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NESMITH IS DEFEATED

Thrown in Scrapheap With Jefferson and Deschutes

PASSES HOUSE BUT KILLED IN SENATE

Opposition From Northern Crook Was Only Obstacle in the Way of Passage of the Bill

Nesmith county, including within its limits the pan-handle of Wasco county and a portion of northern Crook, shared the fate of Jefferson and Deschutes counties, all three of the bills for the creation of new counties out of portions of Crook county having been killed during the last days of the legislature just closed. Nesmith county only differed from its sister new counties in the time and place of its demise, for Jefferson and Deschutes counties were killed in the House, while Nesmith reached the end of its tether in the Senate. It was favorably reported and recommended for passage by the House committee on counties, and passed the House by a safe vote, and for a time it appeared as though the bill creating Nesmith county would become a law. In the Senate, however, the bill was defeated.

Under other names the Nesmith county bill has been before the legislature for the past three or four sessions, once as Jefferson county, and twice as Stockman county. Four years ago the bill passed the House with only four votes against it, but the measure was killed in the Senate. Two years ago the bill died in the hands of the committee on counties. It had the best prospects for passing both houses of the legislature at this session that it has ever had and but for the fact that there was considerable opposition from residents and property owners of the territory it sought to take from Crook county, the measure would doubtless have passed. Wasco county's representatives had no objections to losing the pan-handle of their county, an isolated section cut off from the rest of the county by natural barriers, and there was no opposition to the secession of that portion of Wasco county. In order, however, to create Nesmith county with sufficient taxable property to enable it to maintain its county government, it was necessary to take off a portion of Crook, and the strip asked for off of Northern Crook was so unfair to the residents of that section, that considerable opposition to Nesmith county was aroused. At

Prineville the creation of Nesmith county was favored, because it would cut the territory of northern Crook in a manner which would cripple the chances for the creation of Jefferson county in the future. The proposed division was so manifestly unjust to the interests of that section, however, as to bring about the defeat of the Nesmith county measure.

PLENTY OF MOISTURE

Records of Warming Station Show 7.79 Inches in Past Five Months

EDITOR PIONEER:

A weather record has been kept at Warming since May, 1902. The total precipitation since that time by years is as follows:

1902, 5.61 inches (for the last 7 months)
 1903, 8.63 " " " " " "
 1904, 16.26 " " " " " "
 1905, 9.62 " " " " " "
 1906, 9.39 " " " " " "

The total rainfall for periods of five months ending with February of each year is as follows:

For 5 mos. ending Feb. 1903, 6.14 inches
 " " " " " " 1904, 7.28 " "
 " " " " " " 1905, 4.84 " "
 " " " " " " 1906, 4.28 " "
 " " " " " " 1907, 7.79 " "

This shows that the precipitation last year was the lowest and this year the highest for a period of five years. This record includes melted snow, and as the heavy snows of this year melted slowly, the greater portion of the moisture has entered the soil. There is, therefore, at present more moisture in the ground than at any time within the past five years.

The average rainfall for the four months period from March to June during the last four years has been 3.94 inches. If this average is maintained this year our section will receive 11.73 inches of rainfall during the nine months ending June 30, 1907.

This moisture, if conveyed by proper cultivation, will insure an excellent crop.

Very respectfully,
CLAUDE C. COVEY,
 Superintendent.

Warming, Feb. 27, 1907.

WILL BUILD M. E. CHURCH

Subscriptions Are Being Solicited For That Purpose

The members of the Methodist Church at this place are contemplating the construction of a comfortable place of worship for that denomination during the present year, and Mrs. W. A. Ellis and Mrs. J. H. Horney are circulating a subscription list for a building fund for that purpose this week. The Methodists are very much in need of a church building, as they have had no place in which to hold their services except the schoolhouse, and their use of that building is limited to certain evenings in the week. They plan to have everything ready to commence building not later than June 1st. The subscriptions solicited this week are not payable until September 1st, 1907, by which time they expect to have the building near completion.

READY FOR DAILY STAGE

J. H. Wenandy and W. J. Buckley of the Bend-Madras-Shaniko Stage Company were in town last Tuesday, making final arrangements for beginning the daily service over this route as soon as the Columbia Southern train resumes its service. There will be two stages operated on each end of the line, Madras being the central transfer station. The Stage from Shaniko will leave immediately after the arrival of the train, reaching Madras at about two o'clock in the morning. The mail is transferred here and leaves immediately for Bend, reaching there by noon. From Bend the stage will arrive at this place at about three o'clock in the afternoon, the Shaniko stage leaving as soon as the mail is transferred, and reaching Shaniko by 11 o'clock in the evening. This schedule will be a very convenient arrangement for the residents of this section both as to the mail and the passenger service.

MUD SPRINGS CELEBRATES

Last Saturday evening a successful entertainment was given at the Mud Springs schoolhouse, to celebrate George Washington's birthday. A very entertaining and instructive program was rendered almost entirely by the school children, under the direction of their teacher, Miss Effie Taylor. The memories of America's greatest man were fittingly revived in song and verse and by historical reminiscences, in a way that tended to inculcate patriotism and perpetuate those sterling qualities of character for which he was noted. The schoolhouse was packed to overflowing by an appreciative and enthusiastic audience, composed of the many friends of the school.

ACTIVE ON EAST END

Harriman Forces Getting Ready for Actual Construction

WILL WORK WESTWARD FROM ONTARIO

Six Surveying Crews Concentrated On Short Stretch of Right of Way Making Ready for Graders

The Burns Times-Herald has an interesting story relative to the work that is being done on the eastern end of the Oregon Eastern railroad. The nature of such work indicates that construction will be started early in the Spring. The Times-Herald says:

"Persistent railroad rumors of the past week in this city indicate immediate construction work to begin on the Oregon Eastern and if reports are true the line will be completed to this valley the coming season.

"While the Times-Herald cannot vouch for the authenticity of the information, it seems to emanate from a semi-official source that Chief Stoddley has definite instruction to rush the work as rapidly as possible in order that contracts for grading may be let and work begin as early as weather conditions may permit. These contracts will be let in sections of from 10 to 20 miles, from Vale to the western portion of this valley, if reports are true and as many contracts will be negotiated as possible. The roadbed for the entire distance named may be worked at the same time provided a sufficient number of contractors may be found.

"Should labor be found plentiful such an arrangement would mean the completing of the grade work this season and the matter of distributing ties and laying rails does not require a great deal of time with the present modern method of doing such work.

"Engineer Millar and his crew have been brought here from the west and it is understood will be placed on particular work in this valley and between here and Vale, making at least six different surveying parties between the two points. One of these is now at work in Crane creek gap making soundings and ascertaining what is necessary to make the required cuts to bring the grade through the pass on the per cent desired. Some have brought the news that actual work on the roadbed had begun in that section but they are only testing to ascertain the nature and character of the formation there, in order to intelligently compute the estimated cost of construction over that rather difficult portion.

"It is also rumored that Engineer Louis Shaw has been promoted and as soon as he has finished the particular work he is now on he will be placed at the head of the construction work."

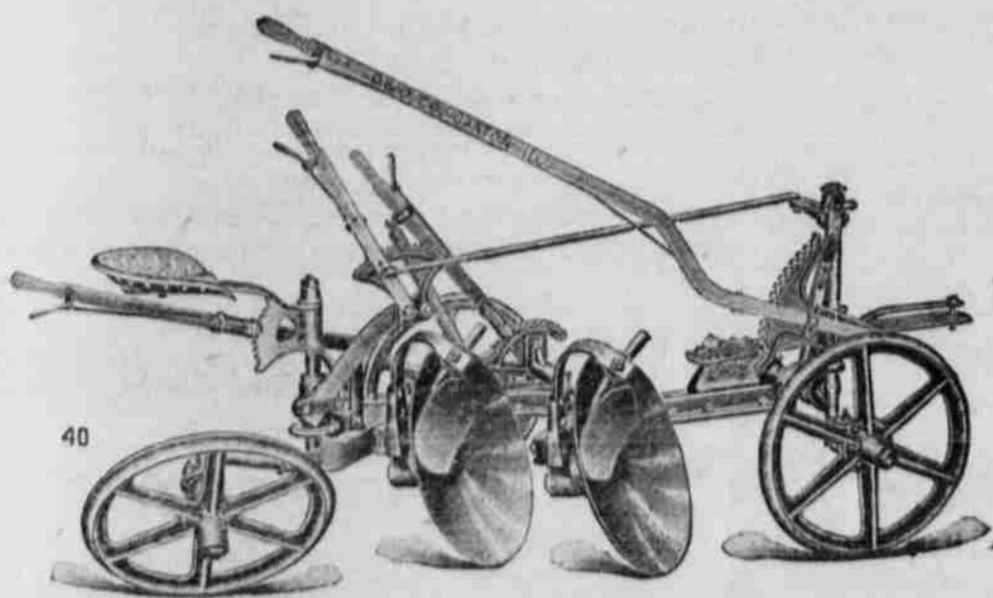
The Oregon Eastern is the Harriman line building across the state east and west from Natron to Ontario and from which line it is planned to throw out a branch line northward to Madras and ultimately down the Deschutes river to connect with the O. R. & N. along the Columbia river.

COURTS ON THE RESERVATION

All petty misdemeanors and minor civil cases on the Warnings Indian Reservation are tried before a local tribunal, composed of three Indian judges, who are appointed by the superintendent of the reservation from the Indians under his jurisdiction. These judges hear the evidence in each case, and render their decision upon this evidence, unhampered by technicalities of the law. Their decision is final. In criminal cases coming before them they have authority to impose sentence of fine and imprisonment, the most common misdemeanor cases coming before them being for drunkenness. The judges preside with great dignity, and needless to say, unhampered by the technicalities of the law each case is tried upon its merits, and justice is more often done than occurs in the white man's courts of law. Court is held each week. The judges hold during good behavior, and are paid a small salary by the government.

William McMeekin, one of the old-timers of Crook county, was in the city from Willow creek Sunday. Mr. McMeekin has recently withdrawn from the sawmill business of Compton & McMeekin, and is now in business for himself. He says he has never before seen the roads in as bad condition as they are at present in this valley.—Review.

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