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DESCHUTES DESERT LAND IS DEFENDED J. B. N. Gerking Tells of the Crook

**County District.** East Oregonian.

Prayer. One of the pioneer farmers of Uma Song, "Flag of Our Union," tilla county, J. B N. Gerking, and the Reading of Declaration, Miss Lillie Read first settler on Gerking Flat, near Athena, Music. passed through the city last evening on Oration, nome at Laidlaw, Crook county, where Recitation, he has located on irrigated land and is Music.

making a success of farming in that new Recitation, district. Solo,

Mr. Gerking defends the Crook county districts against the attacks of sumerous knockers and says that he believes from present prospects that it will become one of the best farming districts in the and segion of the west.

He has purchased 180 acres near Laidlaw and has seeded a portion of it to al falfa and a portion to other crops and so far all the crops are looking well and give promise of making an excellent yield. The general elevation of the country is about 3000 feet and the Deschutes river furnishes an enormous water supply. The soil is adapted to alfalfa, wheat, or fruit and he believes that every crop planted and attended to properly will grow there.

He says the principal reason for the hard knocking against that district by rival districts is that other irrigation companies have land for sale and consequently desire to drive customers away from Laidlaw, portion the state.

Mr. Gerkings says he can remember very well when his neighbors ridiculed his idea of settling on Gerkings Flats, near Athena. They predicted that he would soon starve out and return to the Wild Horse creek bottom. He remembers the same ridicule of the first settlers on the Sand Ridge in Grand Ronde valley, where the land is now worth from \$45 to \$60. per acre for wheat and sugar beets. He predicts that the same change will come to the Bend and Laidlaw districts after the first tests are made and the value of the land proved.

etny: -J. W. French, H. A. Moore, F. T. -art W. Lord, A. E. Hammond, J. H. Coe. He says that settlers have resided along the Deschutes for nearly 40 years at difattempted by them. This, to Mr. Cerking, is she surest evidence of the value of

### CELEBRATION AT CRIZZLY THE CINNABAR IN GROOK

Program of exercises for Independence 4, 1905:

Song, "America," Everybody

Choir

Miss Evereta Peck Miss Myrtle Loveland Song, "Honor to the Stars and the Stripes," Choir

DINNER Exercises begin at 10:30 A. M.

# **DECREES CONFERRED ON**

**COVERNOR AND MAYOR** 

Pacific university of Forest Grove conferred the honorary degree of doctor of laws on Governor George E Chamberlain and Mayor George H. Williams of Portland, recently at the annual commencement exercises.

This is the first instance in Oregon in which a college bas conferred a degree on its governor, and the plan is

adopted from Harvard, which has for years been in the habit of conferring this honor upon Massachusetts' chief executives. Governor Chamberlain Shaniko June 20. The offerings were was present at the exercises and gave address. Short sheeches were made Bend and other irrigand districts in that by some of the trustees, and President only two buyers in attendance, C. F. W. M. Ferrin conferred the degrees.

> .... A Shame On The State.

That Oregon should force the closing of her normal schools in this year of all years, when she should appear to be progressive and enlightened, is a shame on ance, was maintained today. Only the state.

If the schools do not entirely close, the teachers will be asked to accept just enough pay to keep them alive until the legislature nouse, at 20 cents; E. R. Laughlin, at meets again, because the appropriation is 2018 ; George Roba, at 2034 c, and pay to keep them alive until the legislature tied up by a few jealous Willamette citizens who are willing to go to any lengths to

force all states institutions to Salem. This is one of the greatest disgraces

#### Crook county will soon be produc Day celebration at Grizzly Lake on July ing quick-allver, a furnace for the treatment of cinnabar ores on Lookout

mountain being under construction at this time. The furnage will probably be in full blast by the first of September. The cinnabar properties on Lookout have attracted wide attention, the ore being of a high grade and Mrs. H. P. Belknap the quantity being said to be unlimithis way from a visit at Athena to his new Song, "Star Spangled Banner," Quartette ed. With Its clunabar properties on Miss Rena Noble Lookout, and its gold and silver properties at Ashwood and on the Ochoco, Crook county promises to become as well known for its mining industry in the near future, as it has been for its fine stock in the past. No other county in the state is as rich in natural resources as is Crook, and with its rich mining districts, its vast wheat belts, its immense tracts of trrigable land, its magnificent stock industry, and its large forests of virgin timber, it is large enough and rich enough for an empire in itself.

> Max Lueddman is local agent for the Norwich Union Fire Insurance Society, one of the oldest and strongest of the old-line companies. If you desire insurance on your property, he will be glad to place it for you in this company.

# SEALED BID WOOL SALE.

The last of the sealed bid wool sales scheduled in Oregon came off at about 15 lots, sggregating 200,000 pounds. Notwithstanding there were Green, representing J. Koshiaud & Co., Boston, and E. W. Brigham, of Whitman, Farpsworth & Thayer, Boston, the competition was active. Practically the same range of prices that prevailed at the the previous sales, when there were 20 buyers in attendone small lot of deffective wool brought less than 20 cents, all of the others bringing from 20 to 22 1-8 c. Among the lots sold were those of J. L. Boon-Ben Iremonger, at 2218c.

With the exception of a few straggling clips, which will be disposed of at private sale on arrival, this closes the wool trading in Eastern Oregon for the scason. Universal satisfaction ever brought to the state, that an educa- is expressed over the success of the sealed bid system. The only unhappy sheepman is the grower who was induced to contract his clip in advance that a retrogression be actually witnessed of the scheduled sales day, and he is silent, because he dislikes to confess that he lost, by so doing, from 3 to 5 cents per pound, or from 25 to 50 cents Simultaneously with the closing of the wool-selling from this section the last trainload of the sheep contracted for Eastern shipment went out today, making an aggregate for the season's shipments of about 350 cars, or at least 125,000 head chiefly yearlings; with the sheep bringing an average price of \$2 per head and the 4,000,000 pounds of wool marketed at this place at an average of 20 cents, the sheep farmers of this section will realize over \$1,000, 000 for this year's harvest.



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+ ... **BELIEVES COLUMBIA** SOUTHERN WILL EXTEND

the country.

East Oregonian, That the resolutions passed this week by the Oregon Development league, calling the railroads to account for mactivity in building extensions will bear immediate fruit, is made apparent by the announce ment that the Harriman officials will spend the next two weeks in looking over the route of a proposed extension of the Columbia Southern from Shaniko to Bend. While it has been expected that this branch would be extended, yet little hopes were entertained that work would begin Oregonian.

upon it this year, but the activity in official circles would indicate that early operations may begin upon it. General Manager O'Brien favors extension wherever possible to develop Oregon and it is possible that influence will be brought to bear upon the head of the Harriman lines to start work at once.

# MAKES FARMERS HAPPY

Several small showers of rain fell upon Friday and Saturday, and on Saturday night a very heavy general rain fell throughout this section of country, bringing joy to the hearts of the farmers of the surrounding country as in many instances their crops were endangered by the drouth. Upon the big plains, where rain was needed badly, it poured steadily for several hours during Saturday night, and the outlook for good crops in that locality is improved very materially. A year ago at this time the crop outlook was much poorer than i was last week before the rain, and upon the 3rd of July a good rain fell, and a fine crop of grain was harvested. The conditions this season were almost a repetition of those last of last year, only that the rain came a week earlier. While this may be said to be a country of few rains, they are always seasonable, and so far, since the first cultivation of the land in this ton, wheels, cushions, rubber immediate locality, there have been no

failures of crops owing to drouth.

The Pioneer gives the news. Oregon

ferent points and all claim that they have tional step of this such importance in the succeeded fairly well with all the crops history of the state should be retraced, in the state in the closing of two and pos-

> sibly three normal schools after they have been in existence for a number of years, per fleeet

A citizen said this morning that the stealthy thrusts and blighting slurs and inuendoes of the Portland Oregonian against the normal schools is largely responsible for the action of the people of the Willamette valley in starting the referendum movement.

Easterners coming to the Lewis and Clark fair will inquire into the educational and schools status of the state, and will be surprised to ascertain that this magnificent state is on the verge of closing her normal training schools because of a lack of funds. Eastern teachers will be surprised to learn that because of the parsimoney of the state, normal teachers are being asked to teach without pay, or with but half pay, for the next two years in a state boasting \$300,000,000 worth of property .- East

The Grizzly Lake Lumber yard has on hand all kinds of moulding, door stops and window stops.

Prineville is arranging for a blg elebration on Undependence Day. A program has been prepared for both morning and evening, and there will be plenty of tun for everbody.

C. E. and Robert Edmondson, father and son, have been indicted in Wheeler county for sheep shooting. The crime for which the Edmondsons are held was committed in the mountains last summer, the sheep which were shot belonging to a stockman named Thomas Fitzgerald.

Prineville Review: Williamson & Gesner have purchased 25 fine Rambouillet bucks for their ranch. The bucks were bought from the Baldwin Sheep & Land Company, noted for its fine blooded stock throughout the United States. The animals passed through town Monday afternoon in charge of Dr. Gesner.

"Old Boout", the seven-horse-power Oldsmobile which was being driven across the continent, from New York city toiPortland, passed through Crook county last week. 'It was about three days ahead of "Old Steady", another machine of the same make, and with which it is making the trans-continental ruce for a wager of \$1000. Chaffeur Huss, who pllotted the winning auto in the race, was loud in his praises of the good roads in Central Oregon.

--Notice .- All persons owing for water are requested to call at the residence of John Isham and settle for the same at their earliest convenience John Palmehn.

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