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FACTS AND EIGURES

can guage the ability of the that accrue from taxation. He proposed Jefferson county to is a representative citizen of prophet. Until Western Crook maintain its county govern the territory which desires county and Bend, Laidlaw and ment economically and without self-government; he cannot be an increase in taxes, is to charged with having a countycompare it with some similar seat ambition to gratify, for his county, and for that purpose no private interests lie fifteen things all her own way, but other of the small counties ore miles away from the proposed with the growth and developated out of the original big countyseat, and his endorse opment of Western Crook has counties of Eastern Oregon ment and support of the new also developed a desire to par offers so fair an example as county movement are a strong does Sherman county. Similar guarantee the merit of the in its compactness and in the proposed division. character of its principal industry, that county presents an object lesson which is at once an inspiration and a hope. For this reason an abstract of the tax-levy, assessment, and expenses of that county was obtained, and those figures throw an interesting and most encouraging light upon the claims of this section that it is ready for self-government.

In 1889 when Sherman county was created, that county only had \$617,572 of taxable property, which with the tax-levy of 18 mills that year produced \$11,116. Jefferson county will have in round figures \$1,350,000 of taxable property, more than double that of Sherman, and at our present tax-levy of 15 mills, more than \$20,000 will be collected this year, to pay county expenses. When created Shercounty assumed of Wasco's indebtedness \$11,586.70, while Jefferson county would start into business without a dollar of indebtedness. With this kind of a start, Sherman county debtedness which it had developed and grew until today assumed, and maintaining itself it has more than three million at a rate of taxation lower than dollars upon its tax-roll, with that paid in the parent county. In May 1901, and with a taxwith, Sherman county had expended for buildings and other improvements \$17,045, had paid all county indebtedness, and was paying her county warrants as they were issued. During the past seven years, during which time the county's finances have been in good shape and she may be presumed not to have unnecessarily stinted her self, all of the expenses of conducting the county have averaged only \$13,500 per annum, and those figures represent the annual expenditure for schools, roads, and all county purposes. Jefferson county would have nearly \$7000 more than that the first year, and its taxable property is increasing as rapidly as any other section of the state of Oregon. These figures are secured from the county records, and are incontrovertible evidence of the preparedness of this section for maintaining its own county government. The history of othersmall counties has been county, after Jefferson and similar, and no stronger argument can be made for county division and smaller county areas, than is found in the records of those smaller counties themselves. Crook county is too large; it covers more territory than several of our states do; and the increasing cost of maintaining it should contemn it in the eyes of the Legislature in favor of the smaller, more compact and more economically maintained counties.

populous farming district, with benefits of community govern- tern Crook wants is a square deal." this state has proven. Mr best interests of this section of Crook, he believes that the time has arrived when our people should conduct their own coun-

The only way in which we ty affairs, and reap the benefits

COUNTY DIVISION

Crook county is large enough and has taxable property sufficient to maintain the three counties into which it is asked to be divided. It is not many years since the old county, with all of its tremendous area, newspaper field, by naming the maintained its county government and paid all of its expenses upon a less amount of money than either of the two proposed new counties will have from the first year's taxes. And the compactness in form their salaries. Long familiarimeans decreased mileage bills ty with "ring politics" at Prineand easily maintained roads, ville has made the Journal an which will greatly reduce the adept at fixing up a "slate", and expense account of each of the so it tenders its services to the three counties into which Crook proposed new counties-alwould be cut.

Crook county cut off from business. Wasco. It had a tremendous area and a correspondingly small tax-roll. And yet Crook county soon distanced the parent county, paying off the inthe low rate of 10 mills taxation. Sherman and Wheeler likewise were created out of portions of roll of \$1,500,000 at that time, only a trifle more than Jeffer-son county will have to begin it doay the envy of every other bered. Sherman county is today the envy of every other county in the state, with its treasury box full and a very low tax rate. And the proposed Jefferson county is similar to Sherman county in its compactness, its dense settlement and the character of its industries, while Jefferson county would begin business with more taxable property on its rolls than last week, and farmers say that Sherman had at the time of its fall-sown wheat is growing creation.

SUPPORT FROM PRINEVILLE

The Bend Bulletin says, "There is an increased demand for the no fight against Prineville. All Wes Joe Lane and His Wife Die Within ment and relationship. That The Bulletin may say this, but it is these benefits can best be ob the private opinion of many that all tained in small compact counties Bend wants has no limits. And we where a community of interest migh add that there never was a fight exists, the experience of half a against Prineville until Bend came dozen newly created counties in into existence, and after it Laidlaw and Madras. These three towns are Springer has observed these doing all the fighting now. There is things, and having at heart the certainly none elsewhere; and a few people around have expressed them selves as not only willing but anxious that the two countles be taken from Crook, just to get rid of a bunch of knockers .- Prineville Review.

Our brother talks like a Madras grew strong enough to voice a protest, Prineville had ticipate in the benefits of county government. And now, with the Prineville Review favoring during their absence, and while the county division movement, trying to cross the floor had we move to make it unanimous.

With unwonted enterprise the Crook County Journal last week "scooped" all of its competitors in the Crook county officers of the proposed new counties of Jefferson and Deschutes. With a certificate from the county official organ of Crook county those officials there is very little sickness might begin right now to draw there now. though some people might think It has been many years since it was none of the Journal's

> Hard pressed for an argument against the proposed county division in Western Crook, the Prineville Journal was forced to resort to personalities last the order are making arrange week. The Journal simply had to say something, just as at other times in the recent past it had to say nothing, in order to which knows when to keep silent and when to "holler".

OLD INDIANS DIE

One Day of Each Other

Two deaths occurred on the Warmspring reservation last week, old Joe Lane, a well known Indian, and his wife, having died within a day of each other. They had both been ill for some time with pneumonia. The wife died first, and while the Indians were burying her remains, the husband died at home where he had been left alone. After the burial of the wife several of the which he had quite a number, Bulletin. and when they went into the house they found the old man lying on the floor dead. He had evidently arisen from his bed fallen. Joe Lane and his wife both had valuable allotments of and on the reservation, and in addition they owned quite a number of cattle and horses.

Most of the illness recently reported on the reservation was the result of exposure during the recent cold weather. Superintendent Covey says that

I. O. O. F. PLAN FOR FEBRUARY 2

The local lodge of Odd Fellows will be instituted at this place on the evening of February 2, and District Deputy Grand Master T. H. Lafollette and other members of the Prine ville I. O. O. F. are expected to be present and assist in the exercises. Local members of ments to entertain the visitors from Prineville, and to make the birth of the order at this place

IRRICATED LAND COES UP

It is understood that the D. I. & P. company has been given power by the state land board to raise the price of their land, the augmented price being \$100 for a forty plus \$15 for each and every irrigable acre. This makes the price of a full forty, or one all of which is irrigable, \$200, an increase of \$110 over the old price. Some who wish to convert their holdings into cash are very much pleased over this, but some of us who are here to stay feel that our land is worth just what it will produce and that this move adds nothing whatever to our wealth. It may have a tendency to hasten the settlement of the segregation and if it does Indians went back to the house we feel that it is a good thing both for to look after Joe, and to attend us and for those who are coming .to his horses and cattle, of Redmond Correspondent in Bend

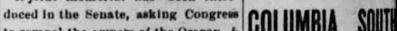
ANCLERS TO BE LICENSED

A bill has been introduced in the Legislature providing that every person over the age of 16 years must have a license before he shall be permitted to fish in the streams of this state, for which license an annual fee of \$1 must be paid. The funds thus secured are to be set spart in the state treasury for the purpose of defraying the expenses of maintaining the Game Fish Commission and constructing and operating game fish hatcheries.

The judiciary committee of the United States Senate has reported adversely upon the appointment of William C. Bristol as U. S. District Attorney for Oregon, and as a result A his appointment will be turned down by the Senate. This occurred once surgical diseases, except m before, and the President promptly contagious. re-appointed Mr. Bristol, whose ability as a lawyer and freedom from the "political taint" of the old Mitchell wing of the republican party in this state strongly recommended htm for the place. Unfortunately for Mr. Bristol, however, the President and and Senator Fulton do not appear to be able to agree upon the kind of a

torney's office.

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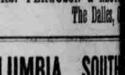
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OFF FOR SALEM

G. Springer of Calver left Saturday for the state capital, where he goes to urge the creation of Jefferson county, in Springer's interest in the new county movement arises from a firm conviction that the proposed county division is demauded houses of the Legislature are Crook develop from a sparsely over the Cascade county fight. spell was a Summer zephyr,

County division in Crook county from this time forward will be a live issue until it becomes an actuality. The old county is unwieldy in size, and friction which exists between the old regime, whose interests center in Prineville, and the newer population who have has been gradually melting and settled in this section and in the sinking into the ground. The irrigation district to the south, ontlook for a good big grain will only be aggravated with the postpopement of that division

Opposition to division arises only from purely selfish motives the area of fall sown grain is at the countyseat, for Crook Deschutes are cut off, will still have more property on its tax roll than it had last year, and twice as much money from one year's taxes as it took to run the entire county five years ago. With, such a showing the countyseat patriots will have difficulty in presenting any good reason why both Jefferson thermometers at the weather and Deschutes should not be station at the Agency showed created, and the taxpayers of those districts be permitted to maintain their own county.

Cascade county, which citizens of Hood River are trying since been out of commission. to create out of a portion of Mr. Covey says that the records Wasco county, is before the which movement he is taking a the Legislature again this ses- Winter of 1861-62 there was one deep interest. In this connec sion, It is thought that Castion it may be stated that Mr. cade will have pretty hard sled- which the mercury got down to ding as the three representatives 40 below zero, and when the from Wasco county in the two or the best interests of the said to be opposed to the new residents and taxpayers of the county. One of the most bitter the coldest Winter of which affected district. He is one of fights in the legislative session they have any record. Comand has seen this section of of two years ago developed pared with it, the recent cold

CRAIN NOT BAMAGED BY FREEZE

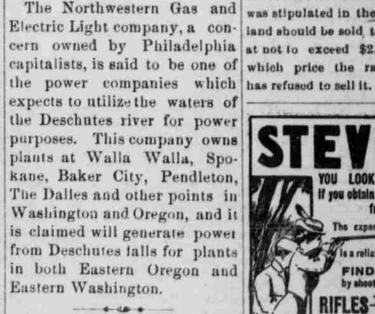
No bad effects resulted to the growing wheat in this section from the severe cold weather nicely. When the cold spell came the ground was covered with snow to a depth of from three to five inches, affording ample protection from the frost. This week the weather has been unusually fine, and the snow crop next harvest is better now than it has been at this season for several years past, although much smaller than it was last season.

TEMPERATURE AT WARMSPRING

C. C. Covey, superintendent of the Warmspring Indian Reservation, was in town on Tuesday. He says that the 19 below zero to have been the coldest weather at that point during the recent spell. At the Agency the water pipes froze and the entire water service has of the Agency show that in the spell of cold weather during ground was covered with snow feet at the Agency. That was

new members will be initiated at their first meeting.

WILL USE DESCHUTES POWER



BUYS QUARTER SECTION

C.C. Covey of Warmsprings has purchased the Frank Heath place adjoining the John Wagedblast homestead on Agency Plains, and consisting of a quarter section. Mr. Covey says that he has plenty of faith in this section of country and believes that within a few years it will be the equal of any section of Oregon as a grain dis trict. He bought the Heath place as an investment.

USE OF COUNTY FUNDS

While the legislature is passing a law providing for the distribution of state funds among the banks of the state, it should also provide that county funds should be put at interest as well.

The matter of placing county funds at nterest is more important to the people and much more easily handled than the subject of state funds, because the funds THE DALLES of the county would always be within easy rea h of the treasurer, no matter to a depth of from four to eight what bank secured them and the monthly balances would bring in an income sufficlout to pay the salary of the treasurer. It would take the county funds and the, treasurer's office out of politics, besides, for the bank bidding the highest rate would have use of the funds .- East Oregonian.

