

Resident of Bend Set Bulletin Type Half Century Ago

Aged copies of The Bend Bulletin, oldest of which bears the date March 20, 1903, hold more than casual interest for Mrs. Ralph Spencer of this city. As a girl, she set part of the type for The Bulletin half a century ago. And, she recalls, that type was set the hard way, by hand, in the old log cabin that was The Bulletin's first home.

When Florence McCann arrived from Minneapolis on March 21, 1903, The Bulletin was a going concern—fact is, the first paper had been issued the previous day. In Minneapolis, Miss McCann had learned to set type, four years earlier, and on arrival here she applied to A. H. Kennedy for a job. She not only got the type-setting job but was made society editor, general news gatherer and book keeper. She joined the staff on April 1, 1903. Part of her task was to set by hand the small type (set point stuff, printers call it) used in the many legal land office notices appearing in The Bulletin of pioneer times. Miss McCann set all type but that used in the display advertising, which was set by Kennedy, shop foreman.

Equipment Limited
Printing equipment in the log cabin included a hand press, from which the first copies of The Bulletin were turned out, one job press and two cases of type, apparently 8-point and 6-point.

The "big day" in The Bulletin plant in 1903, Mrs. Spencer recalls was Friday. It was on that day that the paper went to press. Part of the paper had been pre-printed in Portland, and it was only necessary to print half of it here. The Bulletin went to press about noon on Fridays, then was taken to the nearby postoffice of Deschutes (Staats) for mailing. Stage connections on Friday evening were made at about 6 p. m. Before being mailed, the papers had to be folded by hand, then wrapped and addressed—also by hand.

Occasionally, the girl printer of 1903 put into type all the copy she had on hand—then she went around the little hamlet hunting more news. Society items were always important, with building notes always attracting much interest.

Society Items Scarce
Society items were not numerous in the village of Bend half a century ago. Occasionally, only one such item appeared in the paper. One such item, copy for which was probably prepared by Florence McCann was headed "School Entertainment," and in the lead of the item was this mention: "Recreation of the program will be followed by a basket auction." The program opened with a talk by Aerie C. Hampton, followed by a solo by Iva West. Then came a recitation by Charles Low. In some manner, Printer Kennedy of The Bulletin also got into the picture, and was presented in a violin solo.

Then followed Lincoln's Gettysburg oration by Sylvester Staats, followed by a solo by Marion West and a recitation by Maude Vandeventer. The drill that followed indicated that total attendance in the Bend school in 1903 was 32—at least that number of pupils took part in the drill, and the same 12 were presented in a dialogue, "Model Lesson," C. J. Cotter, a Bend pioneer of 1900, auctioned the baskets.

Item Briefed
That entire story was condensed into about three inches of type. After The Bulletin "got going" in early years, Printer Florence McCann was joined by a girl who was just learning the trade, Marion West, now Mrs. Montelle G. Coe of Redmond. Later, Syd Perival, homesteader, joined the printing crew.

It was in the latter part of 1904 that a young printer reached Central Oregon from Chicago, to settle in Antelope, where Max Lueddemann was publishing the Herald. He was Ralph Spencer. About six months later, Spencer moved to Bend, and through The Bulletin met Florence McCann. They were married in 1907. Mrs. Spencer was still with The Bulletin when printing equipment was loaded on a

Meet the "Front Office" Staff



Visitors to The Bulletin office probably see these people more than any other members of the staff, other than the news people. They are members of the advertising and business office forces. From the left they are Francis Stokenberry, Martyna Russell, Mary Lynne Scott, Nell Westcott, M. L. Myrick, Helen Riley and Ed Beckley.

They Operate The Bulletin Presses



Meet the gentlemen of the presses, the crew that operates equipment in The Bulletin offices that range from a Comet to a Kelley. From the left they are Byron Benson, press foreman; Millard F. Bevans, Dave Andrews and Tom Rose, helper.

wagon one day and the paper moved "up town." She served on The Bulletin for four years, and her late husband was for many years foreman for the paper. His period of service reached from pioneer days to The Bulletin's "modern era." In early days, Mr. Spencer operated the Silver Lake paper for about a year and a half.

Mrs. Spencer has many recollections of early days in Bend, and those spent in the log cabin, where most of the occasional visitors were Marsh Awbrey. "Sage of the Deschutes." His name was given to Awbrey butte, which overlooks Bend from the west.

FIRST FLIGHT

The first transcontinental air flight was made in 1911 by Galbraith P. Rodgers and required 49 days. His actual flying time was three days, 10 hours, four minutes.

NEVER LIVED THERE

George Washington never occupied the White House. A few days before his death in 1799, however, he walked through the rooms with his wife, Martha.

Editor's Punches Not Pulled in 1910

News writers pulled no punches in the early days in Central Oregon.

From a black-bordered "obituary" notice in The Bend Bulletin of Wednesday, July 6, 1910, the following is found:

"Deceased, at Laidlaw, Ore., on Saturday, July 3, the Laidlaw Chronicle passed away after a lingering illness. The demise is attributed to general debility and suspension of circulation due to acute local disturbances. The remains

were removed to Redmond and will be interred there. A mourning community survives the deceased."

Next, in the same issue, is printed a dispatch under a Laidlaw dateline which says, in part: "A long-standing suspicion that the Laidlaw Chronicle had shifted its allegiance from this town to Redmond was brought to a head by last week's issue of the local paper. The greater part of the news and editorial matter of the issue was devoted to lauding Redmond and Redmond citizens and knocking Laidlaw and ridiculing people there."

A cooperative organization of young Norwegians, who work a few hours each week building their own homes, has now completed 271 houses.

We Remember

(The Bulletin's composite memory reaches back half a century and its news writers, covering Bend's 50-year story, have recorded the following memories).

We remember when Editor Don Rea prepared to issue a big "first paper" on March 20, 1903, and found that only part of his type had arrived from Shanko. . . . "Dad" West built a meat market and under that same roof provided space for a doctor and a barber. . . . Mrs. Elsie R. Riley and son, Ovid, ran the Pilot Butte Inn. . . . you asked central for the party you wanted and did not have to bother about numbers.

A. M. Drake decided to found a town, but was uncertain as to whether it would be called Pilot Butte or Bend. . . . Governor Chamberlain visited Bend and perked a great irrigation future. . . . Clyde McKay had a pinto riding horse. . . . the Smiths, Nick and Dick, had stores on Wall street. . . . John Steidl and Thomas Twest had a sawmill below town. . . . Lloyd Magill and Charlie Erskine first opened their drug store and had a stock that barely covered one wall. . . . Floyd Deament's Bend Hardware store was a small frame building on Bond. . . . Franklin avenue was called Ohio. . . . Shanko was the end of the rails. . . . Pete Johnson was the mayor of Millican, and was later followed by Billy Rahn of "one man town" fame. . . . it took a whole day to make a round trip to Prineville. . . .

the fire hose was housed in an open shed on Minnesota. . . . John Ryan said "We're all partners in this as Shevlin-Hixon announced plans to build. . . . The library was run by the Ladies Library club and housed in a building that had been a saloon. . . . the sidewalks were all plank, with nails sticking up. . . . Carl A. Johnson came to Bend as cashier for Shevlin-Hixon and had an office in the bank building. . . . M. J. Danielson built another foot on the power dam. . . . there was an annual fair at Tumalo, and also at Sisters. . . .

Irving Cobb came in to hunt bear. . . . the Bend Co. mill burned. . . . the pencil factory was operating. . . . homesteaders flocked over the high desert. . . . flour was manufactured in Bend. . . . Bert Roberts was slightly scorched in making Pilot Butte erupt for the Portland Ad club and Dutch Stever came out of the brush in animal skins. . . . Jim Hill drove the golden spike. . . . swans were killed at Crane prairie and coyotes howled their woes from Awbrey heights. . . . the O'Donnell Brothers built their market and the Mannheim twins their store. . . . there were two roads to Alfalfa, both bad. . . . Tumalo was called Laidlaw. . . . there was a postoffice at Gist. . . . the Aune brothers' big red barn on Bond street. . . . Walter Combs when he ran his Bend Garage Co. on Bond street. . . . H. C. Ellis was county judge of Crook. . . . the forest service occupied a single office in the bank building. . . . the Bulletin was a weekly printed on Wednesday and folded by hand. . . . Mt. Washington was known by another name. . . . at

Wet Weather springs the south-bound stage changed in the winter from wheels to a sled. . . . every trip to Prineville meant a couple of tire changes. . . . C. H. Messing had a homestead near Imperial. . . . there was a hotel at Harper. . . . Ducks and geese were shot on the river in Bend. . . . gold was reported discovered at Windy point on the McKenzie highway. . . . C. S. Hudson and Harper Skuse went over the old Santiam road to Big lake on a fishing trip and took a week to get back home, via Portland. . . .

The sprinkler wagon used to lay dust on rutted Wall street. . . . Hugh O'Kane in his siasias in his chair in the lobby of the Bend hotel. . . . Frank Logan came over from Burns with the Sagebrush orchestra. . . . The Commercial club pioneered the road to Burns and set up mile posts. . . . there were four Johnsons in Bend designated by the names of the buildings they lived in. . . . the Three Story Johnson building stood on the side of the Erickson store. . . . the time Linster hall burned. . . . Delaware street was laid out across an alfalfa field. . . . county quarters were on the second floor of the O'Kane building. . . . Ward Coble ran the Liberty theater. . . . the main road south ran by Shoequest's, Cort Allen's and the Vandevarts' Old Homestead. . . . there were two midget golf courses in Bend. . . . Don Peoples and Jim Duffy moved over from Prineville. . . . the gymnasium was used in the 1919 flu epidemic. . . . Archie Whitman pioneered the road up Pilot Butte. . . . an evangelist

named Buehler had a meeting in Dick Smith's new store and started seven fights. . . . Doc Coe was collecting material for the "Frontier Doctor." . . . Sam Han was promoting the year-around route from Maryhill to California. . . . members of the Emblem club "held up" a train just north of town. . . . The Klu Klux Klan burned a cross on Pilot Butte and Reporter George Curtis of The Bulletin checked their car licenses. . . . ice from Arnold cave sold in Bend at \$40 per ton. . . . electric lights blazed on Bend streets in 1910.

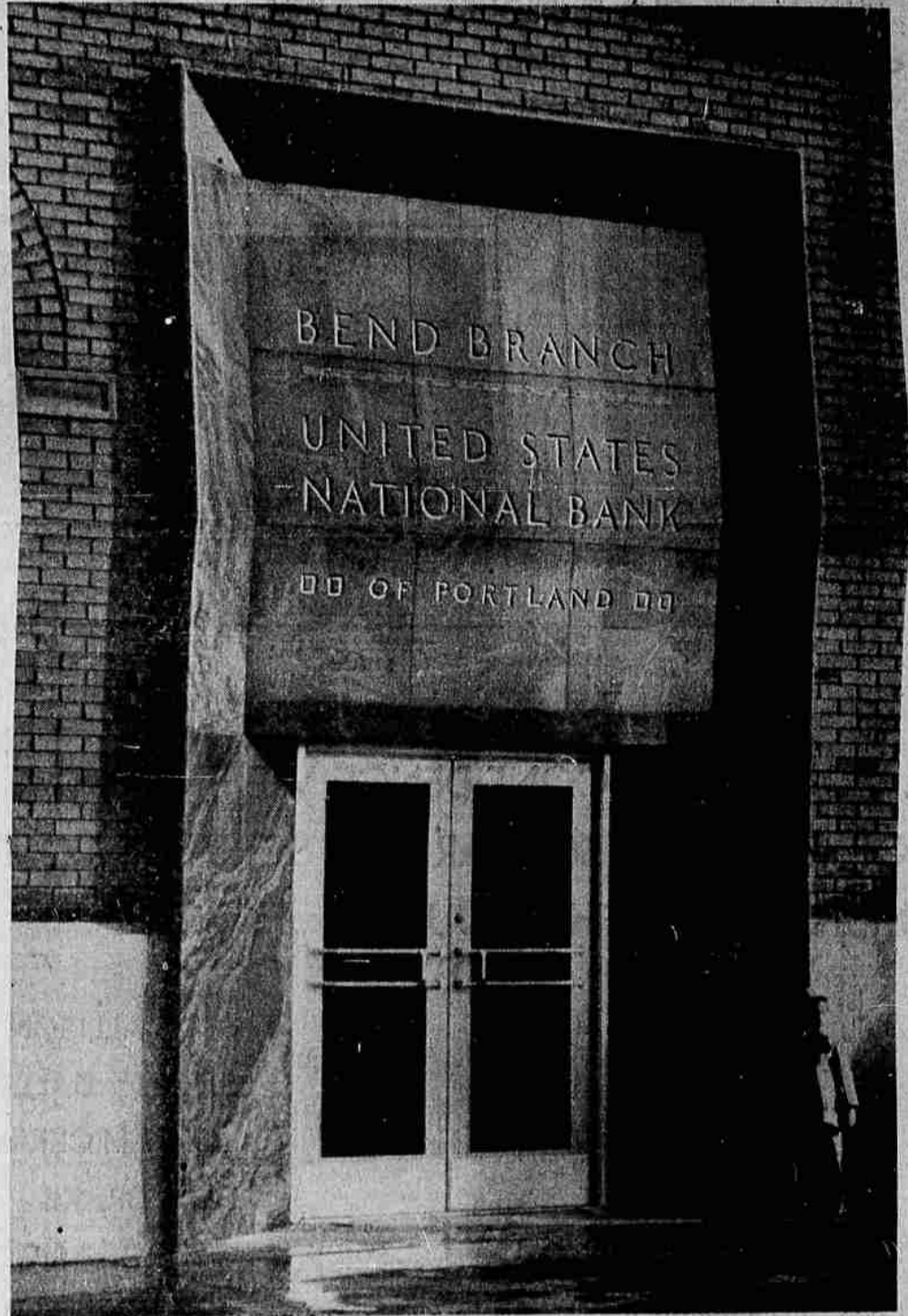
Pioneers of Bend Join in Gold Rush

Bend's gold rush of 1905 is still recalled by old timers of Central Oregon.

The quest for gold just short of half century ago centered in the high Broken Top country, some 22 miles west of Bend. Within a week following the reported discovery of "gold sulphurets" in the area, scores of claims had been staked.

Joining in the gold rush of 1905 was an old time prospector, W. A. Hunt of Laidlaw, who indicated he was pleased with gold showing in the volcanic rocks.

The search for gold lasted through most of the late summer of 1905, then suddenly the fever for mineral riches subsided. Old timers said that traces of gold actually



GROWING WITH BEND

The City of Bend and the Bend Bulletin pioneered together here in the rich central Oregon country. In the last half century, water has made the land a fertile agricultural area. . . . forest products have contributed to the wealth of the region. . . . thousands have vacationed in the sparkling beauty of the Deschutes wonderland.

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