

NEWS GATHERED BY BUSY REPORTERS

Items of General Interest from Western Crook County.

SURVEYORS LEAVE REDMOND

Have Stopped Work, with Surveys Suspended for the Winter—News Notes from Five Different Nearby Neighborhoods.

REDMOND, Dec. 20.—The railroad surveyors are gone. The comments one hears on the event are many and various. One man says that next year the stakes will be weather beaten and will have to be reset. Another says that next year the surveyors will be back, cross-sectioning. But the Colonel says he has a letter from R. H. Harriman saying that the road will be built at once, that Redmond will be the terminus for anyway two or three years, that depot grounds have been selected—also round-house site, Y switches, general repair shops and what not. We give the comments for what they are worth. We met the surveyors Wednesday going toward Culver so that much we know. W. J. Buckley took another load of them out on Friday.

Baby Ehlers was quite sick the middle of the week, but is now improved.

Christmas tree exercises by the Sunday school will be held on Thursday night. Among the treats for the little folks this year will be home made candy, Mrs. Davies being the artist whose success in manipulating the sugar is well known. R. C. PARK.

Pleasant Ridge Items.

PLEASANT RIDGE, Dec. 22.—Everybody is howling for water.

The farmers are all busy putting up ice now-a-days. The ice now is of a very fine quality.

Among those who have been on the sick list for the past few days are the families of Greenhalgh, Holl, Snider and Sherwood, but all are convalescent at this writing.

Little Helen, the two-year-old daughter of C. H. Lockyear, had the misfortune of having her arm broken last week.

Mr. Eaton of California, father of Mrs. A. J. Chase, arrived last week with the intention of staying the coming winter with his daughter and son-in-law.

Last Saturday evening, occurred, at the Snider home, an hour when peaceful slumber is most heartily enjoyed, a party of a few youngsters, whose sympathies were not just in harmony with those of the peaceful slumbers, but of a more selfish kind, yet the evening was greatly enjoyed by all. Light refreshments were served and the party dispersed at an early hour wishing them many happy returns.

G. W. Hall's have now moved onto their homestead, three quarters of a mile farther east.

Chad Irvin now has his house nearly finished and ready for occupancy.

Wm. Johnston has gone to Prineville to assist the county clerk, Warren Brown, for a few weeks with the rush at present, as the tax returns will now commence and business at the court house will be rushing.

Miss Fern Hall has returned home from her school duties at Bear Creek, for the holiday vacation. E. A. Parker of Bear Creek drove over with Miss Hall and unfortunately next morning he found one of his horses in a very critical condition, and it soon died, leaving Mr. Parker 60 miles from home with only one horse and a rig to get home with.

Sherwood Bros. have leased their house up at Bend to a Mr. Barber of Washington.

Inklings at Gist.

(Too late for last week.)

The Cloverdale Card Club gave Mr. and Mrs. Gist quite a surprise Tuesday evening. It was 5 p. m. when the crowd arrived at Gist. Mr. Gist opened the door to see what the racket was on the outside, and just then someone gave a war whoop. It was all up then, as Mr. Gist knew what was up. They played cards until 11 o'clock, when Mrs. Gist opened the dining room door and invited the guests to supper. Those present were: Messrs. and Mesdames Chas. Carson, Arthur Templeton, Will Buesing,

Jerome Skelton, Master Vern Skelton and Miss Hazel Templeton, Mr. and Mrs. and Vern Gist.

Walter Graham and wife and baby had a very narrow escape from being hurt Saturday evening as they were driving from Gist to Sisters. It was very dark and Walter was driving at a fairly good gait, when all of a sudden the wagon came in contact with a stump, throwing Mrs. Graham and the baby out. Walter had a good grip on the lines and held to the horses, but not until he struck the ground. Except for a good shaking up, they came out without a scratch.

The Gist orchestra will furnish the music for the entertainment at the school house at Gist Christmas eve.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smith of Sisters were pleasant callers at Gist Friday eve.

Rev. Ed. and Rev. Lamb, from near Redmond, preached here last Sunday.

Johnny Edwards started for Washington Saturday on a business trip.

Wm. Hart returned home recently after being away several months working for the Black Butte company.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Gist took dinner at the Will Fryrear home Sunday.

The people in and around Gist are in hopes that they can secure a rural delivery service. There will be a petition circulated in a few days.

Tumalo Items.

TUMALO, Dec. 20.—Some zero weather the past few nights.

Mr. Couch passed through here yesterday with lumber for F. P. Smith at Bend.

C. D. Brown of Bend passed through here with another gentleman.

There is a petition out now for a rural delivery route from Laidlaw via Tumalo to Gist, and return by the Gibson and Gering neighborhood, and to make three trips per week at present.

Chas. Wimer went to Bend today with a beef for Bend people, who like good beef.

Report reached here yesterday that F. E. Dayton and his partner, Mr. Spoon, have their mill machinery on the road and it will probably reach here this week, and that work would commence at once setting it up and getting it ready to begin sawing lumber.

We are glad to hear that the new road to Bend has been completed.

G. W. Wimer & Sons have been filling their ice house with some fine ice the past two days, having frozen the ice about five inches thick by running water on top of the ice on the pond.

I. E. Wimer and Chas. Spangh were in Tumalo today and cut two loads of ice from G. W. Wimer & Sons' ice pond. Preparations are progressing nicely for the Christmas tree at the next school house east of here.

Rev. Lilly and Rev. Harper preached to a good crowd at the school house last Friday night.

James Bean of Bend passed through here Friday going to the Matoles.

SI PERKINS IS BACK AGAIN.

Powell Buttes Notes.

POWELL BUTTES, Dec. 22.—Levi Ernst has built a small house and barn on his land and will now begin to clear ground.

Looks like we would all have to haul water soon if the cold weather continues.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Shepherd school house Christmas eve by the Sunday school.

Hauling water is the order of the day now, since the weather is so cold that water can not be run in the canal. It's a worse job than ever before, when we were not expecting to get it from the ditches.

Jim Green is hauling lumber from the Hightower-Smith mill.

Adam Kotzmann is hauling straw from the Buttes to his ranch near Bend.

We understand that stock will have to be kept out of the irrigating canals hereafter. Won't that be fine for us fellows at the lower end of the canal.

Pretty cold weather these days.

C. H. Foster lost a valuable horse last week. He was on the road from the Hightower-Smith mill when his horse dropped dead.

Mrs. Perry Innes is at Prineville receiving medical aid.

The officers of school district No. 72 are busy these days working on the school house proposition.

Mr. May has moved over from Redmond to his farm which he recently purchased.

But Davis has sold his ranch to a Mr. Elliott who will move onto the land.

R. N. Doty has purchased a team and wagon.

Guilty of Counterfeiting.

Passing counterfeit money is no worse than substituting some unknown worthless remedy for Foley's Honey and Tar, the great cough and cold remedy that cures the most obstinate coughs and heals the lungs.—C. M. MERRILL, Druggist.

THE MAN OF THE HOUR.



Three Cheers for Dear Old, Quer Old Santa Claus!

RAILROAD NEWS OF THE WEEK

Two Lines Located from Madras to Redmond.

WORKING ON NATRON LINE

Are Clearing Right of Way West From Natron—Harriman's Bridge over Crooked River Will Be Approximately 800 Feet Long.

The crew of Harriman surveyors under Engineer Mills, which has been camped at Redmond, has run several lines north from Redmond towards Crooked river, and it is understood they have located a crossing one-fourth of a mile below Trail Crossing bridge. It is said that a bridge 800 feet long will be necessary to cross the river at that point. This is several hundred feet wider than the crossing found by the Central Oregon road, which crosses Crooked river about a mile and a quarter below Trail Crossing bridge. The wider crossing is said to have been selected by the Harriman engineers because of what they considered the more desirable approaches to the bridge. The Central Oregon survey provides for a bridge 350 feet long and over 200 feet high.

Mr. Mills' party made a location from Madras south by way of Lamonta and O'Neil to Redmond, and the surveyors under Engineer Roberts have located a line south from Madras via Opal Prairie to Trail Crossing. This gives the Harriman interests two locations from Madras to Redmond. Assistant Chief Engineer Chase has been at both Madras and Redmond inspecting these surveys.

The surveyors under Mills have left the field.

Natron Extension an Assured Fact.

It looks more than ever as if construction on the Natron extension would begin in the early spring, if not before. In fact, the work of clearing the right of way has already commenced.

Alf Walker, who is taking Major Edward's place on the right of way, came up yesterday from the Middle Fork, and says there are seven or eight crews of men at work grubbing out the orchards and clearing the right of way which the company has already secured by actual purchase between Natron and Hazel Dell. These men will be kept busy at work until it is all cleared up. If this does not mean that ac-

tual construction on the road bed will commence at once, we do not know what it means. The new route over the Cascades via the Middle Fork and Salt Creek is no longer a contingency, but is an assured fact.—Eugene Register.

The Natron extension is the line whose survey crosses the Cascades in the vicinity of Diamond Peak and runs south on the east side of the Cascades to Klamath Falls.

Prineville's City Election.

The Property Owners' ticket won out in the city election held at Prineville Monday, the result being as follows:

For Mayor—David Stewart, 180.
For Aldermen—John B. Shipp 95, Jesse Yancey 98, Wardwell Cram 189.

For Recorder—Chas. L. Shattuck 103.
For Treasurer—J. W. Boone 101.
For Marshal—Wade Huston 91.

There was another ticket in the field, the Citizens'. Stewart, for mayor, and Cram, for councilman, were also on that ticket. Aside from these two, the result on the Citizens' ticket was as follows:

For Aldermen—J. H. Rosenberg 94, Med Vanderpool 92, D. O. Vandevent 86.
For Marshal—Wm. Draper 89.
For Treasurer—J. L. McCulloch 87.

FREE WINTER COURSES.

Oregon Agricultural College Will Give Short Courses in Agriculture.

Winter short courses of study will begin at the agriculture college, Corvallis, Oregon, on January 5. Men and women, young and old, interested in the farm, the shop, or the home, are cordially invited to attend. By writing at once to the agriculture college a circular will be sent telling in detail what is proposed to be accomplished by these courses.

A week of lectures on general agricultural topics begins Jan. 5. A special course for creamery operators and managers runs from Jan. 5 to 15; a course in dairying from Jan. 18 to March 27; a course in horticulture Jan. 11 to Feb. 20; a course in mechanic arts from Jan. 11 to Feb. 10; a course in road construction from Jan. 11 to Feb. 6; a course in household science and art from Jan. 11 to Feb. 20. Special lectures on business methods on the farm will be given.

A Personal Appeal.

If we could talk to you personally about the great merit of Foley's Honey and Tar, for coughs, colic and lung trouble, you never could be induced to experiment with unknown preparations that may contain some harmful drugs. Foley's Honey and Tar costs you no more and has a record of 40 years of cures.—C. W. MERRILL, Druggist.

Notice to the Public.

Hereafter the price of all meals at the Pilot Butte Inn will be 35 cents, to both local and transient trade. 4t C. B. TURNER, Prop.

CROOK COUNTY

GROWS IN WEALTH

Million Dollar Increase per Year For Past Five Years.

VALUATION IS NOW \$7,070,254

Five Years Ago the Total Valuation of Taxable Property in the County Was Only \$2,300,000—Other Items of Interest.

Five years ago the total valuation of property in Crook county amounted to a scant \$2,300,000; today it stands at \$7,070,254. That tells better than anything else the growth Crook county is making, and the settlement and development that is taking place—an increase of nearly \$1,000,000 a year for the last five years.

The total valuation of taxable property in the county now is shown to be \$7,070,254, as compared with \$6,226,000 last year. The Prineville Journal says this large increase in this respect is due principally to new lands entered under the timber and stone act, homestead and desert claims, some state lands and segregated lands filed on under the Carey Act. The assessor received 38 closely typewritten pages from The Dalles land office last January showing the names and location of claimants who had proved up on government lands.

The number of acres under cultivation is 59,135, valued at \$367,559, and the number of acres of uncultivated land is 1,203,665, mostly timber or homestead lands unentered, valued at \$4,467,185. The value of improvements on deeded or patented land is \$178,724, of all city or town lots \$118,725, of improvements on town or city lots \$188,730, and of improvements on lands not deeded or patented \$65,919.

A valuation of \$369,000 is placed by the assessor upon the canals and ditches of reclamation companies in the county, though under the recent supreme court decision holding these improvements unassessable as held by the companies it is unlikely the county will benefit thereby.

There are 54 miles of telephone lines, with more building, and the value of the completed lines is placed at \$3,045. Sawmills and farm engines total \$38,160, merchandise and stocks in trade \$130,190, farm machinery, implements and wagons \$63,173, money, notes and accounts \$245,023, 750 shares of stock valued at \$83,955, household furniture, watches, jewelry, etc., \$47,519.

These 54 miles are all that appear on the assessor's books. Through some error the lines of the Pioneer Telegraph and Telephone Company were not included in the tax roll and will have to be taken care of by a "special assessment." The Bulletin endeavored to get the exact mileage of the Pioneer company at the local office, but no one seemed to have the information desired. The Pioneer's lines in Crook county will exceed 100 miles.

Davenport's Harney County Ranch.

It is possible that Homer Davenport, the great caricaturist and now a world-renowned breeder of Arabian horses at Morris Plains, N. J. and Hingham, Mass., may in the near future become interested in Harney county to the extent of bringing some of his Arabian horses here and starting a cavalry horse breeding plant.

Mr. Davenport has the correct idea that this would be a peculiarly favorable place for such a plant. By selecting the best mares of the range stock here and crossing them with the pure Arabian, the product ought to be a horse of the greatest endurance and speed, hardy, healthy and reliable in every way.—Burns News.

The News-says that Mr. Davenport is planning to visit Burns

friends in a few weeks, while on a trip through the West.

Shorter Items of Interest.

The Old Fellows of Burns will build a lodge hall, the structure to be a two story stone building, 50x100 feet.

The Leader says that J. B. Fox has dug a well on his ranch near Fort Rock that is 135 feet deep, probably the deepest well in Lake county.

The Madras school district has levied a 15-mill tax for expenses of the current year. The property valuation in the district is a little more than \$82,000.

The Journal says that C. M. Elkins has received 26 head of thoroughbred Hampshire sheep from Weiser, Idaho, and will keep them on his Haystack farm.

"Jim," a famous Warm Spring Indian, in company with several others, was in Laidlaw this week. He was telling about the Modoc war and said he killed four Modocs on the butte just west of town, and that two of the skulls were there yet.—Chronicle.

The rabbit drive in the vicinity of Madras was not a very great success, only about 300 rabbits being killed. The Pioneer says the poor results were due to the attempt to cover too much territory and because there were not enough drivers present. Another attempt will be made on December 28.

Several of the sportsmen of Prineville organized a gun club Tuesday night for the furtherance of the sport of hunting, and the Prineville club will give a prize shooting match about Christmas day to which all the sportsmen of the county are invited. The gun club is also considering the proposition of importing Chinese pheasants and bob white quail with which to stock the country.—Madras Pioneer.

A great hullabaloo has been going on between Medford and Eugene boosters because some of the latter enthusiasts got out advertising pamphlets containing cuts of scenes around Medford but credited them to Eugene. Such action should be condemned. It is not long ago that The Bulletin saw a pamphlet advertising the land opening scheme at Lakeview, said pamphlet containing cuts of scenes in the Bend country with nothing to designate their true location.

Stone work on the new courthouse was finished Tuesday at noon, and the masons are now out of positions. The carpenters have almost finished structural work, and it is estimated they will be through in about two weeks, when the building will be ready for the painters and finishers. Steam heat has been installed and in working condition for some time, so that plastering will go on right along in spite of inclement weather. The building will be an imposing one and the pride of the county.—Review.

CHRISTMAS IN BEND.

Christmas Cantata Will Be Given in Bend Church.

As usual there will be Christmas exercises in the Bend church tomorrow evening—Christmas eve. There will be a large tree resplendent in candles, strings of popcorn and many other decorations to please the little folks. Of course Santa Claus himself will be there and will have a treat for each of the children. Presents will be received and distributed from the tree in the usual manner.

A Christmas cantata entitled, "Santa Claus' Prize and Who Got It," will also be presented, and if it is the equal of last year's cantata it certainly will prove a pleasing evening's entertainment. Everyone who can should be present, listen once more to the sweet, old-time Christmas carols, and ponder once again the time when angels sang glad tidings to men and the Prince of Peace was born in Bethlehem. It will do you good to be there, and all are cordially invited.