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Changing the Forest Road.

By permission of Raad Supervisor Sisemore, Adam Kotzman has made a notable improvement in the Forest road where it passes his homestead. The old road is very crooked and stony there. Mr. Kotzman did not wish it to go so many directions over his land so he has straightened it for a course of half a mile, putting it on the west boundary of his tract for most of the distance. He has also taken the numerous stones out of the road, removing them so far that they will give no further trouble. He has made a very creditable piece of road and it will be appreciated by all who have occasion to travel that way. Mr. Kotzman is making arrangements for a water supply for his homestead and he expects to fit the place for stock and then show the people of this section what can be done here with that industry.

Mr. Kotzman thinks the townsite business here lacks symmetry. The embryo cities are strung along the river for two miles or more and to a notable degree they lack the element of cohesiveness. There is also too much sameness about them. To relieve this distressing condition, Mr. Kotzman proposes to plat a town on his homestead, out in the desert two miles from the river or any other water. He thinks that would tend to square up the situation. And the other sites would be forced to unite in friendship or perish in the unequal struggle with his metropolis.

Won Parental Blessing.

Hoyt, the photographer and entertainer, left this morning for Lemonta and after a tour of the Haystack country and Prineville he expects to return to Bend, perhaps to spend the winter here. It is said that this young man and his young wife are in this country because of the lack of a parental blessing on their union; that they cross-

ed the range in California last spring, were married and started out to carve their own way in the world; that then the stony-hearted parents relented and called the young people back for a visit. After that, however, they continued the programme they had arranged for Eastern Oregon and are fighting their way alone and with fair success.

Chewaucan Hay Loss.

Sod is still burning on the lower marsh and there is little likelihood of it being extinguished until a two or three days' rain occurs. However, there is no great danger of its again getting beyond the control of the men who are patrolling the fire, unless there should be a terrific whirlwind which might carry portions of the burning sod into the dry tules and the fire gain headway before the men could reach it. The loss of stacked and bunched hay is the same as we stated last week—11 stacks for the 70 firm, 1 stack for Brattain Bros. and 10 stacks for the ZX company; besides each of these firms lost several hundred tons of bunched hay and the pasture of the marsh for the winter.—Chewaucan Post.

Bend Weather for September.

Following is the temperature record for Bend as kept by Voluntary Observer Stanborough, for the month of September:

Date	Max	Min	Date	Max	Min
1	81	35	17	75	39
2	81	34	18	74	34
3	80	35	19	79	39
4	81	33	20	78	39
5	71	49	21	75	40
6	65	41	22	83	40
7	60	38	23	79	38
8	63	46	24	75	39
9	79	38	25	66	41
10	85	40	26	75	36
11	80	35	27	83	33
12	55	37	28	80	29
13	55	35	29	85	30
14	59	37	30	58	19
15	68	35	31	—	—
16	71	36	32	—	—
			Mean	75.6	34.1

Maximum 83 degrees.
Minimum 19 degrees.
Total precipitation .02 of an inch.
No. days partly cloudy, 12.
No. days cloudy, 2.

FLUME WORK BEGUN.

Progress on the P. B. D. Co's. Lower Irrigation Line.

A start at erecting the frame of the Pilot Butte Development Company's flume was made last Wednesday, though preparations are not yet complete for continuing this work. It will be several days before the full force of men can be put on the actual construction of the flume. The scarcity of labor is one of the difficulties to be overcome, but it is expected that the whole sawmill crew will be put on the flume upon the completion of the lumber bill, which will be some time in the coming week.

It will take about a month to build the flume. After reasonable allowance for accidents and delays, it is expected that water will be flowing through the flume by the end of November. The slow and expensive work will then be done. A week or two later the ditch will carry water down to Bend and by spring water will be delivered to Forked Horn, a distance of 15 miles below the headworks. There will be fully 20,000 acres of land under this ditch and the water will be available for next year's crop.

In building the flume the beginning is at the sawmill. From there the workmen will proceed up to the headworks, erecting the flume and laying the working floor as they go. Then they will lay the floor and sides of the flume proper, beginning at the headworks and working back down to the mill. As the flume is completed the workmen will retreat down the line. There will be no trucking or other work over the completed flume to injure it in any respect.

All the rock work for the ditch between Bend and the headworks is now completed. There will be cause for a jubilee when the ditch gets down to Bend.

HAPPENINGS IN BEND.

Maxem LePage is down from his homestead for a few days.

M. C. Awbrey returned Tuesday from a business trip to Prineville.

Miss Marion Wiest spent most of this week with Miss Mary Riley at her home six miles below Bend.

Road Supervisor John Sisemore left yesterday morning for a two weeks visit in Jackson county, driving across the mountains.

L. D. Wiest's traps are again asserting themselves and two coyotes have yielded to them in the past week.

Outside families are beginning to gather in Bend in order that the children may have the schooling through the winter.

The windstorm Monday night unhorsed the tent of Photographer Hoyt, injuring one of his cameras but doing little other damage.

Andrew I. Fugleberg will leave the coming week to go into winter quarters at his homestead in 22-9. He will do some trapping on his claim.

Miss Mary F. Regan, a school teacher of Minneapolis, made proof on her timber claim at Silver Lake last week and went out on yesterday's mail stage for the railroad.

Mrs. Adam Kotzman and two sons, who have been absent from the homestead for the past six weeks on a visit to Powell's Valley, Multnomah county, for a supply of fruit, will arrive home tomorrow.

W. W. Amburn, recently with the engineer crops of the Great Northern railroad but now a resident of Montavilla, near Portland, was in Bend Monday and Tuesday. He had walked over the whole country on both sides of the river

from Haystack to Bend to familiarize himself with it and he is so favorably impressed with this locality that he is likely to return and make some investments here.

Attorney George W. Barnes, of Prineville, was in Bend Wednesday inquiring into the circumstances of the Donkel mirror case. He has been retained to defend young Donkel. From here he continued up the river to pursue his investigations.

The Robertses, father and daughter, who spent the summer here, left Monday morning to return to their old Kentucky home. It is not unlikely that they will come back to Oregon and make their home here, in which event they will be cordially welcomed.

Among the week's guests at the Pilot Butte Inn were H. H. Irvine and G. S. Johnson, of St. Paul, and G. McCarty, of Stillwater, Minnesota, who accompanied O. J. Gray, of Prineville, on business connected with timber lands of this locality.

Richard King was in Prineville Wednesday, making the round trip in one day. The old gentleman's eyesight has become so poor that it is unsafe for him to go along the road without some person accompanying him to direct him. His trouble is cataract, which, at his age, is a serious matter.

Charles G. Richardson, who was located here in the timber cruising business last winter and spring, writes from Minneapolis that the rheumatism which drove him out of the woods clings to him. He talks of coming back to Bend when the withdrawn area shall be opened again to entry.

C. C. Cooper, in the past week, has caught two otters and two minks in his traps a short distance above Sisemore's. One of the otters was a big fellow and his skin measures six feet long. He sprung a No. 3 trap and pulled away from it one night, and the next night put his foot into a No. 4 trap which held him. The pelt is worth about \$10.

D. S. Wilhelm, who lived for two or three years near Rosland, has disposed of his interests there and returned to the Willamette valley. The death of a second daughter from consumption, both young ladies, left the parents heartbroken and they could not remain at the scene of their trouble. They are esteemable people and have much sympathy in their affliction.

William McAtee, of Tygh Valley, was in Bend last Saturday and Sunday. He drove up here with a load of hams, bacon and shoulders, which he readily sold along the way, but his chief purpose in coming was to see a country he had heard so much of. He spent a day looking about Bend. Though pleased with this locality he expressed the opinion that the town was much scattered.

D. E. Templeton, with his eldest son, R. M., and family returned through Bend Tuesday after a week's outing at Davis and Odell lakes. The weather was so rainy that the party could do but little fishing and no hunting, so it bore home no trophies of the chase. Neither did it find any berries. These Templetons live on ranches about two and a half miles below Prineville.

James Hunter returned Monday from a visit of about six weeks in the Willamette valley. With him came his two younger sons, Harry F. and Ora, and his daughter, Miss Etta, who spent several weeks in Bend last spring. All four will remain here through the winter. They have taken quarters at the P. B. D. Co's. bunk-house. The

old gentleman gained about 50 pounds on this excursion, having nothing to do, he said, but drive around and live on the fat of the land. They found no snow on the mountain road but saw plenty of it some distance from the road.

Mrs. A. M. Drake and Mrs. J. M. Lawrence and Marion went to Prineville Wednesday to move Dr. Edwards to town. They returned yesterday.

The Kings and Marsbes are building up quite a good business at the Farewell Bend Hotel. There is a steady trade going that way and these people know how to provide good accommodations for it.

Mrs. Abel and daughter, Mrs. Young and Reuben Young returned yesterday from a trip over the mountains to the Willamette valley. For the winter they will occupy their cottage in Bend—the cottage that was recently vacated by the family of John Steidl.

J. H. Cook and W. H. Thomas, of Willow City, N. Dakota, and John and H. W. Taylor, of Omegee, in the same state, passed through Bend yesterday afternoon on their way to make timber land proof at Silver Lake. They stopped for refreshment at the Pilot Butte Inn. The Willow City men are engaged in the grain elevator business.

Milton Potter, stock inspector of Yamhill county, and his brother-in-law, L. V. Swiggert, a Portland mining man, were in Bend Tuesday on their way home from a trip that extended to Paisley, in Lake county. When they were here two weeks ago they intended to return by way of Klamath Falls, but a horse failed them and they had to cut their journey short. After leaving the Deschutes, Mr. Potter saw no country that he liked except in the immediate vicinity of Paisley. He is likely to return and get a stock ranch in this county, possibly in the Sisters neighborhood. He is now engaged in importing and breeding Cotswold sheep at Gopher, Oregon.

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