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HIGHWAY FINISHED EARLY IN JANUARY COUNTY AGENT FOR CROOK COUNTY IS A SETTLED FACT

The Crooked River Highway, from Prineville to the Davis ranch, will be completed in January, in so far as grading is concerned.

The bridges will not all be installed until spring, and surfacing will perhaps not be done until after the roadway settles and is retouched, perhaps a year from this time.

A. Guthrie & Company are doing the grading, and have made good progress considering the labor situation and other handicaps.

P. McD. Fuller, in charge of the work for the Guthrie people, says that labor conditions are greatly improved in the past thirty days.

During the summer, wages were \$5.50 per day, and every man who came in was brought over the railroads at the expense of the employer, while today they are receiving \$4.00 a day, and there is no difficulty in getting practically an unlimited supply of men of the best grade and they are willing to pay for their own transportation, and do more work than they formerly did at the higher wage.

The Crooked River Highway is completed now for about twenty miles and has not been delayed at any time this year because of weather or any other conditions, Mr. Fuller says.

TEACHERS' EXAMINATIONS

Notice is hereby given that the County Superintendent of Crook County, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for State Certificates at Prineville, as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, December 15, 1920, at 9:00 o'clock, a. m., and continuing until Saturday, December 18, 1920, at 4:00 o'clock, p. m.

Wednesday Forenoon

U. S. History Writing (Penmanship), Drawing, Music.

Wednesday Afternoon

Physiology, Reading, Manual Training, Composition, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic.

Thursday Forenoon

Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art.

Thursday Afternoon

Grammar, Geography, Stenography, American Literature, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

Friday Forenoon

Theory and Practice, Orthography (Spelling), Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry.

Friday Afternoon

School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government.

Saturday Forenoon

Geometry, Botany.

Saturday Afternoon

General History, Bookkeeping.
J. E. MYERS, Supt.

SPECIAL MEETING OF BAPTISTS

A special meeting of the members of the Baptist church will be held in the prayer meeting room at the church on Wednesday night, Dec. 2, at seven o'clock, for the purpose of considering the matter of extending a call to a permanent pastor. The report of the committee on pledges will be heard at that time. All members of the church are urgently requested to be present.
W. S. AYRES, Clerk.

Verl Shattuck is rapidly recovering from the operation for appendicitis which he underwent last Sunday morning. He became sick on Thanksgiving day, and rapidly grew worse, and Dr. Leland Belknap was called from Portland to undertake the operation.

PREACHER OUSTED WIFE ASKS DIVORCE

Charges that the Rev. F. C. Laslette, former pastor of Glencoe Baptist church, East Forty-fifth and East Main streets, has been unduly intimate with a number of Portland women have resulted in his wife, Lena Laslette, instituting suit for divorce in the circuit court and his dismissal from the pulpit by a committee of the Portland Baptist Ministers' association.

Mrs. Laslette charges infidelity in her complaint and this charge is said also to have been considered by the investigating committee before taking final action.

Although Laslette agreed to meet his wife about ten days ago in the office of her attorney, M. B. Meacham, and discuss a proposed reconciliation, he did not appear, according to the attorney.

Mrs. Laslette had no knowledge of her husband's infidelity, it is claimed until he sent her to the Moody institute at Chicago to study theological work. While there, according to Meacham, Laslette wrote "the most amazing series of letters, a mixture of piety and immorality," urging Mrs. Laslette to return to her parents in Ireland, and telling of his relations with a widow in this city.

Meacham said yesterday he received a letter from Laslette in which he claimed to be enroute to Burns, Ore. but Meacham places little faith in the statement.

Mr. and Mrs. Laslette were married in Chelsea, Mass., December 21, 1904. Local clergymen are now entertaining grave doubts as to whether or not Laslette was ever ordained, although this question was never raised before.

The committee appointed to investigate the charges, returned the following report:

"We have examined all available witnesses and have sought in every way to secure the personal statement of Mr. Laslette. We are convinced that he has purposely avoided the committee. The evidence and his action convinces us that his conduct is unbecoming to a Christian minister, and on his own confession (insofar as to surrender his ministerial card) is unworthy of our Christian fellowship.

We therefore recommend that the Baptist ministers' association withdraw the hand of fellowship from Mr. Laslette; drop his name from the roll, and publish this action in our denominational paper.

The report was signed by E. A. Smith, pastor of Lents church, chairman; R. E. Close, pastor Third church; W. L. Riley, Highland church; W. Norton Ferris, Sellwood church; and Owen T. Day, Arleta church.—Portland Telegram.

All ministers are supposed to file their authority for conducting marriages with the county clerk. Mr. Laslette, for some reason failed to attend to this formality while pastor of the Baptist church here.

PRINEVILLE SHRINE CLUB ENTERTAINMENT

The second number of the Shrine Club entertainment course, the Alice Shrode Company, will be presented at the Club Hall next Wednesday evening, December 8. Miss Shrode as a child impersonator of unusual ability and is supported by a number of talented artists. This company has met with great success in their travels this year and a program of unexpected interest may be anticipated.

STALEY BROS. BUY FARRAND'S SHOP

Farrand's Repair Shop has been taken over by M. R. and J. E. Staley, who will do shoe and harness repairing. The rest of the business will be closed out by Mr. Farrand, who is leaving shortly for the East to locate.

The Staley brothers are progressive men, who will apply the latest methods in repair work to the business. They will remain in the location where the business is now located, but will move their machinery to the front room in order to make it handier for the trade.

The boys have come from Yacolt, Washington, and have been in the shoe repair business all their lives, and will give prompt and efficient service. They plan to install a stitching machine for sewing soles in the near future, which will assist materially in doing this work in the best manner.

JAMES ELKINS DEAD

The death of James Elkins, Oregon pioneer, and old resident of this county, occurred at the Roosevelt Hospital in San Francisco Calif., last Friday morning, at one o'clock.

Mr. Elkins was living in Berkeley with his daughter for the last three years. He accidentally fell and was injured, when going down the front steps of the house after the evening paper. He was taken to the hospital, and his illness was not considered serious, but pneumonia set in and caused his death. Burial services were held in California.

Mr. Elkins was born in Zanesville, Ohio, October 11th, 1831, and was 89 years old at the time of his death. He crossed the plains in 1852, and located near Lebanon, and was married to Helen Millard at that place on July 26th, 1860. In 1862 he was elected as Linn county's first county clerk, and moved to Albany.

In 1870, Mr. Elkins moved to Crook county, and located on Mill Creek. He afterwards purchased property that is now known as the Herb Angell ranch, where he lived until the '90s, when he sold out and returned to Albany, where he served several terms as county treasurer for Linn county. He then returned to Prineville and lived for about nine years with Mr. and Mrs. Charles Elkins, and about three years ago left for California, where he remained until his death. His wife died August 28, 1898, and was buried in the Albany cemetery.

The deceased is survived by five sons: Frank Elkins, of Portland; Collins and Charles Elkins, of Prineville; James Elkins, Jr., of Gist; and Luther Elkins of San Francisco; a daughter, Helen Elkins, is a teacher in the University of California.

R. W. Douglas and family and Mr. and Mrs. Collins W. Elkins left on Thanksgiving day for California, by the Lakeview route. The Elkins car turned back at Paisley, as it was decided unsafe to continue on account of the condition of the roads. Mr. Douglas decided to go on, and no word has been received in Prineville from him since, so it is not known whether he reached his destination safely, or is stalled along the way. Mr. and Mrs. Elkins left for California by train after returning here.

The earthquake, which occurred Monday morning about 3:30 was felt by Prineville residents, though they did not realize what was happening until the reports came out in the newspapers.

COMMERCIAL CLUB FREELY ENDORSE

The Commercial Club heartily endorsed the plea of Fred McRea, representing the Ochoco Farmers' association, for the appointment and maintenance by Crook county of a county agriculturalist.

"In regard to the financial situation of the county, not having money enough for an agriculturalist scares me," said Mr. Rea. The farmers of Crook county want an agriculturalist, and they want one now, this year. The irrigation project is a new thing, and the farmers are practically children in regard to what they know about irrigation. Taxes and improvements are high, and the development of the district requires and is demanding money, more money, to keep things in shape where disaster cannot overtake the farmers, and they are lacking in this respect. In order to stem the tide every acre must pay to the utmost.

A county agriculturalist is imperative now, to superintend and advise, in up-to-date methods, and otherwise assist the farmers to get the most they can out of their land in the most practical way, at the least cost, according to Mr. Rea.

Farmers Invited to Club Meetings

The commercial club has gone on record as welcoming the farmers to membership in the club, and inviting them to each and every meeting and activity in which the club takes part, and they should feel free to take an active part in the work of the club.

Without the assistance of the farmers, the club realizes that it would be impossible to adequately care for the problems confronting the community, as Prineville and the interests of the surrounding country are so deeply interlocked that one cannot do without the support of the other.

The Ochoco Farmers' association decided this was true several weeks ago, and will have their meetings in town hereafter, so that everybody interested in their problems will feel free to attend. The commercial club will do all possible to assist them, and will see that they have rooms in which to meet, in Prineville free of charge.

Schee Chairman Xmas Tree Com.

R. L. Schee is chairman of the community Christmas tree committee, and the personnel of the other sub-committees will be announced soon. The Elks of Prineville will take the matter under their wing, as is done in nearly every other town, and an appeal is made to everyone to make the tree a real success.

Purebred Livestock Sale Talked of.

Breeders of purebred livestock of this county have been experiencing difficulty in adequately disposing of their young stock. On this account a move has been taken, and it is practically decided to have a combination stock sale in Prineville, probably at the Fair Grounds, some time in the future. This is a good move for the county, as a sale would bring many buyers of note into Prineville, and would call their attention to the county as a livestock center, as well as the excellence of the purebred stuff raised here. It was felt by the club that the plan was a good one, and the support of the organization was pledged in the way of assisting to advertise such a sale, and providing entertainment for the crowd that would necessarily come to Prineville to attend.

HENRY KOECH SHOT BY PATRICK FIVEY

Patrick Fivey is in the Crook county jail today; Henry Koech is at his home in this city suffering from two shots from a .38 Colt's revolver; and at the sheriff's office is a gallon or more of clear-looking "liker" with a smell like the kick of a mule.

Also, on or near the Koech ranch on Upper Ochoco, there is a crude-looking, wicked-acting, still, made from an old looking milk can and a piece of iron pipe which runs thru a water trough where the steam is cooled.

Just what happened at the time that Koech received the two gunshot wounds is not clear. If the injured man knows, which he no doubt does, just what occurred to him, he does not talk.

Fivey says he does not know just what happened, and from the rambling account of things he is able to give, he must have been the official sampler of the still.

Evidence indicates that there had been a rough house fight between Fivey and the wounded man, and that Fivey shot him, while the accused man does not deny this statement.

A preliminary hearing will be given Fivey soon.

KERWIN LAWSON SERIOUSLY INJURED IN AUTO WRECK

Kerwin Lawson, brother of Mrs. S. W. Babcock of this city, was seriously injured last Monday, when the car in which he was riding was hit by the East Side Portland local at McMinnville. Of this three companions, Tom Kirby, the driver, was instantly killed, Robert Trent was probably fatally injured, and Edwin Kirby escaped with only minor injuries.

The boys were on their way to the high school, and according to witnesses, they were trying to beat the train to the crossing. It was on this account that R. A. Bland, the engineer of the local, could not stop the train quick enough, not perceiving their intention.

It would seem that a jinx is following Mr. Bland, as he was in the wreck at Bertha station last spring, which resulted so disastrously.

Kerwin Lawson has the best chance at recovery, according to the latest reports, as he has regained consciousness. Mr. and Mrs. Babcock and daughter left Monday evening for McMinnville, after receiving news of the accident.

"PEANUTS" GETS DRAW

Prineville's coming boxing champion, "Peanuts" Ryan, went to Bend Thursday night, where he was matched up with Kid Taylor of that city. Billy had the lead all the way through, and carried every round, with the exception of the fifth, which was a draw, and he also knocked Taylor out for a count of nine. The referee called the fight a draw, but it was the opinion of those who saw the match that Ryan without a doubt was the winner.

Ryan is now training in Portland, and will arrive in Prineville next week to finish, and will probably take on Kid Taylor or Duffy Knorr of Terrebonne sometime in the near future here.

Those from Prineville who saw the match were: Albert Birdsons, Charles Stoutenberg, Curly Stark, Ed McGilvray, Jay Upton, Frank Foster, Harry Hudson, Otto Sontag, and Frank Johnson. John Dobry of this place refereed the bouts.

A well attended county budget meeting was held at the county court rooms yesterday, and a budget was agreed upon by the court and tax payers present, which was unanimously agreed upon by the people present.

It developed during the discussion that the court has actually issued warrants during the past eleven months totaling \$157,944, of which amount \$79,255 was for road bonds, which leaves less than \$45,000 expended from the general fund for the period mentioned.

In the discussion of a county agent it was unanimously voted to secure as good a man as possible at once, and is now considered possible that within a few weeks at the most, a good man will be secured and on the ground prepared to assist in the solution of problems of the community.

CAP. FULLER POSTS PRIZE FOR COM'L CLUB SLOGAN.

To stimulate interest in the selection of a slogan for the Prineville Commercial Club, P. McD. Fuller has authorized the Journal to announce that he has posted with this paper a \$10 cash prize for the best slogan submitted by the club.

Some slogan that would truly depict the merits of the community, a spirit of progress and fair treatment by the club, or any slogan that the judges decide has the best merit, will receive the \$10 in cash on Jan. 1.

There are no strings to the offer. All you need to do is to mail your communication to the Journal, enclosed in an ordinary envelope, sealed and marked "Commercial Club Slogan," and it will be submitted to the three judges, and opened by them.

The judges will be selected by Mr. Fuller and the editor of the Journal.

The judges will not be selected until the day the slogans are to be read, in the Journal office, and the winner announced.

Any lady residing in Crook county is eligible to submit a slogan.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

M. R. Gallaher, Pastor.

Napoleon Bonapart said, "I tell you, Jesus Christ is not a man—There is between Christianity and other religions the distance of infinity. Alexander, Caesar, Charlemagne and myself founded empires; but on what did we rest the creations of our genius? Upon sheer force Jesus Christ alone founded his empire upon love, and at this hour millions of men will die for Him. In every other existence but that of Christ how many imperfections."

"What is your opinion of Christ?" This will be discussed Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday school 10 a. m. The new Epworth League at 6:30 p. m.; 7:30 preaching, subject "The things we let slip."

ROYAL ARCH MASONS ELECT THEIR OFFICERS

The annual election of officers of the Royal Arch Masons was held last night, and officers for the coming year were elected and installed by Past High Priest M. E. Brink, and Grand Marshall E. O. Hyde as follows:

High Priest, Dr. C. S. Edwards; King, W. J. Johnson; Scribe, W. S. Ayres; Treasurer, D. P. Adamson; Captain of Post, Geo. F. Easton; Secretary, Asa W. Batties; Royal Arch Captain, J. H. Rosenberg; Principal Sojourner, Hugh R. Lakin; Master of Third Veil, W. J. Carlson; Master Second Veil, George Noble; Master First Veil, L. M. Bechtell; Sentinel, E. J. Wilson.