

# PRINEVILLE TO VOTE ON BONDS

## WOULD BUILD RAILROAD LINE

Plan is to Tap Oregon Trunk at Point Between Terrebonne and Redmond—\$100,000 Is Amount Set—Election to Be Held on 28th.

(Crook County Journal.)  
Prineville citizens will vote upon an amendment to the charter which provides for the issuance of bonds in the amount of \$100,000, at an election which is set for Tuesday, March 28.

The amendment, which is incorporated in ordinance Number 231, provides that the city issue bonds to the amount of not to exceed \$100,000 which shall be used for the construction of a railroad from Prineville to a point on the Oregon Trunk road, and a little more than 18 miles west of this city, and between Redmond and Terrebonne.

Of course the amount mentioned above will not build the road but private interests will provide a sum of or a little more than this sum and the road will be built and owned by the city.

The ordinance was presented to the council by attorneys Brink and Elliott, and was passed by the unanimous vote of the council.

There were thirty people present in the lobby of the council chambers when the ordinance was passed and the action of the council was heartily cheered.

The mayor then asked for a standing vote of those present who favored the measure, and everyone in the house voted in favor of the issue.

The election will be held in the basement of the courthouse on March 28.

See Edwards for good house painting.—Adv.

The American Bakery announces that it has begun to make ice cream and from now on will have it for sale at all times to hotels, restaurants and private families. adv

### ART IN BOOKBINDING.

How Miss Lahey Won Mercier, the Master, For Her Tutor.

A woman who spent ten years and the money she had in the world to become a skilled bookbinder is Marie Duprez Lahey. After studying with the most skilled tooler in Paris, she went to the world's greatest craftsman, M. Mercier.

M. Mercier was a man of large faith and broad culture. He toiled for the love of it in his beautiful Paris home. His only pupil was his only son, who in the Latin quarter had dared penetrate M. Mercier's atelier. Unlucky, this American girl, armed with the "Life of Fyogonard, by Pierre Nolac," the toll of years and which earned M. Domont's praise, went to M. Mercier's home.

"The master was at his country seat. "Is this your work?" cried his son. Miss Lahey had disclosed the name. "Leave it with me. I will give it to father. It will please him to see such strong work."

"Now what do you want of me?" the master, when tremulously called later for the book and Mercier sent his praise.

"Work with you," said I take you!"

For a week for two sums she worked under Mercier's supervision, the master carefully refused her proffered money.

"See!" he said, when she had finished Mercier's "Chronicle of France." This triumph her gold tooling of the volume of Frederic Masson's "Men and Women" procured for her the work of the late J. P. Morgan's library. This was in 1908—the turning point of her unique career. Hers is the distinction of having designed, toolled and bound the cover of Mr. Morgan's personal copy of the catalogue of his world famous Chinese porcelain collection.

**Sandwich's Wonderful Drum.**  
The eccentric Lord Sandwich had, according to his biographer, a strange passion for the thunder of big drums, for the gratification of which passion he had caused the entire side of one huge music room in his mansion at Hinchinbrook to be covered with parchment, so that when it was struck with a massive stick it gave out a roar sufficient to terrify any sensitive soul. Many who heard this drum once struck positively declined ever to enter the apartment again lest they should be given a second performance.—St. Louis Republic.

**Our Biggest Industry.**  
Measured by the number of persons employed, what is the country's biggest manufacturing industry? Lumbering, with its 48,000 sawmills, its \$1,000,000,000 investment in these plants and its employment of 905,000 men to operate them. This does not include, says the Nation's Business, the standing timber, which brings up the total investment to \$2,500,000,000.—Wall Street Journal.

## The Cultivation of Alfalfa

Increased Yields May Be Obtained by Proper Cultural Methods.  
(By County Agriculturist, A. E. LOVETT.)

A large number of farmers are at this time interested in the question of cultivation of alfalfa. A large number are convinced already that cultivation is a valuable operation for alfalfa, some in doubt as to its benefits and a very few claim that cultivation is detrimental to the crop. This question has been satisfactorily demonstrated not only on our experiment stations but also on farms in Crook county. There is no longer any doubt but that the proper cultivation of alfalfa is beneficial. Some fields have been injured by cultivation, but not proper cultivation.

Alfalfa requires air as well as water for maximum production. Air is necessary not only for the crop above ground but for the roots growing in the soil. Cultivation loosens the surface soil and not only hastens the manufacture of plant food in the soil but also furnishes necessary air to the alfalfa roots. The cultivation which might prove most beneficial on one soil may prove detrimental to another, so that cultivation which is proper on one soil is not proper cultivation on another. For this reason the best tool or implement for cultivating one field of alfalfa may not prove the best tool or implement for another field. In other words the proper cultivation of alfalfa calls for more than the simple driving of a team and machine over the field. It is necessary to get off the machine and take a look at the field where the work is being done to determine how much good is being accomplished. Proper cultivation calls for the stirring of the soil to a depth varying from two inches to four to five inches, depending upon the soil and the condition of the crop. A young crop of alfalfa can not be cultivated as severely or deeply as can an older crop. All alfalfa fields except possibly the year old crop should be cultivated now or before April 1st. A cultivation of the field after each cutting of hay if properly done will prove beneficial.

At least three tools or machines may be used for beneficial cultivation of alfalfa in Crook county. These are the spring tooth harrow, the disk harrow and the alfalfa spudder, one of these tools proving most beneficial on one soil and another on a different soil. The alfalfa spudder will probably prove most beneficial on all soils if properly used. The common disk harrow (not the cutaway) may be used to advantage on practically all soils in Crook county if properly used. This may also be said of the spring tooth harrow always with the addition of the phrase "if properly used." If using any tool for cultivation of alfalfa it is necessary that man get off the machine and take a look at the ground over which he has driven. The spring tooth harrow may be tearing out more alfalfa than we realize without a careful study of the ground. The disk harrow may be turned at too great an angle and cut out many plants. If such is found true the disk may still be used by setting it at a less angle and putting more weight on the machine.

Cultivation of alfalfa pays. One farmer has stated that his yield was increased 1/4 by the early spring cultivation. Another has proven cultivation between cuttings increased his crop 4 inches in growth. We have not learned of any alfalfa field being injured by proper cultivation and have learned of many fields which have been benefited by it. We recommend that every field of alfalfa over one year old receive cultivation at once.

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**Changeable Weather Brings Sickness.**  
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## Shearings

### La Pine Creamery.

Estimates on the cost of installing the machinery for the creamery were considered by the stock holders at their meeting last Saturday. The matter will again be taken up at next Saturday's meeting and final selection made. Bids for the construction of the building will also be submitted at the next meeting. All stock holders who have not paid in their subscriptions are requested to do so on or before April 8.—La Pine Inter-Mountain.

### Many Rabbits Have Died.

Since the deep snow of last month has disappeared, rabbits have become very scarce. The reason is that the majority of them strived to death at that time and those remaining are in such poor condition that most any dog can catch them. Many people have seen no rabbits at all since the snow has left while others have only seen a few. Many dead rabbits are to be found in the sage brush. Hundreds, if not thousands of rabbits, were killed around hay stacks where they congregated.—Fort Rock Times.

### Harbingers of Spring.

The presence of the robin, bluebird, meadowlark, the sage rat and Mr. Sage Tick is generally a pretty sure harbinger of spring, and it is to

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