

Shearings

Much Rain Falls.

1.43 inches of rain fell in Fort Rock Saturday afternoon and evening. The fall was not general, however, but this section of the valley seems to have been the most favored. Silver Lake had no rainfall at all during that day.—Fort Rock Times.

Weather Makes Delay.

The cold, wet weather has put a damper on the shearing operations in this vicinity. Several of the local sheepmen had just gotten nicely started when the bad spell came on. They are now waiting for old Sol to show his smiling countenance again.—Chevaucaun Press.

Should Open Reservation.

Opening of the Klamath Indian reservation is regarded as an important move for the development of Central Oregon. Resolutions of the Prineville Commercial Club declare that "the conditions of the Indians will be improved and their interests conserved by the sale of a large portion of the land now within said Indian reservation; and that we urge our representative in congress to secure the passage of such legislation as will secure the prompt opening of said reservation to settlement and development."—Silver Lake Leader.

Road Work Proceeds.

Work on the Newberry Crater road via the Uhlman and Erb ranches is progressing rapidly this week, the crew is now located about ten miles east of La Pine. The worst grade on the entire route will not exceed six per cent with an average grade of much less than that. The route selected is through a wonderful volcanic region as it nears the Paulinas, in one stretch the highway passes over acres and acres of an extraordinary lava flow, the surface of which is hard and smooth and will make an excellent auto road.—La Pine Inter-Mountain.

Marking the Highway.

County Commissioners Gard and King, assisted by public spirited individuals of the various towns along the line, have been busy lately painting signs marking the route of the Pacific highway through Jefferson county. The colors are white, blue, white, and are placed at forks and intersections of roads, indicating which way to turn in following the highway. This is decidedly a good move, as it will save tourists much time and annoyance while traveling through the country. It appears that signs have been placed along an entirely different route than the one marked out by the highway commission, and they are very misleading. It is reported that the signs were placed by persons outside of Jefferson county, who had no authority to do so. The proper placing of the "blue belt" signs through this county will hereafter be done properly and no confusion will result.—Madras Pioneer.

Grain Looks Good.

Favorable weather of the past week has gone far toward the production of a splendid wheat crop. The recent rains have saturated the earth to the moisture beneath and the latter light rains and quiet weather has given the moisture a chance to dis-

tribute in the earth. The fall grain has every appearance of giving a good crop and the moisture now in the soil should practically "make" this crop. The spring grain has responded to the recent moisture and is coming right ahead. Some more moisture will be required to secure a good crop from the spring sown grain. The all-around indications for a crop are extremely good.—Deschutes Valley Tribune.

Race Meet at Redmond.

After a long time, Redmond has at last got around to that promised race meeting. At a meeting of the horsemen here last week, assurances were given that all would participate, thus insuring the success of the meeting. Most of the horses are those competing at Sisters early in May and as they showed ability to go close to 2:30 there, we may expect some very fast time and high class racing here, as the additional six weeks of training must have put them in pretty fair condition. The admission has been placed so low that everybody can well afford to enjoy the day of this noblest of sports.—Redmond Spokesman.

See Edwards for good house painting.—Adv.

For farm land loans see J. Ryan service.—Adv.

County Agricultural Council is Formed

(By A. E. LOVETT.)

At a meeting of representatives from 13 of the organized farming communities and one representative of the County Court in the agricultural office at Redmond on June 24th the Crook County Agricultural Council was organized. The committees represented and delegates present were as follows: Bend Farmer's Union, P. H. Dencier; Powell Butte Improvement Club, S. D. Mustard; Butte Valley Improvement Club, E. S. Barnard; Rye Grass Valley Improvement Club, C. L. Mead; Northwest Redmond Improvement Club, Wm. Ogg; Pleasant Valley Improvement Club, G. D. Jarrett; Terrebonne Farmers' Union, W. F. Mackey; Lower Bridge Grange, C. F. Hoskins; The County Court, J. F. Blanchard. Judge G. Springer was also present and assisted in the organization.

Officers were elected as follows: President, J. F. Blanchard, Prineville; vice president, C. F. Hoskins, Lower Bridge; secretary-treasurer, E. C. Bernard, Powell Butte. Executive board, J. F. Blanchard, Prineville; C. F. Hoskins, Lower Bridge; E. S. Barnard, Powell Butte; J. W. Gibson, Gist; and P. H. Dencier, Bend. The object of this Council as outlined by the members present is as follows:

- (1) To federate the farmers' organizations throughout the county under a plan that will secure unity of purpose and action in striving for better farming, better business and better living.
- (2) To co-operate with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the Oregon Agricultural College and the county agricultural agent in determining best farming methods, including production, marketing, etc., and in putting these best practices into operation.
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the work of the county agricultural agent in Crook county.

(4) To discuss and handle such farm problems as can best be handled through co-operative effort.

(5) To obtain and disseminate all possible information of benefit to the farmers of Crook county, through and in co-operation with the local organizations.

Membership in this Council will consist of one delegate from each farmers' organization in the county which has paid its annual dues of \$1, and one member of the county court.

Meetings will be held quarterly at Redmond. The date of meeting will be the last Saturday in each quarter making the next meeting on September 30th.

It was deemed best by members present that a charge of \$1 from each community organization desiring representation should be made in order that some indication might be obtained as to organizations desiring a representation and a voice in the work of the association. This small charge will also defray expenses for secretary's books, letter heads and other necessary purchases, although these expenses will be few and small. An outline for the work of the association was made, also an outline for the work of the county agriculturalist which he had prepared at the beginning of the year was read and approved. It was suggested that the agriculturalist send a monthly report of his work to members of the council and this will be done in the future. Although a number of the farmers' organizations in the county were not represented, letters received from them indicate that they are interested in this organization and they will probably be represented at the next meeting. Organized effort on the part of the farmer is becoming more and more necessary and the farmers of Crook county expect to accomplish much good through their county organization.

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MARKET REPORT.

NORTH PORTLAND, June 26.—There was the smallest run of cattle today for several weeks, consisting chiefly of "trashy steers," Cows and heifers sold on a steady basis with last week, but steers showed some weakness. Calves steady. On a very small run of less than 2300 head of hogs the market made a gain of ten cents. Tops selling at \$8.30. Demand is good and market closed on a strong basis. Sheep market did not show any revival of strength. Lambs unless prime are not bringing a very strong price. Ordinarily sheep are showing the most weakness. Market closed steady to weak.

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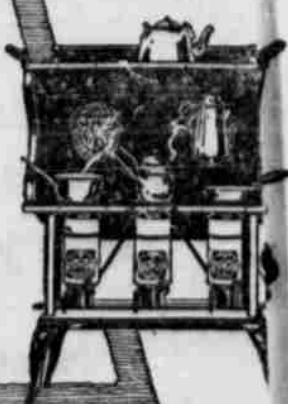
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