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CONTRACT IS LET ON CROOKED RIVER BRIDGE STOCKMEN MUST HAVE ORGANIZATION

A contract was let yesterday by the State Highway Commission for the construction of a concrete bridge on west Second street, which is part of the McKenzie highway.

The contract was let to Oskar Huber, who has the contract for the Prineville-Redmond end of this highway, the consideration being \$3970.

This will enable the contractor to complete the entire unit, which will be done during the next few months. Other bridges, six in number, all to be located across Crooked river south of Prineville on the Crooked River Highway, were not contracted for at this time for the reason that there was but one bidder for them.

A large camp has been established just below the grade west of this city by Gabe Batoni, who has a sub contract for this end of the highway west

from Prineville, and the right of way is being cleared for the new grade, which is to be less than one-half as steep as the present grade for a part of the distance, a least, a five per cent even grade being the slope of the new road.

Two large motor trucks with dump beds have arrived for use on this highway, and many others will follow soon. The entire task of moving the thousands of yards of material will be performed by motor truck and tractor, the only teams being used on the Huber contract will be those worked by sub-contractors.

Good grades of the entire length of the Crooked River Highway is reported by A. Guthrie & Co. A large caterpillar steam shovel which arrived a few days ago is working on the construction near the Stearns ranch.

FUTURE OF OUR SCHOOLS IS THE VITAL ISSUE NOW

(By J. E. Myers)

No proposed measure comes so near the fireside of every family in Oregon as the proposed two-mill school bill before us at this time. Incidentally its aim is to retain the services of the standard teacher at her desk. Fundamentally, it is a call to Oregon to reach out its strong rescuing arm to the boys and girls in every city, homlet, hilltop and sequestered glen in its broad domain.

Every district is more or less threatened; a great many of the weaker districts face annihilation. This would be a tragedy.

The bright, energetic teacher, though loath to leave the profession which she has spent years and treasure in preparing herself to follow with credit to herself and profit to the community which she serves, has clearly demonstrated her ability to function acceptably in other better paid lines of endeavor.

We can see the drift of the times more positively when we realize that every private educational institution, every state agricultural college, every state university is flooded with students and swamped with more applications than they can handle. While no such educational enthusiasm, in preparatory schools, has ever been known in this country heretofore, in

other lines of scholarship, the attendance at normal schools has decreased as much as 40 per cent in some normals, and more in others. We no longer hear that our own normal—Monmouth—is overcrowded.

There is only one way to stop this gigantic avalanche. Render the accredited teacher adequate pay for adequate service.

Some of the most precious interests of the community cluster around the teacher at her work. Shall we allow her to slip from us and replace her with a sub-standard teacher?

She is not particularly hurt, she is only temporarily discommoded.

If our good people will stop long enough in the mad rush of the times to take a broad survey of the subject they will see, with a clear vision, that the little boy and the little girl will carry the whole burden of inefficiency and misdirected aims—their future is marred and scarred.

This is getting down to the heart of the family and family interests. It is a cloud on the anticipations, hopes and ambitions of the fond parent who will not calmly submit to the mal-administrations of the inferior teacher. They realize that the proper education of the youth of the land is the foundation of the nation, and this education must be properly directed.

Sentiment of local stockgrowers is centering on a strong central organization for the control of marketing their product.

A communication from J. T. Houston shows the feeling that exists in this regard. It follows:

"Dear Editor and Readers:

"We, the producers, have before us a serious problem. It reminds me of the strenuous times of the eighties and early nineties, when the Indians went on the war path because they were cheated by unscrupulous agents of a great portion of their government allowances. They were thus treated until they were starving and finally went on the war path.

We, too, are getting somewhat the same way. But different from the Red Man. He was ready to fight the government as well as the agents, but as we are a little farther advanced than he was at that time, we purpose to fight differently, that is, by government investigations.

The producer has been operating for the last three years at a material loss while the packers' profits run in the millions each year.

It is hard to make the producer believe that the packers are not getting a certain per cent off the retailers' profits. Otherwise he would give the producer a little more or enough so that he would still produce and pass it on to the retailer.

Most every man who is not a producer sells his stuff for cost plus an unreasonable profit.

Now is it not fair for the producer to get the cost of production with a small profit?

The only way I see is to quit the yards and bring them into the country to buy. In order to do that we must organize everything west of the Rocky Mountains. Another thing we must do is to get our finances through some source not interested in the packing business.

As for myself, I would have been \$20,000.00 to the good if I had been selling hay instead of running cattle the last three years. As it was, I got nothing for my hay and I know many producers that have met with the same condition so it is up to us to better our condition or quit. What shall we do? Organize!

J. T. HOUSTON"

MASONIC TEMPLE NEARLY FINISHED

The new Masonic building is fast nearing completion, and when completed it will be one of the best constructed, most completely equipped with modern conveniences, and one of the best looking lodge buildings in the State, and a lodge hall that Prineville can point to with pride as representative of the progressive spirit of this community, and a fitting home for Prineville's Masonic orders.

The lower floor has room for three complete stores. The store room on the east side of the building will be ready for occupancy about the 15th of next month, and this room has already been leased to a music firm. This will equip Prineville with a music home, selling musical instruments and sheet music, the need of which has long been felt in town. The other two rooms will be left until the last to finish.

The entrance to the lodge rooms is on the east side of the building and there will be a gradual incline covered with rubber fabric to climb instead of a conventional stairway.

This ends in a large hall that extends the full length of the building and ends in the cloak room. The first room at the head of the stairs to the left is the banquet room, which will seat nearly a hundred, and a pantry and kitchen open from this room. The kitchen will be equipped with an electric range and other conveniences. The next room on the left is the library and lounge room, which has a large fireplace on the south side. The center stone over the fireplace is imported from the quarries from whence the marble came to build King Solomon's temple of Bible fame.

The southwest corner of the building will be given entirely to a ladies' rest room and dressing room. The rest of the west end of the building will be given to ante rooms and a preparation room where the lockers and paraphernalia of the lodge will be kept. The rest of the north side will be the lodge room proper, a fine large room. The ceiling of this room will be in domed effect, and the floors all over the upstairs will be of oak.

Every appointment which is installed in these lodge rooms will be of the best quality, and as up-to-date as possible. Those who have not already looked this building over will find it well worth their while to do so at the first opportunity.

Plastering is now going on upstairs, and the rooms are expected to be ready for lodge meetings within a month or six weeks.

OREGON & WESTERN COLONIZATION CO. SALES

B. F. Johnson, General Agent for the Oregon & Western Colonization Co., reports the following sales: R. W. Brown, 520 acres; Jesse Bain, 80 acres; J. P. Dennis and wife, 80 acres; Otho Slaton, 65 acres; J. W. Davies, 840 acres, and Bruce Gray, 320 acres.

SURVEY TO BE MADE ON OCHOCHO HIGHWAY

A survey of the remaining link of 19 miles connecting the finished section of the McKenzie Highway east of Prineville with that part of the highway now under construction on the west, will be started by the State Highway Commission next week it is stated on authority.

The completion of this link and the present Crooked River Highway provides main trunk lines for the Highway system for the county on the best possible lines.

JAPS HAVE DECIDED TO QUIT PRINEVILLE

The Commercial Club met at the Prineville Hotel last Friday, in regular session.

The main topic for discussion was the Japanese situation. The committee that met with the Ochocho farmers gave in their report, and stated that they, with a number of the farmers met with Ogata and Hata and told them the situation and that they had resolved not to admit the Japanese into this country.

After hearing the report Ogata and Hata decided to leave the city. Hata was not present at the luncheon because he left on the morning train.

Fred Hoelscher explained to Ogata and told him that there were approximately 125 farmers in this association of which only about 100 live on land in the district, and that out of the 100 only three expressed that they were not opposed to the Japanese settling here.

L. N. Nichols offered to give the free service of his car and also to furnish other cars so that Ogata could go to all farmers in the district and get their personal opinions whether or not they were opposed to the Japanese.

Ogata has now promised that after he got the full opinion of the people in the district he would drop all contracts pending and that he would see Hata and have him discontinue all contracts that he might have pending at the present time and that they would not endeavor to locate here.

Ogata was then asked when he expected to leave and immediately replied "tonight," meaning Friday. He then asked that if at any time they should change their opinion, to please let them know and they would immediately proceed to come to this country, for he said, "this country has a very good future and we are much pleased with it." The Club assured him that if he would leave his address with the secretary of the club they would, by the quickest way possible, notify him should such a change occur.

The telephone question will be discussed at the next meeting of the Commercial Club, which will be on Friday, March 26. Everyone come.

LOGAN BROTHERS WIN SUIT

Logan Brothers won from R. B. Cross last week in the suit to prove that the hay which the defendant sold to the plaintiff was improperly measured and the plaintiff did not get all the hay for which he paid.

The jury brought in a verdict for the plaintiff for 21.4 tons of hay, or the value thereof, setting the value at \$20 per ton, a total of \$428.00, which was the price which the plaintiff paid for the hay at the time of purchase.

Judge Duffy held, however, that this verdict was wrong, and that if the plaintiff was entitled to the hay or the value thereof, he was entitled to the present market value of the hay, which is \$25.00 a ton, and sent the jury out to reconsider and they returned a second verdict for \$535.00.

The jury brought in the verdict at about three o'clock Saturday, and the Judge then dismissed them for this term of court, there being no other cases to be tried before them.

UPTON HAS ASSISTANT

Jay H. Upton has given out the information that after the 26th of this month he will have with him in his office, Marvin Skipworth, a young lawyer of Eugene, who will assist him with his law practice.

Mr. Skipworth studied law as a protégé of A. C. Woodcock in Eugene, who in his younger days was a cowboy in this country.

EXPERT ISSUES ADVICE ON IRRIGATION FOR THIS SEASON

(By Percy A. Cupper, State Eng.)

The supply of water for irrigation according to the present indications will be far below normal this season. In fact, it will not be surprising if 1920 proves to be the driest season of record for irrigators. The heavy snows of early December seem not to have reached to any marked degree the higher altitudes and most of the snow seems to have already disappeared. In some cases, it fell on unfrozen ground and was almost entirely absorbed by the soil, while in other sections the reverse was true and unusual floods followed the melting of the snow.

Reports from various sections of the State indicate a very light snowfall in the higher mountains upon which we must rely to maintain our irrigation streams and fill reservoirs. It seems, therefore, not too early to check up on our available supply and to take such practical precautions as we may to avoid undue shortage for the irrigated crops. The use of water early in the season serves a double purpose, it saturates the soil, much of which remains to supply the plants and also serves as a reservoir, the water gradually returning to the stream as seepage and maintaining its flow for the benefit of those below, which in turn enable the upper appropriator to longer divert water without infringing upon prior rights.

The time when irrigation can be commenced to advantage depends upon the condition of the crops and the soil, and is far better known to the irrigator in each particular locality than by anyone else. The fact remains, however, that the irrigator with his usual excess of spring work does not always appreciate until it is too late, that there may not be an ample supply of water to raise a full crop unless he starts in early. It is particularly necessary that irrigators with the later rights take warning

and make the best possible use of the water when the same is available.

Ditches should be cleaned out and prepared for use as early as possible, so that water may be applied as soon as conditions in the respective localities will permit of the beneficial use as early as possible, so that water may be applied as soon as conditions in the respective localities will permit of the beneficial use of the water.

Under the statute, the State Engineer has charge of the distribution of the waters of the various streams of the State to those entitled to their use as established by the State Water Board or the courts.

Extreme shortage of water often brings about unforeseen conditions which render the equitable distribution of water a difficult matter. However, with the confidence and cooperation of the water users, these problems become simple, and it is the desire of the State Engineer to at all times work in close cooperation with the water users.

The water masters, who have immediate charge of the distribution of water under the direction of the State Engineer, are required to distribute the water strictly in accordance with the decrees of the State Water Board and the courts. In case of a misunderstanding or dispute with the water master, it is urged that the matter be not immediately taken into the courts but be referred to the State Engineer. Every effort will be made to adjust the matter with due respect to the rights of all concerned. Even though the water supply should be as short as present conditions indicate, much can be done to relieve the situation by foresight, precaution and cooperation, of which we trust we may have a full measure the coming season.

In any event, let us not overlook the fact that now is a good time to begin.

PRINEVILLE TO HAVE 48-HOUR THROUGH FREIGHT SERVICE

The city of Prineville now has a 48-hour freight service from Portland. Any freight ordered out of Portland will be received in Prineville 48 hours after leaving Portland. J. T. Hardy, agent for the S. P. & S. Ry., was in the city last week and he worked up a system by which he will put on a through car known as the Through Merchandise Car to Prineville, so that anyone ordering freight from Portland should specify that it be shipped in the Through Merchandise Car and they will receive the freight in about 48 hours.

RAILWAY BEING IMPROVED

The bridge on the City of Prineville railway across Crooked river is practically completed. A work train is busy ballasting the line west of the river this week

MOTOR THROWN OFF TRACK

Last Sunday evening the motor car while going to Prineville Junction, was thrown off the track just this side of the McCall place when a steer came leisurely walking upon the track just in front of the car and before the motorman could stop, the car hit the steer, breaking its front legs and killing it almost instantly. The passengers escaped injury and the car was not damaged in any way.

The section crew was called out to put the car back on the track and by one o'clock Sunday morning the car was replaced on the track.

ALL MUST REGISTER BEFORE APRIL 20

All persons in Crook county who have during the past four years changed their politics or their precincts, must register with the County Clerk before April 20.

INTER CHURCH WORLD MOVEMENT

The Crook County Conference of the "Inter-Church World Movement" will be held at the Baptist church in this city April 11 and 12. The first session will be held Sunday evening, April 11. A team of speakers will explain the purpose and aims of this great movement, in which thirty-four evangelical denominations are cooperating together to secure men and money for the evangelization of the world. As someone has said: "The Inter-Church Movement is the immediate gathering together of the power of the whole church, to give the whole gospel to the whole world." It is not nor can it ever become an organic union. It is a cooperative movement to meet the world's greatest need, and to actually accomplish the task we have been playing about for generations. It is to carry out the Great Commission and to do it now. Six cents per day, on the average, from the fifteen million members of the 34 Protestant denominations joining in this Inter Church Movement, will mean a total of \$32,550,000 in one year and more than one billion three hundred millions of dollars in four years. This movement is also to secure volunteer workers for all our mission fields: Pastors, Evangelists, missionaries, Doctors, Nurses, Mechanics, and agricultural experts. Come and hear all about it, at the Baptist church, Sunday and Monday, April 11 and 12. We want the people to come from outside points, such as Post, Paulina, Powell Butte, and all others. Bring your baskets of luncheon and use the tables and stove and dishes in the basement of the church. If any can come for Sunday evening and Monday, we would be glad to receive you into our homes for Sunday night lodging and breakfast. It is expected that a great stereopticon lecture will be given either Sunday or Monday evening. No one can afford to miss this. There will be no charge of any kind. Everything will be for everybody to freely enjoy.

J. W. CABEEN, County Convener

ANDERSON WINS ON MAT

The wrestling match held at the Club all Tuesday evening resulted in favor of Roy Anderson of this city. He threw Harry Bush of Spokane the first time in about 39 minutes and the next fall in 6 minutes.

There was a fair-sized crowd out to the match who report that Bush wasn't a match for Anderson because he has had but very little experience and is only about 22 years of age.

TERREBONNE WOMAN IS OUT FOR AN OFFICE

Announcement of her candidacy for the nomination for county school superintendent on the Republican ticket was made by Mrs. Gertrude Whites of Terrebonne, when in town Saturday.

Mrs. Whites is at present principal of the Terrebonne high school, where she has served for the past two years. Before taking up her work in Terrebonne she was for six years a teacher in the Prineville grade schools. She has also taught in the Heppner high school and served as assistant to the county superintendent of Moro county for four years.— Bend Bulletin for Mar. 18.

EASTERN STAR MEETS AT REDMOND

A large crowd of Prineville people motored to Redmond last night to attend the celebration of the institution of the Prineville and Redmond Eastern Star lodges. This anniversary will find Carnation Chapter of Eastern Star of Prineville 24 years old, and the Redmond Chapter is three years old this year. A very large crowd from Bend was also in attendance. The Redmond Chapter was to have instituted an Eastern Star Chapter at Madras Monday night, but this was postponed until next Saturday night, so Madras was not able to be represented in this year's celebration.

The first hour of the evening was spent with getting acquainted by the means of introduction cards. The program of the evening consisted of a stunt from each lodge. Bend came first with an interpretation of a movie audience in a one-horse town somewhere in Central Oregon. Redmond followed with a mock wedding with the groom dressed in ladies' clothes and the bride dressed in the attire of a man. On account of the dignity of being the oldest lodge present, Prineville was allowed to come last, and presented the short farce, "Lady Masons." The whole program was enjoyed by all present from start to finish. Dancing was enjoyed for a short time, and delicious refreshments were served.

The following from Prineville were present: Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Euston; Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Babcock; A. H. Gillett; Mrs. S. S. Stearns; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ross; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Wilson; Mrs. P. C. Garrison and Mrs. Garrison, Sr.; Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Towner; Mrs. S. Hamilton; Mrs. Joe Lister; Martha Gillett; Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Davis; Mrs. O. G. Adams; Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ayres; Mr. and Mrs. Lake Bechtel and Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Elkins.

STRANGE SELECTED AS ASTORIA SCHOOL HEAD

A. C. Strange, former superintendent of schools at Baker, has been selected by the city school board as superintendent of the city schools for a period of two years, beginning July 1.

He will succeed H. L. Hussong who has served in that capacity for three years. Strangs was selected from 45 applicants.

Mr. Strange was principal of the Crook county high school for several years.

CLANCY KIDS COMING TO WORK ON JOURNAL

Starting next week unless they have difficulty in making train connections, the Clancy Kids will appear regularly with the Crook County Journal for an indefinite period.

These comic youngsters have been signed up for the exclusive entertainment of the youngsters of the families where the Journal makes regular weekly visits and we hope that they will be liked. They are but one of a number of new features that are being added to make the Journal a bigger and better paper.