

## DUTY OF WATER TOO LOW, STATE SPEAKERS AT HEARING; BOARD ENDS PRELIMINARY WORK HERE

### NORTH UNIT SEEKING TO RUSH ACTION WANTS FEDERAL AID

C. O. I. District Speaker Asks Commission To Recognize Needs of North Canal Unit—State Engineer Is Member of Audience.

The duty of water, set at 1.8 acre feet in Central Oregon, is entirely too low. On this point representatives of water using interests appearing at the hearing of the special water commission here Monday afternoon were agreed with but one exception. G. H. Brewster, for the Squaw Creek district, declared that 1.5 acre feet was sufficient. It was strongly intimated that with the development of Deschutes river irrigation resources, irrigable lands in already existing projects, which are now receiving less than the amount of water needed, should first be taken care of.

D. C. Henny, Col. J. B. Cavanaugh and Fred F. Henshaw, members of the commission, left Tuesday morning with P. Hetherington, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, and C. C. Fisher, U. S. reclamation service engineer, for Madras to go over the North unit. From there they will go to Portland, to receive briefs in elaboration of the statements made yesterday.

**Wallace Has Power Find.**  
N. G. Wallace, of Prineville, speaking in behalf of the North unit, created the sensation of the afternoon when he declared that from one point in Crooked river he could point out power sites capable of developing 5,000,000 horsepower. Mr. Wallace declared that the district stands on the cooperative report of 1914, and doubted the practicability of turning over the irrigation development of Central Oregon to the reclamation service. This might cause halting of work until 1923, he said.

As to the \$400,000 appropriated by congress in connection with Benham Falls storage reservoir work, he maintained that this amount should be used in cooperation with some unit that is ready to start immediate development. The Post reservoir site on Crooked river he declared to be a myth, but said that later the government could come in and store water at this point if needed. "Action at once—tomorrow," is what the district demands, he impressed on the commission in closing.

He was recalled by Mr. Henny, who inquired if a brief would supplement Mr. Wallace's statement. He was assured that a brief would reach the commission in from a week to 10 days.

"In that case, I'm afraid that 'action tomorrow' will not be possible," Mr. Henny smilingly observed.

### C. O. I. Work Told.

Glen Slack, speaking for the Arnold Ditch company, showed that the interest of his community lay in development of all the land, particularly 850 acres in that area not under entry. There are 4500 acres tributary to their ditch for which they have no water at present, on the basis of 1.5 feet per acre. Their maximum flow, 150 second feet, will be reached this year, he declared. So a unit lands could be irrigated through their ditch if it were enlarged and improved, he stated, and such a thing has been contemplated.

Jesse Stearns, of the C. O. I. company, described the work of the past 15 years, during which 400 miles of ditches and laterals have been constructed by the company. The company would like more water than the present flow of the Deschutes, but recognizes the claims of others. He suggested that all water users should pay for the water they get, to avoid waste. Many, he said, use four or five feet to the acre, and then are not satisfied. Others fail to use water when they should.

**Pleads for North Canal Unit.**  
H. H. De Armond, representing the C. O. I. district, told the commission of the district's plans for taking

## Deschutes Board Picks Own Name For Future Use

From now on the commission which is studying water resources and needs of Central Oregon will be known as the Deschutes board. The board is self-christened, and the action to provide a short, distinctive appellation was taken just before the members of the commission left Bend after the preliminary hearing held in this city.

## SILVER LAKE TO HAVE CREAMERY

### TRANSFER OF THE FORT ROCK PLANT TO NEW COMPANY COMPLETED YESTERDAY—DAIRY INDUSTRY GROWS.

Transfer of the Fort Rock creamery to the Silver Lake Cooperative creamery was completed Tuesday in Bend. The Silver Lake concern is a new company, recently organized with a capital stock of \$5000. The deal was arranged by H. M. Pease and Harvey Crampton, president and secretary of the Fort Rock creamery, and Louis Bennett and Guy Martin, holding similar offices in the new company.

The creamery will be moved immediately to Silver Lake and operations will be commenced as soon as possible. Members of the new organization now own 400 cows where, two years ago, there were no dairy cows in that district. Cream has been sold meanwhile to the Fort Rock creamery.

Interest in dairying has been aided by the formation of an irrigation district at Silver Lake, for which bonds have been voted and are now ready for sale. The district includes 8000 acres of irrigable land. Experimental growth of alfalfa on small tracts has shown good results. The soil is similar to that near Bend. Two good crops of alfalfa are expected each season.

### SUIT ASKING \$10,000 DAMAGES DEFEATED

Supreme Court Sustains Ruling of Circuit Judge Duffy in Case of Neelands vs. Dugan.

In the \$10,000 damage suit alleging slander started in circuit court here by Irene Neelands against Charles J. Dugan, the state supreme court has sustained the decision of Judge T. E. J. Duffy in which the demurrer of the defendant was allowed. R. S. Hamilton represented the defendant.

Although the suit was started and defeated under the name of Neelands vs. Dugan, the plaintiff in the action became Mrs. A. J. Kroenert shortly after the filing of the suit.

### TWIN LAKES MAY BE REACHED BY AUTO

Will Be Open To Fishermen Friday—Snow Gone At Crane Prairie, But Five Feet At Lava Lake.

Fishermen planning to open the season Friday at Twin lakes will be able to reach their destination by auto, according to word received at the Deschutes national forest headquarters from Ed Holmes at Lava lake.

Snow is practically gone at Crane Prairie, Holmes stated, but there is still five feet at Lava lake. Heavy rainfall has occurred in that region in the past few days.

## CATTLE ASSOCIATION ARRANGES PASTURE

Officers Re-elected—Will Range 93 Head On Brooks-Scanlon Land Above Arnold Ditch.

A meeting of the Bend Cattle association was held in the Commercial club rooms Saturday, last year's officers being re-elected. G. L. Moore is president and G. H. Slack secretary. The association will pasture 93 head of cattle on the outover land belonging to the Brooks-Scanlon Co. above the Arnold ditch. Louis Bildeau has a herd of 1600 goats on the same tract.

Members of the association who will pasture cattle on this area are: G. H. Slack, Charles Hoech, R. N. Colver, Charles Sipchen, N. Cristoferson, G. L. Moore, R. A. Puett, and perhaps others. The cattle are of both dairy and beef types.

## GOVERNMENT MAN WANTS LAVA BEAR

Elmer Williams Comes To Central Oregon To Wage War On Coyote. Then "Sand Lapper" Lures.

Irvin S. Cobb may soon have an opportunity to continue his hunt for the sand-lapper, or sun bear, as he insisted it should be called, in the Smithsonian Institution or other spot more convenient than the lava fields if Elmer Williams of Portland, of the U. S. biological survey, succeeds in a hunt which he plans.

Williams came to Central Oregon to protect the chickens of the Grange Hall district from coyotes. Considerable losses of barnyard fowls in that section are reported and Williams, connected with the predatory animal control work of the survey, will probably transfer one of his trappers to this field. He is making a visit to the camps of government trappers in this vicinity.

But while in the lava regions Williams expects to spend some time in a determined effort to locate the animal made famous in the columns of Ben Franklin's weekly, in order that the question raised by the renowned epicure may be definitely settled.

## FATHER BRAVES FIRE PERIL TO SAVE CHILDREN

### R. G. HENSLEY BADLY BURNED

### AWAKENED BY SMOKE

Brooder Believed To Have Started Flames At Farm House—Severe Burns Sustained By Father Will Not Prove Fatal.

Clad only in night attire, R. G. Hensley sustained severe burns on the shoulders, back and neck when he rushed through fire and smoke Tuesday night to rescue his children from his burning home, 7 miles from Bend on the Bear Creek road. Mrs. Hensley narrowly escaped death in making her way from the burning building. Hensley is being cared for at the nearby home of Charles Hoech. He will recover.

The explosion of a lamp used to warm a brooder kept in the house is thought to have started the fire shortly before midnight, but no absolute information on this point is available. Hensley was awakened by smoke and, not realizing the extent of the fire, went outside for water, believing that the blaze could be overcome.

The fire, however, had gained such headway as to render futile any efforts which he might make, and he ran through the flames to save the two children, one four years, the other one year old. Neither was harmed.

The house, valued at about \$2000, and its contents are a total loss.

## STATE DEPUTY IS GUEST OF WOODMEN

J. O. Burgess of Portland, State deputy for the Modern Woodmen of America, Tuesday night visited the lodge here and delivered an address.

Oscar O. Ritten was initiated at the meeting of the lodge.

## Thirteen Year Old Girl Claims Ownership of Calf, Identifies Hide, Indictment Declared Faulty

Thirteen-year-old Lois Stookey, claimant of ownership in the calf alleged to have been stolen from the corral of her father, Seth Stookey, was the first witness for the state in the trial of C. L. Evans and Jake Kooymann yesterday. She identified the hide produced in court as belonging to the calf, which she had known

since it was one day old. Lois explained that she claimed the calf, but that it was "probably papa's."

Attorney for the defense H. H. De Armond objected to the trial of the case under the grand jury's indictment on four counts, among them failure to specify the sex of the allegedly stolen animal. The objection was overruled.

## HOME BUILDING GAINS BECOME MORE GENERAL, REVIEW SHOWS

Encouraging reports continue to come in from all sections of the country relative to the increase in home building, says the American Lumberman, of Chicago. "In practically every section of the country negotiations are under way whereby it is sought to reduce the wages of building labor from the peak. Generally, where reductions have been made, building is largely stimulated, and it would seem that in two or three weeks the building labor situation should be well adjusted in practically all parts of the country."

"Production of lumber continues upon a restricted basis and while orders placed are not up to normal, nevertheless they exceed actual production, taking the country as a whole," says the Lumberman. "Shipments are coming forward promptly and mills are taking care of rush orders in good shape. The demand is such that the volume of grades suitable for building shipped exceeds the volume produced and consequently it is becoming difficult to place some orders which are badly mixed or which call for items in the most demand. This condition is particularly noticeable in the southern pine ter-

ritory and, as a consequence, eastern buyers are turning to the purchase of Douglas fir in spite of the very high freights which must be paid to get it into central western markets. "In the matter of prices there has been some tendency to firm up those for the lower grades, particularly in southern pine. Here and there may be noted a trend to reduce the prices of the better grades and this is due not so much to lack of demand as to a readjustment of the spread in values between the different grades. In normal times a wool suit is worth so much more than a cotton suit, and thus the best grade of lumber is worth so much more than a lower grade when conditions are normal. When the heavy demand for lumber arrived, however, the natural spread in price between grades was disrupted by the fact that certain grades were in much greater demand than others and as a consequence prices for the grades in most demand mounted much faster than those for the other grades. The natural spread in prices is now in process of adjustment, a fact which must be taken into consideration in any study of present market conditions."

## No Prisoner in Jails of Bend; Hames Released

For the first time in half a year no prisoner is behind the bars within the corporate limits of the city of Bend. Yesterday Tom Hames, serving a sentence for illicit manufacture of liquor, paid \$200, the amount remaining from his original fine, and was released from the county jail.

## WILL WAR ON SOCIAL EVILS

### HYGIENE SOCIETY TO SEND SPEAKERS

Commercial Club, American Legion, Public Schools, Other Organizations Back Campaign of Education—Committee Is Named.

Support of the publicity campaign soon to be waged in Bend by the Oregon Social Hygiene society was tendered by the Commercial club yesterday at its regular luncheon in the appointment of a member to represent that body on the local committee. J. O. Gibson was named at the request of J. E. Waggoner, field representative of the society, who explained the purpose of the campaign.

Other members of the committee named today are S. W. Moore, representing the schools, Frank R. Prince for the American Legion, and J. Edgar Pardy. Three other members are to be chosen, and there will also be a committee of women.

### Film Lectures Slated.

Dates have not yet been selected for the two speakers who will appear here, representing the society. J. E. Snyder of Corvallis, who spoke here on a Liberty loan drive several years ago, will come during the last week in April, addressing women and girls exclusively in the afternoon and men and boys exclusively in the evening.

H. M. Grant, formerly Bend high school principal, will appear the following week, with a lecture illustrated by films. This is for both men and women and is of an extremely interesting character, Mr. Waggoner declares. It will probably be given both afternoon and evening.

## JAMES CARTER FREED BY JURY

After being out more than eight hours, the jury sitting in the case of James T. Carter, on trial in circuit court on a statutory charge, brought in a verdict of not guilty at 6 o'clock yesterday morning. The case was turned over to the jury at 9:30 o'clock last night.

Crowds filled the courtroom to overflowing from the moment the case was called, Monday forenoon, until the final instructions were given to the jury. Spectators who were evidently under age were frequently ejected.

Neither the defendant nor the mother of the 15-year-old girl involved in the case appeared on the stand. Numerous witnesses testified to the character of the defendant. The girl was the chief witness for the state.

## HALF OF COUNTY TAXES ARE PAID

Approximately one-half of the taxes for Deschutes county have been collected, it was announced from the sheriff's office on Saturday. The total amount of taxes for the year was \$392,400.71, of which about \$186,000 has been turned into the county treasury. About the same percentage had been paid at this time last year.

After April 5 an interest of one per cent is attached to the amount of the tax. A penalty of five per cent is added after November 5.

## FARM LOAN IS HELD SUCCESS THROUGH STATE

### TOTAL OF \$11,452,430 IS TAKEN IN OREGON

### SUM WELL SCATTERED

Of 3,803 Borrowers In State, 129 Receiving Loans For \$246,080 Are In Deschutes County, Report on Second District Shows.

(Bulletin Washington Bureau.)

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Congressman Nicholas J. Sinnott has secured from the federal farm loan bureau, largely through the assistance of former Congressman A. F. Lever, nationally known as the author of the Lever food control bill, a mass of information concerning the operation of the federal farm loan act in Oregon, and particularly in the second congressional district, which has the distinction of having practically one-half of all the farm loans granted under the farm loan act in Oregon.

Up to date the total amount loaned in Oregon through this organization, the headquarters of which are at Spokane, amounts to \$11,452,432. The total number of borrowers in Oregon is 3,803. In the second congressional district the number of borrowers totals 1,558, and the total amount of loans granted in this district amounts in the aggregate to \$5,341,395.

### Funds Distributed

Distribution of this money through the second congressional district is interesting, and shows activity in every county. The association, the number of borrowers and the amounts loaned to each association are shown in the following table:

Name of Federal Farm Loan Association	Number of Borrowers	Amount Granted
Annex of Annex	22	\$63,350
Arlington of Arlington	11	21,200
Baker of Baker	102	420,000
Bonanza of Bonanza	26	66,225
Butte Creek of Fossil	64	325,135
Central of Madras	104	180,250
Condon of Condon	78	374,750
Crook Co. of Prineville	52	236,980
The Dalles of The Dalles	43	141,800
Dead Ox Flat of Payette	28	84,000
Deschutes of Bend	39	67,240
East Hood River	47	148,300
Elgin of Elgin	38	84,900
Fort Klamath	18	71,500
Fort Rock Valley	25	24,300
Long Creek of Long Creek	17	32,100
Lower Water of La Grande	64	192,050
Grande Ronde of La Grande	104	446,400
Hardman of Hardman	33	295,700
Hood River	18	39,700
Iron of Iron	41	214,800
Klamath Falls	53	151,140
Lower Bridge	17	45,550
Merrill of Merrill	21	66,700
Metalina of Metalina	34	57,750
Ontario of Malheur	60	228,900
Paulina of Paulina	26	74,550
Ramsay of Dufur	26	54,900
Redmond of Redmond	41	86,140
Sherman Co. of Moro	17	118,225
Sisters of Sisters	15	41,700
N. Grant Co. of Hamilton	21	53,150
Stock Growers of Burns	59	264,250
Stanfield of Stanfield	29	83,850
Tumalo of Tumalo	17	35,350
Upper Valley of Parkdale	29	54,850
Wallawa of Enterprise	53	244,350
Wasco of Wasco	25	169,400
White River of Wamee	33	54,700
Prairie City	10	32,500

## FIRE PREVENTION WEEK TO BE HELD

Films loaned by the national forest service will be shown in Bend theaters during National Fire Prevention week, May 23 to 29, according to present plans of the forest officials. "What a Careless Hunter Can Do" is the title of a film which will likely be chosen from among a number for presentation here.

Fire Prevention week will be participated in by all whose interest lies in this work, whether in the national forests, in the home, or in the cities.

## \$40,000 IS VOTED FOR NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

Silver Lake is assured of a new stone school building to take the place of the wooden structure destroyed by fire last winter. Just one vote was cast against the \$40,000 bond issue which will finance construction. The one vote was polled by a bachelor. Forty favored the expenditure.