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WATCH THE INDICATOR

Lake Ochoco has a total storage capacity of 47,000 acre feet of water.

The figure indicated by the indicator shows the total amount of water in storage at the time the reading was taken at eight o'clock this morning by officers of the district, and the report is official.

It will be corrected each week for the benefit of those of our readers who are interested in watching the water supply raise for the crops this year.



CROP OUTLOOK IS THE BEST YET

THE OCHOCO FOREST MAKES SPLENDID SHOWING

With the coming of spring weather conditions there appears to be the best crop outlook for this part of Oregon that the country has had for many years.

Soils are saturated with moisture to a great depth and in the mountains the snow supply is greater than at any time for many seasons past.

On many mountains snow to a depth of five feet is reported by Chas. Houston, and on the McKay-Trout Creek pass a depth of three feet was encountered by S. S. Black last Friday, which is a record for this season of the year he asserts.

Reuben Booten reports from two to three feet on Summit Prairie, with four feet on the divide between Lookout and Round Mountain, and about five feet of snow is reported on the Prineville-Mitchell pass by Stanley Balfour.

Lake Ochoco has more water emponded than was in storage there on April 15 last year and the small streams throughout the country are running banks full.

Fall-sown crops have wintered well and spring sowing is well under way with prospects bright for a big average.

LATE NEWS FROM THE HIGH SCHOOL

Bend Wins the Debate

The long-advertised interscholastic debate which was held on February 11th as scheduled, resulted in Bend's triumph. In Prineville, the visitors received only one vote out of three. The affirmative team for the C. C. H. S. consisted of Clarence Mertsching, first speaker, and Lester Coshaw, second speaker. Bend was represented by Paul Reynolds, first speaker, and Irwin McNeil, second speaker. The two Bend debaters were accompanied by their coach, Miss Spoor. In the arrangement of argument and presentation, C. C. H. S. was superior to the visitors whose main line of attack lay in refutation anticipating the arguments to be brought up by the affirmative. In the rebuttal, the Bend team exhibited its familiarity with the subject, obtained through longer study of the question. During the course of the debate, a musical program was offered. Blanche Rowell sang a vocal solo, a selection was given by members of the high school orchestra, and Mrs. Edwards' stringed orchestra also gave a selection. Rev. M. R. Gallaher presided as chairman. The judges were: Mrs. Collins Elkins of Prineville, George Gabriel of Madras, and Mrs. George Whitits of Terrebonne.

At Bend the results were somewhat reversed. Here the vote was three to nothing for Bend. Prineville was represented by Elsie Grant, first speaker, and Hazen Cram, second speaker. Bend's debaters were, Emmy Lou Meyers, first speaker and Benj. Garske, second speaker. Miss Laid of Madras was supposed to act as one of the judges; but through a misunderstanding, she failed to go to Bend. As a consequence, two Bend judges and one disinterested judge from LaPine acted. At Bend as was the case here, the method of argument was more in the form of refutation, while very little constructive argument was offered.

The outcome of the two debates gave Bend four votes and Prineville two votes. As a result, Bend will debate Redmond on the 18th. The winner of this debate is then to contend with the winner of The Dalles-Mossier debate to determine which team goes to Eugene on March 11th to represent the Upper Columbia district in the finals.

Redmond Defeats Prineville

Basketball dope will have to be reorganized as a result of the game between Redmond and Prineville, last Friday night, when Prineville was defeated by a score of 18 to 16. The game was very close all the time. Almack and Smith, playing forward positions made the baskets for Prineville. Wright played center because of Mills being absent. The guard positions were held by Horgan and Jacobs. At the end of the scheduled time, the score stood 12 to 12. Three five-minute periods were added before the tie could be played off. A large crowd witnessed the game, and Redmond brought a number of rooters along.

Prineville and Madras, Feb. 18.

Friday night, February 18, Prineville will play Madras at Madras. Since the first game between these two teams, Madras has lost two valuable players, while the Prineville team has lost its best player, Ogden Mills. Under these conditions, the chances for victory are practically even. A report came in Wednesday night that Stangland, who played on the Madras team when it played at Prineville, was not expected to live. He had tonsillitis, and it developed into pneumonia. He was taken to The Dalles hospital for treatment, but his condition has been getting worse.

Since the initiation of the Freshmen a few weeks ago, efforts to conciliate the Freshmen and Sophomores reached its culmination in a party given by the Freshmen to the Sophomores. The party was held in the K. P. Hall last Saturday night. Games were played and light refreshments were served.

Track Meet Preparation

Next Saturday, Mr. Evans and Mr. Medley will go to Redmond where the committee of the Inter-county Track Meet will convene. The business to be taken up will be to determine the time and place for holding the annual meet. A program will also be arranged at this time in order to enable the various schools to train their contestants. Two years ago the meet was held at Madras, while last year Redmond held the meet. This year it will be either at Bend or Redmond. The Redmond location may be given the preference because of its central position.

Last Friday morning a "regular" assembly was held. Robert Chambers presided and a splendid program was given. After the musical program, Mr. Chambers addressed the student body in regard to school spirit. He went into the subject in a very able manner, and gently, but firmly, reminded the students of the actual status of the school spirit. He then clearly propounded various methods by which a regeneration of the school spirit could be had in order that the school might regain its old standing.

February 22nd Program

Next Tuesday, February 22 the high school will observe Washington's Birthday, by giving a program in the afternoon. The two literary societies will hold a joint meeting in the assembly, where the program will be rendered as follows:

Ochocoanians

Trio—Blanche Rowell, Madge Rowell and Esther Trenne.
Vocal Solo—Mabel Haugeberg.
Piano Solo—Elsie Reams.
Reading—Ladocia Jacobs.
Talk—Robert Chambers.
School Activities—Raymond Smith.
Jokes—Peter Augustine.

Alphas

Violin Solo—Flora Edwards.
Original Composition—Mabel Polk.
Quintette—Chester McKenzie, Tom Jacobs, Mark O'Kelly, Lester Co-

RALPH SCHNELOCH PROVES HIMSELF TO BE 18 CARAT

This statement is made in order that the progress which irrigation development has enjoyed in the state of Oregon, may not be interrupted as a result of the speeches made Friday on the floor of the House, at Salem, by Representatives Burdick and Gallagher, in connection with the so-called "Irrigation Bills."

The statements made by them were absolutely false and misleading.

Every question on which a statement was made on the floor Friday, had been so clearly gone into and disproved at the public hearing on the bills Tuesday evening, that no man of ordinary intelligence, which I regard Messrs. Burdick and Gallagher to have, could have misunderstood them.

Oregon cannot absorb all the bonds it originates, and as funds must come from outside the state, syndicates of different bond dealers have been organized to underwrite the several issues, and I hope that this attack will not stop an effort which has already brought into the state for this irrigation development over three and one-half million dollars, of outside capital.

The fact that bonds are bought at ninety does not indicate a profit of ten points or that the selling district is losing ten per cent. It proves that for some reason (in this case because the law requires bonds shall not bear over six percent) they bear a rate lower than they can be sold for at par on the market and therefore must be discounted. This is easily understood when the bonds of the principal foreign governments have sold through the same period to yield as high as eleven percent, and when the United States Government bonds are selling to yield over six percent.

The mere fact that a bond during any three-year period is once offered at par does not prove the sale of any number at that price. It is a fact that irrigation district bonds, some of which were originally offered at par, have been subsequently retailed as low as ninety-two.

No contractor works except for an

expected profit. The fact that a contract is let at cost plus 15 percent, with a limited figure to which this 15 percent applies, does not mean that the district loses this 15 percent, or pays it in addition to any other profit which the contractor gets, but the fifteen percent is instead of a usual 25 to 35 percent that any contractor adds to his estimates of cost of labor and material and equipment when figuring a piece of work on a unit price basis or at a lump sum figure. On this basis a unit price or lump sum contract would have cost the districts the cost of labor, material and equipment plus 25 to 35 percent instead of plus 15 percent as paid in the cost plus contracts.

No district whose bonds have been sold to a syndicate, which is has been my duty to manage, has suffered the loss of one penny by graft, extortion, or improper or excessive profit.

This would have been easily proven even to the satisfaction of Messrs. Burdick and Gallagher, had their real interest actually been the protection of the districts and the farmers.

The motives for the introduction of these bills, and the interests behind them, were fully exposed at the public hearing Tuesday evening. This drove Messrs. Burdick and Gallagher to practically abandon on Friday their attack on Mr. Cupper.

Of the total membership of the House of Representatives, not a single voice was raised in defense of the bills excepting those of Messrs. Burdick and Gallagher. Their remarks, made when they were protected by the privilege of the House, and could not be answered by those whom they charged with improper practices were as a result of Tuesday's hearing not expected to have any effect upon the members of the House to whom they were ostensibly addressed, but were made as a smoke screen to deceive the public and to becloud the issue to their misrepresented constituents, who were practically as one against the bills.

RALPH H. SCHNELOCH.

PRUNES CHEAPER HERE

This week is "Prune Week", and local people who stocked up on this well-known grown in Oregon fruit, were pleased to find that it could be purchased in Prineville cheaper than if they sent away to the Valley. Prunes of the best quality have been sold this week by local merchants at ten cents a pound for any quantity. When prunes were shipped in it was necessary to buy at least a 25-pound box in order to get this price.

The Michel Grocery Company had a very interesting window display of prunes in different sized boxes and a framed copy of Governor Olcott's proclamation designating this week as "Prune Week" in Oregon.

The Prineville Hotel has prunes in some form on the menu each day this week, as have other eating establishments in the city, and the commercial club luncheon on Tuesday was known as a prune luncheon in honor of the week.

1920 WOOL CROP SOLD

Archie McPherson of Ashwood, prominent stockman of that part of the county, has been in Prineville this week on business. He reported the sale of his 1920 crop of wool at 27c a pound. The Baldwin Sheep & Land Company have sold their large 1920 crop at 20c a pound.

More than \$30,000 have already been spent by stockmen in developing the range in the Ochoco Forest, according to Forest Supervisor Vernon V. Harpham, and almost 200 miles of rail drift fences have been built by the cattle men, while a great many salt and water troughs have been built on many parts of the range in the forest.

While applications for grazing permits for 1921 may be filed at any time before March 1, many stockmen have already filed and the number of stock held by the stockmen seems to be about the same as in former years.

The Ochoco Forest is considered a model by Mr. Harpham, and it has a record for smooth running of its affairs.

Stockmen pay for the privilege of grazing cattle about 70 cents per head, and sheep about 11 cents.

The revenue from the Ochoco forest makes it practically self-supporting, which is more than can be said of many forests.

AGAIN IT IS TIME FOR ALFALFA SEED BUYING

All ranchers who are intending to plant alfalfa this spring should see Mr. Sordall at the Project office. The idea is to pool all small orders so that a lower price can be obtained from the wholesalers or growers.

In order to get the benefit of a lower price, all intending planters should make known their needs, as early as possible so that Mr. Sordall can get an idea of the quantity to be desired this year.

WATER GAUGES INSTALLED FOR BEAR CREEK DISTRICT

Sam Ellis on Saturday installed water gauges on Bear Creek, for the Bear Creek Irrigation District. The district some time ago voted bonds to organize, but on account of not having measurements of the water in the creek, actual work was held up, as the gauges have been slow in arriving.

From now on, work in the district will start in good earnest. The people of the Bear Creek community have shown themselves to be wide-awake and enterprising citizens, and will, without doubt, make a big success of their irrigation district.

RICKETTS CLUB POPULAR

That the Ricketts Glee Club program last Saturday night was the best given on the Menely course this year, was the opinion of most of those who attended.

After the program, an informal dance was given under the auspices of the Legion, the boys of the club consenting to play. The music made a hit with local dancers, proving to be the jazziest that has come to Prineville this year.

When it was found that the club would be in Central Oregon this week, and that Tuesday night was open on their books, arrangements were made for them to return to Prineville and put on a short program, with a dance afterwards. This dance will long be remembered as the best dance of the season. The Legion served lunch at twelve.

The Ricketts Glee Club boys stated before they left that they believed Prineville had more pep than any other town in this part of the land.

Prineville people will be interested to know of the marriage of Miss Wilda Solomon to Ira Jackson Fitts, in Salem on the 6th of this month.

The bride is well-known in this part of the country, having many relatives in Crook county, and has visited here often.

Mr. and Mrs. Fitts will make their home at 1435 State Street, Salem, Oregon.

MOTORCYCLE COPS TO ARREST AUTOMOBILE LICENSE EVADERS

Jay Saltzman, of the State automobile license department, was in Prineville several days the last of the week on business connected with the licensing of motor cars. He stated while here that very shortly motorcycle cops would be put on the roads in Crook county to nab all persons who do not carry the 1921 licenses on their cars, and all those who have been driving cars without licenses in country districts will be arrested and made to pay the maximum penalty for this offence, if they do not take steps to get licenses before then.