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PRINEVILLE SOUND SAYS OUR MAYOR BIGGS WILL PERHAPS SUCCEED SELF ON DISTRICT BOARD

"The future of Prineville is bright and present financial depressions will be but temporary," said Mayor Wurzweller to a group of business men at Hotel Prineville on Tuesday of this week.

"While a stringency through which the community is now passing is very unfortunate, it is but a result of the readjustment, and will in no way effect the future of this community."

The feeling that a general improvement in conditions is coming with the new year, and that a sound and steady growth is sure to be expressed generally by business men and others in a position to know the true condition of things.

Normal prices throughout most lines are being reached in local stores and business houses, and cattle men returning from the market report an upward swing in the yards at this time.

ANNEX ENTRY WINS THE CLUB SLOGAN

"Your Home Town First", the slogan by the Camp Grounds committee for the Ladies' Annex, was awarded the \$10.00 prize given by Cap P. H. McD. Fuller, of Guthrie & Company, for the best slogan to be used by the Prineville Commercial Club.

The Ladies' Annex has presented this prize money received for the slogan to Crook County Post No. 29, American Legion, to be added to the Community Memorial Building fund, for which the boys have been working so hard. The Legion boys appreciate the spirit in which the donation was given, and it has but renewed spirit into their dreams of making an appropriate memorial building a near reality.

A number of excellent entries were made in this contest, and the selection, committee, consisting of Mr. Fuller, Judge Wallace and Guy Lafollette, had a hard time choosing from the lot.

Among the other slogans submitted were the following: "Prineville Finds a Way"; "The Heart of the Inland Empire"; "Put Pop into Prineville"; "Hospitality Lingers Here, To our Great Community We Extend Good Cheer"; "Everyone Knows What Crook County Grows."

Much interest has been shown in this contest, especially by members of the various ladies clubs of the county. The prize was posted with the Journal last month by Mr. Fuller, who realized the need of a slogan for the Commercial Club, and took this means to secure a good one. The prize was awarded New Year's day.

ARTISANS INSTALL OFFICERS

Prineville Assembly, No. 163, of United Artisans, installed officers for the coming term last Monday night, as follows:

P. A., Florence Cyrus; M. A., Julia Lister; Supt., Ada Grimes; Inspector, Louisa Retzlaff; Secy., Amy Johnson; Treas., J. W. Horgan; Sen. Cond., Jessie Forrester; J. Con., John Zeok; Mast. Cer., Alfred Leueling; Warden, Lawrence McCoy; Instruc., Martha Speer; Musician, Martha Novel.

After the installation ceremonies were over, a bountiful feed was served, and a social time was enjoyed.

The local Artisan lodge has been growing rapidly, and a very successful year has been predicted for the order.

LYRIC PIPE ORGAN BIG DRAWING CARD

A large audience was present at the Lyric last Saturday, when the new pipe organ was played for the first time. The organ is a great improvement over the old piano music, and adds greatly to the enjoyment of the film features. "Back to God's Country," the film play which was presented on Saturday, was shown in Albany and other valley towns, just before coming here.

THE STOCK MARKET IS STRENGTHENING

O. Rambo returned Tuesday morning from Portland, where he had just disposed of a carload of cattle which he shipped Saturday on the stock train. He reports that he found the market for stock decidedly stronger getting \$8.35 for his cattle, a fifty cent raise over the former prices. James Cram, who also shipped Saturday, received \$8.00 for one carload, and \$8.50 for another. Other Saturday shippers were J. P. Pickett of Post, and S. M. Bailey.

It is thought that the backbone of low prices for high-class stock may now be broken, and that from now on the market for quality beef such as Crook county offers, will be better.

LEGION SCORES 14 AND HIGH SCHOOL 12

The basket ball season was ushered in last Saturday evening with a hard-fought game between the C. C. H. S. and the American Legion teams, the latter team winning by a score of 14 to 12. Both sides were supported by many rooters, and the contest proved to be extremely interesting from the first toss-up to the final whistle.

FAIR ASSOCIATION HOLDS MEETING

The annual meeting of the Oregon Inter-State Fair association was held Monday, January 3, at the Commercial Club rooms.

After the reading of the minutes and the report of the treasurer, which showed receipts of \$5,154.09, and disbursements of \$5,016.56, leaving a balance on hand of \$137.53, the election of officers was held. M. R. Biggs, C. C. Berkley, Ed Slayton, Ralph Breese and Geo. Russell were elected as directors. After the adjournment, the board of directors met and elected M. R. Biggs, president, C. C. Berkley, 1st vice-president, Ed Slayton, 2nd vice president, Geo. Russell, 3rd vice president, and J. B. Shipp, secretary-treasurer.

SLEEPER SERVICE MUCH IMPROVED

As a result of complaints made by passengers using the night train between Portland and Bend, anthracite coal will be used from now on in heating the cars. Gas fumes resulting from the use of soft coal had been complained of as causing much discomfort to those using the sleeping car service.

LEGION DANCE WELL ATTENDED

The New Year's Eve dance, given by the Legion at the Club Hall was well attended by many from the surrounding country, as well as by the Prineville people. The Nelson orchestra furnished the music and the occasion was much enjoyed by all in attendance.

The marriage of Albert Wilson and Manilla Dee occurred last Sunday at Madras. Both of the young folks are very well known in this part of the country. The bride is the daughter of Jack Dee of Grizzly, and the groom is an electrician for the Deschutes Power Company at Madras, where the newlyweds will reside. They visited the groom's mother in this city several days, returning to Madras last night.

LADIES ANNEX HOLDS RECEPTION

A very excellent musical program was enjoyed by all who attended the Annex Reception at the club rooms on the afternoon of New Year's day. The following participated in the program: Vocal solos, Maxine Hyde, Helen Lafollette, Lulu Allen and Mrs. Bergh; piano solos, Vera Dunham, Catherine Elkins, Eleanor Euston, Bernice Congleton and Illa Johnson. Mrs. Edwards' orchestra gave a number, Flora Edwards played a violin solo, and Florence Cramer gave a whistling solo.

The committee wishes to thank all those who participated in the program and assisted materially in making the afternoon a success.

DOBBIN NAMED AS NEW COMMISSIONER

Salem, Jan. 3.—Jay Dobbin, Walloa county rancher and stockman was named by Governor Olcott today as state highway commissioner, succeeding the late Ed E. Kiddle. The governor said Dobbin has not been consulted, but hoped he would accept. Dobbin's name was not included in the list of 10 candidates whose friends were flooding the executive office with telegrams and letters of recommendation.

Results are Satisfactory, and no Opposition is Thus Far Noted

At the Ochoco Irrigation District election, which is to be held on January 11, it is generally understood that M. R. Biggs will be elected to succeed himself as director.

No candidates have been nominated for the position, the feeling seeming to be general that the present board is satisfactory and their efficient record, both during the past irrigation season and in work before and since that time is such that no one interested in the welfare of the district seems to advocate a change in the arrangement of things in so far as the officials in charge are concerned.

While it is a fact that considerable difficulty has been met and successfully cared for, the feeling seems to be general that there is a big year ahead for 1921, and the continuous moisture fall, which is making a considerable showing in the dam every day now and mild winter weather permitting everyone to keep farm work moving is responsible for a general feeling of optimism in regard to the new year.

NEW OFFICERS TAKE UP DUTIES

With the coming of the new year Crook county's new officers, elected at the November election, were very promptly sworn in and took up their new work on Monday, January 3.

Of Crook county's staff of officials, four are new to their offices. Ole H. Olson, who was elected to his position on the Democratic ticket at the recent election, moved into the sheriff's office in the basement of the court house, taking with him as office deputy, D. O. Jones of Paulina.

Ralph Jordan, the new treasurer, will be located with Mr. Bowman, at the office of the Central Oregon Title and Loan Company on East Street. Mr. Jordan has assisted in keeping the books up-to-date at various times during the past year, and all the details of the business are right at his finger tips. He won his new job from John Lafollette, democratic candidate, in the hardest fight of the recent election.

Wade Houston, who won the office of county surveyor from H. A. Kelley, the past holder of this berth, has moved to Prineville and has been hard at work getting acquainted with his new duties.

Herman K. Allen, elected to the vacancy of county commissioner, has taken up his new duties in the commissioner's court.

The new officers are competent men, worthy of the offices to which they have been elected, and the affairs of the county will without doubt, prosper in their hands, assisted as they are by other county officials, who have shown their ability by past years of efficient service.

The old council transacted business for the last time Monday night, and the new city officials went on duty on Tuesday, the new council meeting for the first time Tuesday evening, and they have dedicated their efforts towards the improvement of conditions in Prineville in every way. Will Wurzweller is the newly installed mayor of the city, and H. G. Davis, H. W. Howard, H. R. Lakin, Geo. Nicolai, G. W. Noble and Ross R. Robinson make up the new council. E. O. Hyde has taken over the duties of city recorder, as well as the responsibilities of the office of the Justice of the peace.

EASTERN OREGON GETS ROAD FUNDS

Contracts Totalling \$434,481 Are Awarded By Highway Commission

HALF MILLION BONDS ARE SOLD

Commission Holds Others Back For Better Prices—Further Work Is Now Planned

STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION DOINGS

- Resolution adopted on the death of Commissioner Kiddle.
- Miles of work contracted is \$58,78.
- Contracts awarded aggregate \$434,481.00
- Only \$500,000 in road bonds out of \$1,500,000 offered because price dropped to 90.71.
- Advocates of inside loop advised to develop it as a market road.
- Ordered for advertising—
- Grading of old Oregon Trail from Umatilla county line to La Grande; culverts between Bend and Millican; Clackamas river bridge.
- Agreed to advertise when engineers are ready—Nineteen miles of grading on Prineville-Mitchell road; Prineville-Redmond road; grading of four miles between McNamee and Tilley, Wheeler county.
- Survey ordered for 38 miles between Condon and Arlington on John Day highway.
- Will advertise for paving of Albany-Tangent section when bonds are sold to grade Tangent-Harrisburg section.

Eastern and central Oregon road affairs predominated at the state highway commission meeting yesterday, although those sections have no representative on the commission since the death of E. E. Kiddle. It was the first session for Commissioner John B. Yeon.

There is a drive underway by Malheur, Baker and Union counties to speed up the grading of the Old Oregon Trail, which connects with the Columbia River highway at Pendleton, and Grant, Wheeler and Gilliam counties are pressing the commission for more work on the John Day highway. Deschutes and Jefferson are seeking development of The Dalles-California highway and Deschutes and Crook counties are asking for help for the McKenzie highway. All of these projects received encouragement.

The commissioners, however, were somewhat astonished at the drop in the prices of highway bonds. The road body offered \$1,500,000 of 4 1/2 percent bonds and the best bid received was from Carstens & Earle and associates on a 90.71 basis, the lowest bid since last August, when 90.08 was offered and accepted. In November the price was 94.58. The commissioners decided that \$500,000.00 was enough to dispose of at 90.71. If the roadmen were disappointed at the bond prices, they were pleased at the bids submitted by contractors, which were better than usual.—Oregonian.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will meet next Thursday with Mrs. Charles Elkins. The meetings now are in the form of missionary discussions, and this meeting will be given to Cuba and Porto Rico. Mrs. F. E. Laffer has charge.

MORE LAND TO GO TO PATENT

1200 acres of land reclaimed by the Central Oregon Irrigation Company under the Central Oregon project in Deschutes and Crook counties has been patented and the State of Oregon has received the patent.

The lands covered by the recent patent are those formerly rejected from patent by the Department of the Interior on account of the excess acreage involved. An adjustment of the excess acreage question by supplemental contract between the Irrigation Company and the settler in each instance was made, and evidence of such adjustment filed with the Department by the State, upon which the additional patent issues.

During last September, the state received patent for 16,660 acres, which together with the 1200 acres which is just received, comprises almost all of the Oregon lists for Patent Nos. 9 and 10, which have been pending before the Department of the Interior for several weeks.

The Prineville post office has just received the new form postal savings card, published in 24 foreign languages. The new card will be furnished free of charge and when the ten 10c postal savings stamps have been affixed to the card it will be accepted at any depository office as a deposit of \$1.00, or it may be redeemed in cash. The local post office has postal savings deposits of \$2628.00, made by seven depositors.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

All Christians in the community are asked to join in making this a year of prayer. First for the pastor, Ephesians 6:19; second for the church, Ephesians 6:18; third for an effectual opening for the gospel, Colossians 4:3,4.

Also will you make this a year of service? Bring your family to the house of God. Share your love with your neighbors, Luke 15:6. Spread the good news wherever you go.

Mottos for the year: Grow in grace and in the knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ; 2 Peter 3:18. Increase and abound in love one toward another and to all men; Essaloniens 3:12.

The Christian people of the community are observing the week of prayer, January 2-9, as other communities are over the land. Cottage meetings are conducted in four places each morning at 10 o'clock. A general meeting is held at one of the churches at 7:30 p. m. These meetings are going with increasing interest. Friday night every one is specially urged to meet at the Baptist church. This meeting is specially arranged for the benefit of the schools and will open with a song service led by Mr. Hershey. Let everybody sing.

Beginning next Sunday there will be a meeting each evening in the Methodist church. This is a community meeting but it is held in one building to avoid confusion. The date of closing of these meetings is not known. There will be good singing and spirited preaching. Religion is vital to the welfare of the community and is essential to the salvation of each individual. This is everybody's meeting and everybody is expected to be in it.