

CROOK COUNTY IS SELLING RAPIDLY

Influx of Population Since Census Taken Is Greater Than Former Years.

WORK WINS FINE FARMS

Region Pre-Eminently Suited to Diversified Farming, Says Addison Bennett—Examples of Industry Freely Shown.

BY ADDISON BENNETT. PRINEVILLE, Or., May 18.—(Staff correspondence.)—I left Nye's ranch last Wednesday morning with regret, for one does not often find as comfortable quarters as can be found there.

The first thing that struck me as I wandered around the streets of Prineville was the great array of agricultural implements and tools which remained in the streets. In that respect, of a town or city in a rich agricultural section of Ohio or Indiana, "wherefore" all of these plows and harrows and discs and cultivators and packers? There must be sale for them or the merchants would not keep them on hand. There must be use for them or the merchants would not keep them on hand. There must be use for them or the merchants would not keep them on hand.

Streets 80 Feet Wide. The streets of Prineville are a real joy—80 feet wide, with good walks. The soil is naturally adapted to good roads, and when covered with gravel, as many of them are, they are almost as good as those of asphalt in the larger cities.

Homesteader's Heaven There. Glad they came! And why not? Where could they have done better? A fine claim of 160 acres, running water right across it, a well by the side of their house, 12 feet of water, wheat fields across the road that make 30 bushels to the acre—why would not homesteaders glory in such a location? Plenty of wood and water? What a story those few words tell. Add to them the best of land—and that means the distance from Roberts to Prineville.

Locators Deemed Annoyance. Never mind this valley now. I will write of it and the other valleys hereabouts in a later letter, for I have Prineville to tell about. I am engaged in booming or boosting towns. The seller of town lots does not appeal to me, even the locator, who is engaged in booming or boosting towns. The seller of town lots does not appeal to me, even the locator, who is engaged in booming or boosting towns.

Glimpse of Prineville Inspires. I have known people who secured through one of these locators more than value received for their \$100, for they were enabled by the plat already in the hands of such locator to get a claim ahead of some other newcomer. I have known other localities where the locators were newcomers to such an extent as to lay themselves open to a term in the pen if justice had any eyesight as "what sometimes is attributed to Or. or justice blind!" I think so, or some of these alleged locators would be put out of business in a moment.

Banks Among Strongest. I have said, I think, that Prineville's number of business men, aggregating \$1,000,000 of Crook County money, two of the strongest banks in Oregon. I have mentioned the hotel, and there are others of lower price. There are several very large general stores, many shops and lesser stores. Also drugstores, variety shops and all such establishments. There is a very large garage, the best-equipped machine shop east of the Cascades, a cigar factory, planing-mill, electric light and power plant, good water works system, a large flourmill which runs the year through—Prineville is a city.

NEW LAW OPERATES

Insurance Commissioner Explains Provisions.

Landlady Is Extolled. And why not a word about Mrs. McDowell right here? She came here 11 years ago and started a little restaurant. She gave good service and built up a large trade. Some time ago she moved, and finally bought the site she now occupies, and six or seven years ago put up her present building, which represents an investment of \$50,000.

Oregon's Representative Will Participate in Conference Over Proposed Uniform Bill for Fraternities.

SALEM, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—To participate in a conference on the question of a uniform bill for the regulation of fraternal benefit societies in Oregon, Montana, Washington, Idaho, Utah and California, Insurance Commissioner Koser left for Spokane yesterday.

New Laws in Oregon Discussed. Before leaving, Mr. Koser made the following statement and commented briefly upon the new insurance laws which become effective in Oregon today:

There are between 30 and 40 fraternal societies now operating in Oregon, with a total membership of 75,000, and insurance in force of more than \$100,000,000, upon which the annual contributions amount to more than \$1,000,000. No system of supervision has been provided for these societies covering their business in the state during the year 1910, but statistics compiled by this office show that during the year 1909 the membership of these societies in Oregon was over 60,000, while the insurance in force was about \$55,000,000.

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Anti-Compact Law Extended. "A number of laws relating to insurance business generally will become effective tomorrow, among which is House bill 24, which extends the anti-compact law of 1909, relating to fire companies and surety companies to include certain other classes of companies. While it prohibits combinations of these companies for the control of rates, it nevertheless provides for the maintenance of a bureau for the purpose of ascertaining fair and equitable rates on the insurable property in Oregon.

Two Per Cent Tax Levied. "House bill 145 provides that the agents of all fire insurance companies shall hereafter secure an annual license to transact business in Oregon. The provisions of House bill 145 require all insurance companies doing business in this state to pay a tax of 2 per cent upon the net contributions of all Oregon policy holders, regardless of the place of issue of the policy. This measure will undoubtedly increase the state revenue some thousands of dollars.

Long Ballots Defeat Purpose. "I suppose that there is not a single voter who has ever voted a ticket with more than 10 or 15 names on it who will not admit that he knew absolutely nothing about most of the persons he was voting for, and cared very little about them. Moreover, it has become obvious to anybody who knows anything of the practical operation of a party ticket or what their names upon them feel that they have perfect control of all the nominations made by a few conspicuous offices.

Agents' Licenses Transferable. "Casualty and surety companies were also required to secure annual licenses for all agents and pay a fee of \$1 the same as fire companies are now required to do. The licenses of agents of life insurance companies may be transferred without charge where the services of an agent have been discontinued.

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SEE PIANO SALE. Announcement of Ellers Music House (new at Seventh and Alder), page 3, section 1, this paper.

Valley Vale-Burns Road Wanted. BELLEVILLE, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—A number of business men of Burns and other Harney County points visited Vale this week on behalf of a plan to improve the road from Vale to Burns. The County Board at its next meeting will probably discuss the subject.



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preme master artisan, who paid a tribute to Forest Grove as a city which through its institutions and its citizens, occupied a prominent place among the towns of the state. He said that the order of United Artisans founded in Portland 17 years ago now numbers more than 12,000 members in Oregon. Governor West said he believed in the Order of United Artisans because it is a home order. He said that under the law he was the grand master of the most novel lodge on earth, a lodge of 500 members—the convicts in the state prison at Salem. He said he wished to put the institution on a paying basis, and that he courted investigation of the conditions at the state prison.

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FOREST GROVE SCENE OF ANNUAL PICNIC OF ORDER. Governor West and H. S. Hudson, of Portland, Supreme Master, Speak—Thousands Attend.

FOREST GROVE, Or., May 20.—(Special.)—Superb weather, large crowds and abundant amusement for all were characteristics of the Artisans' picnic here today. Farmers from all sections of Washington County and more than 1000 Artisans from Portland and other points gathered here for the first annual picnic held under the auspices of Washington County Artisans, Diamond Assembly, of this city, proved to be a royal host.

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