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FARMERS' SCHOOL ON WHEELS

The O. R. & N. Co. some time ago inaugurated a plan of running special farming demonstration trains in Eastern Washington and Eastern Oregon, the purpose being to assist in improving agricultural conditions throughout the territory tributary to the lines of that company. It is now announced that two of these special demonstration trains will be run next month, one in Eastern Washington, and the other in the wheat growing belts of Wasco, Sherman, Umatilla and Morrow counties. The Washington train will be accompanied by agricultural experts from the Washington agricultural college at Pullman, and the Oregon train will have the assistance of the Oregon agricultural college at Corvallis. These trains will be of inestimable benefit to the farmers of the districts through which they pass, as expert advice will be given them on the subjects of summer-fallowing, moisture conservation, dairying, and other kindred subjects.

One of the most important matters which the railroad is taking up in connection with these demonstration trains, is the crusade against summer-fallow in the wheat districts. The agricultural experts advocate a plan of alternate cropping the land to corn, or some other cultivated crop, instead of letting half of the land lie idle every other year. This system of rotation in crops, the experts believe, will have a far-reaching effect, for not only will it double the out put from the territory, but it will increase the wealth of the country by cutting up the large individual holdings into smaller farms. Under the present system of summer-fallow universally practiced in Eastern Washington and Oregon, half of the land lies idle each year, and the farms must therefore be double the size that would be necessary were all of it farmed, and this state of affairs is responsible for the large farms.

The Oregon train will be run in Sherman county May 11, and stops will be made at Kent, Grass Valley, Moro and Wasco, where rotation of crops, conservation of moisture and general cultural methods will be discussed. Experts from the state agricultural college who will accompany the train are: James Withycomb, director of experimental station; C. I. Lewis, horticulturist; C. E. Bradley, chemist, and H. D. Seuder, agronomist.

HAS EARNED RE-ELECTION

Frank Elkins is making an enviable record as Sheriff of Crook county, and the fact is coming to be generally recognized that he should be retained in the office where he has unquestionably "made good." During the two years he has been Sheriff he has proved a most efficient officer, and upon that record alone he is entitled to re-election. But, upon still more important considerations rests the demand for his re-election at this time.

Recent developments at Prineville indicate that the old range

wars, which have caused the shedding of human blood and resulted in the shooting of thousands of head of sheep in the past, are about to break out again, and the prompt and vigorous action of Sheriff Elkins in the recent arrests made at Prineville promises to lead to the unravelling of the mystery which has surrounded these outrages in the past. Without attempting to pass upon the guilt or innocence of the accused men, which fact remains to be determined by a jury of their peers, the fact remains that Sheriff Elkins is entitled to great credit for the fearless manner in which he followed the evidence he had, regardless of where it lead, and thus made possible an investigation which may result in putting an end to the outrages which have blackened the name of this county in the past.

Crook county has a bad criminal record, leading back for a generation or more to the days of the Vigilantes, when human life was the cheapest thing there was in Crook county, and on down through more recent years, when range wars resulting in the slaughter of innocents by the thousands were of common occurrence. These periodical outbreaks, bordering on a state of anarchy, will be a thing of the past, and Crook county will take its place in the ranks of the law abiding communities of the West, only when the peace officers of the county do their full duty, regardless of where it leads them. Such an officer we believe Frank Elkins to be, and we believe that all law-abiding citizens of the county should commend him, and give him an opportunity to carry out the work he has begun.

Fruit growers suffered heavy damages in the freezing weather of the past week, and the discouraging report is brought in from the small fruit farms in this vicinity that the peach crop has entirely been destroyed, and that other fruits have been injured also. The days have been warm and bright, but Friday night the mercury dropped below freezing, and if any of the more tender fruits escaped the freeze Friday night, they were caught by the freeze on Monday night. Garden vegetables also suffered, and the damage to this section of the country was severe. The past winter was an unusually pleasant one, mild and open, but the country is paying for it now, in a cold and dry spring. Nature appears to have a way of evening up things.

Local option petitions were filed with the county clerk last week, and Crook county will vote at the June election on the question of "wet or dry" throughout the county. Another petition has also been circulated for a local option election in this and the Haystack precincts, so that the question will be a local as well as a county issue. The county petition is reported to have a total of over 360 names from all sections of the county, from which fact some idea of the strength of the movement may be gained. The local option people are organized and will make a determined effort to carry the entire county dry. The saloon forces are also reported to have a thorough organization, and to be fighting the local option sentiment in every precinct.

F. E. Dayton, republican candidate for nomination for county assessor, was elected, so that Laidlaw will at least have one representative over at the county seat. Mr. Dayton is a man of

fearless, sterling integrity. And as it is a foregone conclusion that he will be elected in June it is equally certain that Crook county valuations will be assessed in an equitable manner during the next county administration.—Laidlaw Chronicle.

FROM COUNTYSEAT EXCHANGES

CROOK COUNTY JOURNAL

Justice of the Peace O. G. Colver of Culver, has been in Prineville this week assisting in the official count of the primary vote for Crook county. Mr. Colver has served as a member of this board for a number of years and it has come to be looked upon that the count is not exactly official unless he assists in the work. This election the board was composed of County Clerk Warren Brown, Justice Colver and Justice J. L. Luckey of Prineville.

J. H. Horney of Madras, was in town last Tuesday and Wednesday in attendance at the county convention of the socialist party. Mr. Horney says that he always enjoys his visits to Prineville, where he has numerous friends and acquaintances.

John Dillon of Madras, came to town last Friday on a summons from Sheriff Elkins, who needed him as a deputy. John is now officiating as head jailer at the county bastille.

Justice of the Peace William Blair of Youngs, brought in the election returns from Lyle Gap precinct last Saturday and spent Saturday and Sunday in town.

John T. Disney of Madras, came up last Saturday, bringing in the election returns from Kutcher precinct.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

The Pioneer has been requested to announce that the Artisans at Culver will have a big "blow out" at their first meeting in June, and that all members of the lodge are requested to be present.

C. E. Roush, proprietor of the Madras Trading Co., left last Saturday evening for Portland, where he goes to select goods for his store at this place.

A. C. Sanford and J. E. Lovell and their families returned last Monday from the Warm-spring reservation, where they spent several days fishing and enjoying camp life at the warm springs.

Priday & Company of Cross Keys, last week delivered at Shaniko something over 300 head of cattle, which were sold to the Portland market.

Oregonian: J. R. Wyatt, an Albany lawyer, was at the Belvedere yesterday on his way to Prineville, where he will defend ex-sheriff Sam Smith of Crook county, who will be tried this week on a charge of arson. The specific offense with which Smith is charged is that of burning the sheep shearing sheds of J. N. Williamson, ex-Congressman from the Second Congressional District. The trial of this case promises to be notable in the criminal annals of the state. Mr. Wyatt leaves for Prineville today.

Much wheat has been hauled out of this place during the last month, and local merchants say that the grain they had stored is pretty well cleaned out, as teams for loading out wheat have been easily obtainable since the spring freighting began. There is still quite a lot of wheat in the country, however, held by farmers who expect to do their own teaming. Up to this time they have generally been too busy with plowing and other spring farm work to find the time for hauling their grain, but from this time

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on this wheat will also begin to move to the market at Shaniko. Those who held their wheat over have not lost anything by it, as prices are several cents better than they were before Christmas, after the financial panic occurred.

PROHIBITION COLUMN

This space has been reserved by the local prohibition organization, and will be occupied by matter furnished by them each week.

KANSAS CITY, KANSAS

The brewers and liquor dealers are spending thousands of dollars in advertising Kansas City, Kansas. Great posters, printed in red, are being distributed all over the country and pages of display advertisements are being paid for in an effort to show that since that city has closed its saloons it is becoming poverty stricken; that bank deposits are growing less; that business is at a standstill, that the city cannot pay running expenses although there has been a big increase in the tax rate; that no new buildings are being erected and that hundreds of store rooms are idle and men with their families are leaving the city and that property valuations are greatly decreased.

Assistant Attorney General Trickett, who made the fight against the saloons and shut them up, has denied all these stories and has proved that each and everyone of them is false. Mr. Trickett's statements are backed up by the newspapers of Kansas City and by the business men of the town.

Now comes Clinton N. Howard, a prominent citizen of Kansas City, and in an address before the Missouri state constitutional convention a few days ago, he thoroughly dissipates these fabrications for the circulation of which the brewers are paying out large sums of money.

Speaking from records furnished him by city officials Mr. Howard declares that instead of Kansas City, Kansas, losing population it has increased 11,180 in the 22 months since the saloons were closed.

In the same time the city's debt has been reduced \$411,470.

In the time since the saloons were closed the property valuation of the city has increased \$4,775,000.

The building operations for 1907, the first full year without saloons, were the largest in the city's history and the largest per cent increase of any city in the country.

The mayor says the business of the city is better than ever before. The postmaster says the same. Merchants confirm these statements by showing their books.

The increase of bank deposits for the 22 months without saloons is \$3,785,000, or 35 per cent.

As to taxes the assessment is twenty cents less on every \$100 valuation.

The only store buildings empty are the business center built especially for saloons, and most of those are occupied by some legitimate line. Of 25 rooms in three blocks on the principal business street which were formerly occupied by saloons all but one have been rented.

The brewers have evidently barked up the wrong tree. They had better abandon Kansas City, Kansas to its prosperity. Ever the big posters and page advertisements cannot controvert facts.



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" 25c "	20c

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