

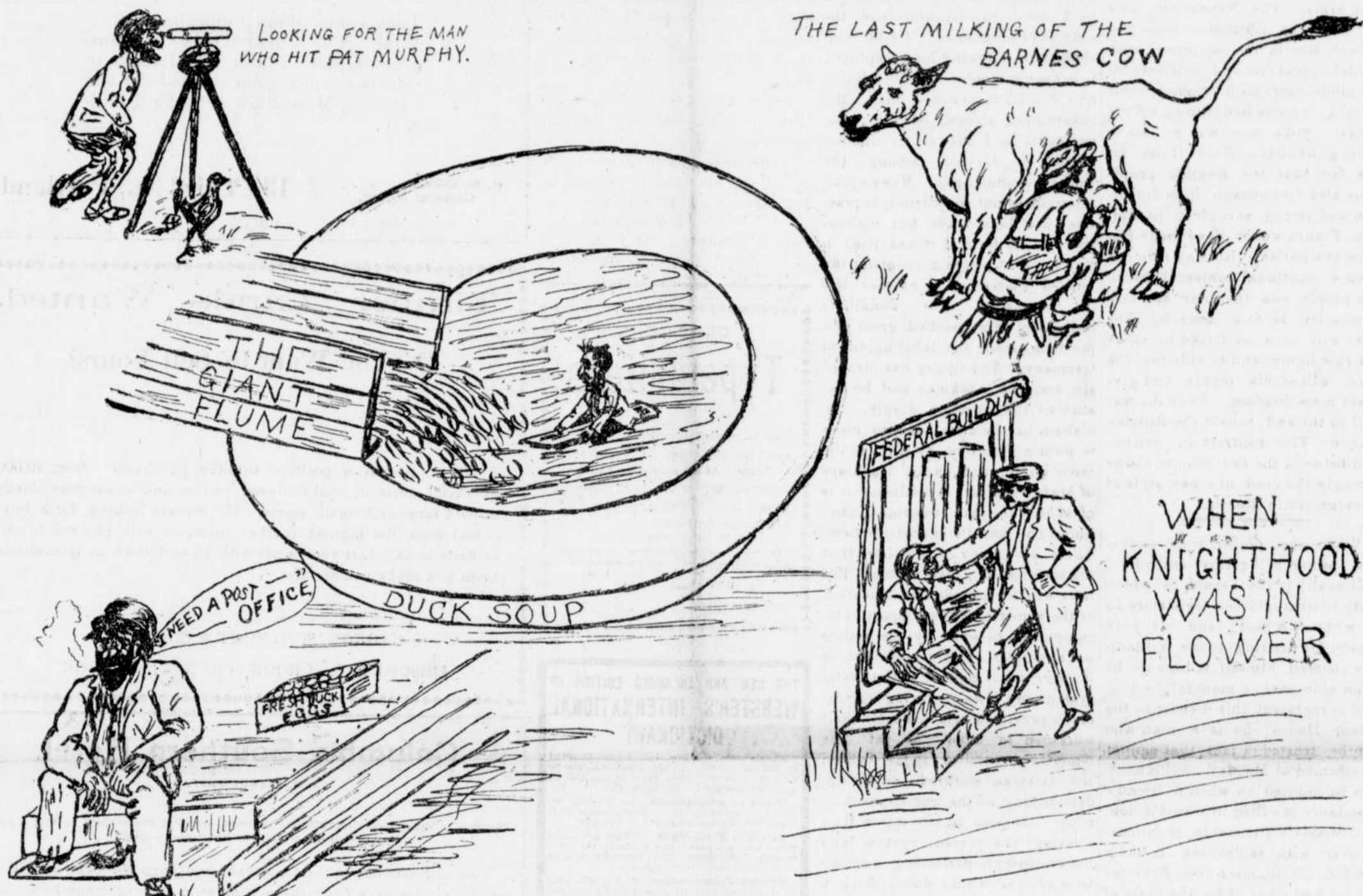
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SOME PICTORIAL HISTORY OF BEND.



A few events that have made Bend famous.

NEW COMPANY STARTS WORK. D. I. & P. Co. Making Preparations For Second Flume.

The Deschutes Irrigation and Power Company is very busy this week getting into shape for operation on a large scale. R. F. Guerin the secretary and treasurer was in town looking over the ground and left on Thursday for the general offices of the company at Portland. Engineer Smith has a surveying crew on the desert working over the territory not included in the P. B. D. Co. segregation which the Deschutes Co. has selected. The P. B. D. Co.'s selection ran about a mile north of the stage road on the west side of the old river bed and crossing the river bed took in a tract north of it, the outer line of which ran three mile north of the river bed and paralleled with it. The new company intends to take water from a higher level and plans a ditch running higher up and upon this work Engineer Smith and his crew are now engaged. The construction work is under the charge of Engineer Kelly and the small flume started by the P. B. D. Co. is now completed. Work on the connecting ditch is going rapidly forward. The large flume to take water from the river at Lytle will be begun March 25, a very early date considering the preparation necessary to start the work. The new company has a large shipment of implements and tools coming from Portland and the condition of the roads to Shaniko pre-

cludes quick freighting. The P. B. D. Co. made a straight sale of all its irrigation interests to the new company and A. M. Drake has no stock or interest in the Deschutes Irrigation and Power Company. The Oregonian stated last week that A. M. Drake held an interest in the present project but this is not a fact. The Oregonian's interview was probably given out by Drake and was of the usual color. The P. B. D. Co.'s president is trying to let himself down as easy as possible. The humiliation of his irrigation fiasco is too great to be taken in a single dose.

Sawed off the Timber He Was Sitting On.

Acting Land Commissioner Fimple has written the Lakeview land office not to make any further rejections on account of mistakes heretofore made in filing and proving up outside of the Lakeview district, but to await legislation by congress to cure the defect. The matter is being actively taken up by the Oregon delegation and it now seems moderately certain that an act will be passed allowing patents to issue on the proofs and filings already made without putting claimants to further trouble and expense.

The practice of filing and proving up outside of the district in which the land lies had existed for some years and no question had ever been raised as to its legality. The convenience and saving was great and patents were issued on

such filings and proofs just the same as on any others. A great part of the work was done at Prineville but the U. S. commissioner at Bend did a fair share of it. The present commissioner, Lawrence, believed that Prineville and Silver Lake commissioners should not be allowed to take filings or proofs on land near Bend and wrote to the Lakeview office setting forth his claim. The Lakeview officials forwarded this letter to the general land office for their views and the department ruled that no filings or proofs on land in the Lakeview district could legally be made at Bend or Prineville. On this ruling the Lakeview officials were obliged to rule unfavorably on all such filings and proofs until the late orders to cease pending curative legislation for the benefit of claimants. Whether any trouble with such filings and proofs would have occurred had not Lawrence raised the question is of course uncertain, but Lawrence reached for too much and took nothing, in other words the Bend commissioner sawed off the limb he was sitting on. The first announcement that all filings and proofs taken outside of the district in which the lands were situated were illegal, was a shock to the large number of claimants who were caught out but at present there is little cause for worry. Since the ruling which Lawrence caused the U. S. commissioner's office at Bend is not a very remunerative one and little is left in it except the title and honor.

Settlers Want Water.

Residents of Haystack held a meeting this week to consider ways and means of securing water for irrigation for that section. The Haystack country has a large amount of productive land and raises good crops without irrigation but its productiveness would be greatly enhanced by a supply of water. It would, however, require a very long ditch and considerable fluming to bring water to that vicinity. The meeting discussed the question of asking government aid. There are a large number of settlers in that section of land; it would be a wise move on their part to try to have the Deschutes Irrigation and Power Company extend one of its ditches into the country. If the expense of the undertaking proves too great for private enterprise, a bonus might be obtained from the government to assist the project. The irrigation of the Haystack country would be a boon to Crook county.

The World's Fair Route.

Those anticipating an Eastern trip, or a visit to the Louisiana Purchase Exposition at St. Louis, cannot afford to overlook the advantages offered by the Missouri Pacific Railway, which, on account of its various routes and gateways, has been appropriately named "The World's Fair Route."

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Democratic County Central Committee.

The Democratic County Central Committee for Crook county is hereby called to meet at the court house in Prineville, Oregon, on March 5, 1904, at 2 p. m. for the purpose of issuing a call for a county convention, and the transaction of such other business as may come before the committee. The following are the precinct members entitled to a vote at this meeting:

R. S. Price	Prineville Precinct
J. W. Robinson	Ashwood
W. H. Millhorn	Bear Creek
G. W. Noble	Beaver Creek
W. H. Staats	Bend
J. W. Will	Black Butte
Harry Hudson	Breeze
John Schmeier	Camp Creek
A. H. Bailey	Cherry Creek
Sam Douthett	Cross Keys
C. T. Lillard	Hardin
R. Parrish	Hay Creek
J. B. Merrill	Haystack
C. B. Allen	Irland
E. T. Clayton	Johnson Creek
Del Kitchner	Kutcher
E. W. Nelson	Maury
Wm. Brownson	McKay
W. H. Birdsong	Mill Creek
George Dodson	Montgomery
T. E. Carl	Newcom
W. J. Wright	Howard
Ed Merrill	Summit
Wm. Joslin	Willow Creek

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