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All Forces Now on Central Oregon Canal.

HUNDREDS AT WORK

MOVING TOWARD RIVER BED

Water Turned Into the Finished Pilot Butte Canal--Hardening the Banks,

About 400 men and 250 teams are now at work on the Central Oregon canal of the D. I. & P. Co. The camps are strewn along the canal line to a point about a dozen miles east of Bend. Flume work is ed forward with energy. The plans contemplate delivery of water into the old river bed early in May, after which time the construction forces will go at the system of lat-

Butte canal last Sunday and it is secured. Two new milch cows now down about 15 miles. But and some hens will be taken there small volume was turned in at first, George Hobbs, who is a good in order that the soft banks might cook, will have immediate charge get moistened and packed before of the station, which will be upon the strain of a full channel is put his nomestead where the present upon them. Gradually the amount stage road crosses it. It is expectof water is increased and its effect ed that travelers may be accommoon the canal banks watched, and it dated there by March 15. It may may be a week or two before the also be made a stage station, the full volume will be running. It present drive of 30 miles being too will be a much larger stream than long. ran last year.

A sink hole has been found on the Central Oregon canal a short distance below the flume. At first Wimer, was working in the Highthe water thus lost came out into tower & Smith sawmill at Tumalo the Pilot Butte canal, the altitude last Friday when his left hand was of which is considerably lower, caught by the edger and the ends of There have been several attempts three fingers and the thumb were to fill the hole with rock and earth trimmed off. Mr. Hightower but it has not yet been made water brought the young man to Bend The frost line prevented proper reinforcement of the bank. Now that the frost has gone the The little finger was unharmed. leak will soon be stopped. Several other small leaks have been found but they will be easily stopped.

Last spring there was a big drop in the Pilot Butte canal not far from the present leak in the Central Oregon, and large pine trees and stumps were washed out in an is as tight as if made of cement.

The problem of getting water out to the construction forces is one that proves not to be easily solved. in view of the delay on the flume. Eighteen teams are regularly employed night and day hauling water to the camps. For this reason the flume will be pushed to completion soon as the lumber is available, so the water may be led out in the canal near the camps.

head of Benham falls to water land for some time yet.

Will Soon Begin.

About three miles of main pipe for the Bend water works system were ordered some time ago and the pipe is now being manufactured. These pipes are to be of staves wound with wire. Staves for a 30,000 gallon storage tank are also bought. A Phillips double acting ram

ordered. The necessary T's, valves and connections are included in the order now being filled and all will be ready for rapid work on the ground when the materials arrive.

The plan for the water works contemplates taking water in an canal and using it in a ram at the river near the old saw mill site. at large. The water in the service mains will be taken from the river there, not from the ditch. Eventually it is expected the town will get its supply from the irri-gation flume, but while the irrigation plant is in procress of construction more or less interference it is deemed best to provide otherwise for temporary service, "

Ohio, and on Bond street at the corner of Oregon and Ohio. There will be a main, on Wall and Bond between, Nevada and Ohio, out Greenwood avenue to Thirteenth, Organization of Bend Liout Oregon street and Ironwood avenue to Thirteenth, on Tenth between Ironwood and Greenwood avenues and out Hawthorn avenue to Thirteenth. East of Teuth street the mains will be 6-inch pipe west of Tenth they will be 4-inch pipe. From the reservoir to Oregon street the main will be of 8inch pipe. Dead ends will be con-nected with small pipes so as to give circulation.

New Station on the Desert.

A. C. Lucas and George Hobbs are building a feed station on the Prineville road about a mile east of the Bussett place. The first load suspended because of lack of lum- of lumber for building went out tober, but the rock work and excava- day. Others will follow immetion of earth for the canal is crowd. diately and a carpenter will begin work at once. A big water tank will be erected, to be supplied from the Vandevert spring a mile and a half away. There will be stables and feed for animals and sleeping and eating accomodations for travelers Water was turned into the Pilot About 50 tons of hay have been

Fingers Trimmed by Saw.

J. S. Baker, son-in-law of G. W. and Dr. Coe dressed the wound Nearly half of each digit is lost.

"All Over."

Hereafter we will have our repreentative visit each canal camp daily to solicit orders and deliver goods. Our spring stock is now arriving and will soon be the larghour. That was temporarily flum- Oregon, enabling us to suit all. ed and now the canal bottom there either in quality or price. Any paid for cabin turned over to the chased over the counter-small orders will have the same careful up the new quarters. attention as large ones. We want your orders, no matter how small. Respectfully,

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Swalley Ditch Election.

The annual meeting of the Des-The projected big canal from the chutes Reclamation & Irrigation Company (Swalley ditch) was held beyond Powell Buttes is resting in Prineville last Saturday. Frank until the government shall act up- Glass, William Birdsong and C. B. on the company's segregation in Swalley were chosen directors. Mr. that region. That is not expected Glass was re-elected president of the corporation. William Johnson was chosen secretary and treasurer THE WATER WORKS PLANT and C. B. Swalley superintendent. It was agreed that an 80-rod flume should be built across a depression Materials Ordered and Construction near Forked Horn butte, about eight miles below the headworks, and there will be considerable extension of the canal during the coming year.

Cougars Numerous,

H. W. Morrill and J. E. Meeker were driving over to Meek'er's claim toward Sisters the other day with capacity for pumping about and when on the hill a mile beyond 30, 000 gallons a day has also been the Tumalo found a big congar crouching by the side of the road. They had a gun in the wagon but before it could be unlimbered for action the beast shad crept out of reach. They followed him half a mile but could not gov a shot. This block 10, where the old Bend Furis the fifth panther seen in that vicinity recently W. P. Vandevert, open ditch from the Pilot Butte Will Brocks and two Indians each got one and at least this one is still

Notice to the Public,

Interments of deceased persons hear Bend have been made on private land owned by the underlignwith that channel is expected and ed. I do not wish a cemetery locat day. ed there and this is to give notice The water company will prepare that no further burials Will be percorner of Nevada, Minnesota and mitted there. E. F. BATTEN

brary Association.

STATED MEMBERSHIP FEES

Board of Trustees to Manage Affairs of the Institution .- The Present Financial Condition.

A score of people interested in the Bend reading room attended the meeting Wednesday evening for permanent organization. P. I .. Tompkins was chairman and J. H. Overtuf secretary. There was a full and free discussion of the proposed organization. It was finally voted to organize a voluntary association to be known as the Bend Library Association, which should have a board of five trustees to conduct its affairs and be patterned after the style of a legal corporation, subscribers being stockholders and the trustees choosing the executive officers of the association.

L. D. Wiest, Mrs. E. F. Batten and J. M. Lawrence were appointed s committee to nominate the five trustees. They could not agree on five, so reported eight. The selection of the five was then left to ballot of the subscribers present, which resulted in favor of the fol-

J. H. Overturf, Mrs. E. F. Bat-ten, Mrs. J. F. Circle, J. M. Lawrence and P. L. Tompkins.

It was decided that the library year should begin July 1 and that membership fee should be \$2 a year, with proportionate reduction y quarters for memberships beginning late.

The trustees are to present bylaws and a definite scheme of operation at a meeting of all the mem-bers to be held next Wednesday night at the reading room.

The report of the treasurer

showed \$98.36 to have been collected from subscriptions, \$34.55 net from the Prineville theatrical performance, and \$5.65 from fines for magazines kept over time. Expenses included . \$71.87 for magazines and 70 cents for a rubber stamp, leaving a cash balance of est and most complete in Central \$60.24 in the treasury. Besides this Mr. Overturf has \$16 of rent order placed with us will be filled club by the Pilot Butte company, at exactly the same price as if pur- from which some deduction is to be made for expense incurred in fitting

Reward for Horses.

I will give a reward of \$10 each for the return to me of a dark bay mare, with star in forehead, and black gelding with white specks both branded with A K connected, with bar underneath, on left stifle. The mare has a stone bruise on the right hind leg. Adam Kotzman, Bend, Oregon.

Pilot Butte Mill to Resume.

The sawmill of the Pilot Butte Development Co. will resume operations Monday morning with a force of 35 men after having been closed down since about January

During the time the saws have been idle a new engine and boiler and other machinery has been installed, which will double the output of the mills. Heretofore the daily runs produced from 15,000 to 20,000 feet of lumber, while the present equipment will make the daily output between 33,000 and 40,000 feet.

Farquhar McRae, who has for some time been Prineville's best barber, has come over to Bend and taken a position in Triplett's shop.

R. B. Mutzig has bought of N. P. Weider the north half of lot 2 in niture Company was located. He may move the present building back on the lot and erect a more substantial structure in front.

Upon receipt of the resignation of W. H. Staats as postmaster at Deschuten the department instructed that actice should be posted to see if some one else would not apply for the position rather than have the office closed. Thereupon J. M. Hodson applied for the office. his application going forward to-

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