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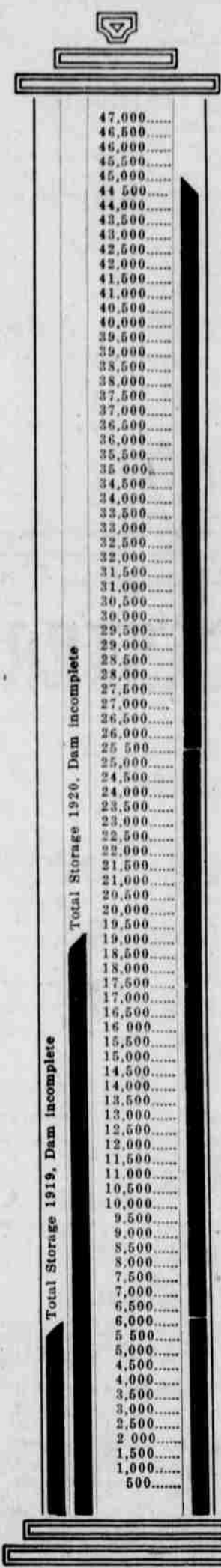
WATCH THE INDICATOR

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.



TO GATHER AT LAKE OCHOCO NEW HIGHWAY TO PARALLEL R. R. ON THE WEST

Lake Ochoco will be filled to capacity not later than Sunday afternoon, and water will flow over the waste way for the first time.

Considerable speculation has been indulged in by those in touch with the conditions, concerning just when this historic event will take place.

At the rate of increase which has prevailed during the week, Saturday afternoon or night may see the overflow point reached.

People from many points in the northwest have expressed a desire to be present when this event takes place, and if the weather remains favorable a large amount of the population of Prineville and the district will no doubt be at the lake, making up perhaps the record crowd.

To stimulate interest in the taking of photographs, the Journal offers a cash prize of \$5 for the best photograph taken, showing the lake, water going over the spillway or any other interesting point along the shores of the lake. A second prize of one year's subscription will be given, and for all additional photographs submitted of unusual merit cash will be paid.

Get to lake Ochoco during the week end, and take pictures of any point that interests you most.

CONTRACT LET FOR OCHOCO HIGHWAY

Greenwood & Dann, contractors, were awarded the contract on construction of the Prineville-Jones Mill section of the Ochoco Highway at the meeting of the state highway commission at the court house in Portland yesterday at a price of \$114,965.00.

The entire length of this link is 17.05 miles.

The new highway to California has been selected.

After one of the bitterest road fights in the history of the old Oregon country the state commission this morning decided on the route from The Dalles to Madras. Large delegations from Wasco and Sherman counties heard Chairman R. A. Booth of the state highway commission, make the announcement.

The route selected goes from The Dalles to Dufur, on through Maupin, Criterion, Cow Creek valley, Tygh valley to Madras.

This cuts Shaniko and Antelope off the main highway. They were on the old route selected by the legislature two years ago, but the new law shunted them and the road will follow the survey as stated.

But to give Sherman county a run for its money, Chairman Booth stated that "a leg of the new highway will be run from a point somewhere near Criterion over to Shaniko, from there to go in a northerly direction through Moro and Wasco to the Columbia River highway."

It was the sentiment of the commission that the old road from The Dalles to Dufur be forgotten and that the new grade that keeps within the 5 percent limit be followed. This will cost, according to the commission's estimates, only \$9000 more than using the old road, which has a much steeper grade.

The decision of the commission was received calmly by both visiting delegations.

MAURY MOUNTAIN STOCKMEN MEET

The stockmen of Maury Mountain held a meeting at the court house on Monday to discuss problems confronting them generally. A very live meeting was had, a large number of men being present. Among those in town to attend the meeting were Labin Harris, Jess Stewart, O. B. Gray, Dick Mulholland, Alex Ammons, R. R. Price, John Miller, Chas. Huston, Chas. Cox, Dave Gultemuth, E. B. Knox, Walt Knox and Sam Newsom.

An important item of business conducted at this meeting was the adoption of a resolution excluding all horses of whatever description from the range, effective this season.

WE REMOVE OUR HATS TO THIS YOUNG BIDDY

H. E. Stewart of Powell Butte, is the owner of one Red Rock (sometimes called Partridge Rock) hen, hatched on April 1, 1920. She started laying on October 10. Up to March 1st, she laid 57 eggs, and on March 29 hatched 12 chicks. All of this performance was under dry farming methods, and we are wondering just what her biddiship would have done had she resided on land under the Ochoco Project.

A. J. WILEY MAKES CAREFUL INSPECTION OF THE BIG DAM

Boise, Idaho, March 21, 1921. Board of Directors, Ochoco Irrigation District, Mr. Fred Hoelscher, President, Prineville, Ore. Sirs:

At your request I have made an examination of the condition of the Ochoco dam and submit the following report:

The examination was made on March 19 and was called for by the feeling that, as the reservoir is rapidly filling and will soon be full with the water for the first time running over the spillway, an examination of the dam should be made by one who is familiar with its construction.

The dam is of the hydraulic fill type, in which a mixture of broken rock of all sizes from the largest, weighing about 50 pounds, down to impalpable rock dust, was carried from the borrow pits by water thru flumes, and distributed in dykes along the upstream and downstream faces of the dam.

The water by which the material is carried flows from the dykes toward the middle line of the dam carrying the fine parts of the material to be deposited in a central pool which occupies about one-third of the area. This central pool is thus filled with the very fine material deposited from the water and makes a central core of very tight material occupying about one-third of the entire volume of the dam. This central tight core merges gradually up and downstream into a relatively coarser, heavier, and more pervious material until near the faces of the dam it contains a large percentage of large broken fragments mixed with finer particles into a compact mass. The theory of the hydraulic fill dam is that the center third is the tight part while the other two-thirds give weight and stability.

The hydraulic fill is recognized as probably the safest type of earth dam. The process of construction

WILL TEST THE SEED GROWING POSSIBILITIES

About two tons of garden peas and a quantity of string beans and other garden crops, a total of more than 30 acres, are being planted by local people on the Ochoco project, under a special contract with a seed house. The seed is being provided by the seed house, and is being planted under their direction, and the crop is already sold on contract to the people who furnished the seed. The seed people believe that our climatic and soil conditions are ideal for seed growing, and if the experiment is satisfactory a large contract is possible for the next year.

FOUR FEET OF SNOW ON THE MCKAY MOUNTAIN.

Wade Huston returned Sunday from a trip to Ashwood, by way of McKay Mountain. He states that there is four feet of snow at some points on the mountain.

MAKES CROSS-COUNTRY TRIP

Gene Hendrickson arrived the last of the week from Texas. He made the trip from there to this city by auto, accompanied by his son, and has an interesting account to tell of his experiences on the way.

ANNEX MEETING IS HELD TUESDAY

The Ladies' Annex held its regular meeting Tuesday afternoon and the following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Mrs. Walt Hyde; Vice-president, Mrs. Guy Lafollette; Secretary, Mrs. V. C. Shippee; and Treasurer, Mrs. N. G. Davis.

Plans for the betterment of the club were the chief topics of discussion. Ladies not in the club are especially invited to join this month and delinquent members may be reinstated by paying a years' dues for the year just closed. This will automatically cancel all other back dues.

It is planned to have at each meeting a program and light refreshments, to be arranged for by five different ladies each month. For the May meeting Mrs. C. W. Elkins is chairman of the committee of five.

The Library Committee also announces the new books for next Tuesday night. It will be remembered that library privileges are now granted to others than Annex members and high school students, for the small charge of ten cents each month for one book taken at one time or twenty cents for two books taken at one time.

THE BOOK QUESTION IS FULLY EXPLAINED

The item run in this paper two weeks ago, in regard to the number of books required by scholars in the lower grades, has been explained by Prof. Babcock. The State Board of Education specifies that not less than four books shall be studied during the term, and if possible, five or six books can be used during the same term. While this may seem extravagant to some, still it must be remembered that the new system of study does wonders with the little tots, and we should not begrudge the little ones the means of going ahead in their studies. The work being done by instructors of our schools is deserving of the highest praise, and we should all try and show them that their efforts are appreciated.

OCHOCO LAND COMPANY FILES ARTICLES TUESDAY

Articles of incorporation of the Ochoco Land Company were filed at the county clerk's office on Tuesday.

The company plans to do a general land business in connection with the Ochoco Project. The main office is with the Crook County Journal, and there is also an office in the Northwestern Bank Building in Portland. The incorporators are: Guy Lafollette, of Prineville, and G. H. Frost and W. F. Brown of Portland.

TO PLANT SUGAR BEETS ON PROJECT

County Agent Tucker and others have secured seed for the planting of three acres of beets on the Ochoco project, and plans have been completed for the planting of one acre each on the farms of Fred Hoelscher, E. T. Slayton and G. W. Slayton.

The beets raised from these tracts should be sufficient to fill a car, which it is planned will be shipped to a refinery and a real test made which will determine the quality of beets grown on this soil. If the beets can be successfully grown it is planned to secure a refinery for this locality.

Construction of a market road, paralleling the City of Prineville railway from Prineville to Wilton, a distance of five miles, was started this week.

The road will be run on the north side of the track the entire distance and will be graded and put in condition by Cap. Fuller, who is doing the work for the county and state, under the supervision of the state highway department, with offices at the court house.

This will form a trunk highway for the larger part of the project, and also for heavy traffic from Jefferson county and through tourist travel.

A bad ford on the McKay will be eliminated and a number of stretches of road that are in poor condition much of the time.

Considerable distance, perhaps a mile, will be saved in the new road. Twelve head of horses are being used at present and a camp has been established on the Adamson ranch, two miles west of the city.

The work will be completed within sixty days.

THE JOURNAL'S LAKE OCHOCO PHOTO CONTEST

The awards will be made for photographs on quality for reproduction and subject, and on nothing else.

All photographs must not be mounted, printed on glossy paper, and size will not be a contributing factor. A small kodak will sometimes take as good a picture as a large one.

Two prints of each winning photograph become the property of the Journal, one of which will be posted in our window, the other sent to our engraver, for half tones, which will be published soon in this paper. Contest closes April 20, and prize winners published in the Journal the following day. We wish to secure a large number of these photographs, and will pay cash according to quality for all not winning the prizes. First prize, \$5 cash, second, one year's subscription to the Journal.

PRINEVILLE CELEBRATES WITH BEND LODGE

A number of members of Carnation Chapter, O. E. S., motored to Bend last Friday to attend the annual celebration of the founding of the different chapters in Central Oregon.

Those who attended report a good time. The evening was spent in dancing and playing cards. There was also a short program, upon which Prineville was represented by a vocal solo by Mrs. O. G. Adams.

Attending from Prineville were: Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Hatch, Mr. and Mrs. Collins W. Elkins, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Euston, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Ayres, Mrs. Shelbourne Ayres, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Ross, Mrs. Robt. Douglas, Mrs. E. E. Evans, Mrs. Asa Battles, Floyd Fessler, Dolly Hodges, Carey Foster, Dessell Johnson, Mrs. B. F. Johnson, Mrs. O. G. Adams and Mrs. Ray Putnam.

It is expected that the anniversary will be celebrated in Prineville next year.

WATER PARTLY IN DITCHES

Water has already been turned into parts of the canal system on the Ochoco Project. That part below McKay Creek and some of the lands on the east end of the system are receiving water. A definite date for turning it into the entire system has not yet been set, but will no doubt be announced next week from the office of the management.

INLAND AUTO CO. HAS SOLID TIRE PRESS

It is gratifying to learn that the Crook county truck owners will no longer be handicapped because of the fact that there has been no solid tire press available in this locality. The Inland Auto Company has recently purchased a 75-ton solid tire press to take care of this need, which lately has become intensified with the growth of the community and the various road construction projects adjacent to Prineville. Their ad in reference to this press will be found elsewhere in this issue.