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BEND ORGANIZES BOARD OF TRADE

PERMANENT ORGANIZATION EFFECTED FOR INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL ADVANCEMENT OF THE DESCHUTES VALLEY.

Solid Stand Is Taken For National Irrigation and Vested Rights.

Hot on the heels of the discussion and interest which is being taken over irrigation matters throughout the state, Bend citizens got together Wednesday evening, formed a permanent Board of Trade for promoting the industrial, commercial and agricultural interests of the Deschutes valley, drafted and adopted resolutions to be presented at the irrigation convention, calling for a just share of the national fund for reclamation of arid lands in the Deschutes valley and vicinity not already appropriated by private corporations in whose good faith and honest purpose the utmost confidence was expressed, and then appointed two delegates to represent the organization at the Portland convention next week. The resolutions adopted follow:

Whereas, Oregon has paid nearly \$1,000,000 into the government reclamation fund for irrigating arid lands in the United States, and Whereas, the Deschutes Valley contains the largest and most compact body of arid, arable and tillable lands in Oregon susceptible of reclamation by irrigation; therefore be it

Resolved, that the Bend Board of Trade earnestly requests the state irrigation convention to take the necessary steps to induce the general government to expend \$1,000,000, more or less, for the reclamation of such arid lands in the Deschutes Valley and vicinity as are not already appropriated and under process of reclamation by private corporations. IN WHOSE INTEGRITY AND HONEST PURPOSE WE HAVE THE UTMOST CONFIDENCE, and

Resolved, that we are in favor of the development of the county, and we invite the investment of capital in the building of railroads, saw-mills and other industrial projects, and

Resolved, that we have the utmost faith in the ability and integrity of our congressman-elect, Hon. J. N. Williamson, whose name has been assailed through some of the newspapers of the state.

Interest in the Meeting.

Interest was not lacking in the meeting, notices of which were posted the first of the week, and as soon as a temporary chairman and a secretary could be elected steps were taken to establish a permanent organization which should have the welfare and industrial progress of the Deschutes Valley in keeping. These various objects were formulated and signed by the citizens present, and H. W. Reed and W. P. Vandever appointed to attend the Portland irrigation convention in the interests of the Deschutes Valley. The following officers were then elected for the ensuing year: John Steidle, president; H. W. Reed, secretary; A. M. Drake, treasurer.

Objects of the Organization.

The organization which will transact its business under the name of the Bend Board of Trade, although local in its denomination, stands for immediate development of the entire Deschutes Valley. It stands for the protection of vested rights, invites capital to enlist itself in private enterprises, and welcomes and courts any move along commercial and industrial lines. It also especially requests that all the residents living in the Deschutes Valley become members of the organization at the first opportunity, on the grounds that definite moves and permanent developments will take place more readily under pressure of a large membership than otherwise. The belief is also expressed that the future welfare of the Deschutes valley will be better served by concerted action taken on the part of the residents, and the present organization offers the opportunity to make the valley a district of productiveness both from an industrial and agricultural standpoint.

Second Meeting To Be Held.

President Steidle left Thursday for Minnesota, but it is expected that he will call a meeting for the further transaction of business arrangements after his return the first of next month. In the meantime those who wish to become active members in an organization which has the promotion of Deschutes Valley interests uppermost in mind should make application to the secretary for membership.

NEW SCHOOL RULING.

Scholars From Other Districts Not Required to Pay Tuition in Bend.

A new ruling made by J. H. Ackerman, superintendent of public instruction, bears directly upon a number of pupils in attendance at the Bend district school, and will materially lessen the expense incurred by the parents in sending their children to school in this district.

The decision states that the residence of the parent or guardian, rather than the place where the pupil is enumerated, determines the place where a child is entitled to attend school without paying tuition:

"School boards shall admit free

of charge to the schools of their respective districts all persons between the ages of 6 and 21 years whose parents or guardians reside in such districts at the time of making application for free admittance to such schools; even though such persons may have been at the last enumeration legally enumerated in some other district."

This ruling will make a change, the dispatch from Salem goes on to state, in the practice in this state, for it has been generally held that if a child is enumerated in one district and school money is drawn for him in that district he cannot attend elsewhere without paying tuition.

A party of eight from different points in Michigan and Illinois arrived Thursday to locate on timber claims.

HOT AIR CLUB SUSTAINS HEAVY LOSS.

Vice-President of the Organization Becomes a Benedict.

The "Hot-Air" club is mourning. At the rooms of Bend's original secret society a sense of intense grief and irreparable loss pervades the atmosphere. The tiger lilies droop their heads, likewise do all the pocket-books of the members, cupid has the snuffles, there is a prevalence of deep silence broken only by the sharp report of tear-drops striking the board floor, sympathy and regret burst forth spontaneously at the same moment, envy lurks green-eyed in the orbs of the remaining bachelors, and all around the clubhouse inanimate objects express their grief in coats of deep, black mourning. Even the stove-pipe is clothed with an extraordinarily thick coat of soot! Mirabile dictu!

Francis Marion Hodson, philosopher, star actor at the chafing-dish, club photographer, former vice-president and secretary, and one of the most prominent of members has succumbed to the thralldom of married life. According to the rules of the order to which the bride-groom belonged he is now an obsolete member in the organization, a nonentity in one of the most widely celebrated societies of Eastern Oregon.

The bride was Miss Marie Hubbard, of Cottage Grove, and is a niece of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Staats of Bend. The event took place the 29th of October at Eugene.

To the blushing bride the club doffs its hat and offers its hand in the deepest sympathy; to the proud possessor of life's consummate sweetness, the club showers upon him its heart felt congratulation, and the community around Bend where Mr. and Mrs. Hodson will make their future home join in the chorus of "long life, prosperity and continued happiness."

Popular Young People Wed.

Thursday afternoon, November 6, Mr. Benjamin B. Helfrich, of La Monta, and Miss Ruth Wright, of Howard, were married at the Poindexter hotel in Prineville.

The wedding, which was a very quiet one, only the immediate relatives of the two families and a few intimate friends being invited, was marked by its extreme simplicity and solemnity. No wedding march heralded the approach of the bridal party but in its stead, to the music of the autumn wind and in the soft light of the dying day, the young couple, preceded by the bridesmaid and best man, Miss Ruth Taylor and Mr. Claude Wright, slowly advanced and took their places before Judge Booth, who performed the ceremony in a most impressive manner.

The bride was appropriately attired in a dark cloth costume and wore white roses; the bridesmaid also wore street dress.

After the ceremony congratulations were extended to the happy pair and later the bridal party was charmingly and informally entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

Joe Taylor by Misses Ada and Ruth Taylor. Mr. and Mrs. Helfrich, who are very popular young people, were the recipients of many elegant wedding gifts, the bridegroom's erstwhile bachelor home, "Ladysmith," to which he took his bride the last of the week, having been almost completely refurnished and very tastefully ornamented by the many presents from friends and relatives.

Those present at the ceremony were: Mr. Claude Wright, of Howard; Miss Ruth Taylor, of Prineville; Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Helfrich, Mrs. E. M. Miller, Ralph and Dorothy Miller, of La Monta; Miss Ada Taylor, Mr. Frank Taylor, of Prineville; Miss Katherine Helfrich, of the Echo.

May Be An Erroneous Report.

According to the Lakeview Examiner there is not much foundation to the report, as first circulated by the Oregonian, that the department of Interior will pursue a rigid investigation of the local land offices relative to alleged timber frauds. That paper says:

"Mr. Brattain said yesterday that he had received no official notification of the action of the land department at Washington, and knew nothing regarding the matter but what he had read in the Oregonian. He said that so far as his office (Lakeview) is concerned he was prepared to assist the head department in a thorough investigation, and would heartily welcome such investigation.

"Local timber men of Oregon look upon the action of the secretary of Interior with regard to filings on timber lands as a scheme to "gobble" the best timber lands with scrip. The action stops all filings on timber claims until the pending investigation is settled. The investigation might be held up for six months or, at any rate, long enough for men who hold scrip to lay it on the best claims and in this way scoop the individual claim takers out of their best interest."

Echoes Along the Deschutes.

H. M. Phillips and a party from Spokane have been spending the week along the Deschutes duck and deer hunting.

P. B. Doak was here from Prineville Sunday. L. D. Wiest returned with him to attend the irrigation convention.

C. B. Allen was down from Lava Tuesday on his way to Prineville.

W. H. Brock returned Tuesday from a business trip to Prineville.

John Steidle left Thursday on a business trip to various points in Minnesota. He expects to be gone about three weeks.

H. W. Reed and W. P. Vandever left the last of the week for Portland where they will shout the praises of the Deschutes and its adjoining territory.

A party of engineers at work on the preliminary survey of the Salt Lake-Coos Bay railroad is working about twelve miles south-east of the stage station on the Silver Lake road. The crew is working rapidly and endeavoring to find an easy outlet

along the base of the Paulina mountains.

S. P. Donkel and son, Wallace, were here Thursday. They were returning from Prineville with a load of freight for Lava.

John Bloss left for the timber belt Friday morning to locate a party on yellow pine claims.

W. H. Hollinshead was a visitor from Rosland the first of the week. His son, Chester, is here attending the Bend district school.

A. C. Palmer spent a few days at Bend this week. Mr. Palmer, who is a delegate to the irrigation convention, will leave for Portland Monday and will be away a week.

There are six or seven juniper trees about a half a foot in height growing on the bank of the Deschutes river near Bend. As a piece of timely advice, the government ought to put them into a forest reserve. It's a shame that this nucleus of a mighty forest is likely in the near future to become frost-bitten or trod down by the hoofs of cattle for mere lack of government protection.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Haner have gone to Prineville for a short time before leaving for Portland where they will spend the winter. Mr. Haner has been at work in the timber along the Deschutes river since last February.

John Newsom, who has been surveying the town-site property along the Deschutes river, completed his work Thursday. He goes to Prineville to take up his work as deputy mineral surveyor in that district.

Edward Everett Young, the Portland Oregonian's special correspondent, has been spending several days at Bend and in the valley of the Deschutes river where he has made a personal inspection of the private irrigation companies' work. Crook county residents will be interested in the articles which Mr. Young will write the first of the week, and the conclusions he has drawn after going over the field will in all probability have a tendency to throw considerable light on the work of the irrigation enterprises established here.

The hunting season for deer has closed—with the white man at least. But with the Indian it's different. For the past eight days some of the Warm Springs have camped along the river at this point and every day six or eight on horse-back will ride on either side of the river in a great chase for deer. The camps are full of both fresh and dry venison, and one camp has a hundred or more deer hides which were secured while coming across the mountains from hopping. But the hunting continues, and the deer which are not killed after being surrounded and driven into some recess where they are unable to escape are run out of the country. No one objects to the Indians enjoying the same rights as fall to others during the open season for deer, but it wouldn't do any harm for the Agency to look into the matter and call a halt on such slaughter after the season has closed.