

CITY COUNCIL ISSUES STATEMENT ON BONDS

Promise Railroad to This City Before Winter.

ANOTHER ELECTION REQUIRED

Possibility of Error Being Avoided This Time--Delay About Thirty Days.

To the People of the City of Prineville, Oregon:

In order that the people of Prineville may know exactly the status of the proposed Railway Construction Bonds, the plan of action to be adopted by the City, and the reasons for adopting this plan, the officers of the City make the following public statement:

The evening of Tuesday, the 6th of June, 1916, was the time set by the Council for receiving bids on our proposed \$100,000 bond issue. No bids were received at that time. That this call for bids had been fully advertised is shown by the fact that nearly one-hundred letters of inquiry and suggestion have been received by us within the last month. We now face the fact that these bonding companies have not found themselves in a position to buy our bonds even though the present demand for bonds is unusually good and the market high.

We find three general reasons for this lack of bids. First, the form of the bonds was not acceptable in that the optional period for redemption was too short. This optional period is always considered by bonding companies when making a bid. Our issue would not sell well unless raised from a ten to at least a twenty year redemption period. Second, all the companies agree that they figure the value of an issue on a 6 per cent basis. We called for bids on a 5 per cent bond and for that reason our issue would have been handled at a decided discount. The third and most serious objection to our bonds is that we offered no guarantee of their legality. Reliable bonding companies will not accept the opinion of local or Portland attorneys on this matter. They requested us to take our issue before the supreme court of this state in a friendly suit or else to procure an opinion from one of the few law firms in the United States who are final authorities on bonding issues. We called for unconditional bids, requiring the bidder to satisfy himself as to the legality of the issue before bidding. It is evident from the absence of bids that the preliminary opinions of these companies was not favorable to our issue. We know that the representative of at least one reliable company was ordered not to bid at any price as they considered the election voting our issue absolutely illegal. Neither Mr. Davidson nor the bonding companies will take our bonds on the record we have to offer at this time. There is only one way to procure a clear record and that is to hold a new election, and procure a competent legal opinion declaring its legality.

Prineville is not the only town in Oregon to fail in its first attempt to place a railroad bond issue on the market, which is considered the most difficult issue to make legal. Grants Pass is now happy and prosperous with a railroad, but it took three elections and a

Grange Picnic At Opal City Friday

A huge picnic was held at Opal City last Friday under the auspices of the Grange, which was attended by hundreds from that part of the district.

The Opal City Grange is one of the oldest of the few farmer's organizations of Central Oregon and has accomplished much toward the betterment of its community. At present there are about eighty active members. John Hendrickson, Ralph Armstrong and H. E. Keeney are officers of the association.

This annual picnic is part of a scheme of extension to interest and benefit farmers. Friday's event was featured by agricultural talks

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supreme court opinion to put through their bond issue. Roseburg is now on its third election and has taken its record to the Supreme Court of Oregon twice. Profiting by the experience of our past issue, which has failed, and by that of our neighboring towns, we have decided to adopt the plan finally followed by Grants Pass in its successful issue, and now being tried by Bend after failing in one election, and adopted by Burns and other towns in their first attempt to secure a railroad.

Under this plan, we place the entire supervision of our record with the legal department of some reliable bonding company, who agree to furnish all the necessary ordinances, resolutions, notices, ballots and other forms; agreeing to procure the favorable opinion of an expert guaranteeing the legality of our issue to the date of the call for bids, and further agreeing to place a bid at the proper time. We have made such a contract with Keelher Brothers of Denver, who are to start work on our proceedings immediately. The city has placed itself under no obligations whatsoever to accept the bid of Keelher Brothers, but will be in a position to accept the bids of Mr. Davidson or any bonding company.

We shall place the new issue at the original sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars, making the rate 6 per cent and changing the optional period from ten to twenty years. We believe that the people of Prineville sincerely and unitedly wish to build a railroad from Prineville to a connection with the main line. We believe that we have your support in our efforts to secure the means to build this road. We honestly believe that the quickest way to bring in this railroad is to begin anew and adopt the plan for the new issue which we have outlined to you.

As officers of the City of Prineville, we are endeavoring to the best of our ability to serve the wishes of a majority of its people and the best interests of this community. We are not attempting to hide our past mistakes from you nor to disguise our plans for the future. We ask for your hearty co-operation in bringing a railroad to Prineville, completed before the coming winter, and we feel now that if you will give us a favorable vote on this issue at the coming election, we are in a position to promise you that actual construction work will be begun within ten days after the election.

Prineville, Oregon, June 7th, 1916.

(Signed)

D. F. Stewart, Mayor.

John B. Shipp, Carey W. Foster, H. D. Still, G. P. Reams, Wm. J. Pancake, N. G. Wallace, Councilmen.

Statira Biggs, City Attorney.

Republican Presidential Possibilities



THEODORE ROOSEVELT



CHARLES E. HUGHES



ELIHU ROOT



C. W. FAIRBANKS



SAMUEL W. MCCALL



WILLIAM E. BORAH



A. B. CUMMINS



H. D. ESTABROOK



R. M. LA FOLLETTE



M. G. BRUMBAUGH



THEODORE E. BURTON



JOHN W. WEEKS

Any one of this group may be selected as the Republican candidate for President at the Chicago Convention before Saturday night.

TUCKER DROWNED IN DES CHUTES SUNDAY

Madras Man Meets Death While Fishing.

BOAT OVERTURNED WITH THREE

Prineville Masons Attend Funeral Services Today--Body Found Tuesday.

The Deschutes River added another victim to its toll of many tragedies when Tom Tucker of Madras was drowned Sunday near Vanora. He with Austin Culp and son had secured a boat and were fishing in the swift water, when in making a cast, Mr. Tucker, who was a heavy man, caused the boat to capsize. Of the three men, Culp was the only one who could swim and he immediately started to shore with his son. Glancing back he saw Tucker standing waist deep in the water, supposedly on a submerged rock or shallow place, but when he and his son reached safety no one was in sight in the river. It is thought that the victim thinking the water was shallow started for shore and became ensnared in

one of the many treacherous holes of the Deschutes. An alarm was sounded and a search for the body begun. It was late Tuesday evening before blasting raised the body, fully two miles below the scene of the tragedy. Mr. Tucker was a man about fifty years old and was well known in the county.

OPAL SPRINGS PLANT IS NOW IN OPERATION

At the bottom of the Crooked River gorge near Opal Springs, a point five miles southeast of Culver, Jefferson county, is a pumping system which is the unit in one of the most unique projects of the state. Picture to the mind the rugged slopes and almost inaccessible walls of the Crooked River canyon and a mental idea of the difficulties overcome is fixed.

Because of the great height to which the water had to be raised a pump could not be found to perform the task. Earl Thompson, engineer and manager of the project, went to Portland and in eight months returned with a pump of his own design, which now silently, masterfully, with little vibration, daily lifts 35,000 gallons of water through a four inch pipe, to a height of 830 feet.

A flume carries water from Opal Springs to a 200 foot, twelve inch

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ELLIOTT DAMSITE IS ONLY FEASIBLE ONE

Will Cost Much Less than Any Other Reservoir

ONE RESERVOIR ON THE M'KAY

Location at Kemmling Ranch Found to Be the Most Practical

The investigation of the various reservoir locations for the storage of water for the Ochoco Irrigation district has revealed the facts that the location of the large dam at the David Elliott place east of this city is the only one that is feasible from a standpoint of cost and storage capacity, on the Ochoco.

On McKay the best reservoir location is on the John Kemmling place, while another of less value is located on the Alex Hinton place.

The board instructed Engineer Rea at their regular meeting on Tuesday, when these reports were submitted, to confine future investigations to these two locations. The work will be rushed as rapidly as possible, and will be completed

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RABBIT BOUNTY LIKED BY HARNEY PEOPLE

Measure Will Be on Ballot Here in November.

SIGNERS NOW BEING SECURED

All Must Be in During June--Stockmen Favor Measure--Pest Is Menace.

The Harney County Tribune, published at Burns, has the following to say concerning the rabbit bounty:

The Times-Herald published a small article from the Oregon Farmer wherein R. A. Ward, Biological assistant at Redmond, aired his views on Harney County's rabbit bounty. The gentleman says the means of destroying the rabbits is too expensive, and will have to stop. We beg to differ with Mr. Ward and the Oregon Farmer. The bounty will not have to cease on account of it being a drain on the treasurer's funds as the rabbits are getting scarcer all the time, and the farmers are not experiencing any disadvantages from them this year, which speaks volumes for the bounty, the means of getting rid of them. The bounty paid leaves the money where it will do the most good and does no harm to the taxpayers and it certainly is getting rid of the rabbits.

"We lift our voices in protest to any move which would remove the bounty law. It is a good thing and we need all the good things."

The Tribune has hit the matter squarely on the head. It is not a matter of how much will be paid for rabbit bounties but the only question is this: Will a rabbit and his offspring for the year eat five cents worth of crops and grass from the ranges? If so, then it is good business to pay five cents and have him killed.

If Crook county should pay \$50,000 in a single year for the extermination of rabbits, which is not at all unlikely, this would mean that a total of a round million rabbits have been taken off the ranges and out of the grain and alfalfa fields of the county.

True, the total is a neat little sum of money. But what about the total amount of property destroyed by that number of rabbits? That is the only question.

If you want to help get the bounty measure on the ballot for this November, get a copy of the petition from this office or from Homer Norton at Post, and circulate it. All petitions must be in during this month.

\$20,000 Fire at Redmond Yesterday

A disastrous fire at Redmond about four o'clock yesterday morning, consumed the general store of Taliaferro Bros., the Brown and Reynolds' barber shop and Butler's drug store. The origin of the fire is not known, but it is thought that it started in the rear of the barber shop. There was some insurance but not enough to cover more than fifty percent of the losses.

Score Was 20 to 6.

The Paulina baseball team arrived full of hope Sunday but left very badly annihilated indeed. A score of 20-6 was computed after the fireworks.