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NEW PHONE LINE FOR POWELL BUTTE

To better serve the Powell Butte patrons of the Deschutes Mutual Telephone company, the board of directors Thursday night ordered the addition of another line into this territory. This line is calculated to relieve the two lines operated at present, as both are overloaded, one serving twenty-three patrons and the other twenty.

The improvement will be accompanied by the general repair of the pole line to Powell Butte. The work will be started without delay, according to M. C. Conlon, and is estimated to cost about \$500—Redmond Spokesman.

AUTO STEALING RING EXPOSED

The existence of what authorities believe to be an organization for the theft and disposal of autos, with representatives in at least four Oregon counties east of the mountains, has come to light as the result of an accident which occurred to one of the alleged stolen cars, a Ford, which broke down at Beaver Marsh while being taken from Klamath Falls to Bend. In the train of events following the delay is included the arrest of C. H. Shuter, local second hand dealer, on a charge of complicity in the theft, the arrest of Geo. Taylor of Bend, charged with having liquor in his possession, and the capture of Oscar Houston of Prineville on an auto stealing charge.

Houston and Shuter are both on the way to Klamath Falls today in custody of Sheriff Humphrey, and Taylor, who was arrested here, will face trial in Prineville. Hanging over Houston's head is a warrant charging theft of a Buick car in Pendleton.

A week ago the individual said to have originally taken possession of the Klamath Falls Ford left the machine at Beaver Marsh. He continued his trip to Bend, however, and sold the car to Shuter, giving the latter a bill of sale bearing the name Fred M. Jackson. The entire transaction took place in Bend.

Shuter then hired Houston to drive to the marsh in his Buick and tow the stalled car to Bend. At Crescent, however, they were overtaken by the owner of the Ford, who regained his property and started back for Klamath. Sheriff Roberts, who had Shuter and Houston under surveillance arrested the former on his re-appearance in Bend, and shortly after, Houston was jailed in Prineville. Communications with Umatilla county officials established the claim that the Buick driven by Houston had been stolen in Pendleton.

On arriving in Prineville, Houston had put the car in a private garage. After the arrest, it is charged, George Taylor of Bend made his appearance in the Crook county seat and abstracted 15 gallons of whiskey from the car which Houston had been driving. Taylor was picked up in Bend on a warrant held by Sheriff Combs of Crook county.

Another light car, thought to have been taken in the Tumalo section, was recovered by the authorities in the course of the investigation.—Bend Bulletin.

The Ford car mentioned above is now at the Inland Garage this city, its engine No. appears to be 3,748-876, but this may be an error as the number appears to be somewhat obliterated. It has a three speed transmission, is a touring car, carries no license and has never been, so far as information obtained, registered in this state. According to records of the factory, this car was assembled at Cincinnati, Ohio. This car is supposed to have been stolen, but no further information has been obtained.

According to a written statement made by Houston just before leaving Bend for Klamath Falls, a man by the alleged name of DeFray employed him to assist in the sale of a number of cars represented as being the property of a used car concern of Portland. DeFray is said to have delivered to Houston a Dodge car which he took to Silverlake and at-

DR. ROSENBERG IS ESPECIALLY HONORED

Dr. J. H. Rosenberg of Prineville was unanimously elected president of the Oregon State Elk's association Saturday morning at the convention at Salem. Dr. Rosenberg is a prominent citizen of Prineville and a well liked doctor in this part of the country. He has been a member of the Elks for some time and is an interested worker in that association. The convention was held last year at Klamath Falls, Dr. Rosenberg and several others from Prineville attending.

The vice-presidents of the convention were chosen from Medford, Marshfield and Salem, without any opposition. The treasurer, of Klamath Falls, was re-elected and the other officers were also re-elected, being very earnest officials in the convention.

The association adopted regulations pledging co-operation in railway safety, and protection of Elk from extinction. The convention adjourned at noon and many of the visitors left for their homes that afternoon. A large entertainment was given Saturday evening for all those who remained, the business and adoption of resolutions being transacted in the morning.

Senator Chamberlain and Congressman McArthur were both present at the morning session. The Senator said that the spirit of Americanism was the dominant note in the fraternity and that the membership should stand unitedly and actively for eradication of disloyalty whenever found.

McArthur, in his remarks supplemented the discussion of the Senator by telling of the support of the Elks in their enactment of the war measures which backed the nation in its advance against Germany.

The success of both the entertainment and attendance is the unanimous verdict of the more than 5000 Elks who had assembled there from every section of the State.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. J. W. Cabeen will preach at eight o'clock next Sunday evening. His subject will be "And Moses' face was shining, and he knew it not."

10 o'clock in the morning the Sabbath school will be held.

The young people meet at seven o'clock, one hour before the evening service. The subject of the meeting will be, "Self Improvement."

Tuesday afternoon was the occasion for a delightful entertainment given at the home of Mrs. Wigle in honor of Mrs. Wagner of Lebanon. Light refreshments were served by Mrs. Adams who was assisted by Mrs. Clifton and Mrs. Brink.

Those present were: Mesdames, Luckey, Darling, Black, Howard, Douglas, Dishman, Porter, Johnson, Ketchum, Rea, Millican, Busey, La-follette, Rosenberg, Carlson, Trunkey, Thompson, Bergh, Clifton, Garrison, Davis, Lowry, Newell, Babcock, Stewart, Hall, Baldwin, and Battles.

tempted to sell. Not being able to make a deal he left the car and returned to Bend. The car was afterwards returned to Bend and was lost in the fire which destroyed two automobile concerns in that city.

Houston claims that DeFray delivered to him still another Dodge car which he took to Silverlake and that car is now in the hands of the officers at that place. It is also claimed that the Buick car was also given to Houston by this same party, and Houston admits, it is said, that he knew this car was stolen. It has been identified as belonging at Pendleton.

When sheriff Combs found the car here, the booze had been removed by George B. Taylor. Taylor was arrested in Bend, brought back and paid one hundred dollars for the privilege of taking the booze out of the county. Before leaving for Klamath Falls, according to the officers, Houston made a complete statement of his part in the various transactions. He is charged in that county with larceny and faces a term in the State penitentiary.

JAMES KING HAS NARROW ESCAPE

James King, of Eugene, swimming instructor at the Nye Beach swimming pool, was rescued from drowning in the surf at Nye Beach, Newport this afternoon by James H. Anderson and another man.

Some children were playing with an old boat in shallow water when King approached with Louise Mason aged 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rockey Mason of Albany, and told them that he and Louise wanted to ride through the breakers in the boat which did not behave very well in the surf, filling with water. Louise swam ashore but King remained in the boat, not realizing his danger. His cries attracted the attention of many persons assembled on the beach. There is no life boat or buoy on the beach, as in former days, and excited persons threw boards and planks into the water, hoping some would reach King.

Anderson and James J. Ostene of the United States land office at Vancouver, Wash., took a plank and went out to King, who grasped the plank. The United States coast guard boat had been summoned, but had to come a long distance, and King in the meantime had been rescued.

Charles Harwood of the coast guard happened to be present and swam out, but missed King and the others on the plank. The coast guard boat picked up Harwood.—Oregonian.

The James King mentioned in the above is a son of W. F. King, hardware man of this city.

DANCING PARTY

A delightful dancing party was given at the home of Aver Wirtz, last Tuesday evening by Myldrede and Ruth Dishman, Blanche and Bernice Shipp and Cathrine Love, in honor of Estelle Conway. A balloon dance was the feature of the evening. Unique programs, were given each one and the dances were given as the program stated, the music being furnished by George Stearns.

The room was decorated in mock orange blossoms, which carried out the artistic color scheme. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Wirtz, Mr. and Mrs. H. Matson, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stearns, Misses Peg McMurry, Helen Wyman, Marjory Tackman, Tona Cornett, Estelle Conway, Agnes Elliott, Dolly Hodges, Kitty Love, Blanche and Bernice Shipp, Ruth and Myldrede Dishman and Mrs. Frances Durand. Messrs. Ted Black, Eugene Moon, Charles Moffatt, Henry Schaffer, Henry Walker, Sylvan and Arthur Michel, Wistar Rosenberg, Bob Henderson, Harold Prose, Hobart Belknap, Fred Bassler, Floyd Fessler and Vernon Bell.

ASSOCIATION REPORT

Received from sale of season tickets, collected, Ellison-White, \$1269.92; Received as 1-4 of single admissions at gate during entire week Ellison-White programs, 121.98; Received for reserve seats for Bryan Lecture, 51.25; balance in treasury from last year, 38.11; Total, 1481.27. Received from H. A. Kelley for balance in West Coast treasury, 8.25; Grand Total, \$1589.52.

Paid bills for both Ellison-White follows:

Ellison-White as per contract, \$1,237.50; war tax, Ellison-White, 112.71; Dea Chutes Power Co., for lights, labor and material for both wire, nails, bolts, etc. for both Chautauquas, 7.18; Jap Ireland for drayage on tent, and chairs for Bryan lecture, etc., 17.50; Piano rent, 6.00; Lumber, Tum-A-Lum, both Chautauquas, 37.55; Central Oregon Enterprise, for Postage, advertising in connection with Bryan Lecture, 7.25; Bill Louhis for carpenter work, West Coast, 16.35; Charles Ross, express, postage, etc, 5.00; Total, 1474.04; balance in treasury, 15.48; Total, \$1489.52.

Outstanding accounts, approximately, \$30.00; Accounts uncollected, West Coast, \$4.76.

EDITH McMURRY, Treasurer.

ROBINSON PAROLE HAS BEEN REVOKED

The following under a Salem date line, appeared in a Portland paper recently:

"After a search since June 17, 1919 Emory 'Cherokee' James, guard at the state penitentiary late Saturday arrested William Robertson, horse thief and ex-convict, in the Ochoco national forest reserve in the extreme northern part of Harney county. The guard arrived in Salem late last night with his prisoner.

Robertson was first received at the penitentiary on May 25, 1913, to serve one to ten years for larceny of horses in Crook county. On May 25, 1914, Robertson was paroled but was recommitted to the prison on May 16, 1918, following receipt of reports at the executive offices to the effect that he had returned to Central Oregon and was engaged in stealing horses and cattle in Deschutes, Lake and Crook counties.

On July 12, 1918, Robertson again was paroled by governor Withycombe on condition that he should dispose of his property interests in central Oregon, remain in western Oregon and refrain from dealing in horses.

Some time later, word came to Governor Olcott that Robertson had resumed his unlawful operations in central Oregon. Governor Olcott revoked his parole on June 27, 1919, and instructed sheriffs to arrest him.

Governor Olcott then sent an ex-sheriff after Robertson, but he returned empty handed. A week ago the governor conferred with Warden Compton of the penitentiary and it was agreed that Guard James should conduct the search."

The next day the same paper carried the following:

"William Brown a wealthy rancher of Fife, Oregon, who a few years ago presented Willamette University with \$100,000, has written a letter to governor Olcott asking that William Robertson be paroled from the penitentiary and allowed to return to central Oregon. If the parole is granted Mr. Brown said he would give Robertson employment as a shepherd. Mr. Brown volunteered the information in his letter that Robertson had played square while in the former's employ for several months, and that further incarceration in the prison would have no beneficial effects.

Robertson was arrested in the Ochoco forest reserve in Harney county last Saturday following revocation of his parole and was returned to the penitentiary yesterday.

Governor Olcott intimated that he would extend no leniency to Robertson and that the convict would be compelled to serve out his unexpired sentence."

BOOZE MAKERS TRIAL IS CLOSED

As a result of the trial held before the United States Court in Portland last week, R. E. Jones and his wife, Nettie C. Jones, and Geo. B. London were all convicted on all four counts named in the indictments, the charge being the manufacture and sale of moonshine. It will be remembered that this is the stuff found by chemists to be rank poison soon after the arrest of these people by local officers. R. E. Jones was sentenced to pay a fine of \$300 and serve 30 days in jail; London was given a fine of \$300 and 60 days in jail, while Mrs. Jones was fined \$300. The defense of these people was that the entire deal was a frame-up on the part of Sheriff Combs and Deputy Rowell, and London claimed that the deputy had just recently sold him the gallon of dope which he had in his possession at the time of his arrest. Mrs. Jones claimed that she had been cooking rabbit food and making soap, this in explanation of the fact that a large barrel of mash was found and the cooking device was in full blast at the time of the raid.

R. E. Simpson left Monday afternoon for his home in Los Angeles, after spending several days in the city visiting friends and relatives.

TIL TAYLOR KILLED BY ESCAPING THUGS

Til Taylor, sheriff of Umatilla county was killed by one of the six prisoners who broke the county jail at Pendleton July 26. Mr. Taylor had many friends in this part of the country and was known by a great number of Central Oregon people. He is a cousin to Mrs. Lillian Foster who lived in Prineville for several years.

Taylor has been for 20 years in the sheriff's office, 16 years of which he served as sheriff, and never a candidate has been able to keep in the running with him at election time. He was a noted personage in the Round-Up and several remark that they can hardly conceive of a Round-Up without Til Taylor. His high character and gentlemanliness are responsible for the very high support he got from women voters in both political parties. These qualities were paramount in the man and Oregon must realize with Pendleton that the state has lost a notable citizen.

Rewards of \$5,000 for the capture of the prisoners dead or alive were posted Monday morning. Umatilla county offered \$5,000 and the city of Pendleton \$1,000.

The Sheriff's office here received word from the authorities to be on the look-out for the escaped prisoners.

HERE'S YOUR CHANCE TO FLY HIGH

A commercial airplane will arrive here today from Madras and the pilot will be ready to carry passengers immediately upon his arrival. The plane will be at the landing field, above the grade, until Saturday, which will give all those so inclined a chance to enjoy the sensations of speeding through space.

MERCHANTS TO MEET IN PORTLAND

The Pacific Northwest Merchant's Convention which convenes in Portland Aug. 9 to 14, promises to be the best attended in the history of the organization. Invitations sent out some time ago have brot over two thousand acceptances, and what is more pleasing to the officers of the organization, delegates are coming from greater distances than ever before. Alaska will be well represented, and merchants are coming from as far east as Wyoming, Minnesota, Colorado and other states east of the Rocky Mountains.

In connection with the convention the Eighth Annual Buyers' Week, inaugurated by the manufacturers and jobbers of Portland will be held. This annual gathering is becoming a stupendous affair. This year the committee has arranged a very elaborate series of entertainments, including a high jinx for the men, theatre parties for the ladies, luncheons, excursions to various sections of the city, sightseeing trips of interest about Portland, the entertainment program concluding with an elaborate banquet in honor of the visitors.

The committee in charge of the week's activities have advised prospective merchant visitors that if they should buy goods from any member of the organization while in Portland amounting to \$500, that their train fare and Pullman charge to and from their home city would be refunded. This magnificent offer is expected to greatly increase the attendance of merchants from the middle western and Pacific Coast states and Alaska.

CONTRACTS TO BE LET

The State Highway Commission is going to let contracts August 10 for four wooden bridges which are to be built in various parts of the county. One bridge to be built at Bear Creek, a 40 foot span, one at Dry Creek, also a 40 foot span, and two on Crooked River, both of which will be 120 feet.

BIG OCHOCO DAM IS NOW COMPLETE

After being under construction since September, 1917, placing the earthwork on the Ochoco dam was finally completed at noon on July 26. This dam, the largest earth structure in the Northwest and the fourth largest in the United States, (according to records available), is situated 6 1-2 miles east of Prineville on Ochoco Creek. It forms a lake of about 11,000 acres at spillway level, which contains 47,000 acre feet of water for irrigation use on the 22,000 irrigable acres of the Ochoco Project.

The dam has a maximum height above creek bottom of 126 feet, is 1,000 ft. long on top, 500 feet thick on the bottom, 18 feet thick on the top and has a volume of approximately 540,000 cubic yards. The structure was built with the clay, sand and other earth materials, gravel and rock fragments, available at and adjacent to the site. It contains no concrete or other artificial core other than the puddling clay and fine silt deposited by the sluicing process. The dam was built entirely by the hydraulic method by which all materials are sluiced in by means of rapidly running water—the clay and other materials being held wholly or partially in suspension during transportation to the site.

Water to fill the reservoir created by the dam is derived from rains and melting snows on the 300 square miles of water shed, 56 per cent of which area lies within the boundaries of the Ochoco Forest Reserve.

The main spillway is constructed at the south end of the dam and has a maximum capacity of 20,000 cubic feet flow per second, which is 20 times the maximum recorded flood flow of Ochoco Creek at Prineville. The auxiliary spillway from the main canal immediately below the dam, in addition, has a flow capacity of 1,000 cubic feet per second.

A contract for construction of the dam was originally let to the Twohy Bros. Co., of Portland, on a unit price basis. This firm abandoned their contract on February 1st, 1919, after completing approximately 26 per cent of the volume of the structure, the Ochoco District subsequently taking over the work under the contract and entering into an agreement with the Sluicing Department of the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Co., (formerly Lewis, Wiley and Morse) for the continuation and completion of the sluicing and other operations. This work has now been completed and the large crew of men is being disbanded, and machinery and other implements owned by the sluicing company is being dismantled and shipped to the company headquarters at Seattle. Their work will be completed within the next ten days or two weeks.

The dam has proved its worth during the present season by storing all the waters yielded by the drainage area, or about 22,000 acre feet. The amount stored during the season of 1919 was 6300 acre feet. As a result of this stored water, crops this season are good all over the Ochoco project, and water users are without exception, very much pleased at the manner in which the supply is being distributed and over the prospects of future years.

The value to the community of a structure like the Ochoco Dam is hard to estimate, but it is safe to predict that each succeeding year will show crop increases far beyond the most conservative hopes of the land owners.

Financing of the project was effected by three bond issues totaling \$1,350,000 and marketed through the bond firms of Clark, Kendall and Co. and Ralph Schneeloch Co., and associates of each.

All construction work on the dam has been in charge of Project engineer R. W. Rea, for the irrigation district, and M. R. Kirkpatrick general superintendent for the sluicing department of the Puget Sound Bridge and Dredging Co.

JEWELRY STORE MOVED

W. H. Cyrus this week removed his jewelry business from its location on Main Street to the new location on the ground floor of the Masonic building on Third Street.