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THIRD ST. WILL RUN STRAIGHT TO DAM CLEAN-UP WEEK SHOULD BE OBSERVED SOON IN TOWN

A survey that will connect the Ochocho highway east from this city at the east end of what is now third street, and make a straight highway from the end of the street to a point near Ochocho Dam, with the exception on one slight curve rounding the hill at the Biggs ranch.

This survey was ordered by the State Highway Commission on Tuesday, and is to start in a short time, with the promise that actual construction of the road will start not later than October 1, starting from the already completed portion of the highway at Jones Mill and building west to this city.

The highway from that point will be graded for a distance of 19.5 miles toward Mitchell, which work is already under progress by the cooperation of the county, state and federal governments.

For this work \$5,000 was advanced by the county at the solicitation of Judge Wallace for the county's share of the expense in securing the completion of the work.

The only possibility of the interruption of the highway program for this county and the state at large is the defeat of the bond measure next month.

Therefore all who are interested in the development of the highway scheme should get out and vote sure on May 21, for the passage of this measure. Vote 302 X Yes.

FOREST OFFICE GETS NEW MOTOR TRUCK

The Forest Service has been fortunate in securing a one-ton GMC truck from the War Department thru the Bureau of Public Roads. The truck arrived a couple of days ago and is being fixed up for immediate use. It will be quite a convenience to the local administration of the Ochocho Forest in handling several small road projects, telephone maintenance and construction work and as a general utility rig.

Within the next couple of weeks Ranger Warren will have two or three camp sites on Mill Creek park and made attractive for parties going out for a Sunday picnic dinner or the like. It is expected that one or two areas at least will be fenced at a later date as a protection against range stock. In connection with the Mill Creek camp grounds the road from Cabin Ranger Station near the Jones ranch on up the creek will be cleaned of rocks, the holes filled with gravel and generally put in better shape.

Word has been received from the Portland Forest Office advising that Messrs J. L. Peterson and D. E. Ingram will arrive in Prineville three or four days immediately preceding the State Cattle and Horse Association meeting to be held at Burns on May 24 and 25, for the purpose of making an examination of several experimental areas on the Ochocho Forest. These areas are small enclosures which have been fenced with woven wire fencing so as to absolutely protect the natural forage plants for a term of years with the idea that by such protection and careful observation at different seasons it will eventually be possible to determine at just what time certain cattle and horse ranges should be opened for grazing in order to get the most good from them. This opening date for the grazing season on National Forest ranges is a debatable question and as the outside ranges are enclosed by fence the idea, of course, is to make this range serve its highest possible use and it is for this reason that considerable study must be given the subject.

HOME HOSPITAL CLOSED

The Home Hospital which has been under the management of the Short family, located about a half a mile west of town on the Redmond road, is a thing of the past. At the present time there are no patients, and the county wards, for whom the institution was really conducted, have been placed by the county in other institutions and in private homes, as upon investigation it was found that they could be kept just as comfortably and happily, with a much less cost to the county.

The people of this part of the county are usually very healthy, and there was never less sickness than at present, the doctors say. All patients from now on will be cared for in private homes.

L. M. Bechtell motored to Bend last Monday, where he had a case to be tried in court which was in session there. Mrs. Bechtell and little son Bobby, and Mrs. G. N. Clifton accompanied him on the trip.

WATER SUPPLY IN PROJECT ESTIMATED

(By R. E. Frolseth)

Water Users below McKay Creek are urged to make every effort to use all water now being supplied in the district canals from McKay Creek. Flood water has been in the canals from McKay creek for about two months, and with but a few exceptions the farmers have been very slow in taking advantage of this water.

Water will be available from the reservoir after May 1st and will be

supplied in the canal as far as McKay creek as soon as demand calls for sufficient to maintain a head in the canal. From McKay creek to the end of the canal, McKay Creek water will be used as long as a sufficient amount is running in McKay to supply the demand.

As soon as water is turned in the canal from the dam all flood waters and return waters will be considered a part of the district water supply and will be charged accordingly to the land.

In other words, as soon as the water is turned in canal from the dam all free use of water will stop, and all water users below McKay are urged to get the ditches in condition so the water that cannot be stored will not be wasted. All water will be supplied upon demand, and by

rotation only then.

After May 1st it will be necessary to give two days notice to the district office before water is wanted, and two days notice before water is shut off. After water is once turned on for a user it will not be shut off until the allotted amount is used up, unless the district is given the two days notice by the water user to shut it off. Ranchers must therefore bear in mind the necessity of keeping the district office informed as to the amount of water they wish to use at one time.

It is estimated that there will be one acre foot of water delivered to the land for each acre in the district.

The water will be apportioned to all lands equally and according to the actual acreage under the project and not the crop acreage.

OREGON BEATS ALL OTHERS FOR STOCK

Friday evening Joe Lister returned from a brief visit to Denver and way points. He says that snow was several feet deep in Denver streets while he was there and that the ground was white until he got well in to Idaho on his return west. The loss of cattle and sheep was great in the territory covered, one community facing a loss of 15,000 head of cattle in a small valley near Denver.

The only green fields and pastures he saw were in Oregon and he says that this country is the best of all for the livestock business.

GOVERNOR INDORSES ARMY

Governor Olcott has thoroughly investigated the Salvation Army Home Program for 1920 and sends in to the state headquarters the following open letter of endorsement:

State of Oregon, Executive Dept. Salem, April 21, 1920.
To The People Of Oregon:

It has been called to my attention that the Salvation Army contemplated setting aside the period from May 1 to 10, inclusive, for its Home Service Campaign, at which time it will seek to secure funds from the people of the state for the purpose of advancing the Home Service work.

The Salvation Army has outlined a very comprehensive home service program for 1920. We are all familiar with the magnificent services of the Salvation Army during the late war. In a general way we are familiar with the work which that splendid organization is doing at home among the downfallen and the needy. The concrete results of this great work are not so well known to our people as the Army in thousands of cases extends its helping hand quietly and without ostentation. The Salvation Army has entered a field which no other organization touches, with untold results for good.

I am certain the people of Oregon, who have always responded liberally to worthy causes, will not be lax in this respect. I can conceive of no more worthy cause than genuine wholehearted and well planned organization to give assistance where assistance is actually needed.

Very Sincerely Yours,
BEN W. OLCOTT,
Governor.

PLAN TO BEAUTIFY THE CEMETERY

There is a movement on foot to get water for the cemetery north of town, and to plant trees all around it, and in other ways beautify the spot.

There is plenty of room for improvement of this kind at the cemetery. At present it is one of the most desolate looking spots which is connected with the city of Prineville surrounded by sage brush, without trees and other green things. It is suggested that the Ochocho Irrigation District might provide water for the cemetery, free of charge, if the responsibility for caring for ditches and the cemetery was shouldered by the town.

Prineville's reputation for progress will grow rapidly with the many civic improvements which are being inaugurated from time to time.

MOTHER'S DAY WITH SHUMIAS

Saturday afternoon the women of the Shumias Club will celebrate their annual Mother's day meeting which will be held in the Domestic Science rooms at the high school. Every Shumias will either bring her own mother as her guest, or will bring someone else's mother to the meeting. A regular Mother's day program will be observed, and Miss Phila Hall, the domestic science teacher, will discuss the work that the girls of her classes are doing, and will serve the luncheon for the occasion.

County Chairman Asa W. Battles announces that the Salvation Army drive which is in progress is doing fine. The school district of which V. W. Davis is the chairman, is already far over the top, and the quotas of several others are about completed. Almost everyone solicited is willing and anxious to contribute to this cause.

Next week's Journal will carry an announcement of the plan for the drive in Prineville. It is expected to be completed in a day.

Now is an opportune time to start a general movement to clean up the town. The ladies have made a good start in this direction with the movements to beautify and otherwise make the Cemetery more attractive, and the plans for the public camp ground are also a movement in this direction.

The roads in every direction are being repaired also, but the movement towards cleaning up the town must not be allowed to come to a standstill at this time.

The first thing that should be attended to is the gathering up of trash from vacant lots, back yards and alleys, which at the present time are not only a disgrace to the city, but reflect on the owners, who indifferently allow the refuse to accumulate.

It is true that familiarity breeds contempt, and the close association every day with these conditions has made the people of Prineville every day more lenient in their censure and they have finally grown careless themselves in allowing the tin cans and weeds to appear.

In many cases they have allowed the buildings on their premises to look disreputable for lack of repairs.

Those interested should appear at the regular meeting of the Council on Friday, May 4, and request that a resolution be passed to secure needed action.

AT COMMERCIAL CLUB FRIDAY

The Commercial Club endorsed the camp ground movement at the luncheon on Friday. The committee looking after the camp ground movement instructed the club Friday that they have raised something over \$500 for the building of the automobile camp ground. The contractor is ready at any time to commence construction on this ground as soon as the proper amount of money is raised and the committee is striving hard to raise this amount in the next few days.

H. W. Howard was appointed by the club as Honorary vice president of the Oregon State Motor Association for this district.

All the persons who expect to attend the stockmen annual convention at Burns May 24 and 25 should give their name to R. L. Schee. The Burns people are expecting a large crowd from Crook County.

Mr. Olson, chairman of the committee on arrangements for the stockmen's convention at Burns addressed the club on the proposed irrigation district for Harney County. Wm. Hanley of Burns also, gave a short address of how things here interested him.

Robert N. Duncan, secretary of the Board of Directors of the Silvia river irrigation district gave a short address.

OWEN F. JONES FOR CONGRESS

Elsewhere in this issue appears the announcement of Owen F. Jones of Baker, Oregon, who is a candidate for representative in Congress from this district, opposing N. J. Sinnott of The Dalles.

Mr. Jones bases his claim for the Republican votes on the fact that he has been over the Eastern Oregon territory very frequently, for many years past, and is thoroughly acquainted with its needs.

Mr. Jones is vitally interested in irrigation, and owns and operates a large alfalfa ranch near Baker, where the necessity and importance of irrigation are constantly demonstrated to him. Also being the owner and operator of a stock ranch, he is well versed in the needs of the stockmen of Central Oregon, and has their welfare at heart.

In his campaign he promises to make a fight for Oregon's share of Federal Funds in the Treasury of the nation, which up to this time have never been justly apportioned. He also promises equal rights to the public, labor and capital, and the development of irrigation, mine and timber interests.

Mr. Jones is creating a favorable impression wherever he goes, and we predict that he will be among those present when the votes are counted.

CONCERT WELL ATTENDED

The many friends of Blanch Williams-Segersten turned out in full force last Thursday night to attend the concert at the Methodist Church, which was beautifully decorated with plants and flowers.

The wonderful range and tone of Mrs. Segersten's voice showed to unusual advantage, and all who attended the concert are enthusiastic in their comments on the selections rendered.

Mrs. Segersten may come to Prineville in the late summer for a return concert.

She was ably accompanied on the piano by her sister, Mrs. Durand.



PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR SHEEP INDUSTRY, WOOL WORTH FIFTY CENTS

Never since the settlement of this part of Oregon has there been so much interest in the sheep business, and the trend among the livestock men and farmers of all kinds is to raise at least a small flock of sheep and less cattle and other kinds of livestock.



of the flocks, the band of ewes in the distance photographed by Arthur Mohr on the J. N. Williamson ranch, and the youngsters being snapped by L. B. Lafollette on the T. H. Lafollette ranch a few days ago. Fine wools are becoming stronger in demand, and the growers are ex-



providing the numbers are not too great for the capacity of the ranch.

Good reports from most quarters is especially concerning the lamb crop, especially in the smaller flocks that lamb after March 15.

The late cold spring which delayed the growth of the grass caused some losses but not more than eight or ten per cent in old stock has been reported in loss that we have heard of, and the rapid improvement of the range is making a decided improvement in the conditions of all livestock.

The accompanying photographs were all taken near this city and show the general condition of some

of the flocks, the band of ewes in the distance photographed by Arthur Mohr on the J. N. Williamson ranch, and the youngsters being snapped by L. B. Lafollette on the T. H. Lafollette ranch a few days ago.

Everyone should make it a point to vote for higher grade sheep.

