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WETTING NEW LAND

Dr. Nichols Takes Flume Across River.

1700 FEET OF PIPE NECESSARY

One Feature of Development for Ranch Purchased of John Sisemore.

Dr. W. S. Nichol, who recently bought the Sisemore ranch, is providing means for carrying water across to the west side of the stream to water a considerable area on the flat and also on the bluff there. He has already built and laid a pipe a foot in diameter across the river and sunk it above seven triangular stone piers that will keep it safely moored. This will convey water from the doctor's own irrigation canal on the east side to his flat land on the west side, though an additional 200 feet of pipe will be required, the tube across the stream being 300 feet long.

The irrigation of the high land on the west side presented a problem of considerable complexity. The Nichol water rights would not carry the water high enough. Finally the doctor bought from the Pilot Butte company water sufficient for 20 acres on the west side highlands and set about getting it across where needed.

This water was to be taken from the Pilot Butte canal of the D. I. & P. Co. From the rim rock about 40 feet high on the east side the water was to be taken down and across the river and raised above rim rock 20 feet high on the east side. The distance between the two rims is 1700 feet.

It was determined to make a tight plank box a foot square to carry the water from rim rock to rim rock and construction of this is now in progress, the section crossing the river having already been laid.

But the fact that the low east side ditch, as well as the east side high line, is to feed through the river pipe to both low lands and high lands on the west side complicates the matter. Both high pressure and low pressure service is to go through the one line across

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the river. This is adjusted however, by having the two services at different times. When the low pressure service is on the high pressure water will be turned off, and vice versa.

This service will bring about 60 acres of highly productive land under water for next season.

Church Notes.

Rev. Father Hickey, who is at present making his pastoral visit to Bend, will lecture tonight and Saturday night in the B. M. hall. The reverend gentleman is a pleasing and forcible speaker whom it will be a great treat to hear. The lectures are free and all are invited to attend. The subject tonight will be "Indulgences" and "Superstitions." Saturday night: "Can the priest forgive sin" and "Is he paid therefor." On Sunday morning at 9:30 o'clock Father Hickey will celebrate mass in the school house to enable all his parishioners to make the great Jubilee and also their Christmas duty.

The Rev. O. W. Triplett will hold services at the new Baptist church next Monday evening instead of Sunday as previously announced.

The Baptists will give an entertainment at their new church on Saturday night of next week. There will be a varied programme and plenty of diversionment.

MORE TELEPHONE LINES.

Wire to Laidlaw at Once--The Local Exchange.

The Deschutes Telephone Company will at once begin construction of a line from Bend to Laidlaw. This will be finished in a week or two and it will greatly increase the efficiency of the Bend exchange.

In the past week the company has bought wire, brackets and braces for more than 90 miles of telephone line. There are now 36 telephone instruments on hand.

The Deschutes Telephone Company will supply telephones at residences in Bend for \$2 a month and at business places at \$3 50 a month until the number of the latter class exceeds 20. Then the rate will be reduced to \$3 a month. After 30 business telephones are installed the rate will be only \$2 50 a month. None of these prices contemplate party lines. All will be main and full metallic circuit.

Chalk Talk.

A chalk talk by F. Milo Lobdell was the feature of the meeting of the Bend Literary and Debating Society Wednesday night. He showed great facility at drawing characteristic faces and objects and scenes, usually giving a humorous turn to each.

Mr. Lobdell will probably give an entertainment under the auspices of the debating society or the Bend Magazine Club within a few weeks. A committee has been appointed to arrange the matter. The object will be to raise funds for the reading room, which is expected to be opened soon. The chalk talk is entitled "Phases of faces" and will consist of the rapid drawing of caricatures interspersed with humorous sketches, musical and otherwise. The specimens of his work presented Wednesday night won enthusiastic applause and bespoke a large patronage for the entertainment.

An invitation ball was given at the B. M. hall Thursday night. There was a goodly attendance of congenial people, the music was excellent and the affair was in all respects a pleasant party. Dancing continued only till midnight.

Dr. C. E. Cozens, father of Mrs. W. S. Nichol, arrived yesterday and will spend some time in Bend, probably taking permanent location here.

SUICIDE BY HANGING

Man Found Suspended From Juniper Tree.

FEAR OF TROUBLE IS CAUSE

Laborer at D. I. & P. Co's. Experiment Farm Takes His Own Life-- Not in Right Mind

George Wisner, a Bohemian laborer about 30 years old who had been employed at the experiment farm of the D. I. & P. Co. about two weeks, committed suicide Tuesday morning by hanging to a juniper tree at the farm. Justice Lawrence empaneled a jury to inquire into the cause of death and the jury brought in a verdict of suicide and that the deceased was probably not in his right mind at the time.

Wisner came to Bend about two weeks ago with Anton Liska, who had known him a few months at Scio. He obtained work as a laborer with the D. I. & P. Co. He was very quiet and his fellow workmen never got much acquainted with him. At the inquest Anton Liska testified that he had often thought Wisner a little queer and last Sunday observed that his apparent mental unbalance was greater than he had before noticed. Wisner talked about something he had seen in a Bohemian paper touching a theft from a certain estate in Bohemia and expressed fear that it would cause him trouble with the Bohemian consul in New York. Liska then told him he was crazy.

The men sleeping in the tent with Wisner testified that he acted queerly Monday night. He rose about 5 o'clock Tuesday morning, put on his best clothes, including a pair of brand new leggings, made a break from the tent and hurried to a tree about 40 rods distant. The indications are that Wisner climbed the tree about 15 feet, put a noose of ordinary clothesline around his neck, fastened the other end about the tree and slid down until strangulation resulted. One arm was over a limb, which bore part of the weight of the body.

In the absence of the coroner County Commissioner Sterns telephoned to Justice Lawrence of Bend precinct to hold the inquest. The jury summoned was composed of John Sisemore, Chauncey P. Becker, James M. Patton, Theophile St. Michel, Nicholas P. Weider and Francis W. Copeland. They cut down the body and heard testimony and reported the verdict of suicide. Undertaker Meyer gave the corpse decent burial. The deceased left a young wife at Scio, but had no other known relatives in this country.

Don P. Rea of Madras is spending a few days in Bend.

Mr. and Mrs. Low gave a dancing party in their hall Thanksgiving night, which was largely attended and enjoyed.

The team becoming unmanageable, a workman at camp number three was badly cut and bruised about the head and face, last Saturday, being kicked by one of the horses he was driving on a scraper. He was brought to Dr. Merrill for treatment, but was able to return to camp the next day.

Frank M. Loveland, in drilling a well on the Barnett ranch at Culver, ran into a stratum of sand that is said to yield petroleum. A depth of 215 feet has been attained and there the work halts until the arrival of better appliances for dealing with it. An oil gusher is expected by some and they wish to protect the country from devastation when it breaks loose.

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