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TO ORGANIZE ALL STAR TEAM

An all star team from Grant county high schools will be organized to play the Crook County High School during the county fair in September. The fair association is going to finance the inter-county contest and keen rivalry among the Grant county boys will be developed in selecting this team. As soon as school opens the boys will go into the try-outs and the team picked as soon as possible so that they will be able to perfect their team work. There will be a return game and the Grant county team will play the Crook county high school at the Crook County Fair. On the 5th day of September, Henry Foster and Bill Relshaw will meet the boys who aspire to make this team. The meeting will be held on the county fair grounds at John Day. All of the foot ball players, or those who expect to play with their own high schools are invited to be present at this meeting on Sunday, September 5th.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The Primary Department of the Presbyterian Sunday School will meet Friday afternoon at the church in the basement room.

Mrs. W. I. Dishman, Supt. of the Department intends this meeting to be in the nature of a rally, particular stress being placed upon a good time for the boys and girls of this department. There will be some stereopticon pictures thrown upon the screen, illustrating such stories of Hop O My Thumb, Little Red Riding Hood and some comic pictures all of which the children will enjoy. The parents are especially urged to see that their children do not miss the splendid treat in store for them.

OBITUARY OF

MRS. ANNIE TAYLOR

Mrs. Annie Taylor was born at Okaloosa, Ia., in 1856. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Newton Hansen, and with her parents crossed the plains by ox team in 1862, traveling as far as California. Their next place of residence being at Spring Valley, Oregon, and at this place of residence she was united in marriage to Mr. W. A. Pike, in November, 1877.

To this union the following children were born: Mrs. Emma Pruitt, Antelope, Ore., Edward R., of Culver, Aron D. Pike, of Prineville and Mrs. Alice Crabtree, of Yakima, Washington.

Mrs. Taylor passed away at the residence of Mr. W. F. King, Monday, August 23rd at five o'clock. She was a member of the Presbyterian church, and was a good and faithful mother.

There were left to mourn her loss, her children, step children and many friends. A good woman—a noble soul has departed and may her memory be a benediction upon her loved ones and friends.

The funeral service was held Tuesday afternoon from the residence of Mr. W. F. King, interment being made in the Prineville cemetery, Rev. T. M. Patterson of the Presbyterian church officiating.

E. A. BUSSETT INJURED

E. A. Bussett was badly injured yesterday morning, when the Jacob staff on the hay rack, caught on a telephone line, which was down, near his home. Mr. Bussett is having and was crossing to another field and attempted to go under this slightly lowered line which caught the rack, causing the team to become unmanageable. Mr. Bussett was thrown from the wagon and badly bruised, his injuries being more painful than dangerous. Dr. Hosch, of Redmond, was called in immediately and the injured man is getting along nicely.

YOUNG PEOPLES' MEETING

SUNDAY EVENING.

Young peoples' meeting will be held at the Baptist Church next Sunday evening, September 5th, at 7:00 P. M. All young people are cordially invited.

OFFICIAL SUMMARY IRRIGATION DISTRICT

The summary of the Ochoco Irrigation District published last week was not correct and we hand you herewith the official summary as we have it to date:

Total amount water stored 1920, 23,800 ac. ft.

Acres feet delivered, 16,500.

Loss, due to evaporation and seepage, about 30 per cent.

This quantity water permitted to be delivered to users, per acre, .9 of an acre foot.

Water in canals of District for season lasting 109 days.

Water out only 5 days.

Above shows water was available for about 95.5 per cent of time.

Of the 20,600 acres under main canal water was delivered to 19,275 acres.

No water delivered to balance of 1,325 acres (uncleared land).

Also land under the pumping plant received no water this year, due to pump installation not being completed, 1,400 acres.

Land under the project receiving water and not using entire allotment, 640 acres.

Acres of crops under main ditch as compiled at district office, shows 5,500 acres in alfalfa, of which 4,500 were old crops and 1,000 acres were young stuff that has not reached full bearing capacity.

Land devoted to oats, 1,300 acres

Oat hay, 200 "

Meadow hay, 500 "

Wheat, 5,000 "

Wheat hay, cut green, 300 "

Planted to rye, 2,000 "

Planted to rye hay, 1,900 "

Barley, 300 "

Pasturage amounts to, 1,200 "

Land cleared, but not planted totals 700 acres; while land not cleared amounts to 1,600 acres, some of this being small tracts of 5 and 10 acres.

Cultivated this year, under pump, by dry farming, 900 acres; the balance of uncleared land under purap amounting to 500 acres.

Owing to fact that much of the alfalfa has not reached its full capacity it is difficult to determine the average yield; some fields will bear 5 tons to the acre or more.

It is yet too early to determine the correct average yield of grain to the acre; but estimates now being received place the average at from 12 to 30 bushels per acre, varying on different farms in different sections.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

There will be a meeting of the American Legion next Tuesday evening, Sept. 7th at which time election of officers will occur. Refreshments an' everything! It is important that all members put in an appearance. Don't say "I forgot it."

DANCING PARTY GIVEN

Friday evening was the occasion for a delightful dancing party given at the Annex Rooms by Miss Agnes Elliot and Miss Dolly Hodges. The rooms were decorated with golden glow and cat tails, furnishing a very beautiful scheme which was carried out in other features. Pleasing programs were furnished the guests. Punch was served during the evening George Stearns, Blanche Williams-Segersten and Frances Durand furnishing the music for the dancing.

Refreshments were served, which were enjoyed by all. Many friends of the entertainers were present.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Services next Sunday. Sunday-school at 10 o'clock. Preaching and Divine Worship at 11 and 7:30 o'clock. Prayer meeting and social hour every Wednesday at 7:30 in the basement of the church. A cordial invitation is given to all not worshipping elsewhere.

W. L. Best, president of the Silver Creek Horse and Cattle Raisers Association, Pat Cecil and R. J. Williams members of the advisory board, and L. E. McDaniel, county agent of Harney county, were in this part of the country conferring in the interest of the forest service.

SEN. CHAMBERLAIN VISITS PRINEVILLE

United States Senator Geo. E. Chamberlain, after an absence of five years, visited Prineville and Crook county last Friday. Accompanied by Ralph Watson of the Oregon Journal, the Senator arrived in Prineville from Redmond Thursday evening. Friday morning they were driven to the big dam on the Ochoco, and over a portion of the Ochoco project, and at noon they were guests of the business men at the weekly luncheon at the Hotel Prineville. Senator Chamberlain spoke at some length on matters of special interest, especially did he congratulate our people upon their spirit of progress and accomplishment in building the municipal railroad and the completion of the Ochoco Irrigation Project. While realizing that general conditions are somewhat bad, he expressed his full confidence in the future and predicted that Crook county and the entire Northwest is on the eve of vast and important developments. The Senator only once during his talk touched upon national politics. He regretted the fact that an effort is being made to make the league of nations an issue in the present campaign and predicted that the league would never be ratified by the United States Senate without reservations. On other topics of national interest he vigorously expressed his well known views on the costs of living, profiteering and industrial matters. He pledged continued support to all matters looking to development of Central Oregon and especially to the reclamation of the arid lands.

Mr. Watson, in a few words, expressed his surprise at the progress made in recent years in this section and pledged the efforts of his paper to a continuation of the support needed in the big things in the future. The party left immediately after lunch for Madras and Jefferson county where it expected to spend the afternoon looking over the lands of the North Unit Irrigation District. They were met here by H. W. Gord, W. R. Cook, W. E. Johnson and Geo. T. Pearce who acted as an escort for them over Jefferson County.

MEDAL RECEIVED BY JACK DOBRY

John Dobry this week received from Washington what is known as a "Good Service Medal." Mr. Dobry was a member of the Marines during the world war and saw some of the most exciting service during the early days of American participation on the battle front when the German drive against Paris was definitely checked. Mr. Dobry is now in the service of the local forest department and is stationed near Ochoco, on the McKenzie Highway.

REBEKAH NOTICE

The Rebekah Lodge will hold installation of the N. G. tonight in the lodge room. Social hour will follow the business transactions. Every member of the lodge is especially requested to be present.

CHURCH NOTES

A joint meeting of the officers and teachers of the Prineville Sunday schools was held last Monday night at the Methodist Church to consider a house-to-house canvass in the interest in Sunday school work in general. The matter was gone into fully and it was decided the canvass should be made on Tuesday, Sept. 21st, teams from each of the churches making the canvass. The matter of Rally-Day for the Sunday schools was also considered and it is quite likely all the schools will observe the same on Sunday, September 26th.

ALL STORES CLOSED MONDAY

All stores will be closed Monday, September 6th, Labor Day, and all those planning to do shopping Monday morning, please do it Saturday evening.

DISTRICT MEETING AT GRIMES CHAPEL

A meeting will be held at Grimes' Chapel at 7:30 on Friday evening of this week, (Sept. 3rd.) to discuss problems which are now confronting the Ochoco Irrigation District for this fall and next year. The Board is anxious that all landowners be present to discuss these questions and inform the Board of their wishes.

At the regular meeting to be held next Tuesday, Sept. 7th, plans and a budget must be adopted for work to be done next year. Co-operation between landowners and the Board will undoubtedly involve the proper solution to many problems that have arisen during the past few months. Questions of vital importance to every landowner will be more satisfactorily settled by a closer contact between the Board and the landowner. The Board will endeavor to have the facts and figures at hand so that intelligent discussions may be held.

Everyone who pays taxes on land in the District should be present.

HON. B. F. NICHOLS DEAD

Benjamin F. Nichols, universally known as "Uncle Frank", died at his home in Tumalo, Oregon, Wednesday morning, at the ripe old age of nearly ninety-five years.

B. F. Nichols was born in Clay county, Missouri, November 27th, 1825, and came to Oregon in 1844, wintering first at Waitlappu, Dr. Whitman's station, and the next year went to Oregon City, and thence to Dallas.

He was sheriff of Polk county, under the Provisional Government, and while the late George H. Williams was judge of the District Court.

He was clerk of that county after the territory was organized and during that time studied law and was admitted to the bar. He came to Crook (then Wasco) county in 1877, and practiced law and operated a drug store in Prineville for more than thirty years.

He represented Wasco county in the legislature in 1880, and was the father of the bill creating Crook county. Mr. Nichols was married to Miss Sarah Ann Gilliam in 1850.

He was made a Mason in Polk county in the early territorial days, and at the time of his death was the oldest Mason in Oregon who had been raised in this state.

"Uncle Frank" was beloved by every one who knew him well, and his generous nature and acts of human kindness so occupied his time that he never accumulated a fortune in worldly goods; but he was wealthy beyond measure in friends. He was a charter member of Prineville Lodge No. 76, A. F. & A. M., and held his membership in that lodge for more than 42 years. He was present at the laying of the corner stone of the new Masonic Temple in Prineville, and acted as Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge on that occasion.

Some months ago he sustained a fracture of the right leg, when that was nearly well, he injured his other leg. This confined him to his bed for several months and his advanced age and general frail health prevented complete recovery. He was one of the last survivors of the immigration of 1844 and was intimately connected with the history of Oregon.

Mr. Nichols was one of a type of pioneers that is rapidly passing from the stage of human activities, but their memory will ever be revered by generations hence. Interment will be made this afternoon at the Masonic cemetery under the auspices of the Masonic order.

MAE WARD WEDS

WALLA WALLA MAN

Word has been received of the marriage of Mae Ward of Prineville, to Herbert S. Clark of Walla Walla. Mrs. Clark is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William J. Ward of this city. She attended the Crook County high school last year, and is a well-liked girl in this vicinity. Mr. Clark is foreman of the Dodge establishment at Walla Walla, and a very promising young man. They will make their home in that city.

HARNEY COUNTY TO GET RABBITS

By L. E. McDaniel, County Agent, of Harney County.

Owing to the agitation for a bounty on Jack rabbits, coupled with the published statements of those favoring the bounty, that the work of destruction could not be accomplished by poison, it might be well at this time to discuss the bounty question solely on its merits.

Everyone is aware that they are hardy and propagate with astonishing rapidity, and owing to their ability to travel long distances, they are the most destructive pest with which we must contend. They are equally destructive to all classes of vegetation, destroying grain and grass or root crops wherever found.

Ten adult rabbits will devour range or forage equal to a cow. As long as the grass and weeds are soft and green, they scatter cut over the hills and grazing lands, but as soon as the range dries up they return to the meadows and cultivated lands for food. When the snow covers the grass they gather around the hay stacks.

This fact makes their destruction by poison to a large degree, a matter only of desire and perseverance on the part of those interested in their destruction. Any claims that poison is not effective under such conditions are unfounded as has been proven times innumerable. No system has ever been devised other than drives to exterminate the rabbit when the grass is soft and green.

The cost of poisoning is not excessive and the least of caution displayed in the distribution of the poison will prevent loss of stock. The poison method is the least expensive known, since an ounce of strychnine dissolved in two gallons of warm water and poured over 14 to 16 pounds of alfalfa leaves at a cost of not to exceed \$2.50 will account for more rabbits in one night than any method of trapping or shooting will for ten times that sum.

The only methods left in the event of a light snow fall would be the employment of professional poisoners and trappers or the offering of a bounty. As a rule the principle of the bounty system is absolutely wrong but there are exceptions to all rules.

The very life of the farming and livestock industry if the county depends upon the prompt extermination of the rabbits at the earliest possible moment. The question of means or cost is of secondary consideration. With favorable conditions and regardless of the adoption of a bounty system the County Agent through the enforcement of the state law intends to rid the county of rabbits as quickly as possible, being interested in results and not in methods of accomplishment.

WE ARE GOING TO GET THE RABBITS!!! The cheapest method is through the use of poison. Strychnine can be purchased at cost through the office of the County Agent in any quantity desired. If the land owner does not do the work it will be done by men employed by the County Agent and the cost will become a lien against the property.

The County Agent is neither for or against a bounty but if one is adopted he will render assistance as usual to those desiring it as long as they get the rabbits. Meanwhile he is directing every effort to secure federal aid in the work of extermination with fair prospects of success.

—Crane American.

MEETING OF LADIES ANNEX

The regular meeting of the Ladies Annex will be held at Annex Rooms, next Tuesday afternoon, September 7th. Every member is requested to be present.

IRVIN COBB TRIP TO BE FILMED

Louis Moomaw and Perry Reigelmann, cameramen of the American Lifeograph studios, have gone to Bend, where they will accompany the Irvin Cobb party on a trip through country. The pictures they will take will be used later in advertising Oregon's wonderful scenic resources.—Portland Telegram.

JOURNEYS THROUGH EASTERN OREGON

By Robert Osborn

Enterprise, Ore., Aug. 29.—"This is God's country, I like it and am going to live and die here," a native of Enterprise told me and it wasn't hard to believe him. It is not always easy to find nice things to say about a town, but at Enterprise you have to peek into the back-yards to find something to criticize—everything looks pretty good in front.

To give you some idea of this place, take Prineville—Enterprise is no larger—pave its principal streets, put in a sewer system, add a new reservoir for the city water, make most of the business houses fireproof and you will approach the state of affairs in this small, but "enterprising" town. "How do they get that way?" you ask. A large farming area, milling, cattle, sheep raising and lumbering is largely responsible. Prineville will have a number of the above improvements when it gets as large a saw mill as is operating here at present.

Enterprise is the first town of its size in Eastern Oregon which has undertaken to pave, not a few streets but all of its main thoroughfares. Taking advantage of the Bancroft Act the city is spending \$350,000 for a splendid type of bitulithic pavement, put in by the Warren people. The property holders will pay for it in ten years.

The work is being rushed at present. Wise provisions have been made for broad parking strips in the residence district and some streets have parking in the center. I was told that the city very judiciously laid water mains under the parking strips, so that work may be done on them in case of a leak without tearing up the paving. This is a good idea to remember when Prineville starts to pave its "bumpers".

A \$75,000 sanitary sewer system is another big item in the town's progressiveness. A new reservoir is being built for the city water supply. They have an honest-to-goodness high school which set the city back \$60,000 in 1916, when prices started skyward. The M. & M. Co., of which G. W. Hyatt is president, is putting up a modern store building that will have anything "faded" in Eastern Oregon. It covers half a block, has a handsome appearance with show windows on both streets, the interior is roomy and a moss-nine floor is reached by a gradual incline. The second story is divided into living apartments. The courthouse is right in the center of the town, according to the good old Southern ambition of having all the business houses around the court square—a dream that failed to materialize here.

There is a nicely equipped Public Library here. I should think it was about time for Prineville citizens to investigate the Carnegie scheme and try to get one there. About the only drawback I can see to this country are the long severe winters, but one can get used to them. The mountains are in the dooryard of Enterprise and are certainly scenic. Rich farmlands slope off from the foot and at this time of year are dotted with hundreds of beef cattle.

Editor George Cheney of the Record Chiefly has one of the best equipped newspaper plants in Eastern Oregon for a weekly. Mr. Cheney is one of the most congenial men I have met on this trip and I admire the type of paper he puts out. He has a special building, plenty of room, up-to-date machinery and does a lot of job work.

One of the local jewelers has a big wireless station for his own amusement. I heard a travelling man say that he had listened in and heard a girl in the Catalina Islands talking to "Jack" in Los Angeles—and he wasn't joking.

Who should I meet in the lobby today, but our old friend, "Casey" Brewster, who is state watermaster here. Casey had a plumb lonesome look in his eye and tone when he said: "The people around here are all right, but, somehow, Prineville folks are different—they are real folks and I'm going back some day. I miss such birds as Upton, Rosenberg and "Doc" Davis."