

FACTS FAVOR DIVISION MOVE

CASE FOR DIVISION IS STATED FAIRLY

La Pine Paper Gives Many Logical Arguments Showing Why Division Will Benefit All—More Satisfaction and Less Taxes Assured.

(FROM THE LA PINE INTER-MOUNTAIN.)

It has been reported that Crook county was paying a bounty of \$5.00 for coyote scalps. Inquiry at the county office reveals the fact that only \$1.50 is being paid, and that it will remain at this figure until the new county is formed.

The Crook County Journal last week dug up a list of about thirty names of men and women opposed to county division. If thirty out of a population of two thousand is the best they can do against county division there is but little question as to what the result will be.

The Prineville Journal says: "If Deschutes county is ever to be established, it will have to be accomplished at the same time as Jefferson, in order to be sure of obtaining the required thirty-five per cent of votes from the whole county." That's a thing we want to remember. If we don't get away now, we never will. But we will still be asked to dig down in our own pockets and support about thirty of the Prineville people and get nothing for our money.

The Crook County Journal says that the county has paid \$6,350 to keep up her poor in eight months. We have paid our percentage of that amount and there is not one person in this end of the county receiving a cent of it.

Culver is out strong for county division. The Tribune at that place says: "At the various county division meetings, men from Prineville were present to save the 'Deer Popul,' but the people don't want to be saved by Prineville, and the men who favor division presented facts that the Prineville people couldn't get away from." The paper neatly sums the entire thing up in the following paragraph: "Nearly all of these 'big-hearted' Prineville citizens are either directly or by proxy, 'next' to the court house, and it is an open secret that the domination which has been exercised cannot continue when the county is divided."

Speaking of county division, the Madras Pioneer says: "Several county division meetings are being held in this vicinity. The principal speakers for the opposition are the same old bunch, W. F. King and C. F. Smith. They attempted to tear down statements made by persons in favor of division, but they were very much out of luck along that line. Their line of argument was refuted in nearly every statement. From Mr. King's statement it is an evident fact that he was without any degree of hesitancy, endeavoring to do what he thought it was his duty to do as President of the Prineville Commercial Club."

Hay Creek, Gateway and Agency Plains are out strong for county division.

The people of Ashwood, who have formerly been opposed to division, are now strictly in favor of the movement.

The Farmers Educational and Co-operative Union of America, down in the Madras country, have issued a resolution in favor of county division.

In speaking of the arguments that have so far been presented by the Prineville men against county division, the Madras Pioneer says: "There was not a plausible argument presented by them, and many of their statements were acknowledged to be wrong, as they could not substantiate their correction."

County division meeting held at the Round Butte school house was well attended. The opponents of county division failed to make a very good impression.

The following is an extract from a letter written by John Atkinson on the subject of county division: I would like to ask what was done with the balance of the tax receipts, amounting to \$259,000, from 1908 to the present time, it is an evident fact that it is hard to see any results from the expenditure of this amount." Mr. Atkinson's letter was received too late for publication last week, but we would like to have been able to publish all of it. Whether or not you are in favor of county division, the question offered for your consideration, is worthy of your careful study.

Palo Pinto county, Texas, was divided into seven separate counties several years ago. Each of these seven counties, Jones, Shackelford, Stephens, Palo Pinto, Taylor, Callahan and Eastland, say that their taxes were greatly reduced immediately following division. I. L. Farkner of Sisters and William Vandeventer of La Pine have both lived in this portion of Texas. Ask them about it. Mr. Vandeventer was deputy sheriff of Shackelford county shortly after it was divided; he can tell you that taxes were lowered so much that a hundred thousand dollar court house and a forty thousand dollar jail was built, without raising the taxes to their former high mark.

The First National Bank of Prineville has come out for county division, because it will lower taxes.

Two automobile loads of Prineville citizens, all of whom were big tax payers, attended the county division meeting at Sisters Saturday night to hear for lower taxes and county division.

B. F. Allen and T. M. Baldwin of Prineville are out for county division.

AN EDITORIAL

By OSWALD WEST
Governor of Oregon



OSWALD WEST

OREGON should go dry because there does not exist a single reason on earth why it should stay wet.

The war news from Europe strikes us with horror; yet this great war, with all its carnage, past, present and future, will not prove a drop in the bucket compared with the ravages which are being made throughout the land by booze.

We boast we are the greatest nation upon earth, and in our efforts to preserve this position we boast we must strive constantly to raise, or at least maintain, the standard of our citizenship, and to accomplish this end we must unceasingly fight organized greed and graft, stamp out poverty, vice and crime, protect the home and make life more pleasant for those who have been less fortunate than others. It is idle, however, to talk of progress along those lines so long as King Alcohol

occupies the throne.

Who grabs the pay check from the honest workman on Saturday night and makes his wife and little ones go hungry?

Mr. Booze.

Who sows the seeds of poverty and distress everywhere?

Mr. Booze.

Who loads upon us most of our tax burdens?

Mr. Booze.

The Wets protest against our voting the state dry because it will close Paul Wessinger's brewery and be equivalent to the confiscation of his property, but they do not tell you how the brewery was built through the ruination of homes and the confiscation of pay checks. They do not tell you that every brick in the building represents a broken heart and the color of the building is emblematical of the blood which has dripped therefrom.

Whenever I think of the devil I think of booze, and whenever I think of booze I think of the devil, for the devil is booze and booze is hell.

Old Booze is an outlaw who has been long pursued but never subdued. At no time and under no circumstances should he be given quarter, and it is the duty of every good citizen to stand ready to sand-bag him whenever he sticks his head up in sight. All Oregon will have a chance to sand-bag him on November 3, and for the Lord's sake let us make a good job of it.

IF YOU BELIEVE WITH GOVERNOR WEST, VOTE—

OREGON DRY, 332 X YES

Paid advertisement by the Committee of One Hundred, 748 Morgan Building, Portland, Oregon.

Prineville people are agitating and financing a road over the desert to the Fort Rock and Silver Lake country, for the purpose of diverting the tourist traffic that way instead of by La Pine. And the La Pine country is helping them pay for this road to take business away from our own town.

The census shows that the proposed Deschutes county has almost twice the population of either of the other two. Deschutes county has the best agricultural area, the best timber and the largest population. There is no question then, but what the taxes will be lower in the new county.

No one questions the fact that the new county will give us better roads. Better roads mean more tourists. More tourists mean more business and a bigger demand for farm property. Statistics show that over half of the farms sold in Central Oregon the past year were bought by men who had traveled through the country in automobiles. Automobiles will not travel over the kind of roads we have at present.

In the spring the Inter-Mountain kept count of the number of automobiles that came to La Pine. The number ranged from eighteen to forty-one per day. Later on, a Prineville man sent an article to the city papers saying that the roads from Bend to La Pine were impassable for automobiles. This was done to bring the trade around by the desert road via Prineville. Since that time La Pine's automobile traffic averages less than five cars per day.

Billy King of Prineville, says that the proposed division will take away from old Crook county over three-fourths of its taxes. If this side has been paying three-fourths of the county taxes, why haven't we at least got a good road to show for it?

When the counties are divided, the new counties will be free from debt, while the old Crook county will become the sole owner of the court house, high school and jail. This will more than cover the indebtedness that old Crook county will have to pay.

According to a statement made by W. F. King of Prineville in a public meeting at Cloverdale last Friday night, \$150,000 has been spent on the roads in Crook county during the past year. How much of this has the La Pine section received for the taxes they have paid?

Mr. King of Prineville, says that

the men in Prineville who are opposing division do not like the boundary lines that have been drawn, and that the right men in Prineville were not consulted when the lines were being established. If the lines had been drawn differently, these Prineville men would be supporting division, because they know that a smaller county means smaller running expenses.

Some of the people in Redmond are opposing county division, because they do not like the lines that have been drawn. One Redmond man stated that his town would start a movement to move the county seat from Prineville to Redmond if we would vote "NO" on the present county division. Practically everyone who has been opposing county division are doing so because the lines do not suit them. It is of course unfortunate that lines cannot be drawn to suit everyone. But can you afford to continue paying twenty-six mills tax just because someone does not like the county's boundary line?

A prominent traveling salesman who came through here the other day said: "We have created hundreds of new counties in Texas and taxes were lowered in every instance. The only opposition we ever had were the men who were still fighting the Civil War and think Jeff Davis is President."

Ever since Hood River county was formed from old Wasco, the millage has steadily growing less.

The criminal cases of Crook county have required the expenditure of many thousands of dollars, and of this amount this side of the county has paid seventy-five per cent. But we have produced only nine per cent of those criminal cases.

One of the many reasons why taxes will be less in the new county is that we will have no high school tax to pay. The high school at Bend is maintained solely by Bend but it is open and free to every student in Deschutes county.

The opponents of county division are putting up some pretty good arguments considering the cause, but they haven't been able to prove that taxes will not be a whole lot lower after the county is divided.

Terrebonne is solid for county division. Some of their citizens are going to the division meetings throughout the county speaking in the interest of the cause.

Laidlaw is boosting county division

to a "fare-you-well." They are getting sick and tired of excessive taxation. Several of their citizens have been through county division fights before and they know that taxes will be lower.

Alfalfa is boosting for county division. Rev. A. L. Walker of that vicinity is campaigning throughout the county. The following is an interesting extract from one of his speeches: "I have no interest in Redmond, Bend or Prineville. My interest is solely that of a taxpayer. During the years I have been in the county, I have seen taxes go up and up and up, from \$12 for 40 acres up to over \$1.00 per acre. These high taxes are the necessary result of a great big loose-jointed, loosely run county. In a smaller county you can take the same crooked bunch of officers and make them do it better."

Mr. Dobson of Redmond says: "We are too large to administer our affairs economically."

One opponent of county division at Redmond said that the present extremely high taxation is due in a great measure to the amounts we have been spending on our roads. That may be true, but it doesn't take much of an observer to see where that money has been spent and the sooner we get away from a section that uses our money and gives us nothing for it the sooner will our taxes be lowered.

It is a notable fact that every man who is fighting county division has some kind of an ax to grind.

Mr. Bowman who is in the abstracting business at Prineville, is opposing county division. Because it will decrease his individual business. He went to Hood River to investigate conditions in that newly formed county hoping to find something against county division, and present it at the Sisters meeting last Saturday night, but when he returned he didn't have a word to say.

Two or three men who are calling themselves "The Lower Tax League" and are fighting division tooth and nail, claim that it will cost us something over \$100,000 a year to run the new county. This figure is extraordinarily high, but if it were so, our taxes would be no higher than they are now because the 1913 Crook county tax was \$111,148.20.

When Sherman county was formed from a part of Wasco county, the county tax was decreased from 20 mills to nine and six-tenths mills.

Power county, Idaho, recently formed from Oneida county, Idaho, says: "Our tax in Power county last year had the distinction of being the third lowest in the state, being 9 1/2 mills, while some counties went as high as 25 1/2 mills."

A letter from Rexburg, Idaho, pertaining to another newly formed county says: "We are well pleased with having divided our old county and will be able to make a reduction in tax."

W. F. King of Prineville, formerly a county office holder and an opponent of division, in perhaps as well qualified as any one else in the entire county to speak on the subject of county finances. At the division meeting at Cloverdale last Friday night, he said: "I expect to see Crook county \$120,000 in debt next year."

When Deschutes county is formed it can be run as cheaply as any county in the state. We have more than the average valuation, more than the average population and more than the average agricultural value of any of the following counties: Harney, Sherman, Gilliam, Morrow, Curry, Wheeler and Grant. If Deschutes county can be run at a cost equal to

any of these counties, it will lower our taxes 50 per cent.

It is claimed by the men who are attempting to divide Crook county that taxes will be lower. They will.

Now, don't shut your eyes and hump up your back like a balky mule. Be reasonable. Be open to conviction. Take your own pencil and paper and figure these things out in your own way and you will KNOW that county division will mean a big reduction in your taxes.

County	Valuation	Tax
Harney	7,349,007	\$110,405.10
Sherman	8,701,814	109,585.16
Gilliam	9,751,229	119,902.25
Morrow	11,973,551	119,703.42
Curry	4,187,039	55,824.71
Wheeler	3,267,816	56,263.44
Grant	5,960,882	118,709.36
CROOK	8,070,152	\$120,418.87

The 1914 valuation of Crook county was \$11,393,587.

The general millage was:

State	6	Mills
County	14 1/2	Mills
School	3 1/2	Mills
High School	2	Mills
Total	26	Mills

The amount raised on this millage was \$204,833.69.

The valuation of Deschutes county on current assessments would be \$4,460,497.

Its general millage would be:

State	6	Mills
County	4 1/2	Mills
Transcribing records	8	Mills
Furnishing court		
house	2,000	
Roads	20,000	
Salaries & expense	29,000	
Total	356,000	12

General school to raise \$15,500 3 1/2

Deschutes total millage 20

These estimates for Deschutes county are high.

Nevertheless they show a reduction from the Crook county tax of last year of 6 mills, and from the tax of 1912 of 4 mills.

The best auditor in the world couldn't question these figures. Taxes will be lowered in spite of anything you can do and in addition to these figures you know that our cost of road maintenance will be less than it is now and the cost of road building will be less than it is now, because we have no bad grades, no precipitous to go around, no canyons to bridge, and no small bridges to be washed out every year as they have on the east side of the present county.

We will have no county high school tax because we get the use of the Bend high school and we don't have to pay a cent of taxes on it.

There will be no "county poor" in Deschutes county for you to keep. You will not be paying taxes on a Prineville to Silver Lake road to take traffic away from La Pine, Bend, Redmond, Laidlaw and Sisters.

Your tax money will not go to pay interest on \$120,000 debt.

Your tax money will not be spent in the criminal courts prosecuting criminals of whom 91 per cent come from the east side.

This county division means money in your pocket. It means real dollars and cents to you individually.

Prineville has been sapping the strength of this portion of the county for twenty-five years, each year she has become a little bit holder in asking for tax money. Your taxes have advanced from \$100,000 in 1907 to \$400,000 in 1913.

If you want to vote for this condition to continue, that's your privilege. But if you do, you are lacking in the good red-blooded manhood building

principals that are essential in a new country and you had better pack your trunk and move over to your "dear old Prineville."

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Candidate for Congress

Endorsed and supported by prominent leaders of all parties among whom may be mentioned Walter A. Pierce, LaGrande, Democrat; George H. Currey, LaGrande, Republican; Wm. Miller, LaGrande, Progressive; Judge Maloney, Pendleton, Democrat; W. W. Hays, Pendleton, Democrat; J. M. Hays, Pendleton, Republican; Dr. Young, Hood River, Republican, and many others.

Also by the Committee of One Hundred (membership nearly 500) The Ladies; the Congressional Convention of the W. C. T. U.; the United Churches and Young Peoples' Societies of Hood River; by a mass meeting of 1000 persons in his home town, LaGrande and by local organizations throughout the district.

Read Mr. Cleaver's statement in the official State Pamphlet of Candidates.

Submitted by Ernest E. Taylor, Secretary of Cleaver Campaign Committee.

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Vote to Save Industrial Oregon

VOTE "NO" 329 AND "NO" 331

The very life of the future manufacturing and industrial progress of Oregon hinges upon the defeat of the so-called "Water Front bills, to be voted on Tuesday, November 3rd.

So cunningly and adroitly are these bills worded there is grave danger that many people will be deceived.

If these measures become laws the result will be that the State will take title to the tidelands and submerged lands and will be prohibited from selling any of these lands. They can only be leased for docks. No more ship-yards, saw-mills, canneries or other plants requiring access to deep water—nothing but docks, docks, docks.

Every citizen of Oregon—wage earner, farmer, business man or woman, wants to prosper. These measures if enacted will throttle progress at the gate. Investors will shun Oregon. This means no work for the wage-earner, nothing to pay the store-keeper with and therefore nothing to pass on to the farmer or producer. Let no one think these bills do not concern him.

Before you go into the booth to vote, read 329 and 331 carefully. Talk to your neighbors about them.

Oregon is rich in natural resources, but poor in development. What the state needs above everything else is outside money to come in and develop its resources. That means GOOD WAGES, PLENTY OF WORK, GOOD PRICES and GOOD TIMES.

This is not a political question; it concerns only the prosperity of Oregon and of you.

Give Progress and Good Times a helping hand by voting "NO" 329 and "NO" 331.

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