

CITY MANAGER MAY BE ISSUE AT PRIMARIES

COMMISSION PLAN IS CONSIDERED

COUNCIL IS DIVIDED

Mayor Casts Deciding Vote To Ap-
point Committee To Investigate
Systems—Street Work To Begin
—Gould's Salary Remains Same

Probability that the people of Bend will vote on some form of commission or managerial city government at the primary elections this spring was indicated here at last night's meeting of the city council when a committee to investigate the desirability of these plans of city administration was named after lengthy debate. G. H. Baker, leader in the movement, stated before his appointment as chairman of the committee that petitions would be presented to the council asking that the question be placed on the ballot. He made the statement in answer to criticisms by Councilmen N. H. Gilbert, J. S. Jones, and C. J. Leverett, who declared that they would favor a popular vote based on a popular petition, intimating at the same time that they considered the issue as now presented "grabbed out of thin air."

The vote on Baker's motion was a tie, Councilmen Lon L. Fox and H. E. Nordson supporting him. Mayor E. D. Gilson cast the deciding vote. Fox and Nordson are with Baker on the committee.

Says City Out of Date

Baker asserted that the present system is antiquated and worn out. He declared for the idea of having a competent paid man to handle any big business whether municipal or private, asserting that city affairs would be conducted better and at less expense.

"I'm for letting well enough alone," Gilbert declared, while Leverett voiced his belief that the voters would oppose a change from the councilmanic form of government now in use.

"We have no right to expect all these men to be a man on a donation job," Nordson pointed out.

Fox sketched the experiences of other cities where commission or managerial government has given entire satisfaction. Innes believed that the city is doing very well under the present system.

Street Repair Ordered

Comprehensive plans for spring street work suggested by Chairman Innes of the streets committee, called for little discussion, the matter being referred back to the committee with power to act. Scarifying and regrading of the worst streets, particularly those leading into the city, will be undertaken as soon as the weather permits.

Proposed reduction of the salary of City Engineer Robert B. Gould, under consideration for several weeks, was decided against, only Councilman Leverett favoring the downward revision. Figures read to the council showed that Bend's engineering costs compare favorably with those of other cities in the northwest, and it was pointed out by the city engineer that he has always placed at the city's disposal his extensive private surveying records.

The council adopted without debate a resolution fixing the 1921 sprinkling assessment.

SEATTLE BOND DEAL PROBE IS DROPPED

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
SEATTLE, Feb. 18.—Charges that the city was robbed of thousands of dollars by "an inner ring of bond dealers" here were dropped by the city council last night after investigation.

PRESIDENT SIGNS MARKETING BILL

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—President Harding today signed the cooperative marketing bill in the presence of members of the agricultural bloc, and heads of leading farm organizations.

Villa Is Ready to Back Obregon Against Bandits

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—Pancho Villa is ready to take the field against any revolutionary forces that may arise in Mexico.

His friends here declare that the ex-bandit is willing to support the Obregon government.

TOTS SAVED BY NUNS' HEROISM

CHILDREN CARRIED TO SAFETY
WHILE WOMEN CHOP HOLE
THROUGH ROOF OF BUILDING
AND EXTINGUISH FIRE.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Heroic work by a group of nuns at the Home for Friendless Children here, is believed to have saved the lives of a 100 youngsters and to have prevented the loss of the building itself.

One squad of nuns carried the children to safety while another squad, swathed in wet towels, chopped through the roof and extinguished the flames before the fire department arrived.

FARMERS PLAN TO DOMINATE

FEAR SOCIALIST AND OTHER
"LIBERAL" ELEMENTS MIGHT
KEEP AGRICULTURE IN THE
BACKGROUND.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—The farmers political representation meeting in session here, today made plans to dominate the farmer-labor political conference called to be held here next week. The formation of a new political party will be the chief purpose of the conference.

American farmers may bid for political recognition today with the formation of the United Farmers' National bloc. They believe that labor forces might ally with the socialist and other "liberal" movements, and that agricultural interests might not be brought to the front.

REDMOND ASKING FOR ROAD FUNDS

Request for \$20,000 To Complete
Cline Falls-Redmond Road
Purpose of Visit To Bend.

For the purpose of discussing road matters with the county court a number of residents of Redmond are in Bend this afternoon. Concerning their trip to the county seat, the Redmond Spokesman says:

"To ask that \$20,000 from the market road fund be applied this year to the completion of the Cline Falls-Redmond section of the Redmond-Sisters highway, a strong committee of Redmond citizens will appear before the county court at Bend Saturday. Decision to this effect was reached at a meeting of the Redmond commercial club Tuesday at which time speakers declared that the road should have been completed 'long ago' and that the northern end of Deschutes county was 'getting the little end' insofar as highway construction was concerned.

"A total of \$30,000 of market road money was spent on the Bend fish hatchery road while northern Deschutes county has been permitted but \$4500, spent on the Redmond-Powell Butte road, it was pointed out."

KILL FIRST COYOTE IN COUNTY CAMPAIGN

The first coyote killed in the poisoning campaign recently started in Deschutes county was brought in this morning by R. C. Colver of the Grange Hall district. The animal was found within 200 feet of a carcass in which tasteless strychnine had been placed.

JUDGE LANDIS LEAVES BENCH FOR BASEBALL

ILL HEALTH PROMPTS
RESIGNATION

WILL "CLEANSE" GAME

Famous Jurist Who First Gained
Public Attention By Fining Stan-
dard Oil Co. \$29,000,000, Un-
able To Handle Double Task.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis has resigned the federal judgeship to devote his entire time to his work as arbiter of organized baseball.

His health from overwork is also given as a cause for his resignation. Judge Landis asked that his resignation be accepted so as to release him from his judicial duties March 1.

Oil Fine Brought Fame
Judge Landis is probably the most widely known federal district court jurist in the United States. His decisions inspired fear among law violators, and his ability is held in high regard by those who have watched his court work.

He first attracted wide attention when he fined the Standard Oil Co. \$29,000,000. He was appointed baseball commissioner a year ago at a salary of more than \$12,000 yearly. Practically all criticism attached to his holding both his baseball and his judicial positions, had died down at the time of his resignation.

He will now concentrate on the task of "cleansing" baseball.

SHIMA WITHDRAWS, BURTT ANNOUNCES

Genes Development of Central Ore-
gon Property On Account of
Anti-Jap Agitation, Stated.

Declaring that he has been falsely accused of attempts to colonize Japanese in Central Oregon, George Shima, California Japanese potato grower, has completely withdrawn from Deschutes, Jefferson and Crook counties and has placed the land which he owned jointly with George Burtt, 17,000 acres, on the market, Burtt announced this week, according to the Redmond Spokesman.

All contemplated clearing of land and potato planting for the coming spring has been ordered stopped, said Burtt, and all of the land that is not sold or leased will remain idle.

Agitation against Japanese colonization headed by the five American Legion posts of Central Oregon was given as Shima's reason by Burtt, who declared that Shima had never contemplated bringing Japanese farmers to his lands here.

FOUR ARRESTED ON MAIL THEFT CHARGE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—Three men and a woman were arrested here today on federal warrants charging complicity in the \$200,000 Toledo mail robbery last summer.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY BALL TO HAVE COLONIAL FEATURES

Three very attractive features that cannot fail to please the public have been arranged for the Washington's Birthday Colonial ball to be given at the gymnasium Wednesday evening, February 22, under the auspices of the American Legion Auxiliary.

The minuet will be given by dancers who will appear in costume as will the accompanists. Chester Catlow and James Fisher. Jeanette Keyes, Imogene Richards, Lola Whitmore, Margene Sather, Katherine Hayden, Allice Stockton, Dorothy Dodds, Louise Inabnit are in this number.

Following this dance, the song and dance, "Jump Jim Crow" by Louise Inabnit, Katherine Redfield, Imogene Richards, Dorothy Dodds, Allice Stockton and Katherine Hayden, will be seen.

39 Tons Of Lime And Sulphur For Sheep Dip Needed

Twenty-six tons of sulphur and 13 tons of lime will be needed to dip Central Oregon's sheep in the curative and preventive campaign against scab-les which will be carried on this spring. Dr. R. A. Parsons, federal inspector for this section of the state estimates. His figures are based on the supposition that 105,000 sheep will be treated.

Sheep men are planning to place the order in the near future so that the materials can be mixed to be used immediately after the April shearing.

BUREAU PLANS BY-LAW CHANGE

ANNUAL MEETING OF FARM OR-
GANIZATION TO BE HELD IN
REDMOND NEXT WEDNESDAY
MORNING.

Members of the Deschutes County Farm bureau will hold their annual meeting Wednesday morning in Redmond, election of officers and amendment of the by-laws of the organization being listed as the chief business to come before the session.

Amendments contemplate the elimination of the nomination committee. In its stead, it is planned to authorize the election of committeemen by the communities which they will represent, the committeemen to choose officers of the bureau for the year.

WILL CONCENTRATE INTERESTS IN BEND

H. S. Royce Plans Sale of Garages
In Medford and Klamath Falls—
Bend Best In State He Says.

Plans to dispose of his garages in Medford and Klamath Falls and concentrate his interests in Bend were announced last night by H. S. Royce, founder of the Pioneer garage in this city, on his departure for Seattle last night to meet Mrs. Royce who has been visiting in Seattle. Bend is the best town in the state, he believes.

Royce reported the sale of nine Essex cars here during the past week. Horace Richards, R. B. Slate, James Whitlock, C. L. Parker, H. D. Innis, Roy Canine, and John Meyers are the owners of new touring cars, and L. L. Noonchester has purchased a coach.

DOWNES, BREWSTER NAMED AS JUDGES

George P. Downes, who recently purchased a ranch near Bend, and R. E. Brewster, representative of the Kerr-Gifford Co., will be judges of the poultry show here next Friday and Saturday, it was announced today. The Kerr-Gifford Co. has offered 100 pounds of "egg producer" as a prize for the best trio of White Leghorns and the best trio of Banded Rocks, in addition to the cash prizes.

WATER RIGHTS ON DESCHUTES TO BE SETTLED

ADJUDICATION URGED
BY OSWALD WEST

PLANS FRIENDLY SUIT

North Canal Co. Secretary Here
To Start Proceedings Toward
Final Settlement—No Great
Difference of Opinion.

Adjudication of all the waters of the Deschutes will probably be started in a week or 10 days, according to Oswald West, secretary of the North Canal Co., who arrived in Bend this morning from Portland. He is conferring with local people interested. Judge A. J. Derby of Hood River is also here in connection with questions of water rights on the Deschutes, which have never been settled definitely by the state water board.

To Meet Tumalo Board
Friendly litigation which will settle points in regard to water rights on the Deschutes which might be questioned, but which involve no great difference of opinion, is planned, said West.

West will also confer tonight with directors of the Tumalo district in regard to his company's recent offer to complete the district's project. The report of Haar & Cunningham on the probable cost of the project is being awaited.

ANTI-FARMER PLOT CHARGED

SENATE BLOC SEEKING TO EX-
POSE ALLEGED CONSPIRACY
AGAINST AGRICULTURAL IN-
TERESTS.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—The senate farm bloc has set out to expose what it charges is a plot against the farmer with a quarter million dollar war chest back of it.

Before the subcommittee of the senate agricultural committee, testimony was taken to show the activity of the organization alleged to be planning the defeat of farm bloc legislation and to break up the farmers' cooperative movement.

Senator Capper of Kansas charged that underhand methods are being actively used to defeat the farmers' cooperative movement and that there is a conspiracy of middlemen to prevent farmers' competing with existing agencies in marketing their grain.

MAY POSTPONE SOLDIER BONUS

MOVEMENT TO DELAY PASSAGE
OF LEGISLATION IS NOTED
AMONG CONGRESSMEN FROM
MIDDLE WESTERN STATES.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 18.—A movement for postponement of soldier bonus legislation until early summer was noted in congress today with mid-western congressmen, particularly the Ohio group, sponsoring it.

The movement has not yet gathered sufficient strength to effect postponement, however.

LEWIS WINS OVER "OUTLAW" UNIONIST

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 18.—President John L. Lewis triumphed definitely over Alexander Howat, outlawed Kansas union leader, and his followers today in the United Mine Workers convention. Completion of the first vote revealed a refusal to reinstate the Kansas workers in the miners union. Lewis was upheld in his action in expelling them.

JAIL DELIVERY LOSES COUNTY ONE PRISONER

STEVENS QUILTS CELL
AT MIDNIGHT

OTHERS STAY IN BEDS

Refuse Invitation to Accompany Con-
fessed Assailant of Bend Women
and Girls—Fugitive Planned to
Leave City On Handcar.

Robert Stevens, confessed assailant of Bend women and girls, effected his escape from the Deschutes county jail here last night, prying open the imperfectly fastened door of the main cell, then squeezing his body through the aperture which he enlarged between one of the window bars and the concrete edge of a window in the outer wall. To climb the twelve foot stockade surrounding the jail was the last move needed in gaining his freedom.

Three prisoners sharing the main cell with Stevens refused to join him in the jail delivery. A. J. Weston, awaiting his second trial on the charge of second degree murder of R. H. Krug of Sisters, J. J. McCarthy who yesterday pleaded guilty in circuit court to a charge of forgery, and Henry Anderson serving a five months sentence for moonshining, were in their beds this morning when Jailer Beers discovered that his charges were one less in number.

Asked Cell Mates to Join
That Stevens had planned his escape for some time was made known today when prisoners reported that he had on more than one occasion made his boast that he could leave the jail in 15 minutes. Yesterday afternoon, according to Anderson, Stevens had rolled up a bundle of bedding and clothing. The actual escape occurred about midnight, Weston said. Prisoners agreed that had anyone been in the vicinity of the jail the noise made by Stevens in opening the cell door and in tearing out part of the concrete wall to permit him to leave the building, could not have failed to attract attention.

At the last minute, Stevens apparently weakened, McCarthy reported, apparently fearing to leave alone. "I know just where we can go," McCarthy quoted Stevens as saying. "We'll go to the tracks and get a handcar, and there won't be any pumping because it's all down hill."

Cars Are Searched
None of the prisoners was willing to take advantage of the opportunity, and finally Stevens called, "Well, if you don't want to go, I'm going. Good-bye," then made his exit.

An iron bar unbolted from a lavatory fixture was used in prying open the door, and this, with a timber found in the outside corridor, was used in pushing out concrete and in loosening the window sill. An old saw which Stevens had in some way obtained, was used with little effect. Deputy Sheriffs George Stokoe and Tom Terrill were detailed for the search this morning by Sheriff Roberts. No freight went out last night, and the officers were going through all cars in the yards. No trace of Stevens' whereabouts had been found up to late this afternoon.

Brother to Help Hunt
The exploits of Stevens in this vicinity furnished one of the sensations of the year, lasting over a period of several weeks, and causing women to fear to leave their homes unescorted.

Two brothers of Stevens residing in Bend questioned by the sheriff, stated that they had known nothing of the plans for escape, and did not know of Stevens' present whereabouts. One promised to report at once if he should learn his brother's hiding place, declaring his belief that the fugitive is safer in jail than out.

BIN INSPECTION OF SPUDS LONG DELAYED

Final bin inspection of potatoes whose owners have applied for seed certification will be started in Deschutes county tomorrow by County Agent D. L. Jamison and G. R. Hylop, of the Oregon Agricultural college. The inspection, originally planned for November, was delayed by the work stall which resulted in a three weeks rail tieup preventing the O. A. C. expert from reaching Bend.