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FINAL BOND ELECTION FOR THE DISTRICT IS CALLED STATE RECORD FOR ODD FELLOWS

Before the warm days of summer arrive, the Ochocho Dam, which is being built by the earth fill method and is located a few miles east of this city, will be completed, well filled with water, the sheer boards removed, and the even slopes on the down stream side will be green with grass and vegetation, while the east or up stream side will be the shore line for one of the largest artificial lakes in the west.

The affairs of the district are being shaped up for the completion of construction, and at a meeting of the board of directors on Tuesday of this

week, the final bond issue which is to provide funds for the completion of the works, was ordered submitted to a vote of the land owners and the date set for March 5.

The final issue is to be for \$1,000,000, which will make a total of \$1,350,000 against the lands of the district, which is an increase of less than one-fourth over the original estimates.

A statement issued from the office of the district is printed below, and which gives a good idea of the business affairs of the organization.

Anyone wishing more details can secure them readily by applying at the offices in the Adamson building.

Average in District

Lands with vested water rights	6,697.0 acres
Lands under "High Line" Pumping Project	1,435.8 acres
Total area water right lands	8,132.8 acres
Total area "dry" lands	13,787.3 acres
Total irrigable area of the District	21,920.1 acres

Equivalent "Dry" Area

\$132.8 acres have an average vested water right of 51.582 per cent, which is equivalent to a full (or "dry") right on (8132.8x.48418 equals) 3937.74 acres.

Summary of 1920 Taxes

	Millage	\$ per acre	Acres	Assess.
Interest on State Bonds	2.71795	0.2174	17,725.04	\$3,854.06
Operation and Maintenance	6.63898	0.5311	21,920.10	11,642.20
Pumping charges	52.86900	4.2295	1,435.80	6,072.65
Total Assessment				\$21,568.91

First Bond Issue	\$1,100,000.00
Second Bond Issue	150,000.00
Third Issue, proposed	100,000.00
Total	\$1,350,000.00

Total Bonds of \$1,350,000.00 will mean a maximum cost to the "dry" lands of \$76.16 per acre, and an average of \$36.87 per "wet" acre. These are an increase of \$5.87 and \$2.73 per acre respectively over the present acre costs.

Final average cost per acre: Final average cost per acre over entire district, \$61.58 Original estimated cost based on final irrigable acreage 50.19

Increase over original estimate \$11.39

Increase over original estimate (per cent) 22.7

The funds which will be derived from the above bond issue of \$1,000,000 will be applied to the completion of Ochocho dam, construction of various small wooden and concrete structures on the distribution system the building of a permanent warehouse and office building for the District, the completion of the High Line Pumping plant, and other smaller structures throughout the project.

There now remains to be sluiced into Ochocho Dam a total of 107,300 cubic yards of material, besides the completion of the concrete work of the main spillway.

The available cash resources of the District at the close of business on December 31, 1919 was \$87,070.00.

Contrary to a rumor which has been heard on the streets, the District is not, at present, issuing warrants for its running expenses, all bills and labor costs being paid by check or warrant on funds available to the treasurer's hands.

The dam has now been completed to an elevation of 92 feet above the bottom of the creek, at which height there can be stored at the present moment, approximately 20,000 acre feet of water. To date there has been stored approximately 5,000 acre feet and every drop that can be saved

now is being conserved in the reservoir for the present season's use. It is estimated that the snow now on the ground on the water shed above the reservoir will yield in the neighborhood of 30,000 acre feet of storage, which is five times the amount stored during the spring of 1919. At the present moment the water surface in the reservoir is within two feet of the highest elevation reached last spring.

R. E. Froiseth was recently appointed Manager of Operation and Maintenance of the District and he now has crews in the field burning weeds, cleaning out ditches and making necessary repairs where required and in other ways getting the system into condition for use during the coming season. A crew has been put to work on the Rye Grass ditch near the Josiah Williams ranch to repair a break caused by the flood waters in December and this important lateral will, within a very few days, be in a condition to carry any flood waters which may be available to ranchers under this ditch who wish to apply water to their lands. Land owners in the project can not be too strongly urged to thoroughly prepare all lands which they propose to irrigate during the coming season in order that the water available may be properly, economically and efficiently applied, even to the extent of a reduction of the acreage planted, over what might otherwise be put in crop. It is a well known fact that a small acreage of well prepared lands properly irrigated will yield better results than a larger acreage carelessly prepared and only partially irrigated.

It is hoped that all land owners in the project who wish to inform themselves of the condition of the District finances, or who are interested in the work accomplished or that remaining to be accomplished, will take time to call at the District's office and go over these matters in any detail that they wish with the District's Engineer, R. W. Rea, or its Secretary, Ben Sordal, or the Manager, R. E. Froiseth. The Board of Directors also stands ready to give any information in their power at any time.

ELKS INITIATION

By a special dispensation, Bend Lodge No. 1371, B. P. O. E., will initiate a class of Crook County candidates in Prineville, on the night of February 21. A dance and dinner for Elks and their ladies will follow. A large number of Bend lodgemen will be in attendance.—Bend Bulletin.

FARMERS' MEETING CALLED

A meeting will be held at Grimes' Chapel on Monday, February 9, for all the farmers who expect to plant alfalfa seed this season. There will be present a representative of the Western Soil Bacteria Company and he will give suggestions that will no doubt be of benefit about bacteria.

The question of using flood waters of the McKay will also be discussed, and if a sufficient number of users request it, the water will be turned into the canals for their use.

MADRAS MASONS ATTEND CORNER STONE CEREMONY

The following members of Madras Lodge, A. F. & A. M., were in Prineville last Thursday at the laying of the corner stone for the new Masonic building:

Vine W. Pearce, W. B. Johnson, H. W. Turner, Ira Holcomb, A. F. Shugart, Ray T. Jackson, L. H. Seving, W. H. Hannon, Walter Walter Gray, Geo. G. Pearce.

DEATH OF ED. N. WHITE

Ed. N. White, for years a resident of this city, and twice elected county treasurer of Crook county, died at his home in Portland this week. Funeral services were held in Portland yesterday.

DINER NOW CARRIED ON TRAIN

A dining car is carried every morning on the train carrying passengers from this part of the state into Portland.

Anyone leaving Prineville on the evening train may eat breakfast before arriving in Portland at 8:25.

LADIES INAUGURATE CLEAN-UP DAY

From the tone of speeches made by ladies attending the Friday evening luncheon, a campaign will be started later in the spring for a clean-up paint-up campaign for Prineville.

Addresses by Mrs. Robert Douglas, Mrs. C. L. Shattuck and others showed the need of these improvements, and it is a sure prophesy that if these ladies attempt to clean up the city and make it assume a new coat of paint, the thing will be done.

A good representation of the ladies of the city were in evidence at the meeting, and they showed themselves alive to the needs of the community and ready to do their part in making them realized.

C. L. Shattuck emphasized the need of a sidewalk to the depot of better character than the one now existing and a move was mentioned which has for its purpose the paving of the principal streets and a continuation of a cement sidewalk to the depot site.

Mr. Schee stated that more than 20 men had promised to participate in the good roads contest, and a vote of approval of the plan with its extension to all parts of the county was made.

The evening meeting will be made a monthly feature in the future, according to announcement by Chairman Rosenburg.

PRINEVILLE MAN FOR CHAMPION

By holding the Hindu wrestler, Basanta Singh, to a draw at the Tuesday night match in a two-hour battle on the mat, Roy Anderson of this city proved himself in the championship class, and will either become middleweight champion of the world during the coming months, or will be thrown by men of the best that the world can produce.

The local mat fans were given the best exhibition Tuesday that they have ever seen here.

While the dark skinned man was a few pounds below Anderson's weight he proved the most difficult man to throw that has been matched with Anderson here, and at least five holds that were of a class to put him on the mat, proved insufficient to get a down.

The visitor got at least two very fine holds on Anderson, but the local man threw them off and seemed to be standing the battle better than his opponent at the finish.

The match was a very clean one, the Hindu proving himself a finished artist and a gentleman who would not stoop to dirty tactics, while Anderson maintained his usual clean, cool attitude throughout the two hours of fierce battle.

Anderson immediately challenged the visitor from the mat, which will be accepted and a match arranged for the coming week, which will be a finish go to determine who will meet the champion of the world, Ted Yipe.

THE PSYCHOCRATS MEET

Last Saturday the Psychocrats met at the home of Mrs. Edna Morse. Mrs. Robert R. Davis gave a very interesting book review and Mrs. Adams furnished the musical part of the program. Very delightful refreshments were served.

DOUBLE HEADER GAME FRIDAY

Redmond High School will come to Prineville to play basket ball with the C. C. H. S. team Friday night. The visitors will also play a game with the Prineville town team the same evening. Both the Prineville teams are in good condition and a big crowd is expected out to see the two games.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

February 8, 1920. The presence of every member and friend of the church is earnestly desired at the Communion service at 11 a. m. This is the last service of this character to be conducted by the retiring pastor in the church here. At the evening service at 7:30 the message will be especially to the young people on the theme: "The Call of the Wild or the Call of God." The hymn books ordered some time ago have arrived and will be used at this service. Bible school at 10 a. m. Evening high school Bible classes at 6:30.

PIONEER MEMBERS AT CEREMONIES

One of the most interesting things in connection with the laying of the corner stone for the new Masonic Building was the presence at the ceremony of Mrs. M. H. Bell, a charter member of Carnation Lodge, O. E. S. of Prineville, and B. F. Nichols, one of the twelve members to whom the charter of Prineville Masonic Lodge was issued on November 8, 1875.

Grandma Bell was born in Wheeler County, Kentucky, on the 27th day of January, 1825, and lived in the southern states until her marriage with M. H. Bell, who was a member of the Masonic Lodge from the early fifties. She came to Oregon, with her husband in 1852 and lived in Corvallis before moving to Eastern Oregon with her husband.

She has four children, and is living with her grandson, Vernon Bell in the old Bell home on Third street.

"Uncle" Frank Nichols was born in Missouri, and was an early pioneer of Oregon. He has been closely identified with the history of Oregon from the time it became a state and his name is well known in political circles in this part of the State. He came to Central Oregon from Polk county, where he was one of the first county clerks.

The fact that Mr. Nichols is almost directly responsible for the creation of Crook county is not generally known. He went to the legislature in 1882 as a representative of Wasco county and pledged to the creation of Crook county and opposed to John M. Mitchell for U. S. Senator. His bill for the creation of the new county passed the house but was tabled in the senate to force him to vote for Mitchell for senator, which he refused to do.

About this time the State Treasurer with the sanction of the governor paid out \$100,000 on the state's indebtedness to save interest. A bill to legalize this payment was introduced in the lower house but through the efforts of Mr. Nichols, it was tabled. When interviewed Mr. Nichols said the bill would be passed when the bill creating Crook county passed. Consequently the Senate was compelled to pass this bill in order to legalize the paying of \$100,000 for state indebtedness.

A few months ago Mr. Nichols suffered a fracture of his leg, but it has healed in a measure, which is unusually surprising in a man of his age. In spite of his years Uncle Frank is very spry and has excellent health. He says he expects to live to be a hundred.

Great consideration was shown these pioneer members at the installation ceremonies.

NEWS NOTES

HIGH SCHOOL

The work of the three High School Literary societies was arranged for the second semester in their regular monthly meetings last Friday afternoon. Officers were elected and the new members drawn. An excellent musical program was given before the three societies, after which they adjourned to their own rooms and listened to the literary programs. The program was as follows:

Saxophone solo, James Newsom; clarinet and flute duo, Harold Gray and Mr. Shippe; Trio, Veri Shattuck, Tom Jacobson and Alton Byrd; vocal duo, Mae Ward and Roy Clark.

Alpha—Current events, Esther Adamson; debate, Elsie Grant, Lodeina Lytle, vs. Cecil Bowlin and Lyle Laughlin.

Ochoconian—Junior prophecy, Edna Wolfe; declamation, Vera Bolter; jokes and school notes, Helen Elliott; debate, Darrel Mills, Ladocia Jacobs vs Virginia Panckake, Dorothy Campbell.

Adelphian—Recitation, Marie Gerardo; class news, Bertha McCord; recitation, Helen Snyder; recitation, Norton Graham.

The following officers were elected: Alpha—President, Lois Stewart. Ochoconian—President, Ladocia Jacobs; secretary-treasurer, Cecil Houston.

Adelphian—President, Vera Hendrickson; vice-president, Collins Elkins; secretary-treasurer, Velma Shattuck.

Establishing a record for the State of Oregon Prineville Odd Fellows initiated a class of 65 men Saturday evening into the Prineville Encampment No. 61, the candidates coming from all parts of Jefferson, Deschutes and Crook counties, for the degrees.

The team work was in charge of the crack team from Ellison Encampment No. 1 from Portland, of which E. A. Sharon, son of the Grand Scribe, E. E. Sharon, is a member, and was handled in the most effective manner possible.

One of the most remarkable pieces of work ever seen by members present was the announcement of Marshal R. O. Williams of the entire list of 65 candidates without reference to any written list, the facts being that he had no way to know who any of the men were until four hours previous to the announcement, and during the four hours, was busy in his place in team almost all of the time. Look over the list below and try it for yourself.

The entire assemblage was served with a chicken supper with plenty of trimmings at midnight by the Rebekahs of the local lodge, in the basement of the Baptist church.

The degrees were conferred at the Commercial Club Hall, the Odd Fellows hall being too small for so large a class.

Members of the Portland team present were: K. J. Nolan, Grand

Senior Warden; J. V. Swan, R. O. Williams, Chas. E. Melburn, and E. A. Sharon.

The work was under the direction and was made possible through the activities of Scribe C. L. Shattuck of the local encampment.

Those who took the degrees were: From Bend: T. C. Ewing, F. J. Rutell, Earl J. Vande, Mark and Peter Persan. From Culver: R. V. Jenkins, Ed. Berry, A. W. Mendenhall, Virgil Messenger, W. M. Messenger, William G. Glasco, Guy Corwin, Perry Corwin, J. Henderson, A. C. Wright, W. T. Trent, Oscar Morris, O. B. Davidson, John Depuhr, Dow Dobkins, J. M. King, John Michel, J. C. South, Edgar R. Barnes, Harry Johnson, Howard Hodges and P. A. Chandler. From Madras, Albert E. Peterson, Albert M. Wilson, T. W. Thornburg, G. W. Goldson, J. W. Warren, W. R. Cook, Louis H. Irving, M. C. Pilet, Otto Strasses, E. A. Christenson, C. C. Shelton, Dewey Gwathney, C. E. Bye and Roy Newell. From Tumalo: G. W. Sandel and M. S. Bullard. From Terrebonne: D. H. Gates, Geo. B. Graves, J. J. McElfresh, L. P. Snapp, V. A. McElfresh, W. F. Mackey. From Prineville: Warren Brown, Chas. H. Welsh, H. H. Rachor, C. W. Goodnight, C. L. Roberts, W. T. Ray, U. G. Allen, Jas. Cram, Jr., Max Wilson, L. A. Newell, T. S. Lawrence, K. D. Huston, Verne V. Harpham.

CHURCH MEETING AND SUPPER

The members and friends of the Presbyterian church to the number of ninety gathered at the lecture room of the church building Tuesday evening for a supper served by the Ladies' Aid Society. After supper addresses were given by men representing the New Era movement of the church. Dr. A. M. Boyd of the National Committee, spoke of the challenge of the world to the church of today and outlined the organization which has been built up to prepare for the work. Dr. Boyd was followed by Rev. E. E. McVicker, pastor of the church at Moro, who told how the two churches which he has led in the movement in Oregon had been quickened in their life and work by the larger vision and sacrifice involved.

Rev. B. F. Harper whose work in Prineville as pastor and missionary, has given him a permanent place in the affections of the people here, spoke for the Presbytery of Pendleton, announcing the formal action of the Presbytery dissolving the pastoral relations between Rev. W. L. Van Nuy and the Prineville church, and pledged to the church the cooperation of the Presbytery in securing a new pastor. Mr. Van Nuy will leave within the next month to take up the work of Educational Superintendent for the Presbyterian church in Oregon.

After the general meeting of the officers of the church held a conference with the visitors to complete the organization of the New Era plan in the local church, which has been under way for some time. When this organization is complete the church will be prepared to carry on its work with a large degree of efficiency during the time the pulpit is vacant. An extended vacancy is not anticipated, however, as the committee is in correspondence with a number of men who seem favorably disposed to work in this part of the country. This community has a future that will interest men of ability if the people who believe in the church will rally to its support along the lines involved in the large movements of today.

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There is no doubt that many more will want to get into this contest after they see what their neighbor is doing but positively no entry will be received after Tuesday evening, February 9.

This contest was in no way fathered by the Crook County Court, nor have they anything to do with it, as it was proposed by the Commercial Club of Prineville and will be conducted by them.

Phone your entry today before it is too late, as the contest positively closes next Tuesday evening.

Prineville Commercial Club, R. L. Schee, Sec.

C. C. H. S. WINS FROM BEND 20-18

Crook County High School was the winner from the Bend High School in what was one of the closest and best games of basketball ever played by the two teams, by a score of 20 to 18. The game was attended by a crowd which packed the Commercial Club Hall to its capacity, and even standing room was at a premium.

The game was very closely contested from the very start, and rough playing was the rule during the entire game, both sides making many scores on fouls throughout the game. Another feature of the game was the very pronounced difference of opinion between the Bend and Prineville umpires about the rules of the game and regarding fouls on the players.

Raymond Clark, who played forward on the Prineville team proved to be the star player of the evening. Though considerably more than a couple of heads shorter than any other player on the floor, he showed unusual dexterity in covering ground and keeping out of reach of his guard and threw three very difficult baskets while the game was in progress. Eugene Miller played his usual game and scored 12 points for Prineville. Rosenburg threw two baskets on fouls.

The score at the end of the first half was 12 to 10 in favor of Prineville and the last half failed to increase the lead.

The local team is fast whipping into shape, and will be ready to lick the Madras team to a finish when they play their return game on this floor early in February.

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