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## WATER PROJECT CAN NOW BE DEVELOPED

DESERT LAND BOARD AND CENTRAL OREGON IRRIGATION COMPANY COME TO FINAL AGREEMENT AND THE COMPANY IS UNDER CONTROL—BY TERMS OF SETTLEMENT, IF OBLIGATIONS ARE NOT CARRIED OUT BOARD MAY TAKE UP COMPLETION OF THE ENTERPRISE

A special from Salem dated the 4th says: After being in session nearly all day today and until well after midnight last night, final agreement was reached today between the Desert Land Board and the representatives of the 240,000-acre Central Oregon irrigation project in this section. The supplemental agreement will be signed by board and company representatives this morning, signing being postponed because today is Sunday. By an added clause placed on the agreement at the suggestion of Governor West, the company is now practically under complete control of the board and should the company be responsible for delinquencies, the board could take up the completion of the project itself if so desired.

**Board May Take Action**  
"In event of failure of the company to keep the covenants or perform the obligations by it to be kept and performed under this contract, the board may declare it in default," reads the conclusion of the agreement. The company and the trustees shall thereupon be so notified and unless the company shall, within 90 days from the date of such notice, make good all existing delinquencies, the board is hereby authorized and it is hereby made its duty to take over the performance of the contracts to be per-

formed by the company and prosecute the work as fast as the available assets in the hands of the trustee or otherwise will permit, and the trustee in such event is hereby directed to pay out all funds on hand or which may be collected for account of the company upon vouchers to be approved by the board. All cash, notes and other assets remaining in the hands of the trustee after the completion of the contract of June 17, 1907, shall then be turned over to the company.

With this clause as consideration a reasonable extension of time is granted on the Benham Falls project.

Under the supplemental agreement members of the board are confident that the work on this, by far the largest project of its kind in Oregon, will be prosecuted to a successful conclusion.

**Canal to be Completed**  
Briefly, the company is to raise \$150,000 before March 1 this year, to complete the North Canal; all assets of the company are to be placed in the hands of a trustee and he is to have charge of all disbursements; the funds held by the trustee shall be used to complete the construction of the North Canal and for maintenance of the irrigation system; the trustee is author-

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## CREAMERY IS NEARLY READY OCCUPATION TAX REASONS

H. F. MEYER HAS BEEN PUSHING WORK ALONG RAPIDLY—MACHINERY WILL SOON BE INSTALLED—READY FOR RECEIVING CREAM SOON

The Redmond Creamery will be in operation next week. The work of building will be finished this week and most of the machinery installed, and H. F. Meyer, the proprietor, states he will be ready to receive cream the first of next week, for which Portland prices will be paid on the start.

Mr. Meyer is a man who believes in doing things, and the rapid construction of the creamery and getting it in condition for business is a sample of how he pushes things along. He stated to The Spokesman that a number of good dairy cows could be sold here to ranchers at once, and that the creamery project was receiving the support of the ranchers generally.

Mr. Meyer wants to get in touch with all the ranchers in the territory adjacent to Redmond and talk dairying to them, and explain the big benefits to be derived from keeping up a good dairy herd and selling the milk to the creamery in Redmond.

When in town call at the creamery on 7th street near the pumping plant, and see Mr. Meyer and hear what he has to say on the subject of dairying and bettering your condition.

Mr. Meyer states that he has received word from the Deputy Dairy and Food Commissioner that the holding of Farmers' Institutes in this section has been taken up by the Agricultural College at Corvallis, and the dates and places of holding the meetings will be announced later.

Mrs. J. P. Bates and three sons and a daughter arrived here from Oregon City Sunday night.

CUTTING DOWN OF CITY VALUATION OF PROPERTY BY THE COUNTY BOARD RESPONSIBLE FOR CONTINUANCE IN EFFECT OF THE TAX

The majority of the business men in Redmond are opposed to the "Occupation Tax" and pay it under protest. The Spokesman has never been in favor of the tax, but as it was a necessary burden when the city was first organized, in order to raise money for the conduct of the city business, we, like the rest of the business men, paid it.

This tax is still in force, and it is not through the fault of the mayor or any councilman that it is. The fault lies with the County Board of Equalization.

Councilman Lynch fully explained the situation to The Spokesman the other day, when asked why the Occupation Tax was still kept in force. His explanation was:

When the city charter was framed a limit of 10 mills taxation was made. This was considered amply high, and more than enough to meet all the necessary expenses of the city, if the city was taxed on the valuation that should be placed upon it.

The Occupation Tax was intended to only remain in force until January, 1912, as it was figured by that time enough money would have been received from direct property taxation to provide sufficient revenue for the running expenses of the city. And here is where the County Board of Equalization comes in:

At their 1910 meeting the board cut in half the assessed valuations of Madras, Bend and Prineville, and, not wishing to show any partiality in the matter, cut Redmond's already low valuation in half, making it so small that the 10 mill tax provided for in the charter was not sufficient to furnish funds for running the city.

The above is the reason given for the Occupation Tax still being in force.

The tax limit of 10 mills cannot be changed until the next city election, and in the mean time city officials say it is necessary to keep the Occupation Tax in force in order to raise money to keep the water and light systems in operation and pay other necessary running expenses.

The Spokesman, and probably a large majority of the business men of the city, did not know of the cutting down of the city's valuation, thereby cutting off city revenue, and this story is published to let the people know why the Occupation Tax is still kept in force.

Mayor Jones and the councilmen state they do not want to see the tax in force a minute longer than necessary. The mayor told The Spokesman that he hoped by June or July the city would be in a position to abolish this tax which has created so much bad feeling in the city.

### OPAL SPRINGS WATER SYSTEM IS ASSURED

The Culver Tribune is authority for the statement that the Culver-Opal Springs water system is now an assured fact; that \$35,000 of the stock has been subscribed, and work is to begin at once. The Tribune says: "This system will be unique in this respect: Farmers who contract for laterals to their land will be supplied with a water system equal to any in the best regulated cities, and will have the water piped all through their buildings with a pressure sufficient for fire protection, and will have enough for the sprinkling of lawns and small gardens. This will mean a great deal to the community at large as well as to the town."

Why is it wrong for a boy to go swimming on a hot Sunday in summer? Because his mother, who doesn't want to go, says it is.

## PHOTOGRAPHIC SUPPLIES

I have just received a new stock of all kinds of Photographic Supplies—Eastman films, printing paper, postal cards, developer, fixing powders, and everything necessary to print and develop pictures.

We have the Daylight Printing outfit, which does away with the old dark room method.

We develop and print for amateurs.

## Mendenhall's

### COMMERCIAL CLUB TO DANCE

WILL GIVE THEIR FIRST ANNUAL BALL ON FEBRUARY 22—EVENT PROMISES TO BE A RECORD BREAKER—COMMITTEE IS APPOINTED

At the special meeting of the Commercial Club last Friday evening it was decided to start the project of holding an annual ball, and February 22, Washington's Birthday, was set as the date for the first event.

The following committee on arrangements was appointed: A. J. Haney, chairman; I. P. Hewitt, G. E. Woodward, M. A. Lynch, Mrs. J. F. Hosh, Mrs. G. M. Slocum, and Mrs. H. F. Jones.

It is proposed to send invitations to all the other commercial clubs and leagues in the county, and to make the event one to be remembered and talked about until the next one rolls around.

### BUNCH OF GOOD BALL TOSSERS HERE

Redmond can boast of having as good a collection of ball players living here now as any town in the state. There is "Big" Ed Erickson, former chack pitcher of the pennant winning Vancouver, B. C., team; Tamp Osborne, another mound artist well known all over this state and Washington; E. E. Foote, the big back stop of the local team, and a University player of reputation; Hamilton, another University player who is always there with the goods; Walter Rodman, who is a wizard in the box, another U man; I. P. Hewitt, all around player and a U man of many athletic attainments; and McCauley and Tetherow, two good live ones who some day may break into the league. Besides the above there are a number of minor players here who go a fast pace on the diamond.

### POSTAL BOOKLETS ADVANCE SHEETS

Some advance sheets of the Postal Booklets advertising Redmond and vicinity, have been received by the Commercial Club. The whole issue of 10,000 is expected to be received here in a few days. These booklets are for general distribution, and those wishing same are requested to notify A. J. Haney, secretary of the club.

### A STONE STORE ON SIXTH ST.

C. H. IRVIN BEGINS ERECTION OF 25x60 ONE STORY STORE BUILDING WITH FULL PLATE GLASS FRONT—WILL BE THE FIRST STONE STORE

While some people here are putting on a long face and saying there is "nothing doing", others are going ahead and doing things. And that is what C. H. Irvin is doing—he is doing things.

Last Friday he bought the vacant lot on 6th street between G. M. Huffman's real estate office and the building occupied by W. H. Anderson. Saturday he had a crew of men at work on the foundation of his new building.

The store will be 25x60, 1-story, but built strong enough to add another story when desired. The same kind of stone that is being used in the depot building here will be used for the stone side and rear walls. The whole front of the building will be of plate glass and will present an attractive appearance.

Mr. Irvin also intends to build a corrugated iron ware house on the rear of the store building to extend clear to the alley.

This will be the first stone store building in Redmond, and will greatly lessen Mr. Irvin's insurance risk.

Construction work will be hurried along as fast as possible.

### GROUND HOG COULD SEE HIS SHADOW

Last Friday, Feb. 2, was "ground hog day". According to the old tradition the ground hog comes out of his hole that day, and if the sun is shining and he can see his shadow, he goes back into his hole for another six weeks of winter. The second was sunshiny and pleasant here all right enough, and Mr. Hog could see his shadow a plenty, and if he is a weather prophet and we are to have six more weeks of winter, that will bring spring around just where it should be—about the latter part of March. But it is not always safe to depend upon the ground hog prediction. Some times it is all right and again it is all wrong.

If a man deceives you once, shame on him. If he deceives you twice, shame on YOU.

## BUSY? YES,

always busy, but not too busy to extend a glad hand to all the people of Redmond and vicinity.

We are always glad to welcome you, and if we can be of any assistance to you it is yours for the asking.

We extend to you personally an invitation to visit the "Big Store." We would like to have your business, if in your judgment our prices and our methods justify it, but we would like to meet you anyway. Come in, let's get acquainted, it may do us both good.

Come in and see if we haven't a better store and better stock of goods than you expected to find.

Come in and see if we don't carry a better quality of goods and a larger assortment than any other store in Crook county.

Come in and see if we don't take care of the needs of the ladies just as well as we do those of the men.

We want you to see these things for yourself to be your own judge.

We know that our store is "The Highest in Quality, Lowest in Price," and we want you to know it.

So again we say, "Come In and See."

## EHRET BROS.

BIG DEPARTMENT STORE

Bring us your Butter and Eggs

We always Pay Market Price