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WANT A NEW MAIL ROUTE.

At the farmers' meeting at Redmond last week L. D. Wiest of Bend inaugurated a movement whereby petitions will be circulated throughout western Crook county asking for the creation of a new mail route extending from Heisler to Bend, by way of Madras and Redmond. The proposition when presented to the farmers in session met with a very favorable reception, and immediate action will be taken in the matter of securing signatures to the petitions.

This change was urged some time ago by The Pioneer, after an investigation of the present unsatisfactory mail service to points in western Crook county. The Bend office is served through Prineville, and at that time Laidlaw was served through Bend, a very roundabout and unsatisfactory service. The new mail route proposed would give very much better service to Bend, Redmond and Laidlaw, and it would also greatly improve the service to Lamonta, which office is now served from Grizzly. This section of Crook county has good roads at all seasons of the year, in fact, the roads between Heisler and Bend are not excelled by those of any other portion of the state, and this fact, together with the fact that this route is the direct one, would render it possible to save from six to eight hours in the schedule between Bend and the railroad, while points between would get their mail even sooner than that.

The change would also be an economical one from the fact that where it now requires four separate mail contracts to serve the four offices of Madras, Bend, Laidlaw and Lamonta, one contract covering the territory from Heisler to Bend could serve all of these offices, and in addition serve the Haystack and Culver offices.

Another meeting of farmers was held at Redmond last week, this being the second of the series of farmers' meetings to be held in the irrigated district of this county. The first meeting was held at Laidlaw and both it and last week's meeting at Redmond were very successful in point of attendance and in the work accomplished. It is planned to hold these meetings regularly, the next one to be held at Bend in about a month, and one to be held each month, Laidlaw, Redmond and Bend each holding them in turn. The purpose of the meetings is for the discussion of topics of general interest to farmers, and especially with reference to the irrigated section, and they will be of inestimable benefit to the farmers of that comparatively new section, who will thus be able to reap the benefit of each other's experience in the various experiments being carried on there.

The dates for the public wool sales days at different points in Eastern Oregon have been arranged by the State Wool Growers' Association, and June 5 and 6, 19 and 20, and July 10 have been set for the sales days at Shaniko. The wools sold at

the Shaniko market last season brought the highest prices paid in the state, and this fact, together with the fact that several million pounds of wool are marketed there each season, makes that point the most important wool market in the state. The exceptionally high prices paid for Shaniko wools in the past are due to the exceptional quality of wool produced in that locality, and to the additional fact that both quantity and quality attract a large number of buyers to that market, and the bidding is consequently spirited.

A three-days spell of the most severe weather this country has experienced during the winter began on last Saturday morning, and when at its height on Saturday night and Sunday, it assumed the proportions of a blizzard. The wind blew from the north, and in fact at times it seemed to come from all directions, and not during the present winter has there been a spell of such severity. This was probably intensified by the fact that it followed suddenly upon a period of extremely warm and balmy spring weather. It is not known yet what damage to crops was done, but it is feared considerable damage has resulted from the heavy frosts.

F. S. Stanley, who will succeed J. O. Johnston as general manager of the D. I. & P. Co., has offered the sum of \$500 to be used for premiums at a fair to be held at Redmond this Fall. The money will be divided into premiums for different kinds of agricultural products, so that the farmers of the county can compete for them, the purpose being to stimulate interest in such matters. The fair will probably be held some time in September, but definite dates will be announced later.

Sheep are said to be dying by the thousands in Lake county, where snow is two to three feet deep and crusted. This condition is said to exist north of Warner valley on the desert.

E. L. SMITH IS A CANDIDATE

Announces Himself for Republican Choice for Senator.

Hon. E. L. Smith of Hood River, who has been boomed by his friends for the Republican nomination for Governor, has formally announced his candidacy for the United States Senate. The announcement comes as a great surprise, as Mr. Smith has been urged by his friends all over the state to enter the race for the nomination for Governor and it was not generally known that he had aspirations for the Senatorship.

Mr. Smith cast his maiden vote for Abraham Lincoln in 1860, since which time he has been a staunch Republican, belonging to the stalwart wing of the party in this state. He is prominent in the industrial organizations of the state, being chairman of the State Board of Horticulture and president of the Northwest Fruit Growers' Association and the Oregon Development League. He has also been very prominent in the politics of this state, and he was Speaker of the House in the Legislature of 1889.

TEXAS FEVER DYING OUT

The panhandle section of Texas which for some months past has been the Mecca of Sherman and Umatilla county land speculators, is now being painted in slightly different colors by late returning pilgrims from that extravagantly-boomed section. Asa McDaniel of Umatilla county, who went there in company with others to buy land, has returned without purchasing and says that that country owes its fame largely to the efforts of real

estate boomers employed by the railroads and other companies having large bodies of land to sell.

The chief drawback to the section as a wheatraising country in the view of Mr. McDaniels, is the fact that the most of the summer rainfall comes in July, August and September. There are no reliable spring rains as in this section, and upon which the success of the crop largely depends. The rains, which come later in the summer are at a time when they would only injure wheat.

As far as the soil is concerned Mr. McDaniel believes it good, but declares the climatic conditions are not what they should be for wheat raising. Also the land is high and strong winds blow the year around.

While there Mr. McDaniel saw but one man who had raised a wheat crop and his crop had yielded but 11 bushels to the acre. He and numbers of others who went into the Panhandle to invest, are finding that they have better opportunities for investment right here in Oregon than they can find in Texas or any other section of the United States.

Ed Kutcher left last Sunday for a visit at The Dalles.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Political announcements published by this paper are paid for at regular advertising rates, and all matter published under this heading comes within that class.

FRED FISHER FOR COMMISSIONER

To the Republican Electors of Crook County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of County Commissioner of Crook County, subject to the decision of the voters at the primaries to be held April 20, 1906.

FRED FISHER, Madras.

J. R. WHITNEY FOR STATE PRINTER

The undersigned announces himself as a Republican candidate for renomination for State Printer, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primary election April 20.

Now serving first term. The same courtesy that has been accorded to state officers generally, that of a renomination, would be greatly appreciated.

J. R. WHITNEY, Albany, Oregon.

WILLIS W. BROWN FOR SHERIFF

To the Republican Voters of Crook County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for the Republican nomination for the office of Sheriff of Crook county, Oregon, subject to the decision of the Republican voters at the primaries to be held on April 20, 1906.

WILLIS W. BROWN, Heisler.

SI. E. HODGES FOR SHERIFF.

To the Republican voters of Crook County: I desire the nomination to the office of Sheriff of Crook county, and submit herewith my name for your consideration at the primary election April 20, 1906. I ask at your hands a careful consideration of my qualifications and if in your opinion I am capable and worthy, respectfully solicit your support.

S. E. HODGES, Prineville.

J. H. HANER FOR COUNTY CLERK

To the Republican electors of Crook County: I hereby announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for the office of County Clerk under the direct primary law, subject to the decision of the Republican electors of this county.

J. H. HANER, Prineville.

Seed Oats for Sale.

For seed oats inquire at Will Belknap ranch, half a mile west of Will Cook's, for the next 30 days.

ISAAC N. BELKNAP.

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