

New Faces Many; 273 Counted in Twenty Minutes

Two men stood upon a prominent business corner last Saturday afternoon talking for a few moments. They were discussing politics and were engrossed in a much-mooted political issue.

Their talk drifted from the pleasant October day to the desire for a little rain to settle the dust, next to county division and the recent world's series. They were kept dodging about the sidewalk from the building to the curb to make room for passersby.

There were a large number of ladies on the street Saturday afternoon. Most of them had their arms full of packages. They evidently had been shopping, as Saturday was a fine day to be out of doors.

It was noticeable to one of the men that the other, who has been a Bend resident for the last 10 years, rarely, while the many ladies passed, raised his hat. The fact was called to his attention by the other man.

"Don't you recognize your friends?" he asked.

"Yes, sure, those I know," replied the older resident.

"Mean to tell me that you know only about five out of the fifty, at least, who have passed by here in the last ten minutes?"

"That's about the way it stands," came the reply. "A year ago it seemed as if I knew most all the people in town by name or by sight, but the number I know personally or by sight now is getting smaller, it seems to me."

The older resident said that he had been in a good many towns that were growing rapidly, but never in his life had he been a resident of a place where such remarkable changes were going on in such a short time as Bend has been experiencing in the last ten months.

"I don't see where the town puts them," spoke up the older resident. "Of course, I know that there are many new buildings going up and the like, but—"

"Do you realize that at least 200 new residences have gone up in the town in the last year?" interrupted the other, "and that there have been 188 building permits issued from the office of the city recorder since April, and a very large part of those permits are for the erection of houses by the incoming population? Has it occurred to you to take a little jaunt around town some morning and really see the number of houses that have gone up in almost every part

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of the town? You'll be a little surprised, I think."

While these men were chatting, the Saturday afternoon crowd continued to pass by.

"You know more people in this town than I do," said one of the men, "or at least you ought to. Suppose we stand here twenty minutes. You count the new faces, people you know are new, the ones whose names you do not know, and we'll see about the stranger business."

The one man looked at his watch. It was five minutes before four o'clock. One began to count. The other checked. At 15 minutes after four o'clock they had checked 273 new faces.

"I'll bet you," said the older resident, after he had made his count, "that there are over 2,000 people in Bend who have become residents of this town in the last twelve months."

"Don't believe that I'll call your bet," said the other.

Blanchard Reports On Demonstration Plots

(By County Agent R. A. Blanchard.)

Last week the Crook county agriculturist carefully inspected the demonstration plots on the dry land plateau southwest of Bend. These plots were in the nature of a co-operative test of various varieties of the hardiest plants that it is thought will grow in this altitude. The seed was furnished by the agriculturist, the rabbit-proof wire by the county, and the work performed by the co-

operator. Mr. Blanchard visited the Millican country, where P. B. Johnson conducted five acres of demonstration bordering the Bend-Hurns road. The outstanding feature of Mr. Johnson's plot is the excellent stand of alfalfa, sweet clover and brome grass procured. All of these plants stood up well against the frost and, being pre-eminently dry land crops, make very encouraging prospects for the farmers of this section. Both the Grimm and Baltic varieties of alfalfa were at least 12 inches high, having been sown this spring in cultivated rows at the rate of one pound per acre, after the suggestion of the agricultural college. The field peas made a growth, but were nipped by the frost just before becoming mature. The Carleton and Cossack varieties stood up best and Mr. Johnson is confident that peas will make him a good crop to "hog off."

Frost Limits.

A. S. Fogg, who runs the demonstration plot at Hampton, deserves credit for the effort put forth this season. Mr. Fogg says he likes to cooperate with the agriculturist and is a big-hearted man, anxious to help the country to develop and assist new farmers. On account of the early frost in August most of the crops were caught. Mr. Fogg planted winter and spring Emmer, Baart and Kharkov wheat, Sixty-Day oats, Carleton and Cossack peas, Swan-neck barley, Baltic alfalfa and sweet clover. On account of unusual heavy and hard winds, most of this stuff was cut off before gaining much growth. However, the wheat and oats showed unusual signs of promise, the Baart wheat being well filled. Mr. McKay, the demonstrator at

Rivers, left the county, leaving no records.

Farming Possibilities.

The region known locally as the "High Desert" in Crook county offers some hard problems to the farmers there. This country is a high plateau lying around 4,000 feet above sea level, visited by late spring and early fall frosts, with frosts almost every month of the year. The other difficulty which limits farm efforts is the rabbits and sage rats. These rodents prove to be a serious factor which hampers the farming of the region around Millican, Hampton and Rivers. It has been estimated by experts that this plateau land is supplied with a strata of moisture averaging 20 feet below the surface. By proper methods of moisture conservation it is believed the hard strata separating the surface moisture from that below can be dissolved in time and the moisture below made available. Rye is a sure crop, which, together with some of the dry land forage crops of the hardy varieties, ought to make this country an attraction to settlers. The frost cannot be controlled, but the variety of crops that will withstand the frost can. Proper methods of dry land farming will insure good crops. The only serious obstacle is the four-footed pest which must be exterminated. The county agriculturist, together with the United States Biological Survey, will give every possible assistance to the farmer.

MARKET REPORT.

Receipts of cattle this month promises to break all records, over 7,000 head having been received this month to date. The record receipts were in January, 1909, when 10,002 head were handled. The increase for this month over a year ago is more than doubled. Over 2,000 head in the yards Monday. There were a number of loads of prime steers, although there was a limited amount of common stuff here. Top steers sold at \$6.75 with other good loads from \$6.65 to \$6.85. Cow tops sold at \$5.50; demand was light. Most all grades of cattle sold 15 to 25 cents lower. Stockers and feeders were in good demand, best steers \$5.50 to \$5.75. There was a limited supply of light and half finished hogs

on the market Monday. There was a couple of loads of prime hogs. Top was \$9.60, with other loads at \$9.40 to \$9.50. The bulk of sales of good kind went at \$9.25. Packers were cutting everything very liberally, especially the half finished stuff.

Prime hogs were in good demand and moved early, other stuff found sales slow. Sheep receipts have been coming in fair numbers in the last few days. Demand has been very good, with steady prices. Several loads of choice yearlings brought \$7.50 with valley lambs at \$8.50.

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Smoker Will Be Held at the Hippodrome, October 26.

John Berg of Spokane, former world's champion wrestler, and I. A. Johnson, of New York, heralded as one of the world's strongest men, will be headliners in a smoker to be held at the Hippodrome, Thursday, October 26. Max Martin will referee the match.

Max Martin has also agreed to throw five Bend men in thirty min-



I. A. JOHNSON

utes, and any man staying ten minutes will win his match.

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