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OCHOCO FARMERS HOLD MEETING

IMPORTANT MATTERS ARE DISCUSSED BY MEMBERS

NEW BOND ISSUE DISCUSSED

Vital Need of Concerted and Co-operative Work by The Members of This Organization Seen

At Grimes Chapel Monday night was held a meeting of the Ochoco farmers. There was a good sized crowd out, but not as many as should have been out, and no doubt but a small showing as compared to what these meetings will develop into as the district grows in population and the need of cooperative effort is felt by each individual. These meetings are a great help in clearing up the questions that come up to vex and sometimes discourage the project land owners and should be attended by all who have the good of the project at heart.

Chairman Hoelscher, who is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Irrigation District, presided and gave a very clear and helpful review of the work to date and, as far as he was able to do so, a forecast of the future. The other members of the board were not present, a fact that is to be deplored. It makes for a better understanding to have as many of the men who are at the head of things out to these meetings as is possible. It is impossible for the land owners to attend the board meetings in a body or even a small representation. It is therefore a great benefit to have the officers meet with the farmers out on the district and thresh out any questions that may arise. By these meetings many a criticism may be branded as false and nipped in the bud and also it may happen that the farmers can put suggestions to the board that will bear fruit in more efficient administration.

As the chairman stated in the meeting, "as long as man is man he will make mistakes," and that the board and engineers of the project were not above that stage. The farmers will agree that there is scarce a man in the whole district who did not make mistakes this past year. But with this fact in mind it should be considered that when this \$150,000 bond issue is voted and the bonds sold, the district will have a dam and spillway completed and the pumping station for the high line canal ready for operation. This will insure all the property owners plenty of water next year. In this connection it should be remembered by everyone on the project that by voting against this issue he is hitting his own pocket book. When the bond buyers come to consider a bond issue the first thing they do, provided of course that the issue conforms strictly to the law, is to have a look at the ballot returns. If the municipality has voted unanimously in favor of the issue they know that every property owner is behind the project and thus will be more likely to push the venture to a successful conclusion. It is the same as a bank would feel about loaning money to a firm when they knew some of the firm members were not in favor of the proposed improvements and consequently could not be expected to put forth their best efforts to that end. The farmers under the project are all in business together and should all pull together. The district is now approaching the end of the hard work and the trials and tribulations will soon be a part of the past. Do not fail to cast a vote in favor of the bond issue and make the result as nearly unanimous as possible. Also do not over look the fact that on the same day, August 15 you will vote on the question of the State paying all of the interest on the bonds to be issued for five years, and the interest on the bonds already issued for three years from date. This is also important. It means that you can get this money for not to exceed six per cent. It may be less. The State will be much more ready and willing to back a unanimous proposition than one merely carrying. Anything other than a very strong vote in favor of both these measures casts a wet blanket on the whole district. If the land owners are not heartily in favor of all moves for the betterment of the project how can the outsider be expected to entuse to the extent of putting up his money?

Speaking of the kind of dam the project has Mr. Hoelscher stated that Mr. J. M. Howells of California, builder of the first hydraulic fill earth dam, and a man who knows perhaps more about this sort of construction than any man in the world today, has seen this dam at its various stages of construction and has given it as his opinion that it is one of the best in the world of its kind. He says that never has he known a like construction to have had the severe tests and strains put upon it during its building. The leakage has never exceeded a normal amount and even in the time of its heavy trial, when it was holding its capacity in its unfinished state, the leakage came through the

lower wall in the drainage places built for that purpose as clear as crystal, so clear in fact, that the people there used the water for drinking in preference to well water. The absence of any indication of mud at any time means but one thing—that the dam is holding and will hold, and the leakage will never exceed what is known as the healthy leakage, or the amount that should seep away to keep the lower wall from becoming soft.

Although this paper has published many times the figures for the dam it will perhaps be not amiss to again give the figures as they stand today.

The dam when finished will contain 540,000 cubic yards of earth and stone. On July 1, 1919, there were in position in the dam approximately half of this amount, leaving 275,000 cubic yards to be put in before it was finished. During the months of April and May considerable trouble was experienced with the pumping system, the work having progressed to a point where the pumps used were not delivering their maximum efficiency. Various plans were tried and finally the present system was installed, which has proven itself highly efficient and which will remain so to the end of the work. The pumps are now delivering 4,300,000 gallons at a pressure of 27 to 45 pounds at the nozzle, which is ample. There are four locations for the giants so that in event of a break or any unforeseen accident, the work can be switched without loss of time.

The crews are working 24 hours a day for two weeks at a stretch, with a one day stop at the end of that time for repairs to flumes.

During the month of July 32,000 yards of dirt were put into the dam. At this time there is practically 55 per cent of the dirt already in the dam and with the work progressing at its present pace the dam will easily be finished by January 1, 1920.

It should be remembered that the issue of \$150,000 of bonds will finish the dam and spillway and put the pumping plant ready for operation and make the whole district workable for the coming year. It should also be remembered that this amount will not complete the entire system, as there will be expenses of new structures, new ditches into subdivisions, etc., that can only be cared for as they arise in the future. Therefore the whole thing rests on putting the project in shape to operate as soon as possible and this issue will do it.

LOCAL CITIZENS JOIN ELKS

Prineville Elks who attended the initiation at Bend Friday night report a grand and glorious time. There were twenty-five neophytes, chiefly from this vicinity, who became members of the Elks lodge at Bend at that time. The ceremonies were held at the Emblem Club, where a social session with a banquet followed the ritualistic work.

The initiates were: H. A. Foster, R. R. Robinson, C. S. Smith, Harold Baldwin, H. W. Howard, Charles King, H. R. Lakin, Joe Lister, E. J. Wilson, Homer Ross, H. G. Kennard, Lyn Nichols, E. T. Slayton, F. F. Hoelscher, R. L. Schee, James Dixon, Max Stricker, Anton Carlson, I. M. Mills, F. B. Foster, Seth Dixon, Joe Gerardo, of Prineville and R. M. Smith, H. M. Stevens and H. J. Overturn of Bend.

HINDERMAN-TEALL

Frank Dewey Hinderman and Nettie Alice Teall, both of whom are well known and well liked residents of Roberts, were married in this city on Saturday, August 2, 1919.

KEMMLING-SYLVESTER

On Thursday, July 31, 1919, at the home of Mark Powell of this city, John Kemmling and Estella Sylvester were united in marriage by the Rev. W. L. Van Nuys. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Sarah A. Sylvester and the groom is a successful dairyman of Upper McKay.

ELAM FAUGHT SELLS RANCH

Mr. and Mrs. Elam Faught, well known residents of this section, last Thursday sold their fine ranch near Roberts to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryson. The consideration is not known but is reported to be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$20,000. Mr. and Mrs. Faught left Friday for Dufur, where they expect to make their home for the present.

FIRST BEEF OF SEASON SHIPPED

Five carloads of cattle were shipped over the City of Prineville Ry. enroute for the Portland market last Saturday night. C. W. Foster was the shipper of three cars and Dick Koopman of the other two. This is the first of many early fall beef shipments to be made from this section.

M. E. CHURCH SERVICES

H. F. Penberton, District Superintendent of the M. E. church, will hold services here next Sunday morning and evening. The morning service will be at 11 a. m. and the evening service at 8 p. m. He will arrive Saturday morning and conduct the quarterly conference in the church parlors Saturday evening at 8 p. m. All the Methodists in the community are requested to be present at all of these meetings.

B'S STREET CARNIVAL HERE ON AUG. 19-23

HARVEST FESTIVAL FOR ALL OF CROOK COUNTY

POLLOW AMUSEMENT COMPANY

Prineville City Band To Stage Big Affair For Five Days. The Company Is Well Known

The Prineville City Band has engaged the Pollow Amusement Co., of Seattle, for five days to give a big street fair and carnival in Prineville. The amusement company is well and favorably known on the coast for putting up good shows. They will be here with a big merry-go-round and all the usual concessions going to make up a show of this nature. The City Band will be out every night and there will be a week of continual gaiety.

Make your plans to put in most of the time of the week of August 19-23 in play in Prineville.

HOTEL MAN TO LEAVE

E. S. Robe, popular hotel manager, has retired from business here, having last week sold his lease on the Prineville Hotel to the former owner and manager, Mrs. C. E. McDowell. Mr. Robe will make his home in Portland, where he expects to engage in business in the near future. Mrs. McDowell will continue the management of the Prineville Hotel.

Mrs. McDowell is a pioneer in the hotel business, having leased the old wooden hotel building in 1901, purchased it in 1903 and in 1907 moved it back on the lot and built the present beautiful stone structure which she operated continuously until May, 1918, when she thought she wished to retire and leased it to Mr. Robe of Portland. But she couldn't stay out of the business and is now back to stay.

As fast as workmen can be obtained the interior of the hotel is to be thoroughly renovated, remodeled and refurnished, putting it upon a strictly modern basis. Many features, copied after the plans of the most exclusive hotels in the larger cities will be included in the remodeling.

FINE DAIRY HERD TO BE SOLD

One of the finest herds of milking stock in this part of the country will go under the hammer next Monday, when 25 head of Jerseys, Guernseys, and Brown Swiss cattle will be sold at auction at the Sam M. Wood place, near Redmond. Half of the stock are from the famous Henry McCall herd. In addition complete farm equipment will be offered, together with draft and saddle stock, poultry and swine.

Mr. Wood has accepted an offer from the Northwest Auto Co., in Spokane, as sales manager and is disposing of his farm holdings in order to devote his time to this position.

DEATH OF SUSAN BOYNTON

Mrs. Susan Boynton, mother of Mrs. Ira Cox, died at the home of Mrs. Bennett at Barnes last Saturday of cancer. Interment was on Monday in the Maury cemetery.

Mrs. Boynton, a member of the old pioneer family of Zumatt, was born 66 years ago in Lane county, Oregon. She moved to Tigh Valley, Wasco county, when a child and lived there until grown, when she married Truman Boynton. They then moved to Camp Creek, Crook county, where she has resided continuously since that time with the exception of a short time spent in Malheur county.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rev. W. H. Bleakney, Ph. D., will conduct services Sunday, August 10 in the Presbyterian church. Dr. Bleakney is a member of the faculty of Whitman College and a preacher of unusual ability. Morning worship at 11; evening vesper service at 7:30. Mr. Van Nuys will conduct services at Paulina, where an open-air meeting is planned. Sermons at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Basket dinner at 12. A meeting will be held on Wolf creek at the lower end of upper Beaver Valley.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Our Bible school meets at 10 a. m. every Sunday. Classes for all ages. Evening service of song and praise at 8:00. Come and help us sing the new songs. Subject of sermon: "God's Perfect Pattern." A cordial welcome to all.

THRESHING HAS STARTED

Threshing has started on the dry land farms in the Powell Butte section with the yield fair to light. Among those in operation or finishing this week are John Hopper, Leonard Casey, J. A. Moffitt, and Guy Lafollette.

BIG PREPARATIONS FOR ELKS MEETING AT KLAMATH

Elks from every city and county in Oregon are making plans to leave within a few days for Klamath Falls, where the second annual convention of the Oregon State Elks' Association will be held Aug. 14, 15, 16. The meeting of the antlered herd of this state will differ from its former meetings or similar affairs held in the past for numerous reasons.

In the first place, the Elks are first of all a patriotic order, and during the war took prominent part in war-time activities. Thousands of Elks answered the call to arms, and the honor roll of those who made the supreme sacrifice includes many of the order's membership.

Therefore, the annual meeting will be in the form of a victory celebration, and plans for the assistance of wounded ex-service men promises to be one of the foremost topics of the business sessions.

The entertainment of the large herd of Elks and their families many of whom will make the journey to Klamath Falls in the shape of a vacation jaunt, is likely to outshine any entertainment ever planned for a body of men and women. The usual entertainment accorded to delegate cities will be missing, it is true, but the natural beauty of the country in Southeastern Oregon will be utilized in a big out-door frolic. An Elk barbecue will be staged on Thursday, August 15, at Harriman Lodge, on the shores of White Pelican bay, and following the big feed a vaudeville will be staged in a natural amphitheater discovered by the Klamath Falls committee some months ago. The acts for the entertainment will be staged by each lodge of the state in the form of surprise acts, which are to be both novel and entertaining.

Trips into the wonder spots of the Klamath country, street dances and old-fashioned carnival will be staged in Klamath Falls, and every moment of the three-day session promises to be filled with fun and frolic.

UNCLE FRANK NICHOLS INJURED BY A FALL

"Uncle Frank" Nichols, a prominent resident of Tumalo and the oldest man living in Deschutes county, is confined to his bed by an injury received when he tripped and fell last week. Mr. Nichols is 93 years old and will celebrate his 94th birthday in November. His many friends in this locality wish for him a speedy recovery from his accident.

C. of P. RY. CHANGES TIME

The City of Prineville Ry. has published a new time table which took effect last Sunday, August 3, 1919. The changes are quite marked. The motor connecting with the trains for points south of Prineville Junction and Bend leaves here at 4:15 a. m. and 5:00 p. m., returning at 7:40 a. m. and 7:20 p. m. The mixed train connecting with the train for points north of Prineville Junction leaves here at 6:50 p. m., returning at 9:45 p. m. No direct connection made with train for Portland in the morning but one can catch it by going out on the 5:15 motor and waiting at the Junction for a little over an hour. Patrons should take notice of these changes to avoid confusion in the times of arrival and departure of trains they wish to take.

OREGON ROAD INFORMATION

The following information for tourists and campers has been compiled by the field men of the Forest Service:

Santiam Wagon Road—Open and in fair condition between Forest, Oregon and the summit of Cascades. Several machines have crossed the Cascades into Eastern Oregon this season via this route.

McKenzie Highway—Open and in good condition, Eugene to Blue River; fair condition, through McKenzie Pass to Sisters.

Willamette—Open for machines between Eugene and Rigdon. Passable for wagons across summit. In fair condition.

Barlow—Open between Sandy and Wapinita. In good condition. Sandy to Twinbridges; poor, Twinbridges to Clear Creek; fair, Clear Creek to Wapinita.

Eugene-Florence—Open and in permanent summer condition entire route.

Medford-Klamath Falls—Open and in fair condition entire length. Automobiles can get to Crater Lake.

Anna Creek—Open and in fair condition.

Eastern Oregon—The following Eastern Oregon roads are now open and in permanent summer condition: Seara-East Eagle; Mitchell-Dayville; Enterprise-Chico; Enterprise-Imnaha; Wallowa-Promise; Wallowa-Powwaka; Baker-Carnucopia; Baker-Prairie City; Prineville-Paulina; Pendleton-LaGrande; Paulina-Burns; Van Bear Valley; Lakeview-Bend; Lakeview-Klamath Falls; Lakeview-Alturas; Paulina-Burns via Fife—Open entire length and in fair condition with the exception of a rough section between Grindstone Creek and Buck Mountain.

Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Hyde went to Portland Monday to attend Buyers' Week meetings in that city.

GOVERNOR'S BULLETIN WARNS AGAINST FIRE

UNPRECEDENTED DRY SEASON INCREASES THE DANGER

PINE BURNS IN BURNS FIRE

Local Forestry Officials Urge Great Caution in Every Person Having Any Fire At This Time

On account of the unprecedented dry season the Governor has issued the following proclamation:

State of Oregon, Executive Department, Salem.

"With the State of Oregon confronted by a condition which threatens destruction of forests, grass and grain fields because of lack of rain, I feel justified in ordering all State Fire Wardens to exercise the greatest caution in issuing permits to burn.

"I further proclaim that no camp fires shall be started in or near forest or brush covered lands within twenty (20) feet of any standing or down trees, brush piles, or other litter that may cause the spread of fire, and under no condition is a fire to be built until the ground is cleared to mineral soil for a distance of six (6) feet in every direction and no such fire shall be left even temporarily until it has been completely extinguished with water.

"Inasmuch as the forests are one of the State's chief material resources I strongly urge every person going into the woods during the current dry season to refrain from smoking, as any fire allowed to get beyond control is not only extremely dangerous to all classes of property, but necessitates the use of labor and supplies that are essential in other lines of endeavor.

"In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused to be affixed the great seal of the State of Oregon, this twenty-third day of July, 1919.

"BEN W. OLCOTT, Governor

The fire situation on the Ochoco is not serious. Only one or two very small fires are burning at the present time. Except, however, for the very prompt and effective work of the field force and the hearty cooperation given by stockmen and others living in or near the Forest, we undoubtedly would have had one of the worst experiences in the history of the Service so far as this section of the country is concerned.

Ranger St. Donnelly just spent a day or so in the Supervisor's office in connection with the recent serious fire near Burns. This fire, which has been previously mentioned, burned over 2,640 acres according to Ranger Donnelly's cruise of the area with a heavy loss of first class yellow pine reproduction and mature timber. The average individual who has not given the subject of Forestry a serious thought, does not realize that the loss of a good stand of young trees from ten to twenty years old is a serious matter. Looking at the matter from a Forestry standpoint, however, the loss of young, immature timber is often more serious than if timber which is ready for the market were destroyed, since if it is to be a good many more years before there will be a market, timber which is at present immature will be more valuable when market time comes.

As the Governor states, fires not only cause a loss in dollars to the community, but it makes it necessary to divert labor which is so badly needed in other enterprises and every dollar spent for fire suppression work is certainly a dead loss so far as the community is concerned.

Mr. Rector Arnwine, a sheepman from the Burns section, in cooperation with the Forest Service, has just developed water in the dry country near the upper Silver Creek valley in sufficient quantity to supply a band of sheep. Mr. Arnwine is now able to use a lot of range which has heretofore been lying comparatively idle because of the water shortage. The local Forest office has been successful in securing a small appropriation for water development work and it is hoped that with the cooperation of interested stockmen a good many thousand acres of excellent range now unutilized may be brought into use.

In order that some of the high centers, rocks, stumps, etc., may be eliminated from roads within the Forest, a ton of TNT powder has been secured. This powder seems to possess all of the essential qualities necessary for such work. It will be the ambition of the local Forest force to gradually clean and put the present roads into condition for at least the necessary auto traffic.

While, generally speaking, the wooded sections adjacent to Prineville are not as attractive to the summer tourist and camper as are some of the more widely advertised places yet there are a lot of nooks and corners that can be made to supply a comfortable and attractive resting place for

such individuals if a small amount of effort is put forth to prepare camp grounds.

With the hope of providing at least a few attractive camp sites the Forest Service will, as time and funds permit, prepare such places by parking the trees, clearing the ground of debris, etc., developing a sanitary water supply, providing suitable fire places or some such for the evening bonfire etc. Ranger Blake has already begun this work at the Wild Wood Camp grounds just over the summit toward Mitchell, where in time a mighty neat camp ground or even picnic ground will be available for lovers of the out-of-doors.

TO DETERMINE WATER HOLDING PROPERTIES OF SITE

After making a general survey of the Deschutes valley from Culver to Crabe Prairie, U. S. Reclamation service geologists, headed by Prof. W. O. Crosby of Boston are starting to make borings all over the Benham Falls reservoir site, with the object of determining the water holding properties of the ground on which the reservoir would be built.

At various points above Benham Falls, it has been noted that wells have been sunk by ranchers ranging in depth from 14 to 20 feet and in all instances having a constant supply of water, as much as eight feet in depth. From the fact that water is present, it is argued that the character of the soil is not such as to carry water away by seepage, or through crevices.

The investigations of the experts, however, are to establish this point beyond a doubt, before any recommendations are made. Large ship augers, which arrived yesterday, will be used in making the borings, which will be 20 feet in depth in order to ascertain if water is found over the entire tract. This work may take in the neighborhood of two months.

The reservoir, which will be considered providing a favorable report is turned in by the reclamation representatives, would impound the water of the winter overflow of the Deschutes behind a huge dam, and would perhaps be even more extensive, as the entire water rights of the river are now tied up by the State for the U. S. Government. Irrigation of at least 100,000 acres in Central Oregon would be made possible.

OBITUARY

J. W. Houston died at the Hlms hospital in this city, Sunday, August 3, 1919 from ether-pneumonia following an operation for the removal of a tumor. He has been a sufferer for years and a week before his death was stricken with an attack that made an operation imperative, with the hopes of prolonging his life.

The funeral was held Monday following at the Baptist church conducted by Rev. J. W. Cabene. Interment was in the Prineville cemetery.

The deceased was born in Pearson county, North Carolina, in 1834, where he lived and labored until 12 years ago when he came to Crook county to be near his children, most of whom had years before come and settled in this country. He was a very industrious and robust man all of his life. Even long after it was no longer necessary he insisted in working every day. He shocked hay up to just a few days before his death.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Houston, four sons, Floyd, Elbert, Chas. and Thomas; two daughters, Mrs. Hattie Burchtorff and Mrs. Effie Saunders, all of this county.

CITY BAND CONCERT

The Prineville City Band will give the weekly open-air concert Friday evening, August 8, at the corner of Main and Fourth streets.

March—"National Honor," Lincoln; Overture—"Little Duchess," Riccius; Waltz—"I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles," Danmark; March—"I'll Wed the Girl I Left Behind," Taylor; Serenade—"Eventide," King; March—"My Chocolate Soldier Sammy Boy," Van Alstyn; "The Star Spangled Banner."

JAMES AUSTIN, Director.

TEMPERATURES FOR WEEK

Following is the weekly record of daily temperatures, furnished by D. P. Adamson, Cooperative Observer:

	High	Low
Thursday, July 31.....	36	41
Friday, August 1.....	79	39
Saturday, August 2.....	76	35
Sunday, August 3.....	75	49
Monday, August 4.....	74	49
Tuesday, August 5.....	83	39

The precipitation for the past week was .05 inches, .01 falling on the first of August and .04 inches on the fourth.

HERBERT HAMILTON RETURNS

Among the arrivals on the train this morning was Herbert Hamilton, son of Mrs. R. Hamilton of this city. He has been in the service almost two years and in France and Belgium over a year and a half. He saw strenuous service during his entire time overseas until the signing of the armistice, when he was transferred to the Army of Occupation on the Rhine, where he has been doing duty most of the time near Spa, Belgium, since that time. Just a few days ago his company was shipped across to New York and thence to Camp Lewis, where they were discharged without delay.