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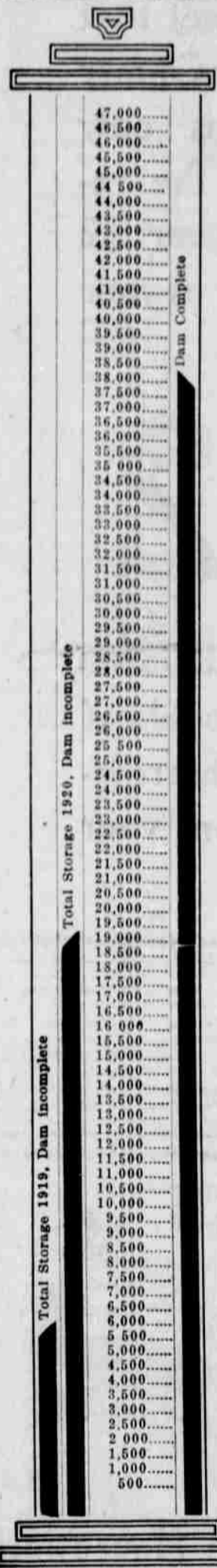
WATCH THE INDICATOR

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

The figures shown by the indicator gives 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.

The storage of 1919 and 1920 are also given at the left.



EASTER SERVICE

Methodist Episcopal Church, on March 27, 1921, at 11:00, A. M.
 Prelude, Minuet in G, Beethoven;
 Doxology; Invocation; Hymn; Apostles Creed; Prayer; Anthem, Redemption, Suter; Responsive Reading; Gloria; Scripture Lesson; Offertory; Berceuse from Jocelyn, Godard; Solo, The Palms, Faure; Sermon; Hymn; Benediction; Postlude, quartette, Tenor, W. P. Hershey, Soprano, Frances L. Durand, Alto, Florence Paul, Bass, J. E. Shipp; Violin, Orville Shultz; Piano, Blanche Shipp.
 Rev. M. R. Gallaher, Pastor.

DAM IS PRONOUNCED PERFECT NEW BANK ORGANIZATION IS RAPIDLY FORMING

A. J. Wiley, Consulting Engineer for Ralph Schneeloch Company, who has been associated with the Ochoco Project since its conception, was in Prineville Saturday on a regular trip of inspection, and examined the Ochoco dam in company with the board of directors of the project, and engineers R. W. Rea and R. E. Froiseth.

After a thorough inspection of the dam, Mr. Wiley pronounced it in perfect condition, and said that it is standing the test to which it is being put by being rapidly filled with water, in a remarkable manner. Commenting upon the dam, Mr. Wiley said: "Before the dam was ever constructed, we knew that there would be more or less water escape on the north side of the structure, due to the fact that the material there has never been wet, being left there by some kind of volcanic action. On the south side, however, the hill is filled by wash from the Combs' Flat country, and being deposited there wet, was naturally not nearly so apt to leak. For this reason the cut-off trench was made much deeper and with considerable more care on the north end of the dam, and it is working to perfection. Practically all if not all of the seepage and waste water is escaping around the end of the cut-off trench, though the volcanic formation there, and does not run through the structure. Such water as is running off from the lower face of the dam, no doubt comes around the end of the dam in this manner and does not escape until after it has left the center of the lower face. The formation of the hill north of the reservoir is such that no amount of water going through it would in any way endanger the dam itself, and while it would no doubt justify the district in expending some money to stop these leaks as the water recedes which would very easily be done by use of a raft and inexpensive machinery for sluicing.

"However, the escape is so light, comparatively, that the expenditure of much money would not be justified, and would be altogether unnecessary.

"Having been associated with the construction of dams of this type in many parts of the United States, over a long period of years, I am prepared to say that the Ochoco reservoir is as near perfect as any dam of this type can be.

"The amount of leakage will perhaps increase until the dam is full, and wastes over the spillway, but will diminish in proportion as the water recedes. It will be less next year and still less the year following and will gradually diminish each year, but will perhaps never cease because of the formation of the soil there.

"One of the finest features in connection with the Ochoco reservoir is an abundance of water to fill it. Many reservoirs which I have helped to construct, have gone for a great number of years without ever having been over half full, and the people under the Ochoco project can be thankful for the fact that they possess a dam of first quality and an abundance of moisture to fill it."

Mr. Wiley left Prineville Saturday evening after having seen most of the day at the dam, and said that he feels that the work here has been all that anyone could expect, and that the plans formulated for the district worked out to perfection.

WELL DRILLED ON ROBINSON RANCH.

Ernest Wagoner finished drilling a well on Ross Robinson's ranch, a mile east of town, on the project, on Monday. At the depth of 40 feet, water raised to 20 feet from the top in the hole, and at 60 feet an abundance of water was secured.

DATES FOR CLEAN-UP ARE DECIDED UPON

Clean-up Week for Prineville has been set by Mayor Wurzweiler for the week of March 28 to April 2nd, and during that week it is expected that every unsightly object will be cleaned up and the city made to look new and bright.

In order that the entire community become interested in this work, the mayor has set Wednesday March 30th as Community Clean-up Day, and on this day the city will be closed to all business except of a clean-up nature.

The meeting place will be at the Legion Hall at 8:30 and all are expected to come in work clothes and some kind of weapon to use during the day. It can be a shovel, a rake, hoe, axe, grubbing hoe, or in fact, anything you feel best adapted to use. The entire male population of the city will be on hand at the Legion Hall on next Wednesday, and V. V. Harpham and Cap. Fuller will be there with teams and wagons and big auto trucks to take you to various parts of the city where the work is needed so all you need to do is report at the above place, promptly at 8:30 and you will find a place for the day where you can accomplish much good for your home and town.

A big Community Dinner will be served at the camp grounds at noon for all, and the ladies are requested to bring a well-filled basket any time before noon, to help feed their hard-working husbands. Horace Kelley will have charge of the eats and all the ladies of the city are expected to assist him in preparing the big feed tray and do your clean-up work at home either Monday or Tuesday, so you can help work on some non-resident property on Wednesday. Don't try to cart your rubbish away, but pile it up set it out along the curb in front of your property late Tuesday evening, and the wagons and trucks will take it away early Wednesday morning at no cost to you.

If you have a barn or out-build that you are tired of looking at and you find you could improve the looks of your own property by having it torn down and the lumber piled in a neat pile, notify Arthur Michel between now and next Wednesday morning and a crew of men will take it down in good order for you free of charge and let you keep the lumber. You have no idea how well pleased your neighbor will be to see that old shack torn down.

Next Wednesday is the big day. 8:30, a. m. is the time. The Legion Hall is the place of meeting. The entire town will be there. Don't make other plans for the day, as you will show yourself up if you are on the curb or sitting on the street corner watching the crowd. This is your town and your rubbish, so be on hand and help clean it up!

WHAT SEEMS TO BE WRONG?

We have heard a number of complaints on the seeming unnecessary expense for books in the first grade of our schools. Up to the present time, parents of the little tots have been called upon to purchase five different kinds of readers, and just why one book for the term should not be enough, we are unable to say.

In years past it has been the common and economical practice to hand the books down to the younger brother or sister, but, under the new ruling, this practice cannot be followed up. We would like to have someone tell us just how it is, so we can be in a position to answer inquiries.

NATIONAL GUARD COMPANY MAY BE ORGANIZED HERE

Initial steps for the formation of a National Guard company for this section will be taken at the next meeting of the American Legion, at which time all young men of military age who would be interested in such an organization in Crook County, are asked to meet with the American Legion and talk the matter over.

F. A. Fessler, adjutant of the local Legion post, has taken the matter up with the adjutant general, and has been informed that the number of such organizations allowed Oregon would be increased in June, so if it is the wish of the young men of the community, steps for an organization will be taken.

Many of the Oregon cities are represented by crack organizations of various branches of militia, but not one exists in Central Oregon.

So pass the word along. Be on hand at the Legion Club April 4, when an open meeting is to be held.

LATE NEWS FROM FORESTRY OFFICE

Every ranger on the Ochoco National Forest is taking a reading course prepared by a committee of Forest Supervisors. The course deals with almost every phase of forestry work, from the fire protection work to law enforcement, land laws, etc. It was estimated that it would take 30 days solid work for each man to complete the course.

In addition to the ranger course E. W. Donnelly is making about 65 signboards for his district (Snow Mountain); he has also overhauled the government trucks, and done numerous odd jobs between times.

Rangers Anderson and Blake and Elder are also making signboards. Each year more signs are added to the roads and trails within and near the Forest so that within a few years at least the upland country should be so thoroughly posted that it will be impossible for even the "town dude" to become lost.

By changing ranger district boundaries, Ranger Congleton will assume charge of the Maury Mountain territory in addition to the Beaver Creek and a portion of the John Day water-shed, but will give up the north slope of the mountain towards Dayville to Ranger Ralph Elder who will be located at Antone instead of at Cold Spring Ranger Station near Summit Prairie.

A meeting of the Wheeler County Sheep Raisers' Association is to be held at Mitchell on March 26. We understand that matters pertaining to the scale of wages to be offered by sheepman for the coming season and various other local problems that confront them will be discussed. Ranger Blake will represent the Forest Service.

Mr. L. L. Jones, a prominent sheepman from Mitchell passed thru Prineville on March 22 on his way to Bend to discuss range matters in the Cascades, and stated to local Forestry men that there is an average of at least one foot of solid packed snow from the Ochoco Mines to the Prineville-Mitchell summit, with the snow-banks in places three feet or more in depth.

Contrary to the quite popular supposition, sheep and cattle have not all been shipped out of the country. Records at the local Forestry office show that applications have been received for grazing 100,235 head of sheep and for 21,161 head of cattle. The capacity of the Forest is approximately 85,000 head of sheep and (Continued on page 5)

BERRIES PROFITABLE IN CENTRAL OREGON

Anyone who doubts that berries or garden produce would be profitable in Central Oregon, would do well to visit the farm of C. P. Becker, at Tumalo, during the growing season.

This farm, which contains but 40 acres, is highly diversified, and well kept, good returns have been realized for its owner for a number of years, and an ideal home maintained. Some everbearing strawberries are grown on the ranch, which bring satisfactory returns every year, not only from the sale of berries, but from plants, which are in a greater demand than Mr. Becker can supply.

When interviewed recently for the Journal, Mr. Becker gave the following statement:

"I sold over 100 crates of strawberries from less than 3-4 of an acre at \$6.00 a crate, last year. The plants dug from the same plot sold for over \$200.00. We began picking for market July 10th, and continued until September 30th. There were berries late in October and I had a small display at the Interstate Fair and also at the Redmond Potato Show in October."

What has been done by Mr. Becker on the Tumalo project, can be repeated by hundreds of farmers on the Ochoco project, as well as throughout the Powell Butte district and in fact, wherever irrigation is to be had in Central Oregon. Of course some lands are better than others and for that reason the return would perhaps be greater in some instances but from the example set by Mr. Becker and others, it would seem that almost any tract of this size, properly handled, would bring very satisfactory returns.

ANOTHER HEN TAKES CHANCE

It would seem that a genuine contest has started among the hens of this section since the flock of Mrs. Wells' set the pace for size. We now have a contribution from a Plymouth Rock biddy belonging to Mrs. C. L. Roberts, of Ochoco Valley, which measures eight inches around the long way, and seven inches at the middle. It is a perfect egg in every respect, and further proves the wonderful possibilities of the feathered tribe.

The next thing which will probably show up is a hen that will lay a nice slice of ham with her egg. This addition would certainly be highly appreciated by ye editor, who is doing the sampling of these wonderful productions. We are fully convinced now that there is no limit to a hen's capacity. Who's next?

NEW STORAGE RATES AT THE SERVICE MOTOR SALES

Mr. Holmes, of the Service Motor Sales, informs us that a change in storage rates has been decided upon, to take effect immediately. The new storage rate is \$5.00 per month. This cut will certainly be appreciated by all car owners.

S. P. & S. TRAIN WRECKED ENGINEER COYNE KILLED

The S. P. & S. train, enroute to Bend Monday night, was thrown off the track by bowlders washed on the track, four miles east of Lyle, Wash, about 9:30 in the evening. The engineer, B. F. Coyne, of Portland, was killed, and the fireman jumped to save his life. Only the baggage car and engine were derailed, and no passengers were injured. The accident caused a delay of eight hours in the mail reaching Prineville.

With the greater part of the stock for the Bank of Prineville subscribed, and encouraging support from many people throughout the county, J. L. Karnopp, head of the new bank which is being organized in Prineville, left Friday evening for Portland after having spent several days in this city getting affairs in shape for opening the new concern.

The opening date has not yet been fixed, but will be in the first half of April, unless something unlooked for should delay matters, according to Mr. Karnopp.

In an interview granted Friday evening, concerning Prineville and the surrounding country, Mr. Karnopp said:

"I am greatly pleased with the reception I have met in this community during the week, and believe that the people here are willing to do their share towards the development of one of the best countries in the Northwest.

"After having inspected the resources of the country in the limited time at my disposal, I believe that I can easily say that a population many times the present number will be seen here during the next few years. If I can take even a small part in bringing about the general improvement in conditions here, I will consider the time and effort well spent."

Mr. Karnopp is a firm believer in irrigation development, and thinks that a great number of small farms, intensively cultivated, is much better for any community than a number of large ones that cannot be cared for to the extent necessary. He expects to return to Prineville shortly and will be prepared to open the bank at an early date.

PRINEVILLE GREENHOUSE IN REGULAR OPERATION

Under the firm name of Townsend & Campbell, a greenhouse is now in operation in Hyde Park. The concern will supply the wants of local people in the way of vegetables, young plants, cut flowers, etc. Joseph Townsend is the manager.

EVENING CLUB ENTERTAINS

The Evening Bridge Club entertained last night at the home of Mrs. Charles Elkins, the husbands and a number of friends being guests.

Eight tables of bridge were seated, and the rooms were decorated with attractive bouquets of pussy willows. A tasty lunch was served, consisting of chicken patties, caramel and strawberry ice cream, cake and coffee.

Mrs. Jay Upton won the guest prize for the ladies, and H. W. Howard received the gentlemen's prize for high score. Miss Marjorie Tackman won the club prize, and Bruce Ensley was the recipient of the consolation prize.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Ted Carlson, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Euston, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Bowman, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Eickemeyer, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Foster, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Howard, Miss Marjorie Tackman, Miss Martha Gillett, Miss Louisa Jordan, Mrs. J. C. Bolter, Herbert Eickemeyer, Bruce Ensley, Charles Upton, and M. W. Skipworth.

"GEORGIA MINSTRELS" TO APPEAR HERE, ON MAY 28.

If satisfactory arrangements can be made, the famous "Georgia Minstrels" will appear in Prineville on May 28, under the auspices of the American Legion. The troupe is a large one, and has proven satisfactory wherever they have, shown.