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HALF MILLION TO BE ADDED VALUE

POWELL BUTTE LAND TO PASS TO PATENT IN THIRTY DAYS

LANDS HAVE BEEN OCCUPIED

Will Reduce Taxes Perhaps Ten Per Cent In This County.—Sited North and East of Butte

Property valued at perhaps \$500,000 will be available for the assessment rolls next year that has not been taxed prior to this time, according to statements of Special Agents Kimmmer and Archibald, who were in the vicinity last week looking over the lands in question, which are situated on the north and west slopes of Powell Butte.

This land has been occupied for several years and efforts have been made by the owners to have patents issued by the government but this has not been done because of the contract that existed between the state, government and irrigation company.

The lands will add to the total taxable property of the county about ten per cent, which will have the effect of lowering the taxes of other property by about that amount.

According to the inspectors the patents should be issued during the next thirty days.

HIGH SCHOOL DEBATING LEAGUE IN THIRTEENTH YEAR

Two Hundred High Schools In State Are Eligible For Entrance

Two hundred high schools of the State are eligible for entrance into the Oregon High School Debating League, now entering its thirteenth year, according to announcement by R. W. Prescott, professor of public speaking in the University of Oregon, who is secretary of the league.

The State is divided into two districts for the purposes of the league. Each one of these, Professor Prescott announces, will have a separate question for the preliminary rounds, which will be contested in January, February and March, and the finals in May. The twelve district winners will meet for the semi-finals at the University in Eugene as a feature of Junior week-end, May 12, 13, and 14. Up to last year only the finals were debated in Eugene. In 1918 the four teams remaining in the semi-finals were taken to Eugene and the plan proved so successful that it was decided to bring all twelve district winners here in future years.

Of the 200 eligible, it is Mr. Prescott's opinion that more than 100 will enter teams, constituting an increase of 25 per cent over the most successful previous year. War conditions and influenza last year thinned out the ranks of the schools in the league but the interest already manifested indicates a return to pre-war interest with greater numbers than ever. Schools may enter the league up to December 1 by communicating with the office of the secretary, here or with their respective directors. The schedules will be made up by districts on or before December 10, and the final contests in each of the districts are set for March 13.

The trophy for the winner is the cup put up by the Laurean Literary Society of the University and Prof. E. E. DeCoo, professor of mathematics at the University, who was the first president of the league. The cup goes into the permanent possession of any team winning the championship three times. Salem High School has won two legs and needs but one more victory to take the trophy. Eugene High School was the winner last year, for the first time, taking a close contest from Bend, the runner-up. George W. Hugg, superintendent of the schools at McMinnville, is president of the league.

The questions in the preliminary rounds include several live topics of political, social and economic interest. For the finals at the University, Professor Prescott announces, some question connected with the league of nations issue will be chosen.

W. R. Bailey of Hood River, is director of the league for the Upper Columbia district, comprising Hood River, Wasco, Sherman, Jefferson, Crook, and Deschutes counties. The question for debate in this district is "Resolved, That the United States should ratify no treaty by which China is despoiled of the Shantung peninsula."

High schools eligible for membership in this district are Culver, Madras, Moro, Prineville, The Dalles, Wasco, Bend, Dufur, Hood River, Kent, Redmond, Odell (Hood River No. 3), and Grass Valley.

PRINEVILLE MAN PRESIDENT

W. Hobart Reams Heads Sophomore Class At O. A. C. This Year

W. Hobart Reams of this city has been chosen class president of the Sophomores at Oregon Agricultural College, according to press dispatches from that place.

\$170,000 COLLECTED FOR THE YEAR

DELINQUENCIES TOTAL ALMOST FIFTY THOUSAND

WATER TAX INCREASES SUM

Payments Coming In Steadily Will Decrease Amounts Due, Work Handled Without Help

Taxes have been paid into the collector's office at the court house in this county to the amount of more than \$170,000 according to Chief Deputy F. A. Rowell who has charge of that part of the work in the office of Sheriff Combs.

There yet remains to be collected about \$50,000 a great part of which is water tax payments under the Ochoco Irrigation Project.

Payments are coming in steadily, however, and the total amount that will be delinquent finally will be small, Mr. Rowell thinks.

Regardless of the fact that the work has been heavy during the past thirty days, it has been handled without extra office help with the exception of a few days at the close of the period before October 5, when one assistant was added.

OUR ROAD NEEDS SEEN BY OTHERS

A government scouting party recently traveled through Central Oregon on a trip to select a grand trunk government highway, which, it is planned, will be used to connect up all the government national parks in the west, including the Yellowstone, Glacier, Crater Lake, Yosemite, and Grand Canyon.

Following is what one of that party had to say, as reported in the Oregon Journal of Saturday, October 18, according to Fred Lockley, the Journal's well known correspondent, who accompanied the party. The man quoted by Lockley was Harry Child. Mr. Lockley says:

"Having come through Central Oregon and on down over the California roads to San Francisco, I am forced to confess that Oregon cannot expect tourist traffic over the rutty, bumpy roads of Central Oregon until she does what California has done, and that is to spend more money in improving her roads. When I asked Child where he came from he said:

"I was born in San Francisco, but where I came from is not as important as where I am going to, and I am afraid the condition of your Oregon roads is such that, if we should go over the grade anywhere along here, I might go to a climate that is not popularly considered a summer resort."

"If I should wind up there, I am going to make application at once for a job of shoveling sulphur, or whatever else they burn in Hades, so that my influential friends who urged me to come by way of Central Oregon, in place of through the Willamette valley, will repent of their advice. When you have a country which is naturally so well adapted to good roads as is central Oregon and when you do nothing to make good roads, though all of the natural conditions are favorable, you cannot expect our party or anybody else to recommend tourists to come this way."

"The trouble with the people of Oregon is that they are entirely satisfied with themselves and their country. They seem indifferent as to whether other people like it or whether they even come. Their attitude seems to be, 'If you don't like it, stay away,' and they will stay away until you make it possible for them to come to and through your state with some degree of comfort and safety."

"The worst feature of the whole thing is that you really have something for the tourists. You have wonderful scenery, but you are doing nothing to make it accessible. My advice will be that those who want to swing around this circle of national parks go by way of Portland, Salem, Albany, Eugene, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford and Ashland, and on down through California."

"The one thing that we have found to which we can give unstinted praise is the wonderful and majestic Columbia River Highway. That of itself is worth a trip across the continent. No person should go to Portland without making this as a side trip. The highway, with its wonderful views and its splendid roadway, should create in the minds of all Oregonians a desire to have other roads equally as good."

"When you leave the Columbia River Highway for some of your other roads, the contrast is so great that I cannot see why the people do not insist upon spending more money for roads."

Mr. Lockley concludes his article by saying: "With the beauty of the Columbia river and Oregon's wonderful chain of scenic peaks—Hood, Jefferson, Three Sisters, Three Fingers Jack,

GRAND JURY ENDORSES PROPOSED BOND ISSUE FOR PERMANENT ROADS

COUNTY COURT PLEDGES CAREFUL EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS

Endorsement of the proposed bond issue of \$220,000 was unanimously made by the Grand Jury last Monday in its report at the conclusion of its duties. The members of the jury were W. I. Dishman, Chairman; C. B. Gwinn, W. M. Claybaugh, J. A. Moffitt and Wm. Arnold, of Powell Butte and James H. Scott and Chester W. Starr of Howard.

The bond issue as proposed was endorsed in the following words:

"We very carefully went into the state of the county's finances and in connection therewith have considered the advisability of voting the proposed bond issue of \$220,000 for permanent road improvement. We earnestly ask and urge every taxpayer in the county, if possible, to learn for himself by personal investigation the state of the county's funds and resources and not take for the truth any rumor until it has been backed up with authoritative figures."

We find that owing to circumstances over which the voters and taxpayers now have no control, the county is approximately \$100,000 in debt. It is limited to about that amount in its tax levies and owing to the increased cost of maintenance, no money can be raised to pay off that indebtedness and leave anything for the upkeep of the county's roads and bridges.

Therefore, we believe that one of the methods of relieving the general fund of the county free from road expenditure and maintenance of bridges would be by voting the bond issue proposed, permanently to improve the roads with the help of the government and the state and thereby allow the funds raised by direct taxation to be applied to the general fund indebtedness instead of being used continually to patch the old, unwisely located roads—3,000 miles of them— that we have.

This is only one reason why we urge the taxpayers thoroughly to inform themselves upon the proposed bond election. There are other and very important reasons why the bond election should carry, another being that Crook county will get no good roads within the next three to five years unless it does carry, and that every other county is forging ahead with its road program and Crook must act or be behind."

Following is a list of the counties in Oregon which have voted bond issues to date, together with the amounts of such issues as furnished by the State Highway Commission of Oregon:

FIRST SNOWFALL HERE

The first snowfall of the winter was seen on the mountains from the city this morning and before nine o'clock the streets and all the surrounding country was white with the downy flakes.

Before noon, however, the trace of snow was mostly removed by the sun, and stockmen and farmers rejoicing for the moisture thus afforded.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m., J. H. Gray, Supt. Morning worship at 11 a. m. Sermon: "Christ Eternal." Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m., Mrs. A. C. Hartley, Supt. Senior Endeavor at 6:30 p. m., all young people invited. Evening worship at 7:30 p. m., sermon: "The Prisoner's Answer to the Jailor's Question."

Mid-week prayer meeting at 8 p. m., Wednesday. All are welcome to all meetings.

MEETING CALLED AT POWELL BUTTE

Road Bond Election Will Be Discussed Tomorrow Evening At The Community Hall

A meeting has been called by the residents of the Powell Butte district for tomorrow evening at 8 o'clock, at which time the advisability of passing the road bond issue at the election November 7 will be discussed. A good attendance is looked for.

and Mount McLaughlin; with our foam kissed coast line and the beauty of the fertile Willamette. Umpqua, and Rogue river valleys; with the sculptured beauty of the marble caves and the awe-inspiring majesty of that sapphire sea of silence, Crater Lake, Oregon has unlimited attractions for the tourist; but we must make our scenic resources accessible or the tourist will go by on our other side.

"Not only must we have good roads but we must be able to take care of the tourist in an adequate way. If a group of Portland business men would get back of Crater Lake Lodge, put in sufficient capital to secure an experienced resort manager, put on a line of swift and comfortable touring coaches, such as are found in Rocky Mountain park, Yellowstone Park and Glacier Park, the word would soon go forth to the tourist fraternity and every hotel in Portland and every industry in Oregon would feel the stimulation of the money brought into the state by the tourists. Let's quit talking and do something."

Benton	\$220,000
Baker	500,000
Crook	95,000
Clackamas	None
Clatsop	400,000
Columbia	360,000
Cook	362,000
Curry	98,000
Douglas	500,000
Deschutes	125,000
Gilliam	250,000
Grant	140,000
Harney	None
Hood River	75,000
Jackson	500,000
Josephine	None
Jefferson	100,000
Klamath	347,000
Lane	None
Lincoln	180,000
Linn	600,000
Lake	200,000
Marion	350,000
Multnomah	1,250,000
Malheur	230,000
Morrow	290,000
Polk	265,000
Sherman	350,000
Tillamook	400,000
Umatilla	1,050,000
Union	1,495,000
Washington	None
Wallowa	300,000
Wasco	250,000
Wheeler	124,000
Yamhill	360,000

Important Order by County Court

The county court pledges itself in the following manner to disburse the funds arising from the bond sale if the measure passes:

October 18, 1919.

"To the Taxpayers of Crook county: We, your county judge and commissioners, comprising your county court, do hereby pledge ourselves, in pursuance of an order to like effect entered of record to-day, that if the people by their votes on November 7, approve the proposed \$220,000 bond issue for permanent road improvement, that no part of that sum will be spent on any project that has not first been approved, surveyed and designated by the State Highway Commission of Oregon, or by the United States Bureau of Public Roads, as the case may be, and no bond issue will be authorized and no bonds will be offered for sale until the funds are required by the Highway Commission or the federal bureau of public roads.

N. G. WALLACE, County Judge
E. T. LUTHY, HUGH LISTER, County Commissioners

GRAND JURY HAS NO CRIMINAL COMPLAINTS

For what is perhaps the first time in the history of the county the Grand Jury empanelled on Monday did not have any criminal cases for their consideration.

More than seven months have elapsed since the last Grand Jury.

They completed their work in one day, made their report and were dismissed.

The men who served on the jury were W. I. Dishman, foreman, W. M. Claybaugh, E. H. Scott, C. W. Starr, C. B. Guinn, Wm. Arnold, and J. A. Moffitt.

LONE PINE ELECTION CALLED

Question of Formation of District to Be Submitted To Voters

At a special meeting of the county court on Saturday, an election was called for the voters of the proposed Lone Pine Irrigation District for November 22, at which time there is to be selected three directors from the district at large.

PRINEVILLE WINS 26-0

C. C. H. S. Administers Drubbing To Prairie City High School

In the presence of a large crowd of local rooters and fans, the C. C. H. S. football squad delivered a severe defeat to the visiting Prairie City team, to the tune of 26 to 0, on Friday, on the school gridiron.

The C. C. H. S. team will visit Bend Saturday at which time they hope to give the mill city players another drubbing. The Public School team will also play the Bend Junior High on the same day.

TEMPERATURE RECORD

The temperature record for the past week as reported by Cooperative Observer Adamson is as follows:

Date	High	Low
October 15	74	21
October 16	72	26
October 17	63	31
October 18	61	22
October 19	64	18
October 20	71	25
October 21	68	30

DAMAGES AWARDED AGAINST TWOHYS

JURY FINDS FOR C. C. O'NEIL IN SUM OF \$6,250 YESTERDAY

IS ONE OF A SERIES OF SUITS

Others Not To Be Tried At This Time—Sixty Days Are Given For An Appeal

The jury in the damage suit against Twohy Brothers Company, at eight o'clock last night brought in a verdict for the Plaintiff, C. C. O'Neil in the sum of \$6,250, being the entire amount of damage asked for by the Plaintiff.

The case is one of seven or more aggregating an alleged damage of \$50,000, caused, as the plaintiffs allege, by failure of the contractors to keep open existing canals while constructing the system on the Ochoco Project during the spring of 1918.

The remaining cases will not be tried out at this time, but their final disposition will depend largely on developments in the present case.

Sixty days are given the defendant to appeal to the supreme court, which appeal is looked for without question by those interested in the case.

PRINEVILLE WOMAN HOLDS HIGH OFFICE

Mrs. Collins W. Elkins of this city was unanimously chosen as first vice president of the Oregon State Federation of Women's Clubs in annual session at Corvallis last week.

A dispatch from that city concerning the election says: Mrs. Ida B. Calahan of Corvallis was today elected president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs in a lively contest the closing session of the 19th annual convention was held.

The only other candidate for president was Miss Mattie Beatty of Salem, who received 70 votes to Mrs. Calahan's 119. Mrs. Calahan was nominated by Mrs. Sadie Orr Dunbar of Portland. Miss Beatty's nomination was made by Mrs. Frederick Eggert of Portland.

Mrs. Collins Elkins of Prineville was elected first vice president; Mrs. William Bell of Roseburg, second vice president; Mrs. Charles Hines of Forest Grove, recording secretary; Mrs. John Van Zandt of Portland, treasurer; Mrs. L. E. Bean of Eugene auditor; Mrs. J. W. Sadler of Aurora, and Mrs. E. T. Wade of Pendleton, directors, and Mrs. Charles H. Caster of Hood River, director.

SEVENTEEN CARS SHIPPED

Week-End Shipments Keep Up In Volume—Quality Is Good

Seventeen car loads of cattle went to the North Portland market from Prineville Saturday.

The quality seems to be good on these shipments and there seems to be no change in the volume of outgoing shipments, cars already having been ordered for the coming week end.

Those shipping last week were: Raymond Calavan, 1 car; Fairview Stock Farm, 2 cars; F. M. Woods, 6 cars; Sid Rogers, 1 car; Dickson & McDowell, 3 cars; Herb Angell, 2 cars; J. W. Ayers, 1 car; Wallace Post, 1 car.

NEW SEVER-SIX ARRIVES

Brent & Stroud Agents For The New Hudson Cors

E. H. Brent, of the firm of Brent & Stroud, arrived in this city yesterday from Portland with the new Hudson Super-Six Demonstrator.

The machine is the last word in cars of this type and is a beauty. The firm will handle this factory's product for this territory in the future.

G. M. CORNETT HAS BIRTHDAY

Kentucky Klan Meets At Cornett Home Sunday Last

G. M. Cornett was given a birthday party at the Cornett home in this city last Sunday, at which time twenty persons were present, many of whom were relatives. A look over the guests proved that of the score present, eighteen were born in Kentucky, the former home of Mr. Cornett.

SLICING SOUTH OF OCHOCO

Construction Of Earth Fill Dam Is Reaching Final Stages

Slicing south of the Ochoco, in the pits abandoned by Twohy Brothers company months ago, was started with good success yesterday by the present contractors.

This is the final stage of construction of the big dam, which will be completed soon after the first of the year.

CIRCUIT COURT BUSY THIS WEEK

JUDGE CAMPBELL SITS IN PLACE OF JUDGE DUFFY

TWOHY DAMAGE SUIT ISSUE

Criminal Cases Not Present On The Docket—Civil Cases Are Numerous, However

With Judge J. U. Campbell of Oregon City on the bench, circuit court opened in the court house in this city Monday morning for the regular October term.

Judge Campbell sits in this term for Judge Duffy for the reason that Judge Duffy is a land owner in the Ochoco District, and several damage suits against the Twohy Brothers Company, former contractors, are at issue.

Present at the opening of court were Judge Campbell, Attorneys E. B. Seabrook, Jas. G. Wilson of Portland; W. H. Wilson of The Dalles; W. P. Myers of Bend; and members of the local bar, including District Attorney Wirtz, County Judge Wallace, L. M. Bechtell, M. R. Elliott, M. E. Brink, Jay Upton and G. L. Bernier.

R. W. Breese, R. S. Price and Harry Hudson were acting as bailiffs.

No criminal cases were referred to the trial court by the Grand Jury, there having been no matters of this nature presented for their consideration, and the entire term which promises to be a long one, will be for the consideration of civil matters.

The first case, which is yet at issue was the damage suit against Twohy Bros., brought by Chas. C. O'Neil. There are a number of like cases which may be tried at this term.

LYRIC THEATER CHANGES OWNERS TUESDAY

Noble & Huston New Proprietors—Will Continue Name and Policy

The Lyric theater was purchased on Tuesday of this week from W. J. Panacke by Fred Noble and Clinton Huston.

Possession was given at once and the new firm put on their first program Tuesday evening.

The new proprietors are young men well known in the community who have had considerable business experience and Mr. Huston served four years as chief operator at the Lyric.

The past summer he has been in Portland, where he was employed in two of the largest theaters in the city. The name and general policy of the place will be continued for the present at least.

SET YOUR CLOCK BACK ONE HOUR ON SUNDAY

On Sunday of this week, October 26, all clocks in the land will be turned back one hour, so that the sun may catch up in the flight of time.

In the future you will be able to set your clock by the sun without any variations.

Unless some law is passed during the winter or spring, there will be no change in the clocks for next year when spring comes.

TO COMPLETE MCKAY ROAD

Plan To Extend Main Street Through Hills On North At Once

A committee composed of George Reams, W. F. King, A. R. Bowman, G. N. Clifton, and Lloyd Powell was selected by the members present at the club meeting on Friday to get action as soon as possible on the completion of Main street on the north with the McKay road by cutting through the hills or ridges at the north end of the present street.

A system is being worked out for the cooperation of the citizens of the town and country to be benefitted, the county court and city council in the work as outlined.

WILL PRESENT BUILDING TO THE CLUB LADIES

Commercial Club Building May Be Turned Over To Ladies' Annex

At a meeting of the members of the Prineville Commercial Club on Friday, a committee was appointed to consider the financial status of the club and to offer the building and grounds to the ladies of the Annex as a gift if the matter can be worked out.

The committee is composed of H. Baldwin, Arthur Michel, D. F. Stewart, M. E. Brink, and G. M. Cornett.

ROOSEVELT MEMORIAL FUND

Chairman Upton of the Roosevelt memorial fund informs us that the greater part of the county's quota of the fund has already been raised and he anticipates no trouble in securing the remaining amount necessary to put us over the top.