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**LOCAL BITS**

Hugh O'Kane spent most of the week in Prineville.

Theodore Aune has gone for a three weeks business trip to Ashland, Wis.

Ed Stone was out from Prineville this week and he will spend the summer here.

Barney Lewis has about 15 acres cleared on his homestead and will have it plowed next week.

Lee F. Parker has taken a homestead in 16-11 and moved down there for the season's work.

George E. Robbins is considering the matter of opening a general merchandise store at Sisemore's.

Purchasing Agent Lovell is again out at Prineville hustling for supplies for the Deschutes company.

Our summery weather brought a refreshing thunder shower Monday and it has been cooler since then.

Albert Long Wednesday received word of the critical illness of his mother at Halsey, Or., and left next morning for that place.

Miss Stenberg, who has been laid up with an attack of the grip complicated with nervous ailment, is now on the road to recovery.

Rena West and J. W. Robison will leave Sunday for George Milligan's ranch to get a bunch of the horses recently bought there by Hugh O'Kane.

Fredrick A. Hunnell and Arthur J. E. Ely arrived this week from Nebraska. They have taken homesteads near here and will be permanent residents.

John L. Bartley, who came in two weeks ago to look over lands in this section, has been suffering from a slight attack of measles but is now convalescent.

Ralph Kelly, of Portland, son of ex-Sheriff Penumbra Kelly and cousin of Charley Stanburrough, arrived in Bend Monday and will locate here permanently.

Professor Creed M. Triplett returned from Portland Wednesday, having spent two months there perfecting himself in the tonsorial art. He will put up a barber shop and bath house in Bend soon as the lumber can be had. He has taken a lot on the west side of Wall street

nearly opposite the Bend Mercantile Company's store. His outfit arrived last night and he will have temporary quarters in the City Market building.

William Rosebush has been spending the week on his Maury mountain homestead. He will be employed next week sharpening tools for the Columbia Southern ditch crew.

The last member of the Aune family to reach Bend is Miss Caroline, who arrived from Clarkston, Wash., last week. The family is now united here and prepared to enjoy life together.

Rolla C. Stone, who has a homestead about 20 miles east of Rosland, over the mountain, has taken employment with the Pilot Butte company and his family will live here part of the summer.

J. F. Circle has taken a position with the Deschutes company as blacksmith. For the past year or more he was blacksmithing in Prineville. He will move his family out from the county seat in a few weeks.

Otto Retzlaff has rented his place in 16-11 to George W. Wimer for the season. Mr. Wimer owns the adjoining land and can conveniently farm the additional area of Retzlaff's, where about 40 acres are ready for sowing.

The Deschutes Reclamation Company (Swalley ditch) is improving its canal and adding to its length. Besides general repairs along the whole line, the main canal is to be carried about a mile and a half farther and a lateral about a mile and a half long is to be constructed to carry the water to the Benham place for use this season.

Mrs. George Cyrus, of Sisters, is now helping Mrs. Heising at the lower camp of the Deschutes company. The men are well pleased with their fare there, which has always been of the best.

F. C. Rowlee returned Wednesday noon from a trip to Shaniko and reports the roads in good condition by way Trail crossing. He brought in 20 men for work on the Pilot Butte canal and they were attached to the lower camp.

Mrs. M. E. Auderway and Mrs. Sarah Hunter left Tuesday for their homesteads beyond Sisters but found the ground so soft near their claims that it was impossible to take a team in. There was also

some snow in shaded spots. They returned to Bend yesterday and will make another start when the season is farther advanced. Ora Hunter drove them out to Sisters.

Henry Carlin, who has been engaged in ranch and stock business in the Sisters country for a number of years, has sold his ranch and will move a band of about 60 horses over to the Big Bend country, Washington, next month, and take up his location there.

William P. Vandeventer yesterday brought down from his Lava ranch a specimen of its products in the shape of a horseradish root 3 1/2 feet long, about 4 inches in diameter at the top and an inch at the bottom. He is willing to match this against the product of any other country.

Road Supervisor Cottor got a force of men out Wednesday and did some long needed work on the Prineville road northward from the Pilot Butte Inn, removing rocks and leveling the track both along the river and on the stage route. He proposes to keep this up until all the roads of this vicinity are improved. Incidentally it will require labor and money to do this and all able bodied male citizens will be called on to supply it.

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