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## COUNTY BILL KILLED

**A. M. Drake Telegraphs Defeat of Measure.**

**DIED IN COMMITTEE ROOM**

Above Announcement Brings Disappointment to Many—All Favor Continuation of Fight.

A telegram from A. M. Drake was received last Saturday morning by J. H. Overturf which announced that the bill to create Deschutes county had been killed in committee last Friday.

That was all the news in the telegram, but The Bulletin secured a more complete account of the "killing" from W. P. Myers, who has just returned from Salem. The fight developed as follows: There were five members on the committee on counties. Of these, two favored the "Deschutes" county bill. Two were controlled by Prineville—one on account of race kinship with Will Wurzweller, the other being an old schoolmate of Representative Belknap. The fifth, with the deciding vote, was controlled by the crowd seeking the creation of "Cascade" county with Hood River as the county seat. Cascade county was defeated in the senate. When that happened, the "Cascade" crowd, instead of keeping hands off, threw their influence against "Deschutes" and induced their man to vote against reporting it from committee. Thus the Deschutes county bill died in committee.

The bill would have passed if it had been reported, as enough legislators favored the measure to accomplish its passage. Defeat, then, is due not to lack of merit contained by the bill, but on account of political wire pulling in the committee room.

The news of the death of the bill was received hereabouts with great disappointment. Practically the whole population of Western Crook had gone into this fight with a determination to rid themselves of the domination of the Prineville "ring," and to create a county of their own whose affairs would be run in the interests of the people. Hence, the present failure brings bitter disappointment to many. Expressions of this disappointment are heard everywhere.

There is one noticeable feature, however, in all the discussions, namely, that there is no intention of "giving up." The move for county division has been a move by the people, and the expressions now being made are unanimous in the determination to carry the fight to a successful issue, even though it should take years to do it.

### Other Legislative Doings.

A new water code bill has been framed from the debris of the original bill introduced in the legislature, which it is said, has some chance of passage, says the Lake County Examiner. The bill, as presented the second time, eliminates the clause declaring "beneficial use shall be the basis, the measure and the limit to the right to the use of water." This was a concession to the riparian rights people, who believed that this section was aimed at them.

Section 11 of the bill was stricken out entirely. This section gave

the state engineer practically absolute power in making rules and regulations. While the power to make rules is retained, there is inserted a provision that an appeal may be taken to the courts from the engineer's rulings. It will probably be insisted on that the bill be made more specific upon this point. The bill introduced provided that the state engineer must proceed to make hydrographic surveys on all streams and upon the completion of any survey the state engineer must file suits to determine all water rights upon the streams.

While the bill retains the authority to make surveys, the provision requiring the attorney-general to bring suits has been cut out, and he is required only to intervene in cases where the state has an interest and where a suit has been commenced by private parties.

With this change in the scope of the work, the appropriation has been reduced from \$50,000 a year to \$17,500 a year.

The bill as introduced provided that the cost of suit should be charged to all the water users, pro rata. The amended bill provides that no costs shall be taxed against any person against whom the suit was not necessary.

The provision that money may be advanced for surveys is retained, but it is provided that the money shall be recovered only in the discretion of the court.

The bill has been thus amended by its friends as a concession to some of its opponents.

A bill has been introduced by Belknap of Prineville (and is now undoubtedly adopted) that raises the salary of Judge Bell from \$600 to \$1200 per year, and also increases the salaries of all county officials practically 100 per cent. Evidently there was a reason for that increased assessment aside from the need for a new court house.

Antelope has been successful in its county division. The new county of Nesmith has been created by the legislature, with Antelope the county seat. It is reported that one line of the new county runs within a mile of Madras.

Statements one and two of the (Continued on page 3.)

## SURVEYS ARE RUSHED

**Indications Point to Immediate Construction.**

**BUSY ON OREGON EASTERN**

Nature of Work Now Being Done Indicates that Grading Will Begin in the Early Spring.

The Burns Times-Herald has an interesting story relative to the work that is being done on the eastern end of the Oregon Eastern railroad. The nature of such work indicates that construction will be started early in the spring. The Times-Herald says:

"Persistent railroad rumors of the past week in this city indicate immediate construction work to begin on the Oregon Eastern and if reports are true the line will be completed to this valley the coming season.

"While The Times-Herald cannot vouch for the authenticity of the information, it seems to emanate from a semi-official source that Chief Stroddley has definite instruction to rush the work as rapidly as possible in order that contracts for grading may let and work begin as early as weather conditions may permit. These contracts will be let in sections of from 10 to 20 miles from Vale to the western portion of this valley if reports are true and as many contracts will be negotiated as possible. The roadbed for the entire distance named may be worked at the same time provided a sufficient number of contractors may be found.

"Should labor be found plentiful such an arrangement would mean the completing of the grade work this season and the matter of distributing ties and laying rails does not require a great deal of time with the present modern method of doing such work.

"Engineer Millar and his crew have been brought here from the west and it is understood will be placed on particular work in this valley and between here and Vale, making at least six different surveying parties between the two points. One of these is now at

work in Crane creek gap making soundings and ascertaining what is necessary to make the required cuts to bring the grade through the pass on the per cent desired. Some have brought the news that actual work on the roadbed had begun in that section but they are only testing to ascertain the nature and character of the formation there in order to intelligently compute the estimated cost of construction over that rather difficult portion.

"It is also rumored that Engineer Louis Shaw has been promoted and as soon as he has finished the particular work he is now on he will be placed at the head of the construction work."

The Oregon Eastern is the Hariman line building across the state east and west from Natron to Ontario and from which line it is planned to throw out a branch northward to Bend and ultimately down the Deschutes river to connect with the O. R. & N. along the Columbia river.

## BUILDINGS GO UP.

**Redmond Opens Spring Season with Improvements.**

REDMOND, Feb. 18.—Spring building is now on. Coming to town sometimes one hardly recognizes that he is on the same old streets. The most noticeable buildings are the barn that Buckley is putting up for stage company horses and Frank McCaffery's residence.

Bring your blacksmithing to Redmond now. The shop is again open at the old stand and the anvil rings merrily to the sound of the hammer all day long.

Not that anybody on the segregation needs to be apprised of the fact but that those at a distance who read these notes may know, we hereby acknowledge receipt of water in the Pilot Butte canal and laterals and suppose now that hauling water from the river is over for another season.

Saturday night we were delighted at the receipt of a small batch of mail from the outside world. It consisted of mail of the first class entirely and came by way of Dufur. Sunday night there may have been more mail, but we doubt it as there was none in our bag.

Mr. Wright and family of Prineville passed through here Friday on their way to Cline Falls to visit friends.

The Beesings of the Sisters neighborhood were in Redmond trading the latter part of last week.

It is reported that Percy Walzer has bought Mr. Wright's team and will farm this season. We hardly know whether it would be more fun to see Percy with a wife or trying to run a cook stove.

After the Woodmen meeting Saturday night there was a dance at H. F. Jones'. We did not have a report, but can hardly imagine that it would be proper to report a dance in Redmond without saying that it was well attended and everybody had a good time.

Mrs. Simons entertained several of her friends at cards on Thursday evening.

It is reported that John Meredith and family of Cline Falls will move to Portland shortly.

Carl Ehret finally made connections and got back home Thursday night.

The euchre club meets this week with Mrs. George Wood on Thursday.

The north and south county road as petitioned for has been viewed and the linemen have been out. We understand that there is a good show that after the March term of court we may be able to drive out a few miles from town on a road that is official instead of being simply a trail through the woods. If it turns out this way we may turn in and make another effort to get an east and west road.

We understand that Mrs. Renahan is expected home before long and that Mr. R. is busy getting the new house ready for her at the experiment farm. It is understood, too, that Mr. R. will have two men to help him carry on the farm. Mr. Landes was a business visitor in Prineville last week. Mr. Gates Saturday and the undersigned will try it today.

Mrs. Reed, who has been quite well lately, was taken last week with another attack.

E. C. PARK.

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## THE PATH TO THE PASTURE

THE narrow path that we used to tread Led straight away from the farmyard gate, And down the lane to the pasture lot, Where for our coming the cows would wait. Between its borders of grass and weeds It bore the prints of our restless feet, That stepped so blithe through the early dews, Or lagged along in the pulsing heat.

Above our heads curved a roof of blue, Where oft we saw the ghost of the moon Go drifting by with the sun tipped clouds That sailed away to the port of noon, From nodding thistle and mullein stalk The meadow larks through the summer sang, And from the stubble of harvest fields The bob white's call through the stillness rang.

O little path of the long ago, I've wandered far from your beaten dust, And stumbled oft in my journeys wide, And lost the key to my childish trust; And now and then in my waking dreams I stand once more by the pasture wall, And hear again from the harvest fields The cheerful sound of the bob white's call.

—NEW YORK SUN.

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