

TRAINS POSSIBLE BY MAY 1

Council Completes Plans for Immediate Construction at Regular Meeting Held Tuesday Night

BOND SALE NETS MORE THAN PAR

Bid Was \$98,000.00 Plus Accrued Interest and Further Interest up to the Time Money is Actually Used---Committees Appointed

Council Will Ask for Figures on About 60,000 Ties for the Road and Bridge Across Crooked River Will Receive Immediate Consideration

Committees consisting of Mayor Stewart, H. Baldwin and M. E. Brink for the west end of the line, and N. G. Wallace, George Dixon and other citizens who will be selected by Mr. Wallace for work on the east end of the railway, are in the field securing deeds for right of way for Prineville's railroad, and hope to have the greater part of it secured during the next ten days.

The survey has been completed, maps drawn and complete estimates made by engineer Kelly, and a start on construction will be made as soon as the right of way has been secured for a part of the distance.

The bond sale was completed Thursday evening last, when Keeler Brothers of Denver purchased them at \$98,000 cash, plus \$1,000 accrued interest, and further interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum up to the time the money is all expended. This is considered worth not less than \$2,000 more to the city.

L. A. Booth of The Dalles was present and bid up to 101 for \$43,000 worth of the bonds, but because of the lower bid offered for the remaining block the sale to the Denver firm was the best.

Mr. Keeler was present and made a payment of \$5,000 on the purchase and will return by the middle of January and receive the bonds, and make final payment for them.

This practically solves the financing of the road and clears the way for immediate action, which was taken at the regular Tuesday evening meeting of the council.

In addition to the right of way committees' work, the cost of approximately 60,000 ties which will be required for the road will be determined at once, and a committee was appointed to work with the engineer in the purchase of piling for the bridge, and other places that it will be needed, about 150 pieces in all.

The cost of a bridge will be determined, and the advisability of using steel, or other material will be decided upon at an early meeting when the difference in prices is determined. A heavy cut on the west end of the line will be made at once.

The Oregon Trunk and O-W railways have been notified that the council is ready to contract for the delivery of the steel and rolling stock with which to equip the road.

The council wishes to impress upon the public that this is the peoples' road, that they will be called upon to assist in a moral way at least in the securing of rights of way and in other ways, and with their support the early completion of the project will be easy.

All arrangements are being made so that as soon as the weather becomes so that danger of freezing is past, and dirt can be handled without too great expense, the work can be rushed to completion.

Some of the councilmen are of the opinion that trains are possible by May 1, while others set the date 30 days later.

The work will perhaps be contracted, they say, at least parts of it, but that the road will be built in the shortest possible time is the united desire of the council.

MRS. SKEFFINGTON



Photo by American Press Association. Mrs. F. S. Skeffington, widow of the Irish editor slain by the English, who recently escaped to America with her son.

MADRAS TAKES COUNTY SEAT FROM CULVER

Moye Was Made January 1 as Vote Provided

LITTLE "JEFF" HAS FIREWORKS

Seventy-Five Citizens of Madras and Surrounding Country Take County Seat

A force of 75 or more people from Madras and the country nearby went to Culver in the early hours Monday and loaded the county records and other property of all offices excepting the sheriff, district attorney and county superintendent into wagons and autos, and took them to Madras, where it appears the county seat is today.

The possibilities of this kind of a ruse had never occurred to the Culverites, and they were at breakfast or peacefully slumbering when they awoke to the fact that the enemies were in possession of the courthouse and before the full realization of the facts dawned upon them the wagons and autos were moving toward the town to the north, accompanied by cheers from the Madras people and their sympathizers.

Sheriff Black arrived in time to save a part of his property from the invaders, and a part of it was taken by sheriff-elect James Wood, which may result in a situation where both men will claim the office of sheriff.

Several guns were in evidence, it is said, and both the Madras and Culver people were in some instances in readiness to defend themselves but there was happily no use of firearms.

District Attorney W. P. Myers who refused his successor, Bert C. Boylan, of Madras, admittance to his office as he had not yet taken the oath of office and thus held the records, telegraphed the governor for the militia which was promptly refused by the chief executive.

Sheriff Black made an attempt to get state troops to return the records to Culver, also without result, and Deputy Sheriff R. C. Hillman and Geo. Rodman left on the next train for Salem to plead with the governor for aid.

The case has grown out of the litigation, over the location of the county seat, and in which the people seemed to consider possession about nine points. Had they delayed until the following day, the Madras people think another injunction might have been issued, preventing a removal.

CROOK COUNTY HIGH REOPENED TUESDAY

165 Students, New Ones From Post and Portland

SEMESTER ENDS IN 3 WEEKS

Address of Homer Davenport on Monday Next—Band Will Appear Soon

School opened again Tuesday morning with lots of enthusiasm, which we mutually pledged to carry through the remainder of the school term. Mr. Baughman told us that we should be happy and try to make others so, yet serious in applying ourselves to our daily tasks whatever they may be.

Orville Yancey and Audry Noble of last year's class were present at the opening exercises and each bade us a happy and successful New Year. Orville will be remembered as one of our state championship debaters and Audry as a member of the cast of the "Fannev" play of last year.

We have the pleasure of adding the names of Bernice Scott of Portland, the Gibson brothers of Post, and Rolla Weigand, who has been out several weeks on account of illness, to our present enrollment, making a total of 165 students.

The high school band will appear in concert soon. The exact date of performance will be announced later.

Miss Jackson, Mrs. Terrill and Messrs. Baughman, Smith and Davis of the high school faculty attended the state teachers association in Portland last week. They report a very enthusiastic meeting.

Only three weeks more until semester exams, which means that one-half of our school year is gone. We believe, if throughout the coming semester, the same spirit of progress and success permeates our efforts that has heretofore been manifested, the year will have been one of the successful ones for old Crook County High. This is our endeavor with forethought and intent.

Clarence Dishman will continue the splendid addresses we have been hearing from our seniors next Monday morning with a discourse on Homer Davenport, a cartoonist. If Clarence can manage successfully his class play, why couldn't he make a good speech?

GENERAL MANGIN



General Mangin, the French commander who recently drove the Germans back at Verdun.

ANNUAL NEW YEAR RECEPTION IS HELD

Large Number of People Attend Annex Function

DECORATIONS VERY BEAUTIFUL

Blending of Colors and Subdued Lighting Effect Produce Beautiful Result

The annual New Year Reception, given by the ladies of the Annex, was better this year than ever before, if that is possible. The decorations were of a distinct and original type, and blended beautifully in the subdued light of colored candles.

The reception room, which was presided over by the former presidents of the Annex, was decorated with Juniper, with the blue berries in place, which affords one of nature's blendings that is rarely equaled.

The second room was decorated with Fir, and a liberal splash of red carnations.

The third, where refreshments were served, was also of the same plan.

Beautiful gowns, worn by the elite of the city, were of a class that cannot be excelled anywhere.

A musical program of about two hours' duration was given, and the annual function for this city was pronounced an unqualified success.

BURNS DETECTIVE ON JOB IN DESCHUTES

F. L. Masters Of Detective Agency at Work

HIRED BY DESCHUTES PEOPLE

Investigating Election Record, and Says All Elections Are Irregular

F. L. Masters, one of the famous Burns detectives, has been in Bend for several days checking over the alleged irregularities in connection with the election there, and is in Prineville today we are informed to report his findings to someone.

District attorney Wirtz says that he has never met Mr. Masters, and knows nothing about him whatever.

N. G. Wallace says that he knows that the detective has been employed by Deschutes county people for the investigation, and that while some Prineville people may have known of the matter, they were not the prime movers in securing the services of Mr. Masters, who is said to have made the statement that all elections are more or less irregular.

"There has been no private detectives working in Crook County under the district attorney's office investigating so-called election frauds at Bend or in any other precinct in the county. If the county is employing private detectives to ferret out so-called election frauds, it is being done under some other official," said Mr. Wirtz yesterday.

"I have talked with no detectives regarding any election investigations and knew nothing about the investigations being made until I saw an account of the presence of a Burns' detective in one of the Bend dailies on Tuesday of this week.

"If any evidence of election frauds has been uncovered, such evidence will be placed before the grand jury when it meets next Monday, but mere irregularities of election officials cannot be taken up and will not be taken up by my office.

"The failure of election officials to follow all the red tape provided by law has nothing whatever to do, in my opinion, with the qualifications of the voters. A qualified voter cannot be deprived of his vote merely because a registration official or clerk of an election has not signed his name to a printed oath on a card or piece of paper.

"If such law violations are to be taken up by the grand jury, we will begin at home and we will not begin in the Bend precinct until the home precincts have been cleaned up, and when we have tried all the local violators of the election laws, we will work over toward Bend. From the number of such violations that have come to my attention we will get to the Bend precincts about the 1st of July, for I have yet to find a precinct, no matter how small, where there were not some slight irregularities, that might cause some if not all of the election officials of that precinct some trouble should the grand jury see fit to indict them for intentional and wilful and malicious violation of the law.

"However, if any detective has found where any voter repeated or where registration lists were padded or where there were gross frauds in the handling of returns by election officials which amounted to a wilful and malicious attempt to pervert the results, such cases will be taken up and prosecuted to the fullest extent, regardless of whom such prosecutions might affect."

The second quarterly conference will be held at the Methodist church in this city on Saturday evening at 7:30. Superintendent H. C. Perry will preach on Sunday at 11 o'clock, preaching by the pastor in the evening. Everybody invited.



LYNDEN GORDON COMPANY.

Will appear at Commercial Club on the night of January 6. The Second of the Commercial Club's Lyceum Course for the winter