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BEND SCHOOL EXCELS

Eighth Grade Papers Are Best in County.

ENTIRE CLASS PASSES EXAMS

Margaret Wiest and Fred Lucas Win Honors of Their Class—Graduating Exercises Saturday.

The Bend schools have again demonstrated their efficiency. The eighth grade has passed the county examinations with flying colors, winning honors for the local school system. Each year the eighth grade of all schools in the county are required to undergo a county examination, that is, a set of questions sent in by the county superintendent. Reports have just been received by the Bend school from County Superintendent Dinwiddie, who sends the pleasing word that the papers of the Bend scholars were the best of any submitted. It has been learned further that over the county many scholars failed to pass the examination, but there were no failures among the Bend pupils, all passing with good averages.

Margaret Wiest and Fred Lucas won the honors of their class, having passed with averages of 95 5-6 and 94 5-6 respectively. There are eight scholars in the class as follows: Margaret Wiest, Fred Lucas, Lawrence Smith, Alice Caldwell, Kenneth Minor, Orpha Wright, Claude Vandevert, John Sather. Miss Maud Vandevert is the teacher of this grade.

Eighth Grade Commencement.

The first graduating exercises ever held in Bend will be celebrated next Saturday evening when the eighth grade of the Bend public schools will render a pleasing program in honor of their advance from the grammar grades into the high school. The program will be as follows:

Piano Solo.....Mrs. F. C. Forbes
Essay—Pompeii.....Lawrence Smith
Lincoln's Oration at Gettysburg .....
.....Fred Lucas
Essay—China.....Alice Caldwell
Essay— .....Kenneth Minor
Reading—Never or Now..Orpha Wright
Essay—Our Country..Claude Vandevert
Class Future .....John Sather
Vocal Solo.....Miss Marion Wiest
Address.....C. S. Benson
Remarks.....Dr. U. C. Coe
Presentation of Diplomas.....
.....Dr. C. W. Merrill
Violin Solo.....Miss Iva West

The exercises will be held in the Lara Hall. No admission charge, and everybody is urged to be present.

WILL TAP OREGON.

Gould Will Build Line through This Section to Portland.

Each week brings interesting developments in railroad news. The latest is the announcement by Edwin Gould, "pathfinder for the ocean to ocean railroad" ambition of his brother, George, that the Gould lines would be built not only to San Francisco but also to Portland. For a year or more it has been believed that the Goulds were behind the little line running from Reno to Likely and known as the California, Nevada & Oregon. This line is being steadily pushed forward to Lakeview, and the general belief is that Gould will enter Oregon at Lakeview and cross the state northward to Portland. That would bring his line directly through this section and would insure transportation for Bend and the Bend country.

The fact that Harriman officials have suddenly announced their determination to build into Lakeview at once would lend strength to the theory that Gould would enter Oregon at that place. It will undoubtedly be a race between the two systems to see who can occupy that territory first. The Portland Journal sizes up the situation as follows:

Announcement from a member of the Gould family that the Western Pacific Railroad company will build into Portland, Oregon, was received today by The Journal from San Francisco. The news is taken to mean that the railroad from Reno to Likely, known as the California, Nevada & Oregon, long regarded as a Gould line and now under construction toward Lakeview, Oregon, will be extended by some convenient route into the Willamette valley and Portland.

Ever since the Western Pacific was projected to the Pacific Coast it has been believed that the Gould people must do more than merely tap San Francisco to justify the construction of so large a mileage through the numerous mountain ranges between Salt Lake and the California coast. The road had hardly been commenced when the little line running from Reno to Madeline, with a survey to Lakeview, changed hands under circumstances that stamped the transfer as a Gould purchase.

Ever since that time it has been expected that the Western Pacific would break into Oregon. The news that it has determined to do so was anticipated a few days ago by the Harriman lines, which have included Lake county in their scheme of railroad development in eastern and southern Oregon. A week ago the chief officials of the Southern Pacific incorporated a company to build a line from Anderson via the east shore of Goose lake to central Oregon. Yesterday Oregon officials of the Harriman lines incorporated another company at Salem, to build a short stretch of road between Lakeview and the California line. These developments have come in succession with startling suddenness, and in the nature of bolts out of a clear sky. The public had no expectation of such serious moves on the railroad checkerboard in Oregon and northern California.

The reason now becomes plain. The decision of the Western Pacific to immediately begin construction of its Oregon extension was no sooner made than the Harriman interests became advised of it and quick action was necessary to get strategic advantages. The officials of the Harriman lines have lost no time. It is said the result means another railroad building contest like the north bank race, and the latest contest is for transportation control of Lake county and the Harney valley.

Pleasant Ridge Items.

Irrigating now-a-days is the most common employment for the farmers. All seem to be extremely busy soaking up the ground previous to seeding this spring.

Strawberries are all nicely in bloom and prospects are favorable for a very promising crop in due season.

We notice the Wenandy stages as they pass through Pleasant Ridge these days are very crowded with passengers.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at the schoolhouse on the 24th to do sewing for Mrs. Lockyear, who has been very ill for the past several weeks and is under the care of Dr. Coe. Although convalescing yet her recovery is not as rapid as we would like to see.

Dr. Coe has also been summoned for Daniel Greenhalgh, Sr., who has been ill more or less during the past winter.

Prof. J. A. Thompson, who resides at Pleasant Ridge, being the owner of two fine farms in that vicinity, and who during the past year has been successfully engaged in the public school work at Laidlaw, has just recently refused $100 a month as principal of the Prineville public school. Rather than see him leave, the Laidlaw people have swelled his salary above last year's to a considerable amount and the professor has accepted the consideration and will remain engaged at Laidlaw for the ensuing year. We wish to congratulate the people of Laidlaw for their wonderful achievements and wish the other neighboring public schools would now follow suit and try to make themselves equally as well equipped. Then Western Crook would soon be taking the lead in the educational work. Prof. Thompson emigrated from the state of Michigan a year ago, where he had been actively engaged in his chosen profession for years. He holds a state certificate from both states in which he has taught.

The Long Butte stage station, located just midway between Redmond and Bend, is becoming quite popular as a stopping place for both stages and freighters. This is in a central location and there is now some talk of locating a postoffice. We think this is a very practical idea. Also much enterprise could be had in the way of starting a townsite here, as it lies directly on the railroad survey and in a good farming district.

A BUNDLE OF LIES

Slanders Are Being Spread About H. C. Ellis.

TACTICS OF THE OPPOSITION

Using Desperate and Dirty Methods to Defeat Mr. Ellis—Voters Should Not Be Fooled Thereby.

News has reached Bend within the last few days that most malicious and slanderous lies are being told over the county against H. C. Ellis. These stories are absolutely without foundation and are merely the fabrications of a mind so low and despicable that it will stop at nothing to accomplish its ends. Of course the object in view is to discredit Mr. Ellis before the voters, hoping thereby to defeat him in the race for county judge. The man or men who are responsible for the spreading of these reports know they can not defeat H. C. Ellis in a clean and fair contest, so they stoop to the dirty work of spreading slanders against him.

How do the voters like such tactics as these? And what do they think of a clique that carries on a campaign by such methods? Do they want to elect to county office men whose stock in trade consists in the ability to get out and spread damaging and scurrilous lies about the man whom they wish to defeat? The Bulletin is certain that Crook county voters will stand for no such tactics as the opponents of Mr. Ellis are using, and to show their disapproval will give Mr. Ellis the largest vote ever cast in the county.

In view of the fact that such stories are being circulated, The Bulletin would warn people against paying any attention to them whatever. They are absolutely groundless and malicious. There are only a few days remaining before election and the men who seek Mr. Ellis' defeat will put forth their most strenuous efforts during that time. Hence The Bulletin again urges that no credit be given to any of these slanderous reports. Mr. Ellis' record is open to the world. There is nothing in it that needs to be hidden.

Given Proper Medicine.

Here's a story that's too good to keep. One of the men who are responsible for the above slanders started his low stories against Mr. Ellis in a saloon at Madras. At first those present gave him the "horse laugh" but finally, upon his persisting in such talk, six or eight of them took after him and ran him out of the saloon. He skidooed like a scared rabbit and took refuge in the hotel. Later after the Madras men had had time to think it over and get real mad, they started to the hotel after the fellow but he made a rapid "getaway" and sneaked out of town. That's good work. Such a man should be run out of every town that he visits.

TEMPERANCE MEETING.

Interesting Program, with Local Speakers, Rendered at Gist.

GIST, May 25.—The temperance meeting at the school house at Gist Saturday eve was well attended, there being a big crowd out. The meeting opened with a song, with Miss Nellie Scroggins at the organ. Mr. Hurbert Scroggins was the first speaker. He spoke upon "Liquor and Its Effect." Mrs. Pulliam was the next speaker, she said in her talk the way to get rid of a mad dog was to cut his tail off close up back of his ears. Mrs. Pulliam is an interesting speaker. Johnnie Edwards read a paper which was interesting and well written.

Some people here predict that Crook county will be voted dry by a big majority.

W. C. Congleton, candidate for sheriff on the democratic ticket, was at Gist Saturday eve. He took in the meeting and made us quite a talk.

Frank Elkins, sheriff of Crook county, was at Gist today, Tuesday, looking after political matters.

There were some prospective land buyers in the Gist neighborhood last week.

We are informed from good authority that Harriman, the railroad king, is going to extend the Columbia Southern to Bend within the next year.

Johnnie More returned today from a fishing trip up the Deschutes. He reports having good luck.

Alex Smith and Billy Wilt of Sisters came over to attend the meeting Saturday evening.

Frank Arnold and wife went to Sisters today on business.

There are a good many potatoes being planted in the Gist neighborhood this season.

Fine weather these days.

Redmond Items.

REDMOND, May 24.—Mr. Hopkins and family, late of Rock County, Nebraska, are tenting now. Mr. Hopkins came in with two teams and will soon offer the blacks for sale.

We came near having an accident this afternoon in our wood pile catching fire. There is plenty of wood, but the pile was just in line with the wind and what is left of the haystack, hence we were quite interested in getting that fire out which we did easily as it had gained but little headway.

A week ago Mrs. Park was again taken sick and has been in bed all the week, gaining strength very slowly. She is under Mrs. McLallin's care.

Dr. Russell, late of Portland, is staying here for the present watching for developments. If indications are good he will locate here permanently. Meanwhile we suppose he is ready to attend to professional calls at any time.

The Ladies' Aid Society met Thursday as usual and got a wreath for the casket for Frank Glass.

The many friends whom Mrs. Trisler made during her stay here will be saddened to learn of her death which took place at the home of her daughter in Ottumwa, Iowa, on the 14th. She was recovering slowly from an attack of typhoid fever but had a relapse with fatal results.

Part of today we have spent in marking our ballot for the June election on the measures proposed. Personally our vote will be against most of the measures introduced by initiative petition and for most of those held up by referendum. Especially shall we vote for changing the time of the biennial elections.

Rev. Father Hickey has been spending the week in this neighborhood. Among his other good deeds was the baptism of Jacob Carleton Immele, the ceremony taking place at F. T. Redmond's. Father Hickey had the misfortune to have a fall and sustain rather severe injuries from which he is recovering nicely.

Robert Davis of Sisters came over Thursday to attend the disposition of the remains of the late Frank Glass. They were cousins.

Chris Ehret's, B. A. Kendall's, and Cecil Kenyon's children have all been sick or nearly so with colds the past week but are all recovering.

Tuesday morning we found nine little Duroc Jersey pigs. Eight of them are as bright as new dollars and as spry, the old piggy having laid on one and put him to sleep.

Mrs. Lilly and her mother, Mrs. Carmelia, were over from Cline Falls the first of the week visiting in Redmond and vicinity.

The ball game today between the Bend nine and the local team resulted in a victory for our boys by a very satisfactory score. The ball the night before was also well attended and the receipts made the boys feel good.

E. C. PARK.

Good Advice.

TUMALO, May 26.—For the news read The Bulletin; for the imagination read the Chronicle; and then let every good true Western Crook citizen vote for Ellis of Bend for county judge.

J. B. and I. E. Winer and C. H. Spaugh were fishing Sunday and caught about 300 of the speckled beauties, and it wasn't a good day for fishing either.

C. H. Spaugh took a load of potatoes to Bend last week.

Breezy spells still continue.

T. A. Jensen made a trip to Squaw Creek after seed grain yesterday.

John Stiles was a caller at Tumalo today.

Max Richardson passed through here today going to Bend.

L. H. Root made a trip to Rosland last week.

Many of our farmers are busy seeding and will soon finish up. There is a great deal of new ground being seeded this year.

Respectfully Referred to the Chronicle

The Bend Bulletin and the Laidlaw Chronicle are at outs. We do not know what the Chronicle is as it does not exchange with us, but we do know The Bulletin is an excellent paper.—Condon Times.

Personal

If any person suspects that their kidneys are deranged they should take Foley's Kidney Remedy at once and not risk having Bright's disease or diabetes. Delay gives the disease a stronger foothold and you should not delay taking Foley's Kidney Remedy.—C. W. Merrill, Druggist.

HOPES TO STRIKE OIL

Expert Says Indications Are Very Favorable.

WELLS WILL BE DRILLED

Horses Stolen from Wardwell Cram at Prineville—Other Items of Interest from Central Oregon.

That there is oil throughout this section in paying quantities is the opinion of J. W. Ross, an oil expert from Fullerton, Calif., who was brought here by the local company organized to prospect for oil in Crook county, says the Madras Pioneer. Mr. Ross arrived the first of the week, since which time he has been busy going over the ground leased by the company, with a view to locating the point at which the first well will be sunk. The point at which the well is to be sunk has been practically decided upon, but members of the company are reticent about making the exact location public until other arrangements which they are working on have been completed.

Mr. Ross is an oil expert of 23 years, experience, and the fact that he is unqualifiedly pleased with the prospect for oil in this section has greatly enthused the members of the local company. It has been known for many years that in the Culver and Lamonta districts there were many indications of oil, and that the government geological maps of this section showed indication of coal at many points, but Mr. Ross is the first expert of any reputation who has made a careful examination of the district with a view to making exploration of the depths below the basalt flow of this section.

The work of drilling the first well will begin in a short time, the machinery having been ordered some time ago, and an order having been placed this week for lumber with which to build the drill tower. This tower will be 64 feet in height and 20 feet square at the base, and the well will be sunk to a depth of several thousand feet if necessary, in order to strike the oil bearing stratum.

Horses Stolen at Prineville.

The Journal of last week says that on Wednesday morning Wardwell Cram discovered that his team, horses of medium weight, one brown and the other a bay, had been stolen from his barn. Tracks leading from the barn were followed for a distance of some 10 miles north of this place where they were lost in the Blue mountains. A force of six or more men are in that country now looking for the man.

A man named Young, who was convicted of horse stealing in Wheeler county a few weeks ago and was sentenced to serve a term of two years, broke jail at Fossil early last week.

He was standing in the corridor of the jail talking to his wife the night before he was to be taken to Salem and when the sheriff's back was turned he ran through an open door into the sheriff's office and jumped through a large plate glass window into the street. He was badly cut about the face by the broken glass. From Fossil he came to Mitchell and over the mountain through Summit Prairie and down the Ochoco to the Knighten place where he spent Thursday night last week. From this place he followed the main road on foot, until he reached a point about three miles east of town. From that time until the present there has been nothing heard of him. It is believed that Young is the man who stole Cram's team.

Much Money Changed Hands.

Considerable good Crook county money has gone over into Grant county as a result of the races which came to a close last week. The officer boys and Joe Combs brought a couple of horses to the races which seemed to be winners. Masters and Wade Hampton, Grant county stock, earned $2,000 for their owners in two races besides the several side bets made on both. Last Saturday it was estimated that not less than $20,000 changed hands as a result of all the races. Monday, Wade Hampton was sold to C. A. Bedell of this city at a consideration of something like $800. Wade will figure a little in the races this fall.—Prineville Review.

Says Conviction Was Just.

From our exchanges we note considerable controversy is caused in Crook county over the conviction of ex-Sheriff Smith for burning ex-Congressman Williamson's shearing plant. The reports appear to us very conflicting, and looks to us that much influence is being used to make out that Smith is a martyr, and was convicted unjustly. How the jury could have brought in a different verdict, from what we have been able to glean is beyond our comprehension.—Silver Lake Leader.

Taking Pictures of Birds and Animals.

Herman T. Bolman and William Finely, who are touring this part of Oregon collecting photographs and data of the animals and bird life, arrived here Wednesday evening from Shaniko, just a week after starting from Portland. They are making the trip in a White touring car especially equipped for their work. They are provided with a number of cameras and are prepared to photograph running animals and birds that cannot be posed at close range. They will expose more than 1000 dry plates and will cover a range of subjects from landscape to every variety of bird life.

These gentlemen are gathering data that will be used in articles to Outdoor Life, Outing, Sunset and the Pacific Monthly.—Prineville Journal.

Wool Clips Arrive.

A Vale paper says that the wool clips have begun to arrive in that city, and estimates that fully two and a half million pounds of wool will be stored there this year. It is feared that prices will be low this year and many of the growers in the Vale country will hold their wool until the market has become settled before attempting to sell.

Shear 25,000 Sheep.

The Baldwin Sheep and Land Company has just completed the shearing of 25,000 head of sheep. They are all owned by the company and were clipped in 17 days by the power shearing plant belonging to the company.—Journal.

HAS THE RIGHT IDEA.

Tired of Conditions in Illinois and Will Come to Crook County.

The following letter received by The Bulletin so clearly shows the state of mind of many Eastern people and their determination to come West, that we gladly print it. It shows that people have their eyes on Crook county. The letter reads:

ROAG, Ill., May 6, 1908.—Editor The Bend Bulletin, Bend, Oregon.—Dear Sir: Will you kindly send me a few copies of your publication. I am coming to Oregon next October, and do not know where to go. It is very hard to decide, but I think I shall come to Crook county first. It seems to be all right for farming, stockraising or dairying. We are having about the d——st weather here you ever saw, cold yet, frost the 4th. inst. Froze potatoes, melons and all garden truck. It has been too wet to do any farm work for nearly four weeks, all low land is now flooded and no corn planted yet. It certainly is discouraging. I was coming to Oregon last fall, but I could not get rid of my personal property in time, but next fall I shall certainly come.

Yours respectfully,
H. B. FENSTERMAN.

Colds That Hang On

Colds that hang on in the spring deplete the system, exhaust the nerves, and open the way for serious illness. Take Foley's Honey and Tar. It quickly stops the cough and expels the cold. It is safe and certain in results.—C. W. Merrill, Druggist.

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