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A RECORD SNOWFALL DEMORALIZES TRAFFIC

DESCHUTES CAUSES TEMPEST IN TEAPOT

JAPANESE OWNS BUT SMALL INTEREST IN POTATO LAND

MEANS BIG MARKET FOR SEED

Much Talked-Of Yellow Peril Is In Large Degree But Serious Case Of "Yellow" Journalism

When George Shima, the largest single dealer in potatoes on the coast, if not in the country, who happens to be Japanese, was induced to come into this part of the state in order to seed potatoes for the land he has owned and operated for years in California, it meant the dawn of a new day, a better and steadier market for potatoes for the entire district than was ever possible before.

He was taken over the project, in an effort to induce him to assist in financing the tremendous undertaking with the result that he promised his potato buyer, Mr. Burt that he would take a small interest, not more than 25 per cent of the stock, if necessary to make the venture go, but would much rather give a contract for the purchase of all the potatoes raised than to put money into the lands themselves.

He stated that his farms, situated on delta lands in California, will produce four times as many potatoes per acre as can be grown here, and that he owned all the potato land he wished to own.

It has since been learned that he is interested in a lesser degree than the quarter share above indicated.

A protest was at once raised against the development of these lands in this manner, the allegation being made that the future of this part of the state is doomed for white people because of a Japanese invasion.

One fluent writer has gone so far as to have appear in the nature of an interview in a Portland daily that the Japanese are here already in large numbers, that they work 16 hours every day and that upon labor should take steps to stamp out their very existence.

We print in another column of this issue a set of resolutions embellished with lengthy whereas, from an organization of farmers in Deschutes county, protesting the invasion of Japanese labor.

Such tactics will do more to damage the country than any reasonable amount of advertising can offset.

There is not a Japanese laborer in this county to our knowledge, there is not one foot of land owned by a Japanese that we have been able to discover after the most careful investigation, and there is a very serious question whether the Japanese potato king owns even enough interest in this tremendous potato tract to insure his purchase of its product, as was the hope of its promoters.

We do not like the idea of Japanese owning land in America, of Japanese labor of any kind, and if there was any possibility of any such movement would be firm against such a move.

We believe that much damage has been done to every land owner in the country by this unfavorable publicity.

If those interested here wish to promote and protect their own interests and property values, they should investigate just a little before starting a thing that is expensive to them and everyone else, and very difficult to stop.

CURTAILED PASSENGER SERVICE IS ORDERED

The City of Prineville Ry. is in receipt of a bulletin from the U. S. Railroad Administration, notifying the road of the restrictions on passenger traffic east of Portland. The part of the bulletin relating to the service to Prineville is as follows:

"The standard and tourist sleeping cars for points on the Oregon Trunk Ry. will leave Portland North Bank Station on S. P. & S. No. 8 at 5:45 p. m., with cafe dining car service on and after Monday, December 8, instead of on No. 2 from the Union Station at 7:10 p. m.

"No. 5 will carry cafe car Fall-bridge to Portland on and after Tuesday, December 9."

FIRST TO BUY W. S. S. LIMIT

John Beenas Subscribes \$1,000 To Fund to Put Over Stamp Quota

The first man in Crook county to buy the limit of war stamps during the current year is John Beenas, a former citizen of France.

The drive is progressing nicely and the committee urges that you send in your pledge card if you have not already done so.

DEATH OF IDA F. HOWE

The death of Ida F. Howe of this city occurred November 8 at Sanger, California, where Mrs. Howe had gone for her health.

The remains were brought here for burial, services being conducted by Rev. A. C. Hartley, from the Christian church yesterday at 2:30.

Ida Florence Howe was born in Iowa, November 28, 1853. In the year 1861 she crossed the plains with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Shannon, to California, with an ox team. William Drannan piloted them across the plains, leaving them at Fresno. At the age of 15 she was married to Merida Francis Hining, and later moved to Wintock, Wash., where she lost her first husband Dec. 14, 1895, later marrying Charles Howe, February 14, 1895, and living in that state until about four years ago, when they came to Crook county. Death called her at the age of 61 years and one day, at the home of her sister, Mrs. J. M. Stevenson, near Sanger, California. She was a member of the Christian church, also the Women of Woodcraft. She leaves to mourn her death her husband, C. H. Howe, two daughters, Mrs. W. W. Qualls, Elam, Oregon; Mrs. W. E. Stryker, Everett, Wash.; one son, Frank Hining, Roberts; two grandchildren.

BEND LODGE TO COME HERE

Bend Encampment, I. O. O. F., has surrendered its charter and the members are joining with the Prineville encampment at the I. O. O. F. building in this city.

INITIATION IS POSTPONED

The Encampment initiation of the I. O. O. F. lodge which was to have taken place Saturday, has been postponed indefinitely on account of the snow blockade. Notice of the date when this event will take place will be given all members.

SEATS LIMITED FOR LYCEUM COURSE

Season Tickets Cost Less Than Any Two Single Admissions. Don't Fail To Buy Yours Today

There are only a limited number of seats to be had for the coming lyceum numbers which are to be staged in this city, one each month for the next four months, and friends of the Journal are advised to buy early if they wish to witness the high class productions.

The next number will be given on Wednesday, December 16, at the Baptist church, which will be comfortably warmed for the occasion, regardless of weather conditions.

A season ticket for the four numbers is yet to be had at \$1.25, while each of the remaining attractions will cost 75c according to present arrangements.

Tickets are to be had only at the Prineville Drug Company or at the door on the night of the entertainment.

Do not delay in this matter, but buy your tickets today.

W. F. KING HAS FIRE ON RANCH

A fire destroyed the tank house at the farm home of W. F. King last night. Owing to the snow and the absence of any wind, his dwelling was not endangered.

SMOKER IS POSTPONED

Matchmaker Frank Johnson informs us that owing to the snow blockade the Smoker has been postponed to Saturday night. At that time the program as advertised will be put on. The Masked Marvel was unable to get here on account of the train service being deranged by the storm.

PSYCHOCRAT CLUB MEETS

The Psychocrat Club met with Mrs. M. C. Brink on Saturday, December 6. A very interesting program was given. Mrs. Rea rendered a solo, the music of which she composed, set to the poem "Ochoco Land," by Mrs. Elaine Howard. Mrs. Chas. Ross reviewed the book, "The Rough Road" by Wm. J. Locke. The guests of the club were Mrs. Jones of Portland and Mrs. J. H. Rosenberg.

OLD RABBIT CLUB REVIVED

Post Community Reorganizes Famous Club Along Broader Lines

The meeting Saturday night at the school house was well attended. The old time Rabbit Club was reorganized on broader lines. It will be known hereafter as the Post Community Benefit Club, and will undertake to handle all matters beneficial to the community. The next meeting will be Saturday night, Dec. 13, at half past seven, at which time important business will be transacted, after which the ladies will serve lunch.

CENTRAL OREGON BURIED IN TWO TO FOUR FEET OF SNOW

The heaviest snowfall for many years has demoralized traffic through out the interior of the state as well as in many other places in the north-west.

In Prineville the depth is variously reported from two feet to 30 inches, while west a distance of five or six miles, the average is about three feet.

In Bend and along the line of the Oregon Trunk in many places the snow has reached a depth of four feet. Farther north, in The Dalles and vicinity, three feet is the record.

From Burns comes the word that one foot or a little more is the average depth, and even at Paulina not much more than that amount is reported.

Coming this way, however, a greater depth is reported, but at no point east of this city is there reported a depth greater than is to be found here.

Traffic on all country roads and highways was badly impeded on Tuesday, while yesterday no activity was noted on any of the roads excepting on horseback and in a few instances where stock was being moved about to feed and shelter.

Railroad lines have not turned a wheel for more than 4 hours, and the service on the main line up the Deschutes has been intermittent for several days prior to being closed down entirely yesterday.

Mail to outside points has been practically shut off, the only mail leaving this point today was for Paulina on a train of pack horses.

No mail has been received from the main line for the past two days, one mail being on a stalled train some distance east of Prineville Junction, which is being brought in by bob sled.

Prineville sidewalks were cleared in part by the use of horses and snow plows yesterday, and today a tank type tractor is breaking roadways with a snow plow on the main streets.

Stockmen in some instances were caught with stock some distance out from feed, but most of these will be able to prevent serious losses.

Indications today are that the snowfall is over and conditions will perhaps swing back to normal again as fast as roads can be broken for traffic.

TODAY'S TELEGRAPH NEWS BULLETINS LATEST WIRE REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE

Because of the fact that no daily papers are being received in this part of the state, the Journal has arranged for a brief summary of the most important happenings from the large news centers, which we are enabled to give our readers through cooperation with the Bend Bulletin, without whose assistance the news would not have been available.

FRENCH PREMIER ATTEMPTING TO FORM ALLIANCE

London, Dec. 11.—The French Premier is in England today on a mission which is considered the first move in forming a Franco-British-Italian alliance. This is considered a result of the failure of the United States to secure ratification of the peace treaty and league of nations pact.

COAL STRIKE SETTLED—MEN RESUME WORK

Washington, Dec. 11.—The coal strike is settled, the workers accepting President Wilson's proposed settlement of wage difficulties and the men are returning to their work throughout the mining districts.

U. OF O. TO MEET HARVARD AT PASADENA

Portland, Dec. 11.—Because of difficult transportation conditions and other matters not announced, Harvard and the U. of O. football teams will be matched on the Pasadena grounds according to latest arrangements.

SINNOTT GETS LAND BILL THROUGH

Washington, Dec. 11.—A bill has been passed at the request of American Legion at Klamath Falls, which was introduced by Representative Sinnott, which will throw open 27,000 acres of lands in Siskiyou county, California, and 7,000 acres in Jackson county, Oregon for land filings. All former service men are to be given preference in acquiring title to these lands, which have been controlled by large private interests.

SHOEMAKER URGES ALL TO FEED GAME BIRDS

A wire has been received from Carl Shoemaker urging everyone to feed game birds and other wild birds during the present storm. He urges that "all good citizens and sportsmen do what they can in this effort to prevent the extermination of the birds," and says that all organizations that expend funds in this behalf will have half the amount expended refunded to the mby the State Game Commission.

STORM HITS BEND HARD AND DOES DAMAGE

A total snowfall in the past three days reached 47 inches in Bend, while eight inches of snow were on the ground there before the last storm started. Today the snow is settling until the total depth is a little less than four feet. About \$1,000 is being expended by the city today in an effort to get the streets and sidewalks open for traffic and a large number of men are being employed in this work.

A footbridge across the Deschutes washed out yesterday, carrying with it a tight-inch water main, which leaves half the district west of the river without water supply. The floating ice and snow caused the river to jam at this point, carrying out the bridge. The last train to leave Bend started at 1 o'clock yesterday over the Oregon Trunk and the last train in arrived Tuesday evening, both trains coming in over the O. T. The O. W. service is suspended. An effort is being made to get a train over the Oregon Trunk today, the various depths of snow ranging from two to four feet over the entire line.

No paper was issued by the Bulletin yesterday, because of delivery service being impossible, but a paper will be printed today.

A SNOW SCENE IN PRINEVILLE

Above is a photograph of the landscape taken yesterday morning at 9:00 o'clock from the front door of any Prineville citizen. In the immediate foreground is to be seen snow drifts; in the center of the picture snow fields, which blend away to the snow capped mountains in the distance. By closing the left eye and looking fixedly at the engraving, snow flakes may be seen falling. (This is an indication that the reader has falling eye sight). We are only able to present this clear picture by the clever work of the foreman of our engraving department, Bill Russell, who made this one with an axe on the heating stove, and who has seen much worse snow storms than this one in Minnesota.

TWIN BUTTE PHONE COMPANY

Organization Perfected For Citizens In Powell Butte Country

Organization of the Twin Butte Telephone Company has been perfected for the people living in the north Powell Butte country.

Herman Allen is president, Tom Huston vice president, J. L. Luckey secretary, and J. L. McDaniel general manager.

The company plans to make some needed improvements in the line already serving their territory and may make some extensions.

LOCAL WOMAN IN INSURANCE

Dolly Hodges Successful in Life Insurance Salesmanship

Miss Dolly Hodges, who was on the Journal staff until a few months ago, has deserted journalism for a more



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lucrative profession and is making a successful record as local representative of the West Coast San Francisco Life Insurance Company.

Miss Hodges has a wide circle of friends in this part of the state and will make good in her chosen field. She has placed a number of large policies in the city, and has many more in prospect.

LARGE STOCK RANCH DEAL CLOSED

A deal involving 13,000 acres of grazing land near Post was closed on Monday.

Frank May and associates of Walla Walla are the purchasers and the lands involved are adjacent to the Bonny View ranch and were purchased from J. N. Williamson and Will Ledford.

Mr. May recently purchased the Bonny View ranch from Robert Raymond and will operate a large cattle plant centering here.

He has a large herd of registered Hereford cattle in addition to a great many good grades.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

NOTICE is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Crook County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at Prineville, Oregon, as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, December 17, 1919, at 9:00 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, December 20, 1919.

Wednesday Forenoon
U. S. History, Writing (Penmanship), Music, Drawing.

Wednesday Afternoon
Physiology, Reading, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday Forenoon
Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art.

Thursday Afternoon
Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday Forenoon
Theory and Practice, Orthography (Spelling), Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry.

Friday Afternoon
School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civ. Government.

Saturday Forenoon
Geometry, Botany.

Saturday Afternoon
General History, Bookkeeping.

Ranger J. O. F. Anderson, who has made Maury Ranger Station headquarters during the past summer, has moved to the George E. Kelly ranch, near Paulina, for the winter. Mr. Anderson will be occupied very largely during the winter months in the construction of sign boards as mentioned above, which will be placed at designated locations during the summer.

ANNUAL FORRESTRY FIRE REPORT IN

TWENTY-NINE INSIDE AND FIFTEEN OUTSIDE FOREST

TOTAL ACREAGE BURNED 3635

Average Time From Report of Fire By Lookout To Time Of Start By Ranger Eight Minutes

The annual fire report for the Ochoco Forest has just been made up. The outstanding features of the report are as follows:

Total number of fires 44
Lightning 21
Campers 14
Unknown 9

Of the total, twenty-nine were inside the National Forest boundary, fifteen outside. Average time from report of fire by the lookout man to time of start by the Ranger (or whoever was designated to put the fire out), is eight minutes for the normal fires inside of the Forest and eleven and two-thirds minutes for range class outside. The total acreage burned over was 3,635 inside of the National Forest and 1,026 outside. The estimate of the total damage for both in and outside fires is \$1,451.33. This includes loss of feed for range stock, merchantable timber actually killed or destroyed, and damage done to reproduction. Aside from the regular patrol and field force of the Forest service and timber land owners cooperating with the Forest Service, the total cost of suppression for all fires is approximately \$1,450.00.

It will be observed that campers usually through carelessness are still responsible for a considerable percentage of fires. The Forest Service and private agencies have, during the past several years, spent considerable money and effort in an educational campaign to teach the public that it should be more careful in preparing camp fire etc., but the results have not been as satisfactory as it was hoped that they would be. It has therefore been necessary to apply the law in a great many cases throughout Oregon and Washington during the past season, in this respect and a number of convictions for carelessness in leaving camp fires unextinguished or carelessly starting fires in some other way secured. This may seem like a harsh method to some who possibly do not appreciate the possible damage the fire might do to personally owned property, such as fences, buildings, etc., as well as the timber resources. However, it will undoubtedly be necessary to continue with an energetic campaign to reduce this carelessness in future years by a vigilant prosecution of offenders. Luckily so far as the Ochoco is concerned, it was necessary to bring only one party into the local court.

During the next few months two or three members of the local Ranger force will spend considerable time constructing sign boards, which will be placed at the most important road intersections both within and near the National Forest. The Crook county court has very generously offered to cooperate to the extent of furnishing a portion of the posts, lumber and paint to be used in the work.

The work done by airplanes in connection with the Forest fire patrol during the past field season has fully demonstrated their worth and it is now planned to give a course in aviation to certain designated Forest Service men so that they may cooperate to the fullest extent with trained aviators who will be designated to handle the patrol planes next season. So far as Oregon and Washington are concerned there will be twenty men from the different Forests delegated to attend this school. The course will be given at March Field near Riverside, California, probably some time the next three or four months and will extend over a period of about six weeks. Ranger G. C. Blake of Mitchell, one of the local force of Rangers has been recommended as representative from the Ochoco Forest.

Word has been received from the District office at Portland that Miss McMurry, who has been Forest Clerk on the Ochoco for almost a year and a half, will be transferred to the Umattilla Forest with headquarters at Pendleton, to a similar position. The transfer will be effective on or about January 1. Gerald H. Wanner, at present clerk on the Chelon Forest, with headquarters at Chelon, Wash., will be transferred to the local office to assume the duties now being handled by Miss McMurry.