone will tell whether he is suffering from anything other than the shock of the fall.

WILL ERECT SIGN BOARD

The Prineville Commercial Club and the Crook County Development League met at a very enjoyable luncheon last Friday and discussed a number of items of interest. After much discussion it was unanimously decided to erect a large deluxe sign board at Prineville Junction. This sign would display the merits of this section of the country and would aid in attracting homeseekers and others into Prineville. A committee was appointed composed of Ross Robinson Chas. Ross and George Reams to raise the money necessary by popular subscription, get the material together and arrange with R. B. Roller to have the job completed, if possible, within two weeks. Let's all do our bit, as this means much to this community.

DOT BEST COW WEST OF

THE MISSOURI RIVER

Dot, a grade Jersey, owned by Joe Durrer, of Tillamook county, Oregon, produced more butter fat in May than any other cow west of the Missouri river, says E. L. Westover, federal and O. A. C. dairy extension specialist. She gave 2216 pounds of milk and 103.87 pounds of butter fat. The 3366 cows of the five testing associations made the highest average ever recorded for so many cows in the same month—an average of 950.4 pounds of milk and 39.79 pounds of fat.