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CANAL IS FINISHED

Channel Now Through to Crooked River.

CAMP BROUGHT BACK TO TOWN

Pilot Butte Force Now Joins Central Oregon Construction--Will Crowd Ahead.

Last Friday the Pilot Butte canal was completed to Crooked river and next day the camp was brought to Bend. It is spending a few days here before going out on the Central Oregon canal construction to reinforce the crews already there. This will add about 125 men and 40 teams to the Central Oregon work and materially hasten the completion of that line. Ten teams at the Pilot Butte camp belonged to the grading force of Archie Mason, on the automobile line, and when the ditch camp broke up they went to Madras, where they have other work to do.

The Pilot Butte canal is about 30 miles long, from headworks to Crooked river. Unlike most rivers it is biggest at its source. For a distance of several miles at the lower end it is only 4 feet wide at the bottom. That is not a fifth of the width at Bend. However, the slope of the country near Crooked river is so great that the comparatively small channel will carry all the water that can be turned into it.

This line to Crooked river is really Lateral A, which is the extension of the main canal. That is,

the main canal as marked on the engineer maps merges into Lateral A at the northwest corner of Tp. 16 S., R. 13 E. At that point the main canal rests for the present, the settlers being on the land reached by the lateral. Later the main ditch, between the present Lateral A and the river, will be constructed.

The transferred camp will take up work on the Central Oregon canal at a point about 10 miles east of Bend, as soon as the retiring frosts will permit canal excavation to advantage. That will put a force of about 300 men and 200 teams, to say nothing of machine drills, road machines and patent excavators, on the one big canal and it will carry water to the old river bed early in the spring.

CITY PRISONERS MUST WORK

Ordinance to That Effect Passes Council--Saloon Licenses.

At the council meeting last Tuesday night the ordinance to provide for working city prisoners was read second time and finally passed over the objections of Alderman O'Kane. Erickson, McMillan, Merrill, Redfield and West voted Aye, and O'Kane No. O'Kane's objection was that it gave the marshal too much power over prisoners. The mayor being absent, this ordinance cannot become effective until 10 days after passage.

A question as to the liability of the Smith & Cleek and the Debing & Whitsett saloons to do business without a city license has arisen. The state law by its terms does not apply to incorporated cities and towns. In these cases, however, license under the state law was obtained before the incorporation of Bend. One license runs to next November and the other to next May. The question is, Can these saloons do business under the state law now that Bend is an incorporated city? The city takes the ground that they must comply with the city regulations in order to do business in the city, notwithstanding their county license; that the matter of getting a refund on the county license is something the city has nothing to do with. The license under state law is only \$400 a year, while the city requires a fee of \$600 a year. The question at issue has been submitted to a disinterested attorney, whose advice may clear it up.

No Daily Mail Just Yet.

L. A. Booth, of Prineville, one of the petitioners for increase of mail service to seven times a week between Bend and Prineville, has received the following letter from the second assistant postmaster general.

Referring to the petition, signed by yourself and others, for an increase in the frequency of service on star route No. 73401, Silver Lake to Prineville, Oregon, from six to seven times a week on that part of the route between Prineville and Bend, you are informed that the matter has been carefully considered by this office. It is found that the service on that route was increased less than four months ago from three to six times a week at a cost of \$2451.50 per annum, making the total cost of the route \$5000 per annum. In view of the present cost of this service, the department feels that the postal benefits to be gained thereby do not warrant it in making a further increase at this time, and the request for the increase must, therefore, be denied.

Two Men Injured.

Two men of ditch camp No. 2 were this morning engaged in drilling out a powder charge that had failed to explode. The old charge was accidentally set off and the two men were considerably injured about the head and will possibly lose the sight of their eyes.

Ladies, do not send away for your spring and summer footwear before examining the new stock that arrived this week at The Bend Mercantile Co. The stock and style are of the best and the prices right.

BRICK BUILDING NEXT

Preparations for Burning 100,000 Kiln.

INDUSTRY FOR BARNEY LEWIS

Prospect That Several Brick Structures Will go up in the Spring.

A 100,000 kiln of brick is to be burnt on the Barney Lewis homestead as soon as the material can be got together and the bricks moulded. There is an abundance of material and it makes first class brick.

Last fall, when it was discovered that brick materials could be had here, Stickle & Son burnt a kiln of 14,000 brick, which, it was announced, would build all the chimneys needed in Bend for two years. But the supply was used up by Thanksgiving day. Since then stone has been used and recently, when it was too cold to quarry stone, brick was brought from Prineville. But the Prineville brick are found to be of very poor quality and very high cost at Bend. Discovery of even better materials than were known here last fall is another reason for starting a large kiln and good brick may be produced here so cheaply that they may supplant wood in much of the building to be done here.

There is now prospect that two brick buildings will be constructed in the spring, and possibly a third. The brick-making firm will be known as the Lewis Brick Company. The kiln will be out at the homestead where sand and water will be hauled easier than to haul the clay away to the water and sand.

HELP THE MAGAZINE CLUB

And Incidentally See the Best Show Ever in the City.

Since last August, when the Bend Magazine Club began its work, about 1000 copies of periodicals have been drawn from its reading room. All of this reading matter is beneficial and most of it could not have been otherwise obtained in Bend. The club started by voluntary subscriptions ranging in amount from 50 cents to \$3 each. It has paid nothing for maintenance and has kept out of debt. It is trying to get the means for opening a public reading room where there shall be better facilities for enjoying its advantages. In all respects it is a worthy institution and has claims upon every citizen for support.

The theatrical farce to be presented at the B. M. hall tomorrow night is for the benefit of this Magazine Club. Every cent over the actual expenses will go to help this institution. And then the comedy is a highly meritorious thing and every patron will get full value for his money. Adults 50 cents, children 25 cents.

PILOT BUTTE INN SOLD

Albert C. Lucas Transfers Property to Dan R. Smith.

Albert C. Lucas, who has kept the Pilot Butte Inn for the past 20 months, this week sold the property to Dan R. Smith, of Eugene, who will take possession March 1. The consideration is \$6000. The Lucases will buy residence property and remain in Bend.

This transfer includes only the hotel property, the livery stable having previously been disposed of to C. T. Hunt. Mr. Smith, who is an experienced hotel man, will make numerous improvements about the property immediately upon taking possession, increasing the capacity and accommodations of the place. He will bring his family in at once.

DIED.

WOODS—Francis E., son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Woods, aged 3 years, died of spinal meningitis at camp No. 2 on Thursday, February 9, 1905. The funeral was conducted by the Rev. J. A. Mitchell on Saturday.

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