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BEND HAS ALREADY SUBSCRIBED \$82,000

A meeting was held at Bend Monday evening for the purpose of discussing "ways and means" for building the proposed Central Oregon railroad, and the sum of \$82,000 in subscriptions to the stock of the company was secured on the list at this one meeting, from the business men and residents of Bend. Added to the \$25,000 which the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company has agreed to subscribe, and the like sum of \$25,000 which the Central Oregon Development Company has promised to give, it may be said that the Bend country has already secured the sum of \$82,000 towards its portion of the subscription to be raised in Crook county. It is reported that a number of the business men and merchants of Bend subscribed as much as \$2000 each.

With that kind of a start there is no doubt that the Bend country will be able to raise its quota of the subscription needed in this county to insure the construction of the road. The business interests in that end of the county evidently want a railroad and are tired of waiting for Harriman to build it, and the liberality with which they are subscribing to the stock in the company indicates that they are in earnest in their effort to build a road with Crook county capital.

WATER AT A LOW STAGE

Water in a number of the wells on the flat is at a low stage, and there has been some inconvenience to farmers hauling water, as they frequently have to wait for water to accumulate in the well, after pumping it dry. The public well conducted by Charley Waterhouse has suffered along with a number of others. This condition is due to the fact that this is the season of least flow in the wells, while the demand is unusually heavy, owing to the fact that the ranchers are hauling an unusual amount of water and filling their cisterns for use during harvest. The combination of decreased supply and unusually heavy demand taxes the wells beyond their capacity. Last year the supply of water in the wells began to increase about August 1, which may be attributed to the fact that the irrigating season was over along Willow creek, from which the water in this basin undoubtedly comes.

ODD FELLOWS INSTALL OFFICERS

Installation exercises were held by the local I. O. O. F. lodge at their lodge room last Saturday evening, district deputy Grand Master T. H. Lafollett being present to conduct the installation. The following were installed as officers of Mt. Jefferson Lodge: Jem Kaas, N. G.; Fred Davis, V. G.; J. W. Robinson, secretary; Frank Osborn, treasurer; John McTaggart, P. G.; B. C. Dove, warden; N. C. B. Kaas, O. S. G.; Chas. Bye, I. S. G.; Tilman Reuter, R. S. N. G.; J. C. Robinson, L. S. N. G.; Charles Ortman, R. S. V. G.; C. E. Roush, L. S. V. G.; E. J. Baldner, R. S. S.; Frank Osborn, L. S. S.; John McTaggart, chaplain.

In addition to the deputy district Grand Master, Messrs. Shattuck and Ketchum, two members of the Prineville lodge, were visitors of the local lodge at the installation. After the exercises were completed, ice cream and cake were served by the lodge.

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SOLICIT SUBSCRIPTIONS FOR ROAD

Committee Appointed to Solicit Funds for Extension

WILL TRY TO SECURE \$500,000 IN COUNTY

All Subscriptions Will Be Payable in Labor, Material, Cash, Hay or Grain.

A meeting was held at Sanford's hall last Saturday afternoon for the purpose of selecting a committee to begin at once canvassing for subscriptions to stock in the proposed railroad into Crook county. It is the purpose of the committee to merely solicit subscriptions now, with a view to determining approximately the amount of money that can be raised in this end of Crook county for that purpose, and later on these subscriptions will be put in a form to make available for immediate use in beginning and carrying on construction. There was a fairly good attendance at the meeting from this locality and from outlying districts, and considerable interest is manifested in the railroad project. The committee, as selected Saturday afternoon, is composed of one or more members from the different school districts, that plan being adopted for the purpose of dividing up the work of soliciting. The committee already appointed is as follows:

Mountain View district, J. H. Jackson; Madras and Round Butte districts, Frank Osborn; districts No. 14 and 58, W. G. Killingbeck; district 52, Rev. J. G. Moehring; districts No. 10, 42 and 62, George H. Osborn; districts 17 and 26, J. H. Horney; district 11, Jack Dee and J. W. Lewis; districts 32 and 44, J. S. McMeen.

It is proposed to secure subscriptions to stock in this county to the amount of \$500,000, and approximately half of that amount, it is estimated, should be subscribed in the territory lying North of and including the Lamonta country. While that sum may be beyond the reach of the committee having the subscription lists in charge, it will make an attempt to secure as nearly that amount as possible. The settlers of this section are not in shape to make cash subscriptions, but many of them have expressed their willingness to subscribe labor or to pay in grain, either of which will be as good as the cash itself. Two men who were at the meeting said afterwards that they had had experience in bridge work, and that they were willing to subscribe and work it out in building bridges and trestles; others stated that they had teams which they could put to work, and still others expressed their willingness to go to work themselves on the road as soon as construction is started. This is the spirit which promises success to the undertaking. There are some who are holding back, offering objections to the plan and refusing to help the project along, but as a general rule the people in this end of the county are willing to do their part towards the project.

It was explained at the meeting that as the committee appointed to solicit subscriptions would necessarily have to devote considerable time to the work of making a thorough canvass, this work would be counted the same as any other work on the road, and that they would be given proper credit on their subscriptions for this work and receive payment in stock.

SURVEY FOR LINE BEGINS

The survey for the Central Oregon railroad is now under way, a party of surveyors with full camp outfit having left Redmond last Monday morning in charge of Robert Rea, who will have charge of the location of the line. Mr. Rea passed through Madras Sunday morning on his way to Redmond, and stated to friends here that everything was in readiness so that he could begin the survey Monday morning. It is presumed that the line between Redmond and O'Neil will be run first, as the surveying party made its start from Redmond.

Robert Rea, who has charge of the survey, is thoroughly familiar with this entire section of country, having spent much time surveying in the Western portion of Crook county at various times. He had charge of the party which ran the old survey for the Columbia Southern Extension Company, five years ago, and made a careful survey from Shaniko to Madras and on South as far as Bend. This survey will be fol-

lowed, with few variations, if the Columbia Southern railroad is extended. By engineers who have been over the survey it is said to be a good line, and one which will present no very difficult problems in construction.

RUMOR IS NOT CORRECT

It was rumored here the first of the week that the proposed extension of the Columbia Southern railroad had been abandoned, and that the Corvallis & Eastern would be the line extended into Crook county. Mr. Howard, in response to an inquiry over the telephone, emphatically denied the rumor, and says that so far as he knows, the Columbia Southern will be the line with which the Central Oregon will connect. He stated further that it would be entirely satisfactory to have the subscribers in this section make their subscriptions contingent upon the extension of the Columbia Southern, or some line from the North.

The rumor referred to above was the subject of much discussion here, as the extension of the C. & E. was not looked upon with favor. Mr. Howard's explanation, and the suggestion that the subscriptions be conditioned on the extension of the Columbia Southern, will, however, overcome what might have been a big obstacle in securing subscriptions.

CROP REPORTS ENCOURAGING

Crop reports in the last few days from the various districts adjacent to this place are encouraging and indicate that the yield is going to be much better than was anticipated. From Agency Plains, the Fisher district, Methodist Hill, Culver and other districts from which farmers were in town the last of the week, the report is brought that an average crop will be harvested, and that the yield will be much heavier than was predicted two weeks ago. Much of the grain is very late this year and this was especially benefited by the heavy rain last week. Several farmers in this immediate neighborhood who were preparing to cut all their grain for hay have concluded to thresh as the grain is so much better than they expected. A few farmers say they will have as good a crop as they had last year, but not many are so fortunate, although the reports altogether are very encouraging.

HAY GETS WETTING

Ten thousand tons of hay in the central part of Crook county received a thorough wetting in the fields last Sunday and Monday. Much of the hay was either in the shock or in partly finished stacks, some in the wind-row, and no small part in the swath, just as it fell from the machines.

Everyone began cutting as soon as possible after the Fourth of July and but few of them had begun to stack when the storm commenced. The greater part of the hay that got wet is alfalfa and meadow grasses and will not be seriously injured unless the rains continue.

Within a radius of 10 miles of this place 10,000 tons have been caught in the rain, but all of the ranchers are optimistic, saying that the benefit will be greater to the second crop than the damage to the first.—Prineville Journal.

REFRESHING RAIN TUESDAY

The intense heat of the first three days of the week brought a refreshing shower Tuesday evening, accompanied by a heavy electrical storm. The rain began to fall early in the evening and for an hour or more there was a good soaking rain, which was very refreshing after the torrid weather of the preceding days. It doubtless did much good to late crops, also. The rain came from the South and appeared to be general throughout this district.

SUMMER IS HERE

The warmest weather of the present Summer has prevailed this week, beginning last Sunday, when the thermometer registered over 100 degrees in the shade. The hot weather was general over the state. From The Dalles the report comes that it was from 101 to 108 degrees in the shade, the climax in the day's heat being reached at 5 o'clock in the afternoon when the thermometer registered 108 degrees.

ATTENDING SUMMER NORMAL

Among those who are attending the Summer normal school at Prineville are Misses Marie Moehring, Clara Horney and Bertha Horney, of Madras, Miss Katherine Lowther of Trail Crossing and Miss Grace Robinson of Culver. The instructors in the normal school are Professor Hochenberry of the High School, C. B. Dinwiddie, ex-school superintendent, and Mrs. Margaret Elkins.

Read my announcement in another column.—A. C. Sanford.

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