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OIL DRILLING TO COMMENCE SOON MOVE TO ORGANIZE A COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Within the next six or eight weeks actual drilling of an oil well will be started in Crook County according to the announcement of Nell A. Bertrandis, of the Blue Mountain Oil & Gas Company, a concern recently incorporated for this business.

The company has ordered a drilling outfit, which has a capacity for drilling a hole twenty inches in diameter at the surface, and a depth of five thousand feet or more. It is known as a standard rig, and is of the style and size as the machines in use in the Texas oil fields.

This equipment, on the ground, will cost the concern from \$25,000 to \$40,000 and it is sufficient demonstration that the concern means business and is spending its own money in the attempt to locate a paying oil field in this part of the state.

The actual location of this test well has not yet been decided, but its positive location will be fixed in a short time, and will be where the geologists decide is the most promising location for an oil well.

The company announces that they have no stock for sale, but expect to determine with their own funds, if there is oil in this country, and if so to develop it.

They have a large number of leases in the upper Crooked River country, and in the vicinity of Post or above seems to be the most favored location, according to the geologist tests.

This concern has been open and fair in all their dealings during the past two years, covering the time which has been consumed in prospecting these oil possibilities, and should be given every assistance in the way of leases that is possible from local land holders.

They are operating in the manner in which every large concern of good standing operates in the oil business and every encouragement should be given them to assist in the prospecting of the local situation.

Nothing could be of greater value to this country than the location of a real paying oil field, and these men believe that the prospects are the best for such a field here.

A letter to Mr. Bertrandis from Mr. Herschel Parker tells considerable of the local situation from the geologists standpoint. It follows.

I was greatly interested in examining the fossils and samples of formation and especially your photographs in the Blue Mountain Oil region. I previously have been very close to the same location with my friend, Mr. Henry McCall of Prineville, Oregon, and in fact had intended to put in the spring and summer of 1920 in examining this very ground for what might be the possibilities of either mineral or oil. I, however, had the opportunity to return to Alaska to my placer ground through which the U. S. Government railroad

runs, and so was unable to carry out this plan.

The fossils that you have collected in this region show certainly a most prolific form of marine life and prove beyond any doubt that this country was once at least an element of the sea. It is perfectly well known that all the oil fields of the world have been laid down originally in a marine formation, that is, at or near an ocean coast and whether the oil comes from vegetable or animal organic matter, it has always been found that it originally associated with marine deposits so that it is highly important in any examination of a prospective oil field to first locate some form of marine fossils. Next in importance is to discover some form of rock or conglomerate that would serve as a capping for the oil. The sand stone that you have located in this region is of a very porous nature and acts as a reservoir for holding the oil. It is known that in a producing oil district a material like shale or slate should be associated with the sand stone or other porous material. This also you have found here in perfect specimens. This then, gives us the source of the oil, and the proper formation, and all that would be needed to furnish the best evidence of an oil producing field would be a structure of the various sedimentary layers. It is always known that where wells of large production under pressure have been located that the strata is in some particular form either as an anticline, contactine, syncline, dome or fault line. The topographical evidence in this region is that there have been intrusive lands of volcanic rock that have domed the formation and given similar conditions to the oil fields of Tampico, Mexico, and elsewhere. If there is a definite fault line to this country that may also have served to form a reservoir for the oil bearing material. The ideal way to test this region would be by a system of diamond drilling first probably testing about three-fourths of the way up one of these domelike slopes which would correspond of course to an anticline, and another way would be if the fault line was rock adjacent to it. The most promising method, however, would be to avoid all faults and dikes keeping as distant as possible from them and drilling on the surface of these volcanic rocks just beyond where the igneous rock forms. At least this is the method that has been followed in the Mexico fields and is well known as giving the most likely results in the oil fields in any part of the world.

Hoping that you will meet with very great success in this enterprise and that I may have the pleasure of visiting you early in the coming fall.

Very sincerely yours,
HERSCHEL C. PARKER,
A. P. M. E.
Consulting Engineer.

Photo Showing the Rush of Water Over the Wasteway of the Big Ochoco Dam

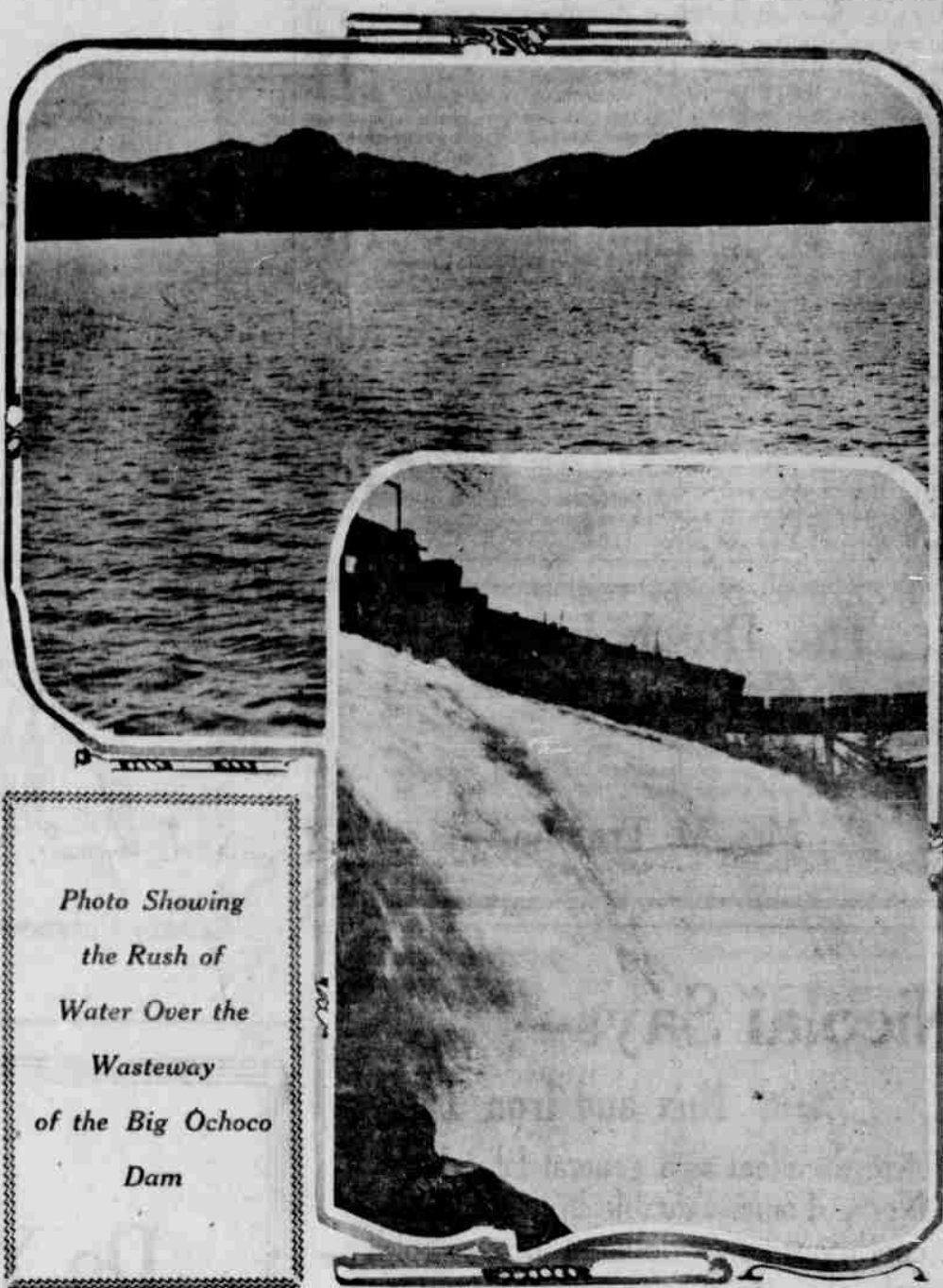


Photo Showing the Rush of Water Over the Wasteway of the Big Ochoco Dam

At a meeting of the people from various parts of the county Monday evening at the court house, the proposed constitution of the Crook Co., Chamber of Commerce was submitted, read and referred to the people of Powell Butte and the Ochocho Farmers organization for final ratification.

The matter will be presented to the people of Powell Butte tonight, and the Ochocho Farmers on Monday night, and a meeting of the people from all parts of the county held at the circuit court room on Tuesday night of next week for final ratification, and the election of the board of directors.

A goodly number of men attended the Monday night meeting, and every man present signed the membership list of the county chamber, which will be submitted to the communities mentioned above before final organization is completed.

As a feature of the organization Cap Fuller introduced his plan for the Crook County Irrigators, a club with the one purpose of advertising the county and promoting good will among the communities and the people of the county in general.

It is planned to attend the various conventions and other meetings in a body, to go in uniform, perhaps overalls and packing an irrigators shovel, and march in the rose festival parade in Portland and other meetings.

An idea of the plans for the organization may be gleaned from the pledge which has already been signed by some 200 men, and which is ready for you to sign.

The commander of this organization will be King Alfalfa, already by unanimous consent having been agreed upon as Cap Fuller, and the court will be selected by him. They will have the various titles suggested below.

Watch the Irrigators put Crook County on the map!

SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD JUNE 7 TO VOTE ON SIX IMPORTANT MEASURES

A special election to be held on June 7, will decide the fate of five important pieces of legislation passed by the recent legislature.

Briefly, they are to decide the length of the term of the legislature and the increase in pay to five dollars per day for the members of that body; the Soldier's loan and bonus bill which provides for a loan to veterans of the world war to \$4,000 each on a home or a bonus of not to exceed \$500 for any one soldier; a veto bill which provides for the vetoing of parts of a bill by the governor without vetoing the entire bill; a

very excellent measure requiring medical examination for both men and women in applications for a marriage license and a bill which permits women of Oregon to sit as jurors. A more lengthy discussion of these measures will be had in this publication as June 7 approaches, and advice as to how the voter should cast his ballot.

From first impression it would seem that every measure is entitled to the support of the people, and at this time fail to see any reason why they should not be supported.

Water; Quartermaster, Lord Shearing; Attorney General, Prince Water Rights; Adjutant General, Count de Spud; Surgeon General, Prince Chittum Bark; General Roads, Prince Highway, Chaplain, Sir Knight of the Harvest; Master Musician, Prince Ban Baa; Editor in Chief, Prince Honey Bee; Official Orator, Bull Dust.

CENTRAL OREGON SCHOOL DAY

May 14, 1921, Redmond, Oregon. 9:00 A. M. Tennis contests, Dr. Hosch and gymnasium courts, under direction of Prin. Geo. A. Gabriel, of Madras.

10:00 A. M.; Stenography and typing contests, H. S. building. Under direction of Miss Daisy Leonard of Redmond.

10:00 A. M., Grade declamatory contest at gymnasium. Presiding officer, Mrs. Lillian Watts, county superintendent of Jefferson County.

2:00 P. M. At Fair Grounds, field and track events. 8:00 P. M. High School declamatory contest at gymnasium.

NEAR EAST RELIEF DANCE

Everybody get your tickets for the dance on May 7th. The music will be great. It is to be furnished by the Johnson Creek Jazz Orchestra, and it will be ready to start in early. The dance is scheduled to start with a snap at eight o'clock. Don't miss this.

The members of the Christian Church of Prineville held services in Powell Butte on Sunday in order to administer communion to Grandma Spray and Grandma Brown who are unable to attend church in town.

- * FRED NOBLE WINS JOURNAL PHOTO PRIZE
- * The best photograph of the Ochocho Reservoir, taken on April 16th was submitted by Fred Noble, and shows the first small stream of water starting over the spillway.
- * The photograph will be used with others in the big Special Edition of The Journal which will be off the press May 25.

CROOK COUNTY HIGH HAS GOOD RANK

Principal E. E. Evans has just received a letter from Prof. Phillip Soulen, University of Idaho, secretary of the Northwest Association, Secondary and High Schools, an association which embraces Montana, Idaho, Washington and Oregon, stating that Crook County High School has been approved and placed on their list for the year 1921. This is the second time this High School has been approved by this association, being approved in 1920 for the first time. There are 232 High Schools in the State of Oregon, 25 of which have been approved by this association and Crook County has the distinction of being in this approved list.

This must not be confused with the Approved List of High Schools compiled by the State University and Colleges, graduation from which furnishes credentials for college entrance. Crook County High School has been on this list for a number of years.

The High School Board and faculty feel very proud of Crook County High and are to be congratulated upon the high standards maintained, which entitles us to this recognition.

REDMOND WINS, 9-2

Prineville lost the first game of the season last Sunday to the Redmond team on the latter's grounds, nine to two.

Arthur Michel, first man up to bat was hit by a pitched ball, and stole home on an error by the Redmond catcher. The additional run was made by Maison in the 6th inning. Errors by both teams were common.

The line-up for Sunday's game was, p. Post; c. Ireland; 1b. Wachter; 2b. Merchant; 3b. Medley; ss. Maison; rf. Ensley; cf. Wolfe; lf. Michel.

Fully fifty per cent. of the crowd at the game was from Prineville. Jess Tethrow, Pear and Norman Weigand, former Prineville players, were with the Redmond team.

CENTRAL OREGON DENTAL ASSOCIATION FORMED

The Central Oregon Dental Association was formed last Sunday evening, at the office of Dr. H. N. Moore of Bend. Dr. Harold G. Davis of Prineville was elected president, Dr. Moore, Vice-President, and Dr. Barr of Redmond was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The purpose of the association is to meet and discuss the dental problems of this part of the country and discuss new methods.

MADRAS BALL PLAYERS HERE SUNDAY

The Madras ball team will play the Prineville team on the home grounds next Sunday afternoon. The team is practicing in full force every night, and the game will be a corker.

THE IRRIGATORS PLEDGE

Wishing to promote the development of Crook County to the widest extent and advertise to the world the advantages of this county to farmers of stockgrowers, homeseekers, business and professional men.

We, the undersigned agree to join and support an organization to be known as

CROOK COUNTY IRRIGATORS as the principal object of this organization is to advertise and boost every industry and business of Crook County.

We also agree to visit as a body, wearing a suitable uniform, such places as may be hereafter selected and we further pledge ourselves to attend such schools and instruction as are necessary to teach the organization to march in a creditable manner.

The King And His Court.

President to be known as King of Alfalfa; Vice Presidents to be known as Duke of Powell Baites; Duke of Ochocho; Duke of Prineville; Duke of Paulina; Duke of Post; Duke of Roberts; Duke of Lone Pine; Duke of Bear Creek; Duke of Beaver Creek; Duke of McKay; Duke of Crooked River; Duke of Combs Flat; Duke of Camp Creek; Duke of Barnes; Duke of Suplee; Duke of Fife; Duke of Upper River; Duke of Summit Prairie; Duke of Summer Fallow; Duke of Mill Creek; Duke of Grizzly; Duke of Johnson Creek; Duke of Jones Mills.

The Money Makers to be known at Sir Short Horn; Sir Hereford; Sir Angus.

Secretary, Baron Stock Yard; Treasurer, Baron Cream Can; Master of Maneuvers, General First Cutting; Commissary General, Lord First