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OCHOCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT LEGALIZED

ALL ACTIONS OF THE BOARD OF
DIRECTORS CORRECT

DECREE WAS SIGNED FRIDAY

Judge Duffy Passes on All Points
of Organization and
Assessments

(By Jay H. Upton)

The legality of the organization of the Ochoco Irrigation District, and all its subsequent proceedings including the election for the authorization of bonds in the amount of one million one hundred thousand dollars, the incurring of indebtedness in the amount of over fifteen thousand dollars and the issuing of warrants in payment thereof, the legality of the warrants themselves and the levying of a tax of ten cents per acre to meet the interest and operation charges for the ensuing year has been validated and confirmed by a judgment of the Circuit Court of Crook County, entered on the 26th of February, 1917.

This decree absolutely and finally fixes the legal status of the district and is absolutely conclusive. There is and can be no further question about the right of the board of directors to proceed with the business of the district and begin operations on a large scale whenever it can find a market for its bonds.

The statute provides a means by which any act of the board of directors or of the district can be confirmed and validated by special proceeding brought in the circuit court and the board of directors has taken that action and all their proceedings have been fully confirmed.

The sale of bonds will necessarily be delayed until the petitions which have been filed by a number of land owners having partial water rights for all their lands to have their lands excluded from the boundaries of the district, have been determined. No bond house will interest itself until this matter is settled. I do not know what action the board of directors will take on these various petitions, but each one will necessarily stand upon its own bottom. In my own opinion, I do not think the law intends to give any person a right to have his land excluded from the district simply because he has a perfected water right. The time to object to the inclusion of such lands was when the original petition to organize the district was before the county court and before the district was organized. Having failed to make any objection at that time and all such lands having been included in the district, no right of withdrawal now exists in favor of any such lands. The law gives the district a right to condemn private water rights upon payment of a proper compensation and also provides that no such lands may be taxed until such condemnation or purchase is made.

Proceedings such as have been brought can have no other effect than to delay the completion and operation of the district, unless the board shall find that it will be to the best interest of the district to exclude such lands and this is entirely a matter of discretion on the part of the board of directors.

It seems to be the opinion of bond buyers that the new irrigation district law will mean an increase of not less than 5 per cent in the value of the bonds and this will mean a profit to our district of not less than \$50,000.00. The Ochoco Irrigation District stands high in the estimation of the outside public, and it seemed to be the general consensus of opinion that we would not have any trouble in finding a ready market for our bonds.

Mrs. John P. Hopper was in Prineville Saturday from Powell Butte.

SENATOR LANE



Senator Lane, of Oregon, only Coast senator against giving President authority he asked from Congress.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH HAS A NEW LEADER

Rev. J. H. Gervin, Mrs. Gervin and three children arrived Thursday evening from their former home at Walton, Indiana, and Mr. Gervin held his first services Sunday as pastor of the First Christian Church of this city.

A royal welcome was extended the pastor and his family on Saturday evening when a large number of the members and friends of the church gathered for a "pound party" and general reception in their honor.

Mr. Gervin is a man of exceptional ability, and wide experience. He has been on the Chautauqua circuit, and has a contract which was signed before the arrangement was made for his coming here, for six weeks of his time this summer, which he will fill.

The Christian Church is to be congratulated on securing a man of his ability, and continued growth of the church is sure to result, under his leadership.

FIRE DESTROYED HOME LAST SATURDAY NIGHT

The home of J. E. Myers in this city was almost completely destroyed by fire Saturday night about 10 o'clock.

The blaze started in the kitchen where Mr. Myers had been repairing an auto tube, and he had supposed at least, extinguished the blaze in the vulcanizer.

Gasoline had been used in this work however, and it is thought by some that an explosion had occurred for the entire rear of the residence was filled with flames before the fire department arrived.

The contents of the building were almost all consumed, and the house itself is but a shell. The house belonged to Mrs. M. J. Wigle, and no insurance was carried on either the house or its contents it is said.

A FUR MARKET

Good Price Paid for Jack Rabbit
Skins

The Prineville Commercial Club, through its secretary, Jay H. Upton, began several months ago an investigation for the purpose of finding a market for jack rabbit skins and has at last secured a price which will mean considerable profit, if any of the farmers have had the foresight to save the skins of the many rabbits that have been caught this winter.

A price of from 12 to 15 cents each will be paid by Funston Bros. Co., of St. Louis, for winter caught jack rabbit skins, the price depending upon size and quality. The club has made arrangements for shipping and orders must arrive in St. Louis by March 15, which will necessitate immediate delivery.

All farmers with furs on hand can deliver them to the club and it will attend to the shipping and collection without charge.

The Journal is only \$1.50 a year.

UNION MEETING WAS VERY SUCCESSFUL

FORTY-FIVE PERSONS ON LIST
OF CONVERTS

MORE THAN \$500 VOLUNTEERED

Dr. Lyon Will Perhaps Return Next
Year—Party Is Now Work-
ing Elsewhere

Thursday evening marked the close of the union evangelistic services in Prineville, at which time fifteen conversions were made and of course one of the most successful meetings of the series was the result.

Forty-five persons were converted during the meetings, and a great benefit to all the churches in the community, by an awakening of the needs of the churches and their responsibilities, also their opportunities has resulted.

From a financial standpoint the meetings were successful also. Although Dr. Lyon came to Prineville without a guaranteed sum for his services, more than \$500 was raised for him and his workers, besides the expense of conducting the meeting.

It is the unanimous voice of the people that Dr. Lyon return to Prineville not later than next year for another series of meetings, which will be much more successful than the series just closed for the reason that his unusual ability is now recognized by everyone who heard him.

He opened a series of meetings at South Bend, Washington, Sunday.

MILLINERY OPENING SUCCESS

Window Display Proves a Strong
Feature

The millinery opening at the Elite Millinery last Thursday was a great success, and Mrs. Lewis says that her business has been very satisfactory for the first week.

One of the strong features of the business is its location, which permits a frequent change of the window display to great advantage.

New hats are being offered each day, and the styles cover a wide range.

ART BENNETT KILLED INSTANTLY FEB. 28

A. L. HACKNEY OF BURNS FIRED
THE FATAL SHOT

MAN MISTAKEN FOR COYOTE

Was Wearing Coyote Skin Cap and
Tan Colored Coat at Time—
Hackney on \$5,000 Bail

Art Bennett was shot and instantly killed by A. L. Hackney of Burns on the afternoon of February 28, near the Sam Price place north of Burns postoffice.

Bennett and a companion started on a hunt for sage hens after noon on the fatal day, and it happened that Bennett was wearing a cap made from a coyote skin, and a tan colored coat.

Floyd Hackney and his brother A. L. Hackney who live in Burns were passing through the country buying hides and as they were proceeding on their way to Burns, A. L. Hackney saw what he supposed was a coyote under a tree some distance away in the high sage brush. He took his 30-30 carbine, jumped from the wagon, and fired as soon as he could get a bead on the object.

Because of the great distance he supposed that he had missed and climbed into the wagon and drove on.

This is from his own story of the shooting, and tracks in the snow support the statement he made to the authorities.

When found, Bennett was dead, in a sitting posture, his gun was leaning against a nearby tree, and he held a knife in his right hand which, from other circumstances would indicate that he was cleaning sage hens at the time the shot was fired.

The bullet entered the left shoulder and coursed downward through the body, shattering the spine.

The body was not discovered until late Thursday, and on Friday Coroner Poindexter, Sheriff Knox and County Physician Rosenberg went to the scene of the tragedy.

Hackney was placed under arrest at Fife, was brought to Prineville

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SENATOR LA FOLLETTE



Senator La Follette, of Wisconsin, who led the filibuster which deprived the President of authority to arm merchant ships.

PRINEVILLE, PORTLAND AND SEATTLE MARKETS

Prices quoted in the local markets today are as follows:

Wheat, marquis,	\$ 1.50
Blue Stem,	1.55
Rye,	1.00
Barley,	40.00
Oats,	33.00
Bran,	25.00
Mids.,	33.00
Hay, loose,	9.00 @ 10.00
Hay, baled,	11.00 @ 13.00
Wood, dry,	\$5.90 @ \$6.00
Wood, green,	4.50 @ 5.00
Gasoline,35
Butter, creamery,45
Butter, country,40
Butter fat,38
Potatoes,03
Eggs,30
Lard, 5s,	1.10
Lard, 10s,	2.15

Portland.

Wheat—Club \$1.63; bluestem \$1.69;
red Russian, \$1.60; forty-fold, \$1.69.
Barley—No. 1 feed, \$39 per ton.
Hay—Timothy, \$20 per ton; alfalfa, \$16.
Butter—Creamery, 37c.
Eggs—Ranch, 24c.
Wool—Eastern Oregon, 36c; valley, 41c.
Hops—1916 crop, 4@8c; 1917 contracts, 12@11c.

Seattle.

Wheat—Bluestem \$1.70; club \$1.66;
forty-fold, \$1.66; red Russian, \$1.63;
five, \$1.61; turkey red, \$1.71.
Barley—\$39 per ton.
Butter—Creamery, 38c.
Eggs—28c.

NEW CASH HARDWARE

H. R. Lakin to Open New Business
Soon After April 1

H. R. Lakin will open a hardware store in the building formerly occupied by the Winnek Company on the corner of Fourth and Main Streets soon after April 1.

The building was leased a few days ago, and will be equipped for the new business, which will occupy both stories. The lease is for seven years.

Mr. Lakin will conduct the business alone, and will start with a medium sized stock, and add to the lines as the business develops.

He will specialize on shelf and builders hardware, but will carry everything in the hardware line. Sales will be made for cash only he says, and the prices will be regulated accordingly.

Mr. Lakin had a number of years' experience in this line with The W. F. King Company. He will sell or close out the business he is now conducting before April 1.

PAULINA STOCKMEN TO MEET

The Date Selected is Next Saturday,
March 10th

The Paulina Livestock Association will meet at Paulina next Saturday afternoon, at which time a number of important issues will be up for discussion.

Now turn to the Classified Ads on Page 3.

COUNTY BONDS FOR ROADS ARE PROPOSED

MATTER COULD BE DECIDED AT
JUNE ELECTION

PLAN NOW UP TO COMMITTEE

Would Enable County to Get State
Funds of Amount Equal
to Bond Issue

That Crook County be bonded in the sum of not less than \$100,000 and not more than \$200,000 was proposed at the luncheon at Prineville Hotel Friday, and the matter was referred to a committee which will report at the meeting at the Oregon Hotel tomorrow.

The plan may be submitted to the voters at the June election, and would be of no additional expense, as a special election will be held at that time to vote on the state bond issue of about \$7,000,000.

The matter of whether this action is now proper was left with a committee, to report tomorrow, and this committee will also report on the advisability of the state bond issue for citizens of this county.

Wheeler county citizens will expend \$20,000 on the Prineville-Mitchell road it was announced also, and the Forest Service will have \$15,000 for the Ochoco road this year. This last amount must be met by an equal sum from the county court of Crook County however, and this will consume all the available funds for road work this year.

This stimulated the discussion of a bond issue for the construction of roads into the Paulina and Bear Creek country, and the plan as presented has many good features.

The policy of the high school was discussed also, and this matter was left to a committee also. This committee consists of E. J. Wilson, C. W. Elkins, W. L. Dishman, H. J. Lister and Rev. W. L. Van Nuy.

J. F. Blanchard addressed the meeting regarding some important taxation matters.

JUDGE SPRINGER WILL REMAIN IN OFFICE

G. Springer is and will remain, for the present at least, judge of Crook County.

The Judge telegraphed Governor Withycombe yesterday, stating that he would withdraw his conditional resignation.

In explaining the matter today he said that people who were most clamorous in their demands for his resignation a few days ago, were urging him to continue in office.

The matter of the selection of his successor has made his continuation in office desirable to those who have the best interests of the county at heart.

He says that while he would prefer to retire from the place, he will not do so as long as the people demand that he continue as judge.

PRINEVILLE BEEVES AGAIN TOP MARKET

Our representative at North Portland again imparts the information that cattle from Prineville established a new high record on the market Monday morning.

This time it was a car of cows, shipped in by Nicholas & Mace and the price was \$8.15 which is the highest price ever paid for fat cows in this market. The entire load sold for the above figure, no cut being asked.

A car of steers by the same people were sold at \$9.60 without a cut. Tom Houston had two cars on the same market which sold at a good figure.



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