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CROOK STOCKMEN DEMAND FEDERAL INVESTIGATION JAPANESE FARMERS INVITE DISCUSSION

At a meeting of about fifty of the largest producers of livestock in this part of the state, held Monday evening at the Commercial Club rooms in this city, a resolution was passed demanding the investigation of conditions, practices and methods of the Portland Union Stockyards.

The stockmen maintained that there was absolutely no excuse for the recent slump in the livestock market, that the same thing has happened for years, a general and sharp decline in the prices of cattle just at a time when the feeders were forced to ship, and after the large amount of cattle that must be marketed is in, a general advance allowing the packer to make a neat clean-up at the expense of the feeders.

While no specific charge could be made, the stockmen knew enough of the conditions to be sure that there is something radically wrong about the way the business is handled, and the market fluctuates at the yards at North Portland and a number of red hot speeches by men who have been up against conditions as they exist there were features of the meeting.

A permanent organization, with a

purpose of bringing together all the stockmen for their own protection against such conditions was perfected and will be known as the Crook County Livestock Marketing and Feeders' Association.

Geo. H. Russell was elected president; Raymond Calavan, first vice-president; E. T. Slayton, second vice-president; Jas. Cram, Jr., secretary; and an executive committee consisting of L. M. Mills, J. T. Huston, Joe Smith, Floyd Huston and I. B. Meyer was selected.

A resolutions committee, composed of C. W. Foster, L. B. Lafollette and Raymond Calavan was placed at work on resolutions for the Association.

Delegates to the state convention at Burns were chosen as follows: M. R. Biggs, Geo. H. Russell and Raymond Calavan.

An initiation fee of \$5.00 is being collected from the members, an annual fee of \$1.00 each was decided upon and an assessment of one cent per head for cattle and one-eighth of a cent per head of sheep was decided upon should the fund be necessary. Another meeting of the Association will be held early in April.

CANDIDATES GROOMING FOR PRIMARY RACE MAY TWENTY-ONE

Candidates are lining up for the Primary race next May, which is another sure sign of spring.

Present indications are that there will be but little change in the personnel of officers in the court house, although later announcements may make a difference in the lineup.

For sheriff John Combs is making an announcement this week that he is a candidate for the office again on the Republican ticket.

Asa W. Battles is announcing his candidacy for the office of county clerk, which he has held since shortly after returning from France.

J. E. Myers is also making the announcement that he will be a candidate for reelection to the office of superintendent of schools.

H. A. Foster announces his candidacy for the office of assessor on the democratic ticket.

For commissioner F. F. Hoelscher is announcing his candidacy for the Republican nomination at the same time Commissioner E. T. Luthy announces that he will not be a candidate for the office again.

Willard H. Wirtz has already filed with the secretary of state as a candidate for reelection as district attorney.

While there has been some talk of other candidates, especially for offices of school superintendent and sheriff, there seems to be a hesitancy on the part of the other candidates to enter thus far.

The men announcing themselves are all capable and will be difficult to defeat.

County Surveyor Kelly is out of the city and we have not been informed if he will seek reelection.

"I will be present at the next meeting of your commercial body and will invite an open discussion by the men present," said R. Ogata, Japanese farmer, who is in Prineville this week, looking over the local situation with a view of buying or leasing lands here.

Ogata, who is associated with G. Hata in the matter of securing land here, says that if a majority of the people want them to stay away from this part of the country, they will do so without question.

While they have several pieces of land under consideration, none has been purchased or rented as yet, Ogata says, and no such action will be taken until after the Friday meeting of the Commercial Club.

A petition, which was signed by almost all the men voting at the Ochoco District bond election on Saturday, declared against the sale or lease of land to Japanese, and there is considerable sentiment against them here, and against their farming in this vicinity.

The fact that there seems to be a strong feeling against them in places where they have been for years would lead one to the conclusion that it should not be necessary for Crook county to try the experiment.

Homer Barney, who lives at Hood River, is in the city this week and he is firmly of the conviction that it would be a fatal mistake to encourage the sale of lands to the Japanese.

VALLEY VIEW VACATED

The county court at its regular monthly meeting, accepted the vacation of Valley View Addition to the city. The property is owned by Ross R. Robinson and is situated in the southeastern part of the city.

MOVED TO ALBERTA THIS WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Yancey are leaving this week for their new home at Sundre, Alberta, Canada, where they have a 640-acre wheat ranch. Their car of goods were shipped yesterday.

ARTISAN DANCE SATURDAY, MAR. 13

All the lovers of dancing and the supporters of the American Legion should keep in mind the big dance at the Club Hall Saturday night, March 13.

This dance is given by the Artisan lodge and all of the proceeds will go to the building fund of the American Legion.

The committees have provided excellent music and there will be good old fashioned home made eats will be on sale in the hall.

The admission price is \$1.25 for dancers and 25 cents for spectators. Everyone come and have a good time as well as help a good cause.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Our Bible school meets at 10 o'clock in the morning. The union meetings have brought excellent results both for our city and our churches. Therefore come and find your place and take up your Cross with fresh courage and renewed zeal and devotion.

The Junior Union will meet in the auditorium of the church at the same hour. Come and enjoy these services with us.

LARGE ORDER FOR GRIMM SEED

O. I. Davidson, one of the most successful and progressive farmers on the Ochoco Project, yesterday placed an order for 250 pounds of Grimm alfalfa seed, which will cost him about 70 cents per pound.

This order is in addition to six sacks of the ordinary variety of alfalfa seed, which he purchased some time ago.

A total of over eleven tons of alfalfa seed has been purchased by the Ochoco Project farmers during the past sixty day for seeding this year.

FEDERAL APPRAISER HERE

V. C. Brook, Federal Loan Appraiser from Spokane was in the office of Lake Bechtel yesterday looking over the local applications. Mr. Brooks will go to Paulina after he has completed the appraisal here.

TEACHERS TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the teachers of Crook county in the high school assembly Saturday, March 20, at 2 p. m. There will be a program. The main topic of the day will be a talk by Mrs. Clara Pratt on "Primary Reading."

HOME PAPER SELLS IT

"Ever try selling that pig or cow or old plow or thousand baby chicks by and all in the local paper?" asks Geo. W. Kable, Benton county agent, of his Farm Bureau News readers. "It's a cheap and easy way to get your wants before the public. It's a good thing to watch the ad columns of the home paper, too, for some good bargains are often found there. Every farmer should subscribe for the county paper. Many news items, notices and local events you ought to know you will never know unless you read the home paper. We say this because we believe it and because the papers have always been 'Johnny-on-the-spot' in adding the farm bureau."

LOCAL GIRL WINS IN STATE CONTEST

Alice McNeely of the Crook county high school won third prize in the state contest in competition with many thousand contestants, in the recent contest conducted by the United States in essays on the subject: "The Benefits Derived From an Enlistment in the U. S. Army."

Miss McNeely, in addition to securing state prizes for her efforts, received the first prize in the county, which was \$10 in gold, awarded by the Crook County Bank.

The second prize in the county was awarded to Lela Laughlin, which was \$5.00 in gold, awarded by Dr. Rosenburg.

The third prize award carries with it honors in the national contest also just as what they are we are not yet advised.

PRINEVILLE-MITCHELL LINE IS NOW ASSURED

Mail service, three times each week is assured by the postoffice department in a telegram received this week from Congressman Sinnott, between Prineville and Mitchell.

This carries with it the reduction of the Mitchell-Fossil service from six times to three times each week.

This will establish mail service between this city and Mitchell the first time since 1907, when it was discontinued, being at that time but a weekly service.

WATER MASTER APPOINTED

J. A. Rollinger has been appointed water master on the Ochoco Project for the current season.

Rollinger has had much experience in this line of work and is considered an excellent man for the place.

JURORS CALLED FOR TERM

The regular panel of jurors called on the March term of the Circuit Court of Crook County were as follows:

W. J. Johnson, E. Wagoner, B. E. Livingston, Louis M. Fisher, Grover C. Price, S. J. Newson, W. B. Morse, Lincoln Kyle, D. J. Evans, E. N. Hall, J. M. Elliott, S. L. Reynolds, H. K. Allen, J. F. Rice, W. S. Ayres, Lloyd J. Powell, G. W. Roberts, John R. Knox, H. L. Maker, H. W. Neal, H. D. Still, F. C. Logan, J. Floyd Houston, James Oakes, Wm. W. Davis, W. H. Lohuis, Cecil B. Stearns, E. E. Gillenwater, I. W. Ward.

ASSIST ARMENIAN RELIEF FUND

J. E. Myers, county superintendent, has received a check from Mrs. Geo. Hobbs of Powell Butte for \$21.00, which is a donation by the children of District No. 17 known as the Wilson School, for the Armenian relief fund. Mrs. Geo. C. Truesdale sent a check for \$49.00 a donation from the adults of the same district.

The children of the school known as the Shepherd School gave an entertainment which was under the supervision of Miss Fay Bussett and they made \$30.00, which was also given to the Armenian Relief Fund. The two school districts should be highly commended for being so liberal in this cause. They have donated more for the Armenian fund than any other district in the county.

REPORT OF GRAND JURY FOR THE MARCH 1920 TERM

TO the Honorable T. E. J. Duffy, Judge:

We, the Grand Jury, empaneled at the March, 1920 term of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Crook, beg leave to report as follows:

That we have been in session two days and have examined into all matters and things that have been brought to our attention either by the district attorney, the citizens and taxpayers or which was known to ourselves, but have not reported any true bills, although we believe we have carefully and conscientiously performed all the duties enjoined by law.

As directed by you we have visited the different county offices, the county hospital where the poor are kept and also the county jail and the county high school. We want to repeat what the preceding Grand Jury reported with reference to the crowded condition of the high school buildings in order to emphasize the point that sooner or later some steps must be taken to relieve the congestion.

By reference to the report of the last Grand Jury we find that attendance of the high school has increased from 152 on October 29, 1919, to 178 on March 8, 1920. We are informed that the seating capacity of the assembly room at the high school is but 130. Obviously good work cannot be done under these conditions. Other rooms used for large classes are overcrowded.

We also learned that the heating plant is a poor one and that during

the colder weather of each winter the students are required to wear their overcoats and heavier wraps when attending classes.

As representatives of the body of the taxpayers of the county we think it incumbent upon the city authorities to more thoroughly police the city. We send our children to the city of Prineville to attend the public and county high schools. We expect our children to be protected by the city from various surroundings, to be kept from entering the pool and card rooms and from obtaining cigarettes.

Such minor violations of the law can be handled without extra expense to the city if adequate fines are imposed by the city court and a little more activity is reported in the arrest and prosecution of offenders.

The county hospital seems to be extra well kept and in the opinion of some of us who have served previously on Grand Juries and have visited this institution, the hospital is in as good or better condition than we have ever seen it.

Having concluded our duties at this time, we respectfully ask that we be dismissed and be allowed to return to our homes subject to such further service as to the Court may seem necessary at any other time during the ensuing term.

Respectfully submitted,
W. J. JOHNSON, Foreman.
J. R. Knox, Fisher Logan, W. B. Morse, H. L. Maker, J. Floyd Houston, J. M. Elliott.

LECTURE COURSE NUMBER HERE ON MARCH 17



SERBIAN TAMBURICA ORCHESTRA

The Serbian Tamburica Orchestra, soon to be heard here on the Lyceum Course, is the only organization of its kind in America. It is unquestionably one of the most unusual and attractive musical companies on the platform. These six young Serbians appear in the bright colorful costumes of their native land, singing and playing their Slavic music, extraordinary in its exquisite sweetness and thrilling power. They use various sizes of the tamburica, the household instrument of their people for generations. While similar to the mandolin, guitar and banjo, it possesses larger musical possibilities because of greater life and sweetness of tone.

COMMISSION ASKS FOR BRIDGE BIDS

On March 23 the State Highway Commission will ask for bids on 20 bridges in the state, six of which will be located in Crook county.

The bridges will be located on the Crooked river, one across Bear Creek and the other one across Dry Creek.

The bridges are to be of the variety known as the metal reinforced structure by the commission, which is a concrete pier and base and steel super structure.

If the bids are satisfactory the bridges will be placed as early as possible, in order that they may be of benefit to the contractor on general construction work.

G. H. RUSSELL WINS SUIT

G. H. Russell won the suit wherein Henry H. Vincent was suing him for \$5,000 as commission for selling real estate belonging to Russell. The case lasted until 5:30 p. m. Tuesday. Those serving on the jury were: S. J. Newson, Wm. W. Davis, Grover C. Price, G. W. Roberts, L. M. Fisher, H. W. Neal, Lincoln Kyle, E. E. Gillenwater, D. J. Evans, J. F. Rice, W. S. Ayres, and S. L. Reynolds.

LOCAL WOMAN ON STATE BOARD

Mrs. H. P. Belknap is on the Salvation Army Board and will no doubt be present at a convention that will be held in Portland March 17.

At this convention the business people of the state who have become identified with the Salvation Army work through memberships on the advisory boards, will take up in a business-like way, the extension of the Salvation Army work beyond the larger cities to even the remotest rural districts.

BUYS A CHEVROLET

Peter Britain, who is at present working for Guthrie & Co., has purchased a Model 430 Chevrolet from the Newell Motor Sales Co.

CHEVROLETS COMING

The Newell Motor Sales Co. expects to receive a carload of Chevrolet cars from the factory the last of this week or the first of next. These cars are on the road now. This carload will contain one light delivery truck, three five passenger touring cars, one one-ton light truck and one F. B. Model 50, one of the larger Chevrolet models.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday school at 10 a. m. Morning worship at 11 a. m. sermon, "The Bible God's Final Word to Man."

Junior Endeavor at 3 p. m. Mrs. C. Hartley, Supt. Senior Endeavor at 6:30 p. m. Evening worship at 7:30, sermon "The Great Salvation." Mid-week services Wednesday evening at 7:30. Everyone welcome to all these services.

ALBERT C. HARTLEY, Minister
Dr. Rosenburg stated this morning that no new cases of flu have developed since last week, and nearly all of the old cases are recovered or have made a decided turn for the better. The recent snowy and rainy weather may have some bearing on the improvement of the situation in this part of the country.

NO OPPOSITION TO OCHOCO BONDS

By a vote of 35 favorable to none opposed the land owners in the Ochoco Irrigation district Saturday declared themselves in favor of a bond issue for \$100,000 for the purpose of completing the dam and system.

The bonds are to be 6 per cent and will run over a period of twenty years. At the same time, the voters declared themselves favorable to the state caring for the interest on the issue for the next three years.

CHARLES STROUD ARRESTED

Charles Stroud was up before the Justice Court last Friday, the 5th of this month, charged with having intoxicated liquor in his possession, contrary to the law of the State of Oregon. After pleading guilty, he was fined \$25 and cost, which he immediately paid.

GEORGE LONDON FOUND GUILTY

George B. London was fined \$200 a 2 months in the county jail by Judge Duffy when convicted on a charge of manufacturing liquor.

Those serving on the jury were: E. E. Gillenwater, W. H. Lohuis, Jas. Oakes, B. E. Livingston, G. C. Price, E. N. Hall, H. D. Still, Cecil Stearns, Wm. W. Davis, W. S. Ayres and E. Wagoner.

REVIVAL MEETINGS CLOSE

Union revival meetings, which have been held in the Methodist church for the past two weeks by Dr. McCallum, closed last evening with 18 conversions.

Dr. McCallum left today for Pendleton where he will open a series of meetings the last of the week.

A fund of over \$200 was raised for him here during the past two days.

C. C. H. S. MAN TAKES HONORS

Roy Skeen, a graduate of Crook county high school, received second prize at Willamette University last week in an oratorical contest.

Concerning the contest, the Salem Statesman said: "It was Roy Skeen's first appearance in collegiate oratory and he showed an ability which will undoubtedly stand him in good stead in future contests."

SHUMIAS TO MEET

The Shumia Club will hold a social meeting Tuesday at the home of Mrs. R. W. Ren in this city. Mrs. T. E. J. Duffy will be the guest of honor.

DEATH OF SAMUEL B. MORSS

The death of Samuel B. Morss occurred at his home near Carlisle, Wash., from sleeping sickness at the age of 60 years and 12 days, on Mar. 1, 1920.

He leaves a wife and four children, J. C. Morss of Wendling; Mrs. D. Rissue, Mrs. R. L. Gawley, Willard N. Morss, of Carlisle, Wash.

He had many friends here who will miss him.

BUYS A BUICK SIX

Melvin Weber of Suplee has purchased a Buick Six from the Inland Auto Co., which was delivered to him last Tuesday.