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FINE WINTER WEATHER

Oldest Settler Will Have To Guess Again

NOTHING LIKE TERRIBLE 1884 WINTER

Predictions of a Long Hard Winter Fail To Be Fulfilled—Plenty of Time Yet For Bad Weather

The Oldest Settler is in error again, and all of his prognostications regarding the weather of the present Winter have failed to materialize up to this time. It was freely predicted that we were in for a long hard Winter, and the summer preceding the hard Winter of 1884 was cited as one identical with the past summer in character, but it does not appear to follow that the character of the summer foretells the weather that is to be expected in the winter season following. In the Winter of 1884 there was from three to four feet of snow on the level for fully six weeks, and the old stockmen of the country still refer to that Winter as the hardest of their experience. Thousands upon thousands of sheep and cattle were frozen to death, or died from lack of feed during the long snow. Sheepmen who had been prosperous and had their flocks of thousands upon the hills when the snow began to fall, found them selves with a small band of half-starved sheep when the weather broke. Men were lost in the snow storms of that Winter, and several perished from the exposure to the blizzards that accompanied the snow storms. Near Cross Hollows, where Shaniko now stands, a man named Blizard started out to look after some stock in a field a few hundred yards off. He lost his way in the storm, and after wandering about all night showed up at the Rooper ranch on Ward's creek next morning. He had lost all sense of pain from the cold, but when he was carried into the house it was found that his limbs were frozen and he died a few days later in terrible agony. That was a terrible Winter, and when the weather forecaster began to predict a similar Winter this year, it meant something to those who remembered that Winter of 1884. So far the Winter has been open and mild, although there is still plenty of time for much hard Winter weather.

MELVIN BOUND OVER

He Gives Required Bonds of \$3000
And Is Released to Await Action

H. A. Melvin, who shot and killed S. H. Dorrance, had a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Luckey at Prineville, last Friday, and was bound over to the Circuit court under \$3000 bonds. He secured bondsmen and has been released pending action by the district attorney.

While the sympathy of the entire community appears to be with Melvin in the trouble, the feud and ill-feeling that culminated in the fatal encounter demand the fullest investigation, and the matter will be probed to the bottom by the officers of the District Court.

DORRANCE HOLDINGS WILL BE SOLD

J. G. Dorrance of the firm of Dorrance Bros., brother of the murdered man, has announced that he will dispose of the saw-mill and other holdings on the Tumalo, and will move elsewhere, taking with him his brother's two children. Ap-

praisers were at the mill the first of the week investigating the plant.—Bend Bulletin.

COUGAR AND COYOTES

Hunters Behold Rare And Interesting Drama Played by Wild Beasts.

Jack Summers of Prineville relates to the Pioneer a story of a cougar hunt in which he participated at Maury, south of Prineville, a few weeks ago. His party was informed that a cougar was eating on the carcass of a cow, so they armed themselves and cautiously approached the place. When they reached a point where they could see their quarry they were afforded a rare and entertaining sight. A large cougar was eating on the carcass and ranged around, sitting on their haunches, were six coyotes. The coyotes would occasionally send up a lonely, hungry howl of disappointment, but the cougar kept them away with jealous care. The coyotes had the distance nicely measured between themselves and the cougar, and when the big cat would whirl around as if to charge them they would move back accordingly, but would resume their old position and howl again as soon as the cougar turned his attention to eating. After watching this strange drama for a time the hunters opened fire and broke up the show. They bagged the cougar and two of the coyotes.

MAY GET DAILY R. F. D. AT CULVER

The report comes from Culver that the R. F. D. service from that post office may be changed from a tri-weekly to a daily except Sunday service in the near future. Such a change is much desired by the residents of that neighborhood. But this change must be deferred until after the first reports are sent in, which will be at the close of this year, as it is from these reports of the amount of matter handled that the department judges the requirements of the routes. Such a favorable showing will be made by these reports of the Culver route, it is said, that there is little doubt about the daily service being granted. This R. F. D. was established November 1 and the carrier now goes over the route on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays.

CHRISTIAN BIBLE SCHOOL

The Sunday bible school of the First Christian church met at Davis hall last Sunday morning and effected organization. The following officers were elected: Superintendent, S. D. Percival; assistant superintendent, W. A. Maddron; secretary, Wm. Terrill; treasurer, N. H. Pinkerton; chorister, Mrs. Fred Davis; organist, Mrs. Snook; librarian, Mrs. James Robinson. The attendance last Sunday was 29. The bible school meets every Sunday morning at 10. Everyone invited.

PRINEVILLE CITY ELECTION

There was a red hot city election at Prineville last Monday, the "People's" ticket winning out by a small majority. The newly elected officers of the city are: Mayor, Med Vanderpool; Councilmen, J. H. Rosenberg, I. W. Ward and Carey W. Foster; Treasurer, J. L. McCulloch; Recorder, J. H. Haner; Marshal, J. H. Crooks.

SHOOTING MATCH AT MADRAS

Shooting match at Madras, Monday, December 24, 1906, at 10 o'clock a. m. Everybody invited to shoot for beef, turkeys and chickens.

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MINES TO BE REOPENED

Ashwood Properties Will Be Scope of Renewed Activity

HANDICAPPED BY POOR TRANSPORTATION

Both Oregon King And Red Jacket Preparing To Prosecute Further Development Work Soon

It is rumored that the mines at Ashwood, in the northeastern end of this county, are to be reopened some time in the near future and that active operation of the mines on a large scale will be attempted. The two principal mining properties in that camp are the Oregon King and the Red Jacket. The former has been in litigation for five or six years and patent for the property has just been secured. Considerable development work has been done on this property, the main shaft reaching a depth of about 800 feet, with drifts and cross-cuts aggregating more than double that amount of underground work. Large bodies of ore have been uncovered, and a large "dump" of ore near the mouth of the shaft, containing many thousands of tons of ore, is said to possess values averaging more than \$20 to the ton.

Streaks of very rich ore were encountered in sinking the shaft, and several carloads of this rich ore were sorted, sacked and shipped to Tacoma, Washington, to be treated. It is estimated that the cost of shipping and treating the ore was in excess of \$25 per ton, and yet these ores yielded more than \$100 per ton to the owners of the property, after deducting expenses. The excessive cost of shipping the ore is the greatest obstacle to the development of this property, as only the richest ores can stand the expense. With proper transportation facilities it is believed that the Oregon King would prove to be one of the biggest mining propositions in the West.

The Red Jacket property has also done considerable development work, but it is a company of small stockholders and it has been hampered by lack of funds. It is reported that this company has now made arrangements for sufficient funds to do a large amount of development work, which will be commenced at once. Sufficient work has already been done upon this property to uncover large bodies of medium grade ore, and it is believed by those who know the property that with better transportation facilities for handling the ore, it would develop into one of the big producers of the state.

CHURCH WILL BE COMPLETED

The partly finished church building in Madras, belonging to the Free Methodist denomination is soon to be completed and made ready as a place for public worship. The order for the lumber was placed with the Hightower-Smith mill company at Tumalo, and the materials are now ready at the mill awaiting transportation to Madras. The lumber will be hauled at once, and the work on the building will be resumed and energetically pushed to completion.

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