

THE WEATHER
Fair tonight; Thursday, probably snow; warmer with southerly winds.

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DESCHUTES COUNTY CREATED BEYOND RECALL

Senate Passes House Bill 135, and County Now Stands Unassailable; Action Speedily Follows Report of the Judiciary Committee; Bill Barely More Than Week Old; Governor Withycombe Ready to Endorse

"CREATING" COUNTY BECOMES A HABIT

Executive Again Congratulates Residents of New County

LABORS OF THE ANTI-DIVISIONIST LOBBY SINCE TUESDAY, UNCEASING—OPPOSITION OUTSIDE OF OLD CROOK, ALMOST NIL.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31, 2:15 P. M.—(Special.)—At 2:15 this afternoon, the House of Representatives concurred in the Senate amendment to the Deschutes county bill. The amendment remodels the wording of the emergency clause only, leaving the clause fully effective. The bill will probably reach Governor Withycombe for signature tomorrow.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Deschutes county is created beyond possibility of recall, legal tangle or technical delay. The long fight against it has ended in utter defeat, and the county stands a legal and unassailable entity, doubly secure in its creation by the voters last November and by the action of the legislature.

House Bill 135 passed the Senate this afternoon with a vote of 27 for and none against, three being absent. It was favorably reported out of the judiciary committee, and was speedily disposed of by the Senators.

There was no question to the measure in the Senate, with the exception that a slight amendment was made in regard to the emergency clause, which amendment will be adopted by the House this afternoon.

Senator Baldwin supported the bill on the floor, and previously in the hearing before the judiciary committee. The absent Senators were Olson, Huston and Bingham.

Representative Forbes has sent the following message to W. F. King and Roscoe Howard, leaders of the anti-division lobby: "County bill has passed Senate without a dissenting vote."

Representative Vernon A. Forbes introduced the bill in the House the second day of the session, and last Tuesday it passed the House with 46 favorable votes and only 11 votes opposed. Its chief sponsor in the Senate has been George T. Baldwin, of Klamath Falls, senator from the Deschutes county district.

It will probably take a day for the engineering committee to prepare the bill for final action by the governor, but Governor Withycombe states that he will sign it the minute it reaches his desk.

"I'm getting accustomed to 'creating' Deschutes county," said the chief executive. "When I signed the proclamation doing it last month, I congratulated its citizens upon the success of their efforts, and now in signing this bill, which both recreates it and removed any possibility

for further legal quibble, I congratulate Deschutes county and its citizenship again."

Since emerging from the House with its big favorable vote, House Bill 135 has been the storm center of much activity. A hard working delegation from Prineville, reinforced by Roscoe Howard, of Deschutes, and a couple of Redmond citizens, have labored unceasingly to put it to sleep.

Anti-Divisionists Busy. Thursday night these anti-division lobbyists, led by W. F. King, appeared before the Senate judiciary committee and argued long and vehemently against the bill. Their success was about the same as the success of Mr. King's previous efforts in the House—namely, they had next to no success at all. But

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Central Oregon Resources Told of By Roscoe Howard

Saturday's issue of the "Oregon Voter" contains an extensive article by Roscoe Howard, of Deschutes, dealing primarily with irrigation affairs in Central Oregon. The main features of the article, are as follows:

The irrigation projects in what was old Crook county before the division of Jefferson and Deschutes, cover a territory about 48 miles east and west by 60 north and south.

All the projects listed here have available water supplies, and have all been pronounced feasible by competent authority. Some are better than others and of course those which will return most in crops at present compared with cost of building the system should be given first attention.

They are well served by railroads, the average haul to the Oregon Trunk and Deschutes railways being probably not over 15 miles.

Irrigation projects in Central Oregon developed and in process of development reported upon, showing acres in crop:

Deschutes Rec. & Irr. Co. Co (Carey Act)	517
Arnold Irr. Co.	2,000
Squaw Creek	28,000
Snow Creek	600
Crooked River	600
Various public and private systems	26,700
Paulina Creek	680
Tumalo Project (Carey Act)	5,000
Central Oregon Irr. Co. Pilot Butte & Central Oregon Canals	20,100
Total	63,791

*Estimated. **Data kindly furnished by Mr. H. G. Kennard, Water Master, Dist. No. 11.

Using figures from like lands upon which statistics are gathered, the yearly production from these 63,791 acres may be calculated at \$23.06 per acre or \$1,471,020, and it may be safely estimated that they are supporting 8,000 people.

Crop reports for 1916 are not available from any of these projects except those of the Tumalo and Central Oregon Irrigation company, which are here tabulated. A substantial progress over 1911 is shown in nearly all lines:

People on Lands	193
Tumalo Project, 1916	219
Increase	23

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HISTORY OF CONTEST GOES BACK TO 1914

The final decision, lacking only the formality of the governor's signature to end definitely all doubts cast upon Deschutes county's right to continue in business as a municipal corporation, is the climax of a contest lasting over four years.

First proposed in 1914, Deschutes county failed to be separated from Crook by a bare margin of two and one-half per cent less than the 65 per cent needed to carry. Division was again proposed last summer, but excepting in the precincts where division was strongly favored, little campaigning was done preceding the November election. But in these precincts, the work was done so well that an easy majority for division was the result.

Shortly after the proclamation of the new county by Governor Withycombe, came the service of papers in the quo warranto proceedings, in which the anti-division element brought suit against the county through the name of Gus E. Stadig, of Lower Bridge. The suit is still pending, but becomes of no force by virtue of the passage of the bill "creating Deschutes county."

RABBIT LAW IS CAUSE OF DEBT

CROOK AND LAKE COUNTIES ISSUE MANY WARRANTS FOR EARS—BENEFIT FROM LAW IS IN DOUBT.

Although the Crook county court, at its December budget meeting, estimated that \$50,000 would be necessary to pay the bounty on jackrabbits and sage rats, voted by the people in November, only \$5000 for the purpose was included in the tax levy. One reason for this, it is understood, was the size of the levy that would have been necessary in case the full amount had been provided for, and another was the question as to the constitutionality of the law, which was expected to be raised.

As yet, Crook county has not paid out any money for bounties, the taxes for the purpose not coming in until April. Warrants on the bounty fund have been issued, however, in the amount of several hundred dollars.

Lake county also passed a bounty law in November and it now understood to be issuing warrants in payment for the ears which have been turned in.

The first county to pass a rabbit bounty law in Oregon was Harney, where an initiative measure was adopted two years ago. Opinion is divided in the county as to the ultimate benefits to be derived from the law, but there is no question as to the amount it is costing in bounties. Nearly a year ago the county had paid out \$50,000 for the purpose. The payments since then have not been announced recently.

REVIVE SEA WARFARE

Americans Warned Out of Forbidden Zones by New German Note.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin) BERLIN, via Snyville, Jan. 31.—A new German note was handed to United States Ambassador Gerard here today. It replies to President Wilson's Senate speech, and announces the withdrawal of sea fighting restrictions. It asks that Americans be warned from embarking on ships entering the forbidden zones. The note said that unrestricted sea warfare would be effective tomorrow. The waters around all the Allied countries are declared to be in the barred zone.

NOTE LEAK PROBE UNEARTHES A CLUE IN U. S. CAPITAL

Message Wired Shortly After Lansing Gave Out Confidential Advance, is Testimony Today.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin) NEW YORK, Jan. 31.—Members of the House rules committee, conducting the investigation in regard to the leak information concerning the Wilson peace note, asked George Ellis, of the Hutton brokerage firm, on his return from Georgia, to explain the Hutton leak message. The investigators ascertained that at 11 o'clock on the morning of December 20, Secretary Lansing confidentially told the reporters at Washington that the note was forthcoming, that at 12:48 o'clock on the same day, Hutton's Chicago correspondent wired that the note was forthcoming, and that at 2 o'clock the ticker carried rumors of the note. Telegraph operator P. A. Connolly wired a tip on the note from Washington, shortly after Secretary Lansing met the reporters, it was testified. The committee will summon Connolly, and will ask him who gave him the message.

MERCURY HITS LOWEST MARK

16 BELOW, COLDEST OF WINTER, BUT NO ILL RESULTS, FROM SUDDEN DROP, FOLLOW—THE WATER FAMINE BRIEF.

The coldest weather of the winter, and within three degrees of the minimum recorded all last year, was reached last night when the mercury in the official government thermometer here dropped to 16 degrees below zero. The minimum was reached on January 18, a little more than a year ago.

Although the cold of last night was just four notches lower than the previous low mark of the season, practically no trouble to water or power users has resulted. A slight inconvenience was experienced at 7:15 this morning when the water was shut off for 20 minutes while ice was removed from the intake at the headgates of the Bend Water, Light & Power Co., but there has been no hindrance at the power plant, and no complaint of frozen mains or service pipes, by householders, such as characterized the last cold spell.

"The snow blanket on the ground is an absolute boon to us," was the declaration of F. T. Parker, of the power company, this morning. "With its aid, there should be no trouble whatever. As long as we have bright, clear afternoons, there will be no danger of anchor ice forming to hinder operations at the power plant. The situation at present, is very well in hand."

As far as could be learned, La Pine held the record for low temperatures in this section, with 23 degrees below. The thermometer at Sisters registered only 11 below.

COUNTY SUCCESS LOUDLY CHEERED

COMMERCIAL CLUB GIVES VOTE OF THANKS TO VERNON A. FORBES—CITY EXPRESS DELIVERY IS ASSURED.

Three rousing cheers from the members of the Bend Commercial Club, gathered at their weekly luncheon at the Pilot Butte hotel this noon, greeted the announcement by President Floyd Dement that the Deschutes county bill had passed the Senate today. Almost immediately following, a motion that a vote of thanks be tendered Representative Vernon A. Forbes for his work in securing the passage of the measure, was carried unanimously.

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PLOT UNEARTHED AGAINST PREMIER

FOUR WILL BE TRIED SATURDAY

Pacifist and Three Suffragettes Alleged Also to Have Sought Life of Cabinet Member—All Britain Aroused.

LONDON, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Alice Wheeldon, her daughter, Harriet, Mrs. Winifred Mason, and Albert Mason, are under arrest here charged with conspiring against the person of Lloyd George, premier of Great Britain. At their arrangement, the magistrate remanded all for trial Saturday. It is reported that the prosecutor has 300 witnesses against the four.

It was later announced that charges are also pending that the prisoners conspired to murder Arthur Henderson, Laborite cabinet member. Mason, it is known, is an expert chemist, and a conscientious objector to war. The women are all suffragettes.

The conspiracy was reported to Scotland Yard Saturday and Chief Inspector Parker directed the investigation. Mrs. Mason was arrested at Southampton, and the others were caught at Derby.

Prosecutor A. H. Bonkin declared that the plot was hatched between December 26 and January 30. The utmost indignation is prevailing throughout Great Britain.

BENDITES GO TO TERREBONE DRIVE

J. B. Miner is Enlisting Names of Enthusiasts Who Enjoy This Sport—To Be Held Sunday.

More than 100 Bend people will participate in the big drive next Sunday, when several thousand jackrabbits will be subdued by the invading hordes from outside points. J. B. Miner, of Bend, is making an effort to enlist a large party to go down to Terrebonne next Sunday morning.

The drive is expected to be the biggest that has ever been held in Central Oregon, people being invited from all sections of that part of the county. The Bend invaders will leave on the morning train Sunday. Persons desirous of going on the trip are urged to give their names to Mr. Miner, so he may advise the Terrebonne committee in charge of the drive.

260 PERISH WHEN THE LAURENTIC SANK

LONDON, Jan. 31.—It was reported from Belfast today that 260 men perished when the auxiliary cruiser, Laurentic, struck a mine last week.

NO BOUNTIES ON RABBITS TO BE PAID

OPINION IS RENDERED BY GEO. A. BROWN.

LAW ONLY FOR CROOK

Decision Sought by H. H. DeArmond at Request of County Court—Saving of \$25,000 Will Be Effected as a Result.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Deschutes county is not required to pay a bounty upon jackrabbits. An opinion to this effect has just been rendered by Attorney General George A. Brown to H. H. DeArmond, of Bend, district attorney for Deschutes county.

It is estimated that this settlement of the bounty problem which has been vexing the Deschutes county court will save the new county not less than \$25,000 during the coming year, the figures being based upon the bounty cost which is piling up in Crook county and upon the experience of Harney county.

At the last election the voters of Crook county, by a large margin, approved the bounty law. The kernel of the attorney general's opinion is that this law applies only to Crook county, as such, and that as the territory now embraced in Deschutes county is now not in Crook, its taxpayers are in no wise governed by any special legislation specifically designed for Crook county.

Inquiries Many.

Since the formation of the new county its court has been besieged with inquiries concerning the rabbit bounty law. It refused to pay any bounties under the Crook county legislation until the question had been decided. At the court's request Mr. DeArmond sought the opinion from the attorney general. It substantiates the opinion already advanced by the local district attorney.

"I believe that this means a saving to Deschutes county of at least \$25,000," said Mr. DeArmond this morning.

Attorney General Decides.

Following is the complete text of the attorney general's opinion: "Jan. 22, 1917.—Mr. H. H. DeArmond, District Attorney, Deschutes County, Bend, Oregon.

"Dear sir: I have your favor of the 18th instant, asking my opinion whether Deschutes county is authorized and required to pay the bounty on jackrabbits and sage rats, provided to be paid by Crook county in the special act submitted to the

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Contestants Working Hard for Double Vote Offering

Miss Francis Steidl, Bend	470,000
Mrs. J. A. Eastes, Bend	465,000
Miss Mabel Bixby, Prineville	464,000
Miss Cora Bates, Bend	439,000
Mrs. Mable E. Lara, Bend	326,000
Miss Lucile Parsons, Redmond	445,000
Miss Ruth Bayley, Tumalo	427,000
Miss Edith Masten, La Pine	149,000
Miss Cosina Mueller, Bend	88,000

The double vote offer is rapidly drawing to a close and the different contestants who are taking advantage of the extra votes are having remarkable success in their different territories. The campaign managers of the different candidates are using all their efforts in order to promote the success of their nominees and while their methods differ they are getting the results. The surprise of the campaign is the remarkable showing of the out-of-town contestants. Especially at Redmond and

Prineville, the interest in the success of their representative is growing keener, as the campaign grows in age and the local candidates must look to their laurels if they keep the Dodge in Bend; in other words they must take advantage of each day left of the double votes in order to regain their standing. Only seven day left in which to obtain the double count. Promptly at the close of double votes Thursday, February 8, the judges will install the ballot box and the extra votes will be past history in this campaign.