INVESTIGATION IS ON

Columbia Southern Co.'s Books to Be Examined.

MAY FORFEIT ITS CONTRACT

State Land Board Determined to Push Trouble with Irrigating Company to a Speedy Termination,

The investigation of the Colum bia Southern Irrigating Company is now on. The state land board investigation,

The Portland Telegram, in a recent issue had the following "special" from Salem regarding most popular teacher in the Bend this trouble with the Columbia schools and has always taken a Southern Irrigating Company which leading part in Bend's social life. operates on the west side of the She has spent the winter in Port-Deschutes river with headquarters land and will be gladly welcomed at Laidlaw and which diverts its back to Bend as Mrs. Goodwillie. water, not from the Deschutes river. but from Tumello creek. The Telegram says:

As a preliminary step to commencement of legal proceedings against the Columbia Southern Irrigating Company by Attorney-General Crawford, for an accounting, and the appointment of a receiver, the state land board this mornfig adopted a resolution authorizing the fign of Ring, Guerin & Kollock, of Portland, representing the Columbia Southern Water-Users' Association, to employ necessary expert accountants to investigate the accounts and financial states of the company. This proceeding is to be conducted without expense to the state. It is practically a fore-gone conclusion that the company, of which R. W. Wilson, of Portland, is president, will not submit to such an examination, in which event the case will be taken into the courts for thor-

ough investigation.

During a discussion of the status of the case this morning between Attorney-General Crawford and Attorneys W. E. Guerin and John Called W. H. Guerin and John Kollock, the attorney-general expressed serious doubts as to the legality of the transfer of the contracts from the Three Sisters Irrigation Company to the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company, and from the latter to the Columbia Southern Irrigating Company and it was his opinion that all the officers and bondholders of the three companies, including President C. Sam Smith, ex-sheriff of Crook county, and M. R. Brink, secretary of the Three Sisters Company, and President W. A. Laidlaw and James E. Lytle, of Portland, of the Columbia Southern Ir-rigation Company, could be held re-sponsible for any deficiency, fraud on violation of the state's contract which may be found to exist. The Oregon Trust & Savings Bank, of Portland. holds a first mortgage upon the property now in the name of the Columbia South-can irrigating Company, and if the at-tomey-general's deductions are upheld by the courts this instrument and obligation would be invalidated.

The question arose in the board meeting as to whether the title to the land in the segregation would revert to the gov-ernment in the event that the company's contract is canceled but it was the opin-ion of Attorney-General Crawford that the title would revert to the state only and that the state could proceed with the reclamation project. The govern-ment would have to bring suit to set aside the patent issued the state.

A Move That Favors Extension.

The Burns Times-Herald has a note to the effect that railroad surveying crews have again taken up work on the "Sage Hen" route and says that "should they finally decide on the Sage Hen route, it would indicate that they propose meeting the Corvallis & Rastern rather than connecting with the Natron extension." The surveys here referred to are on the Oregon East

en it is considered that Harriman has recently secured the Corvallia & Eastern, is there any significance in the fact that his surveyors have again begun work on a line-which had been abandoneda line that would be the best one to ers; large, uniform eggs, fertility connect with an extension of the guaranteed. E. F. BATTEN, Corvellis & Eastern? People in 50-1 Bend, O

Central Oregon sincerely hope so and that the extension of the above line will soon be commenced.

GOODWILLIE-JONES.

Bend's Mayor John the Benedicts and Weds Miss Grace Jones.

A. L. Goodwillie and Miss Grace Jones were united in marriage in Seattle last Tuesday, March 26. The wedding was a very quiet one. no invitations were issued, and only relatives were present. Mr. and Mrs. Goodwillie left the same day for a trip through California and will return to Bend in three or four

Since the incorporation of Bend, Mr. Goodwillie has been mayor. has authorized King, Guerin & holding for some time the distinc-Kollock, of Portland, which firm tion of being the youngest mayor also maintains an office in Bend, in Oregon His official position to examine the accounts and learn and connection with the Pilot the financial standing of the com- Butte Development Co. as its secrepany. If access to the company's tary and treasurer has given him books is refused, the trouble will a wide acquaintance through this be taken into the courts to force an section, an acquaintance that will wish him joy in his new role of benedict.

Miss Jones for some time was

Church News.

The doors of the church will be open Easter Sunday, We shall gladly receive and welcome anyone wishing to unite with the M. E. church next Sunday morning, on probation or in full membership.

Subject for Easter morning sermon: "The Church Glorious and Triumphant." Sunday evening: 'The Easter Message."

The time of our quarterly conference has been changed from the April. Please bear in mind the detes of this important meeting.

REV. C. TAVENOR, Pastor.

The Deschutes.

Mongst mountains bold, where frost sprites hold

Their carnival of high glee, Thou hadst thy birth and hurried forth

To seek the calling sea. Through grottoes deep where echoe

sleep, Through caves where genii revel, Fer jagged rocks, with thrills and shocks,

You seek a lower level.

You slip and slid and spread and glide 'Mongst meadows green and tender. Along thy brink the grasses drink And droop the willows slender.

Lilies of gold purpled leaves hold,

Woo and wed, while overhead The witching moonlight hovers.

Oh the blue, blue skies, and the brown

brown hills.
And the clouds that drift between,

And the pines that sigh when a breeze wafts by

Like the echoes of a dream!

Amidst thy brakes, the wild fawn slakes Her thirst with waters sparkling; The plaintive awan chants her death

Within thy shadows darkling. The opaled trout dart in and out Among thy boulders primal; In thy nether sky, the eagle's eye Sees his reflected rival.

You foam and boil and seethe and coil Through canyons dark and solemu; You plung and roar and torrents pour O'er many a rocky column.

Thou art rich in Red Men's lore,

Their legends round thee cluster: Thou hast seen their council fires, Hast seen their armies muster.

In the magic halls where Memory dwells, Thy picture fadeth never, Nor is there one more fair to me, Thou beauteous, changing river,

-ELVA J. SMITH, Shaniko.

Eggs For Hatching.

Indian Runner Ducks. Eastern prize winners .- WM. P. DOWNING, Bend, Oregon.

Eggs for Hatching.

From Pure-bred White Plymouth | Lake. Rocks, bred for heavy winter lay-Bend, Or.

E. C. Park Gives Facts for TUMALO PEOPLE INDIGNANT. non-Resident Readers.

TUMALO PEOPLE INDIGNANT

Do not Like Recent Order of the Coun ty Court-Farmers Work to Sweet Strains of "Canned" Music.

REDMOND, March 25 .- We have had various parts of the country. As the facts we have been called upon to give non-resident readers of these notes, we reproduce a few of them here.

As to our climate we call it exceptionally fine. The winters are quite mild to alo yesterday on business. us who have come from the Dakotas, Nebraska and Iowa. The past winter we have had an exceptionally large amount of moisture for this section Probably enough with what we are still apt to get to almost mature fall grain.

Starting with September 1, 1906, and taking the months in which the precipitation that falls will be available for this season's crops, we find that since the above date up to March 28, there has fallen 15.82 inches of moisture in rain and snow. These statistics are taken government instruments. This precipitation, augmented by what will yet fall, will make available probably about 18 or 20 inches for the 1907 crop, according to last few days. the Bend station. The yearly average for the past four years has been a fraction over 13 inches.

Early spring grain and potatoes will probably require only one irrigating. The seeding of spring grain at this time is well under way. The ditch company has an abundant supply of water which it furnishes very liberally to the settlers.

Our altitude is 3000 feet and the pros pects seem to be that all the hardier fruits including apples will do well here. and to the 7th and 8th days of Hardly any one bat who is setting out land later. We hope he will, for we fruit including from 25 to 300 apple trees. Owing to the short length of time that the oldest settlers have been on the segregation it is impossible to give any very definite information. The apple trees that we set out ourselves last spring have not, most of them, made a very great growth, but we noticed a few days ago in transplanting some that the root development was very good indeed, so we look for better top growth this year and in the future. No one's cherries so far as we can learn did very well last

One enquirer wants to know about church privileges and religious condi-We have preaching every Sunday. Mr. George of Laidlaw, a Presbyterian minister, and Mr. Tavesor, a Methodist minister of Bend, alternating A Presbyterian church has been organized and meetings are held in the hall where all large gatherings are held.

The eucher club met Thursday as isual.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Tinsley are both

under the weather. uncle from New York visiting them for

a few days recently. Mr. and Mrs. McLallin entertained at cards Saturday night in honor of Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Welch.

Mr. Tinsley is clearing and fencing for A. W. Morgan. Several scores of farmers are doing the same things for themselves.

We came near forgetting to mention the Black Langshan rooster that we re ceived Thursday by express all the way from Arlington, Nebraska. He is surely an elegant bird and came through in fine shape. Stop and see him in passing.

We do not care to make what should be a batch of news notes merely a list of the names of buyers who have been in the past week though there have been in quite a number with several sales. One party went through going on to Silver real estate transfers so we are not giving

as are too young to walk furnished traus-

portation. Such a scheme has been found to work very favorably in Nebraska and some of the older states.

H. C. PARK.

Do not Like Order that Porces Payment of Road Tax in Cash.

TUMALO, March 27 .- The people hereabout are very indignant in regard to the order that Judge Bell has made to all road supervisors, as he has ordered all the road taxes to be collected in each and turned into the county court. This order will cut out all who wish to pay their road taxes in work. The people claim they have more time than money and we think they will not submit to any such arbitrary orders. It will make ome letters during the past week from it too hard on the people, as they will have all the cash they can raise when they get together their county taxes, will probably be of interest at least to without having to raise cash for road

Mr. Pinkham of Laidlaw was at Tum-

Hightower & Smith are busy sawing umber at the Dorrance mill.

Charles L. and John B. Wimer are hauling hay to Bend. They find a ready market for hay there.

We are glad to see T. A. Jensen back again. He will soon commence putting in a large crop of grain.

F. P. Ground was at Tumalo Monday The old gentleman is not having the best of health, we are sorry to say.

J. H. Edwards, Sr., and J. H. Edfrom the records of Observer Grant at wards, Jr., passed through Tumalo Mon-Bend, who is supplied with a full set of day. We are sorry to say that the old gentleman Edwards has been in very poor health lately, but he informed us that he has improved semewhat in the

> Mr. Drake's team passed through Tumalo yesterday with a four-horse load of telephone supplies for the Laidlaw-Sisters telephone line. We are glad to see so many telephone lines going up in this region for all such enterprises go far toward building up our country.

> Mr Clark of Laidlaw passed through Tumalo yesterday, Mr. Clark owns a fine desert claim one mile northwest of Tumalo. He informs us that he may conclude to take up his abode on his need many such enterprising men as Mr. Clark to help us build up the country.

> The Edgerton boys have returned from Hood River and have taken up their abode on their homesteads two miles west of Tumalo. They report a rather tough winter at Hood River. We are glad to see the boys back in this country again. They intend to improve their land extensively this summer. They have fine land and have an interest in the Gibson-Pulliam ditch and water right.

We saw our friend, C. W. Thornthwaite, on the streets of Tumalo yesterday. He is now on his homestead two miles west of Tumalo. He has a fine tract of land and also owns an interest in the Gibson-Pulliam ditch and water right. Mr. Thornthwaite is now conducting a harness shop in Bend. We have seen some of his harness work and it in first-class in every particular. A good harness shop has been much needed in Bend for a long time.

Rosland and Big Meadows Notes. Farmers for miles around on the

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Kendall had an Meadows can do their spring plowing to a of the state say that 60 per cent catchy two-step, a stiring march, or even of the pupils have come to this the "Good Old Summer Pime." Mr. B. state within five years. Doesn't F. West has the latest in a sonophone this furnish a marvelous vehicle and I have heard people say it is the best canned music they ever heard, be-

> Mrs. J. Carter of Rosland has been visiting Mrs. Frank West for the past

ing plain and distinct.

The fish are jumping and it is quite a temptation not to angle for a big "dolly"-but have patience it is only a few more days, and then-

We understand that Mr. Cornett has rented the old stage station on the Vandervert place, and will conduct it as a stage station instead of going on to Rosland,

Lake.

There is talk of organizing a new school district to the south and west of town. Personally we should like to see a strong central school with such pupils as are too young to walk furnished trans.

Many Are Working to Advertise the State.

SCHOLARS WRITE ARTICLES

The Schools at Work and the Older Boys at Play-Low Rates Still Bring Prospective Settlers.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25 .-Mr. E. L. Lomax, G. P. A. Union Pacific Railroad, Omaha, and Mr. A. M. Cleland, G. P. A. Northern Pacific Railroad, St. Paul, urge all commercial and industrial bodies throughout Oregon to mail advertising matter to them at once, as the colonists rates do not expire tion on the finger which soon beuntil April 30.

Development League through all that blood poisoning had set in. It of its organizations to at once communicate with the director of the Geological Survey at Washington City, and insist that this state be given more liberal recognition in the development of its mineral resources.

The business men of Portland are preparing an excursion for early in May; they will visit all points on the O. R. & N., including some side trips, between Portland and Boise.

Mr. M. A. Rigby, Burns, school superintendent of Harney county, offers a gold medal to the pupil preparing the best composition on Harney county. The pupils in high schools at both Ashland and Medford are competing for cash prizes for the best article on their city and surrounding country-all some news paper printed outside the states of Oregon and Washington-first \$5 00, second \$3.00. third \$2.00. This is a pattern that should be adopted by every community in the state of Oregon.

Mr. Frank K. Welles, Pendleton, school superintendent of Umatilla The family had just eaten breakcounty, has taken up the matter of having the pupils of his equaty all write letters for publication in outside newspapers. He has person-ally written to every teacher in Umatilla county.

Eugene has determined to become one of the best advertised cities on the Pacific coast. The people of that beautiful city appreare to be advertised with the very school graduates give it a splendid opportunity to grow.

Public speakers who have recently appeared before the high schools for advertising?

Publicity matters are especially busy in Portland. The Admen's League gave their famous annual banquet which for spice rivals the Gridiron Club of Washington City. Commercial Club. Thursday night the newspaper men of the city entertained the famous muck-raker,

Lincoln P. Steffens. cial Club Saturday night in a bottle pool contest between the Hon.

OREGON NEWS NOTES the colonist rates are still on and will continue until April 30; \$25 from Kansas City and all the Middle West from Oklahoma to Minnesota included; \$30 from St. Louis, and \$33 from Chicago.

ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

First Bees in Bend.

Probably the first swarm of bees to arrive in Bend came last evening for A. H. Grant. They came in good shape and were purchased of Jack Sommers of Prineville Mr. Grant now expects to live on honey during the summer.

Case of Blood Poisoning.

C. A. Chapman is in town this week from his homestead, so as to obtain proper treatment for a case of blood poisoning in a finger on his right hand. A few days ago Mr. Chapman noticed a small erupgan to give him trouble and upon Senator Bourne asks the Oregon consulting the doctor was informed is proving quite an unfortunate affair, as Mr. Chapman was very busy getting in this season's crop.

A Change in the Bear Creek Road,

E. W. Richardson and I. J. Wilkinson have fenced up the Bear Creek road where it crossed their land and have opened a new road on the township line, Mr. Richardson reports a distance of four or five miles. This changing of roads onto township and section lines is something that is bound to come to pass. Another recent change has been made on the road into the Arnold district, Ed. Brosterhous having closed the road across his homestead, he and Arthur Ely competing articles must appear in having opened a new road on the section line between their ranches.

A Small Blaze. J. N. Hunter had a narrow escape from a serious fire in his residence last Sunday morning. fast and were sitting at the table when Mike Morrison hurriedly opened the door and told them the house was afre, the roof around the chimney being ablaze. Luckily the fire had just started and a few buckets of water put it out. The chimney is a metal concern with a "saddle" resting over the ciate the liberal recognition given with a "saddle" resting over the gon, and are going to show their pipe running directly into the "sadappreciation in a practical way. dle." One length of the stove pipe The streets of the city are to be had slipped into the one below it, paved; the city and the university breaking the connection with the finest printed matter; the univer- chimney proper and allowing the sity is very much encouraged as stove pipe to tip to one side. This the increased number of high threw the sparks and heat directly against the boards of the roof, thus causing the fire.

Protest Entered.

W. P. Meyers appeared before Commissioner Ellis this week in behalf of A. P. Donohue of Portland to enter protest against allowing Mrs. Bettie Erickson to re-advertise on a timber claim filing. When the time arrived for Mrs. Erickson to make final proof set Wednesday night at the Portland in the original publication she and Mr. Erickson were detained in Portland as witnesses before the federal grand jury and could not The Oregon climate and its make final proof. The federal ofhealth giving qualities were in ficers agreed, however, to see that evidence at the Portland Commer-her interests in the claim were protected. She failed to make application for re-advertisement within George H. Williams, ex-attorney cation for re-advertisement within general of the United States and 30 days as prescribed by law, Col. John McCraken, the former claiming that she was kept from 84 and the latter 82. Col. James doing so on account of the deten-Jackson, of Governor Chamber- tion in Portland. Mr. Donohue lain's staff, a retired army officer, maintains that she was excused in kept the score, while Professor I. time to make application within W. Pratt, Portland's veteran and the 30 days, and that by failing to henored teacher, filled the position do so she forfeited her right to f referee,
The home-builders are coming; Bend appeared for Mrs. Krickson.