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WORK PROGRESSING ON STATE HIGHWAY

The local highway in Crook and Wheeler counties is progressing very rapidly. O. D. Wolfe has the contract for this work. The graveling of the ten miles in Crook County has been completed and the shovel and rock crusher have been moved to the ten mile stretch in Wheeler county. Only a part of this section has been graded. The work of graveling and grading will be carried on at the same time. Mr. Wolfe expects to complete his contract by the middle of October.

Efforts will be made to keep the road open for travel in so far as possible—however it is hoped that unnecessary travel will be suspended. By making a detour on the old Mitchell road it will be possible to get through, but the road is far from being in the best condition. It will be arranged so that the Steam shovel can be passed between the hours of 12 and 1 each day and after 5 P. M.

This road is a section of the Eugene, John Day Highway and is being built through the co-operation of the State Bureau of Public Roads and the people of Crook County.

This highway will give the people of Wheeler County a new outlet and should add materially to the business welfare of Prineville as well.

NEW TELEPHONE LINE

SOON TO BE READY

The service of the Lower Rye Grass Phone Line, known as the 3F line located on Grimes Flat has been unsatisfactory, owing to the increased number of subscribers. It was decided to divide the line in an attempt to reform the service.

The new lines have been completed to the city limits. The Telephone Company has received the equipment to finish the system, and the line will soon be in operation.

PRINEVILLE VS JOHN DAY

Professor Evans recently received a letter from Principal Moore of the John Day high school in Grant county requesting a game of foot ball with the Crook County High School on September 30 at the time of the Grant County fair.

The invitation will be accepted. Mr. Evans took the boys over there last year and all had a good time. Mr. Moore also states that they will bring an all Grant county team to play a return game with us at the time of the Inter-State Fair at Prineville. These two games will start the season.

The schedule for the fall games is not yet completed and will be announced later.

MRS. DURAND ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Branche Williams-Segersten was the guest of honor at an afternoon tea given by Mrs. Frances Durand, at her home Saturday afternoon. Many of her friends were present, and enjoyed several vocal selections given by Mrs. Segersten. Among those present were; Mrs. C. W. Elkins, Mrs. Willard Wirtz, Mrs. Lewis Morgan, Mrs. Henry Howard, Mrs. Aaa Battles, Mrs. Masters, Mrs. Ross Robinson, Mrs. Nell Newsum, Mrs. Dr. Rosenberg, Mrs. E. J. Wilson, Mrs. Robert Davis, Mrs. Frances Durand, Mrs. Segersten, Miss Nora Dobbs, of Portland and Miss Blanche Schlipp.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

U. S. to C. E. Adams pat. s.e., w.e., 16-15-17.
U. S. to C. E. Adams, e.e., n.e., 10-15-17.
Goe Dickinson to Geo. W. Warren, wd M. Tompkins place. \$17500.
NWT Co to Wm. Wallace, wd it 11 b 11 O. & W. Add., \$1.
R. Wilcoxon to S. Wilcoxon wd ne, 33 nwn34 15-14-10.
A. Powell to E. E. Allen wd. It 4 b 14 Prineville, It, 5-8 b 1 2nd add.
V. S. Hyde to W. J. Schmidt wd It 7 b 7 It 1 b 3 3rd add \$2500.

BUILDING BOOM IN EAST PRINEVILLE

The two bungalows being erected at the east end of Third Street by E. J. Barrett, one for himself and one for R. L. Schee are going up rapidly. They are now ready for the inside finishing. A double fireproof garage will be built between the two residences with a pergola leading towards the street.

Both houses are of tile construction and will be stuccoed with Medusa White cement. This will be the first and only cost for the exterior, as no painting will be required. The tile construction is also a commendable feature, rendering the houses cool in summer and warm in winter and materially saving in the fuel bill as a consequence.

The interiors will be attractively finished. Massive bath tubs without legs, hardwood floors in the living rooms, and the reception hall. Eight bookcases will be built into such with leaded glass doors and each will have pressed brick fireplaces. In addition Mr. Barrett's residence will contain a shower room. Eight foot 8 by 8 doors will connect the living and dining rooms and the front porch will be built with cobble stone piers and walls.

Each bungalow will contain six large rooms besides accessories for the general household.

Several other residences are also nearing completion in this section of Prineville and still others will soon be started.

C. OF P. MOTOR CAR IS OVERHAULED

The motor car of the Prineville Railway was put in shape Saturday. An expert was sent here by the White Motor Car Co., to look over the work and machinery of the car. He reports that the car is standing up well and appears to be giving satisfaction. The motor was thoroughly overhauled and the wheels of the trailer are being re-ground.

In making the O-W connection Saturday it was necessary to transfer passengers to the Junction in automobiles, three local cars being used for that purpose.

A distinct improvement to be noted at the depot is the completion of two plank platforms extending in each direction from the cement platform, 48 and 60 feet respectively. These platforms greatly facilitate the handling of express and baggage.

The new passenger coach is a much appreciated addition to our rolling stock.

We are still maintaining our usual average of stock shipment. Nine carloads of cattle were shipped Saturday and six car loads of sheep went out Sunday morning.

NEW LUNCH ROOM NOW READY

G. A. Ribelin and C. R. Welliver announce the opening of their new lunch room adjoining the Newell Garage. The room has been remodeled and redecorated with the view of making it as attractive and sanitary as possible. Mr. Welliver, who will be in charge comes to Prineville from California and has had ten years experience at catering to the public taste.

Breakfast will be served at 6 A. M. Theatre parties will receive special attention. Short orders, sandwiches and salads to order may be secured until 11:00 P. M.

COUNTRY ALL RIGHT

This country is all right in every way. It is second to no other on earth. It has immeasurable resources, developed and undeveloped, and our present national debt, a large part of it for money advanced other nations, great as it is, is smaller than that of any of the other great power. It will be paid, as in the past long before falling due. Alarmists, big or little, will not disturb the American people, who will as therefore go forward in the even tenor of their way to our common destiny and heritage.—Byron Times.

LIGHTNING CAUSES MUCH TROUBLE

During the last ten days, lightning has caused much trouble to the Des Chutes Power Co., in and about Prineville. Last Thursday afternoon, during the storm that was general all over Central Oregon, one of the insulators on the top tower, coming out of the canyon at the Cove on Crooked River, was hit, and a hole punched through the metal casing, which shorted the line. Owing to the location of the insulator on the end of a ten foot cross arm fifty feet above the ground, it was with no little difficulty that the repairs were made.

Sunday afternoon, the storm which visited Prineville and vicinity also caused a little disturbance. Lightning struck an insulator on one of the poles at the corner near the Carlson place, about ten miles out of Prineville and completely wrecked the line thereabouts.

In striking the insulator the lightning cooked a place in the porcelain about an inch in diameter, and went on down through the cross arm and brace to the pole, and then into the guy wire. About half way down the guy wire is an insulator, and this was completely demolished. The lightning went on down to the ground from there, and then back up the other guy wire to the other pole, and burned a circle around it where the guy wraps around it. This break was not discovered until about eight o'clock, and was not repaired until about nine that evening. After the repairing was done, it was necessary for Mr. Wilson to make a trip back to about a mile beyond Culver to the junction of the two lines, in order to throw the switches on before the lights again went on.

Mr. Shattuck, Manager of the Company, says that considering the fact that this is the third time this summer that the system has been completely out of order, that the rest of the lightning storms can miss this immediate vicinity, insofar as he is concerned.

BUNGALOW ERECTED AT COVE PLANT

A \$3,000 residence is being erected at the Cove Power Plant for the use of L. O. Farnham, one of the operators there. The building is to be of bungalow construction with cement basement and up to date in every respect.

A domestic water system will also be installed with a 2000 gallon storage tank. A spring will furnish the water supply.

A truck load of lumber and material weighing 8,000 pounds was recently hauled from Redmond, and it is thought that this is the largest truck load ever hauled over the Cove Grade.

MRS ROSENBERG ENTERTAINS THE SHUMIA CLUB

Mrs. Dr. Rosenberg gave a delightful entertainment Friday afternoon in honor of Mrs. Winnek, who is here visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. R. Lakin. Light refreshments were served which were enjoyed by all. Those present were, Mrs. Rosenberg, Mrs. Winnek, Mrs. H. R. Lakin, Mrs. Jean Froiseth, her mother and sister from Salt Lake, Mrs. H. P. Belknap, Mrs. Dick Darling, Mrs. C. J. Johnson and daughter, Beatrice Thomas, Mrs. Fred Hoelscher, Mrs. Henry Howard, Mrs. Millican, Mrs. Busey, Mrs. Dick Rea, Mrs. Clifton, Mrs. Dishman, Mrs. C. W. Elkins, Mrs. Brink, and Mrs. Guy Lafollette.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Rev. F. H. Pemberton, District Superintendent of The Dallas District, will hold the 4th Quarterly Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Saturday evening the 14th at 8:00 o'clock P. M. He will also preach Sunday morning at the same church. All members of the church are requested to be present at the Quarterly Conference as business of vital importance to the church will be taken up.

FUTURE OF CATTLE RAISING AT STAKE

The world must be fed and cattle raising is one of the essential industries, yet is it coming to be an expensive industry for those engaged in it and more often a losing one. Many are leaving the sinking ship while others are sitting tight and wondering what the future will bring.

Previous to January of last year the rate on a car of cattle to Portland was in the neighborhood of \$100. It then jumped to \$125, and another raise is announced which will bring the rate to \$150. The laboring man is pretty independent these days. There are many jobs to pick from and he will choose almost anything rather than work on a ranch. The short stake men are on the increase. Many of the trained ranch hands are seeking work elsewhere and are flocking to the cities.

The banks generally throughout the United States are refusing to loan money. As the loan sharks are putting on the screws, many cattlemen are obliged to market their stock at a loss to satisfy the demands of these extortioners. The days of the open range are gone. It is certain that the cattle men of the country will not be content to play a losing game for long.

Unless the H. C. L. takes a tumble and some radical readjustments are made we may be obliged to go back to the old days of locusts and wild honey.

FREE TIMBER IN OCHOCO RESERVE

Prineville, Oregon, Aug. 10, 1920.
Crook County Journal,
Prineville, Oregon.
Gentlemen:

You will recall that from time to time we have furnished news items relative to the logs which line the new Highway between Prineville and Mitchell.

Some time ago this timber was advertised for sale. As yet, however, there is no indication that anyone cares to take hold of the proposition. Therefore, rather than to permit these first class logs, which, by the way, have mostly been "bucked up" into saw log lengths, to lie and decay, the Forest Service has decided to dispose of the timber under what we term "Administrative use." The Administrative use regulation is merely an alternative for a sale when it appears that timber actually becomes a menace from bug infestations or possibly from the fact that it may form a fire trap or some such so as to justify disposal in this way. It should be understood that under administrative use there is no cost to the consumer or party taking the material. The only proviso being that the job be done right, that is; should the operator of a portable or small sawmill see fit to set up to cut these logs into lumber or wood, the operator would be required to do a clean job of it so far as he goes rather than select the best and most desirable logs here and there and leave the others lying.

If there is any mill operator, wood-yard men or the like who might use all or a portion of these logs the forest service will surely be glad to figure on the proposition. The idea is simply to clear up the roadway in order to eliminate danger from bug infestations and to utilize the timber which it certainly seems a shame to allow to go to waste. There is probably near one-half million feet of timber involved, and any publicity that you see fit to extend will sure be appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,
V. V. HARPAM
Forest supervisor.

PUMP HOUSE WELL PROTECTED

The pump house at the Court House which houses the recently installed automatic pressure system has been completed by E. J. Barrett. It is of tile construction with double windows. It has been built with the view of insuring against freezing during the winter months.

CO-OPERATION NEEDED TO PREVENT FIRES

The local forestry office has perfected their organization this year for fighting forest fires. Several new lookout stations have been erected with fire finders and efficient phone connections with other stations and with the main office at Prineville. Thirty fires have been discovered so far this year. The majority were less than an acre in extent when sighted and prompt action has resulted in but little material damage.

Stations have also been established in the center of timber tracts contiguous to the Reserve as at the Williamson Shearing Plant. It is even more important to guard against fires in the privately owned timber as this is usually available for use before the timber located on the Reserve proper.

Much danger results from the indiscriminate burning of slashings and brush by ranchers. Many are not aware that there is a law making it a felony to burn brush during the danger period anywhere in the state, irrespective of Forest Reserves without written permission from a fire warden. We quote an extract from the Oregon Forest Fire Law:

Section 7. During the period between June 1 and October 1, which is hereby designated the closed season, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to set on fire, or cause to be set on fire, any slashing, chopping, wood land or brush land, either his or their own or the property of another, without written or printed permission from a fire warden and compliance with the terms thereof which shall prescribe the conditions upon which the permit is given and which are necessary to be observed in setting such fire and to prevent it from spreading so that life or property of another may be endangered thereby. This restriction shall not apply to the burning of log piles, stumps or brush heaps, in small quantities, under adequate precautions and personal control and in accordance with any regulations which may be adopted by the state board of forestry for the purpose of insuring public safety; but if any such burning without permission shall result in the escape of fire and injury to the property of another, this shall be held prima facie evidence that such burning was violation of these provisions shall be "punished by a fine of not less than five dollars (\$5.00), nor more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00), or by imprisonment of not less than two (2) days nor more than fifty (50) days. Permits to burn, as provided by this section, may be issued by any fire warden, and shall contain such safeguarding restrictions as to time of burning and precaution to be taken as may be fixed by the state forester or left by him to the discretion of the fire wardens. Any fire warden shall have the right to refuse, revoke, or postpone permits when necessary to prevent danger to the life or property of another. Any permit obtained through willful misrepresentation shall be invalid and give no exemption from liability of any kind. In times and localities of unusual fire danger, the governor, with the advice of the state forester, may suspend any or all permits or privileges authorized by this section and prohibit absolutely the use of fire herein mentioned. Whenever or wherever, during an open season for the hunting of any kind of game in this state, it shall appear to the governor upon showing of the state forester that by reason of extreme drought the use of firearms or fire by hunters is liable to cause forest fires, he may, by proclamation, suspend the open season and make it a closed season for the shooting of wild birds or animals of any kind for such time as he may designate, and during the time so designated all provisions of law relating to closed seasons for game shall be in force.

NEW GAS STATION

H. W. Howard has recently installed a new service station with a ten barrel Storage Tank and Wayne gasoline pump. This is the largest gasoline storage tank in town outside the Standard oil tanks. The station was installed under the supervision of Contractor Barrett.

LARGE ENROLLMENT FOR HIGH SCHOOL

The Crook County High School will open Sept. 13th for the school year of nine months. The enrollment promises to be the largest in the history of the school. A full quota of teachers have been secured, Miss Florence E. Cramer will teach the English classes, Miss Phila Hall will conduct the department of Domestic Science and Art, and Mrs. Clara M. Pratt the Normal Department.

Professor E. E. Evans will have classes in Commercial Law, History, and home accounting. Vernon G. Shippee will have the department of Science and Music, and Miss Edna Morse will assist in the Commercial and Science Departments.

We will have two new teachers on the staff this year, D. M. Medley, of the U. of O. who will be at the head of the Commercial Department and E. C. Platts, of O. A. C. who will conduct the manual training work.

This promises to be a big athletic year for Prineville. Both Mr. Medley and Mr. Platts have excellent records in athletics and are A No. 1 coaches. Mr. Medley was an all around athlete at the University of Oregon, having played on the University Baseball team for four years, being the captain of the team the last year.

The securing of two such excellent coaches, gives us an unusual chance to put Prineville on the map this year.

BOUNTIFUL CROPS ON EVERY SIDE

Large yields of hay are generally reported from the Post and Paulina countries. The cattlemen of those districts will be well supplied with feed for the coming year. This will be the first year in several that they have not had to buy feed for their stock through the winter.

With the repeated advances in shipping rates and scarcity of labor, a shortage of feed this winter would have been disastrous to many. For it has been successfully proven that cattle cannot be profitably marketed under present day conditions in Crook County unless the producer is able to raise the larger percentage of his own feed.

MRS. WIRTZ ENTERTAINS BEND VISITOR

Mrs. Ethel Horton was the guest of honor at a delightful entertainment given at the home of Mrs. Willard Wirtz, Thursday afternoon. Mrs. Blanche Williams-Segersten favored those present by many of her beautiful songs which were given in a very pleasing manner. Mrs. Horton also added more music to the afternoon by numerous instrumental selections for which she is well known. Delicious refreshments were served which were enjoyed by all. Those present were Misses, Myldrede Dishman, Blanche Schipp, Tona Cornett, Kathrine Love, Jeanette Froiseth, Mesdames, Francis Durand, Blanche Segersten, Froiseth, Ethel Horton and Aver Wirtz.

STENOGRAPHERS NEEDED IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

The United States Civil Service commission has advised that 300 stenographers are needed immediately in Washington, D. C., for permanent positions. The entrance salary is \$1200 per year plus a bonus of \$20 per month if services are satisfactory.

Persons eligible to take this examination are urged to apply to the nearest local secretary for application form 304, which should be properly executed, excluding the medical certificate, and forwarded to the United States Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., without delay.

Examinations are held every Tuesday in the principal cities throughout the Northwest.

Local secretaries are requested to make special efforts to secure applicants.

C. W. PAINE,
District Secretary