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NEW MAIL SERVICE

Contract Let to the Bend, Madras & Shaniko Co.

OF MUCH BENEFIT TO MANY

Strong though Unverified Rumor that the New Stage Line Has Been Awarded Mail Contract.

According to reports that reach Bend this week, the Bend, Madras & Shaniko Stage Co. has been granted the contract for carrying mail from Shaniko to Bend. While the officials of the company at this end of the line have not yet been notified to this effect, yet the report comes through such sources as to make it quite probable that the news is correct.

The contract stipulates that service on the new route shall begin May 1 and shall handle the mail from Bend, Laidlaw, Redmond, Culver, Warm Springs and Madras to and from Shaniko.

The granting of this contract means that mail service through Western Crook county will be much better hereafter. The new stage gets into Bend from about 2 to 3 o'clock daily and Bend people will now receive their mail at that time. While service over the old route has been very satisfactory for the past few weeks, during the winter and during wet weather it has been very unsatisfactory. During the time when the roads were in the poorest condition stages on the new line reached Bend regularly at about 4 o'clock p. m. It is thus seen that the problem of waiting for one's mail until the next morning after it arrives, and then often receiving it a day late on account of the stages having missed connections at Prineville, is now a thing of the past.

Another feature of the service that is of great value to the section served is that it gives so much better service between the towns along the new line. These towns are bound together largely by the same business interests and have needed closer and more rapid mail communication. This will now be granted.

PRINEVILLE WINS.

Defeats Bend School Team by a Score of 12 to 2.

The first baseball game of the season was witnessed by a goodly crowd last Saturday afternoon when the school teams of Bend and Prineville crossed bats on the local diamond. As the above score signifies, the result was disastrous to the Bend boys but they put up a stiff fight and "died game." And they lost to a team that is composed of skillful and speedy players that showed ample evidence of being well coached and well practiced.

The first half of the game was a walk-away for the Prineville chaps. It was the Bend boy's first game and the general opinion was that the local team was a little nervous. Most of the runs by Prineville were made on errors by Bend—errors that a little more practice and coaching will eliminate. Later the local boys took a grip on their nerve and played like veterans, the last half of the game being a well matched contest—nip and tuck as to which team was playing the best ball. But in the flurry of the first few innings the Prineville lads se-

cured too great a lead and the game closed 12 to 2 in their favor.

The local team has "timber" that will make a winning nine. Smith threw a ball that considerably puzzled the visiting boys to locate, as did also Guy McReynolds when he stepped into the box later in the game. Steve Steidl on first got everything that came his way, as also did Claude Vandeventer in center field. Claude froze onto two or three high-fliers and did his part in two "double plays." George Vandeventer did good work behind the bat, and in fact all played their positions creditably.

The Prineville lads are a well balanced team. Young Barnes played like a veteran behind the bat and has the makings of a league player some day. The Prineville pitcher was a good twirler and succeeded in fanning several of our boys. The visiting boys played a confident, speedy and clean game, the contest being entirely free from all wrangling or dirty work. It was a pleasing athletic exhibition good to see.

A Few Notes.

Local people tried to show the visiting lads a good time. Immediately after the game Mrs. W. P. Vandeventer invited both teams in and treated them to ice cream and cake. Friday night the school pupils gave a reception in honor of the visitors in the B. M. hall and Saturday night there was a dance in the Club hall which many of them attended. The Pilot Butte Inn was also thrown open that evening, and Mrs. Lucas and other ladies of the town gave another reception for the visiting people. Games, music, refreshments, etc. passed the evening pleasantly. There were about 80 guests present at this affair.

The two teams will play again on Saturday, May 4, at which time the Bend team will go to Prineville.

NO MORE FOOTBALL.

Business is His Sole Occupation in the Future.

Tom Shevelin, Jr., who spent several weeks in Bend last fall, was recently in Portland on his way into Central Oregon. While at Portland he was interviewed by a reporter and his remarks will interest Bulletin readers:

"Tom Shevelin Jr., the great Yale football player who made the All-American team four years running, is at the Portland hotel and refuses to talk football. 'I am through with the game,' he said. 'I do not want to be known as a football player all my life. I am engaged in business with my father and expect to devote all my time to that subject alone. Football has no caste with me now and I did not see a game all last season.'

"Shevelin is a well-knit, strong-framed man, but not the great hulking giant one would expect to see in a renowned star. Noticing the look of disappointment on the reporter's face he said:

"You thought I was a larger man, didn't you? Well, let me tell you something that Westerners generally do not know. What you want in a football team is not bulk but horsepower. 'That was all he said about football, but it is evident that Shevelin has plenty of horsepower. He is energetic, rapid in his movements and never at rest. He puts all his strength into his business, which is the lumber traffic, in which his father is known as one of the leaders at their home in Minneapolis.'

Shevelin and Mike Kelly are now in the Blue mountains east of Prineville on timber business, and are expected to visit Bend before returning to the East.

Notice of Dissolution of Partnership.

Notice is hereby given that the firm of C. D. Brown & Co. has been dissolved by mutual consent. All outstanding accounts should be paid to C. D. Brown, who will pay all bills against the company.

CHAS. D. BROWN,
C. M. WYBOMOUTH,
ELMER NISWONGER.

J. O. JOHNSTON DEAD

Passed Away at Columbus, O., Last Sunday.

GENERAL MANAGER D. I. & P.

Played Prominent Part in Reclaiming the Upper Deschutes Valley—Had Been Ailing Many Months.

A telegram to F. C. Rowlee the first of the week brought the news to Bend of the death of J. O. Johnston of Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Johnston had been in very poor health for the past year or two and had been under the care of the physicians much of the time. When in Bend last summer, he had just returned from a trip through Europe where he had been ordered by his physicians in order that he might rest and recuperate from business labors. The persistent attacks of the disease won, however, and he died last Sunday, April 21, at his home in Columbus.

Mr. Johnston is well known in Western Crook county through his connection with the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co. Ever since this company took over the irrigation holdings of the Pilot Butte Development Co., Mr. Johnston has been an active member in the first-named organization and has been its vice-president and general manager. His official connection with the work of reclaiming the desert hereabout made his presence here necessary more or less of the time and each year he has spent considerable time in Bend.

Mr. Johnston had unlimited faith in the future of the upper Deschutes valley. He himself had invested in and developed a large ranch of 1280 acres 18 miles east of Bend, and during his last visit to this place he told a Bulletin representative that this valley would some day be a marvelous producer of farm products, fruit, etc. and that it would occupy the same position to Portland as the fertile Mohawk valley does to New York city.

Mr. Johnston was also a prominent business man of Columbus, being president of the Columbus Gas Light & Heating Co. He leaves a wife and three children—a son, Charles, and two daughters.

OFFERS REWARD.

Mrs. H. M. Street Will pay \$500 for Recovery of Body of Her Husband.

No trace has yet been found of the body of H. M. Street, the man who was blown into the Matolius river on March 30 by a dynamite explosion. At the time of the accident Street carried \$6000 life insurance but unless the body is recovered it will be difficult to establish satisfactory proof of death, which is necessary before the insurance will be paid. Hence, Mrs. Street offers the above reward in hopes of securing the body.

Neighbors and friends have searched diligently but without success. It is hoped that the reward will stimulate the Indians to take up the search also.

M. E. Church News.

The revival meetings closed last Friday night. The attendance and interest were good during the two weeks these meetings were being held. The church is awakened to a deeper spirituality and is better prepared and more fully

equipped for the great work of salvation. Fellow workers, press on; the strife will soon be o'er, the victory won and the land in our possession.

Bro. Ridenour returned to Prineville last Friday. He is a whole-souled worker and bears the marks of the Lord Jesus. He was well liked and his work appreciated by all. God bless him.

CAMPBELL TAVENOR, Pastor.
CONSTRUCTION CAMP MOVED.

Will Work near Bend—Wants New \$4,000 School House.

REDMOND, April 22.—The ditch construction camp was moving yesterday to the Bend neighborhood and is now known as the Jackson camp. Construction in this neighborhood seems to be finished for the Pilot Butte segregation.

Letting is an every day occurrence at our table now.

At the last report on Thursday Jack Renchan's baby was much improved.

H. F. Jones has gone out to the homestead and found it in the same old place.

A new company blacksmith shop is being put up next to Rowlee's livery barn.

We suppose yesterday was Rev. J. C. George's last Sunday with us. We are sorry indeed to see him go.

We did not visit the real estate agents this time so do not know what is going on in the matter of land sales.

Fishing parties are all the go now. Hardly a day passes but several fisher lads and fisher maidens go by here.

A petition is being circulated asking the school board to call an election for the purpose of voting \$4,000 bonds to build a school house.

Mrs. Chris Ehret has returned from her visit to Portland and other points accompanied by her sister, Miss Kruges, who will visit her for a time.

Some of the boys got up a dance for last Saturday night. We think the crowd was not very large but presume that what they lacked in numbers they made up in enjoyment.

At a special meeting of the D. I. & P. Settlers' Association held last Thursday night, Mr. Stanley of the company was present and gave a talk which all were glad to hear. The meeting was very well attended. The election of members of the board of directors for the Redmond fair which we reported as being about to take place some time ago, did not take place at the time. Nominations were made Thursday night and the members will be elected at the next regular meeting, April 27.

E. C. PARK.

Tumalo Items.

TUMALO, April 24.—We are sorry to say that John B. Wimer is still confined to his room with typhoid fever. Dr. Coe of Bend was out yesterday to see him. He informed us that he thought John would soon take a change for the better. We hope to see him out again soon.

Ira E. Wimer was at Tumalo Monday. Ira is a hustler and will soon have one of the finest farms in Western Crook county.

The Scotch Fife winter wheat sown by G. W. Wimer & Sons last fall and early in February looks fine and will doubtless make a big crop.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. Mint Couch has been greatly bothered with the erysipelas lately. We hope to hear of her speedy recovery.

Chas. Spainhour has moved back to Tumalo and will look after the interests of Hightower & Smith at the mill. We are glad to see him back.

Mr. Wilts of Sisters was at Tumalo Monday. He reports a very sick man at Sisters but we can't recall his name. He is down with something like brain fever.

Chas. Spauld was at Tumalo Monday. Charley will also soon have a magnificent farm. He and Ira Wimer have farms joining and they work their land together. Their farms are two miles east of Tumalo.

Stolen.

On Monday last certain parties stole from my store two pairs ladies' lace Lyle hose and one ladies' vest. The parties are known and will save themselves trouble by returning the articles at once.

E. A. SATHUR.

DESTROY THE PESTS

Will Inoculate Sage Rats with Deadly Disease.

MADRAS PEOPLE INTERESTED

Field Experiments under Government Expert—Oil Prospects at Dufur—Rattlers Are Out Early.

It is probable that an attempt will be made to inoculate the sage rats on Agency Plains with a contagious disease that will kill them and thus rid that section of the pests. At present Stanley E. Piper, of the Biological Survey, department of agriculture, is at Pullman, Wash., and is inoculating the ground squirrels of that region, which do much damage to grain, in the hope of destroying them.

Parties at Madras read of Mr. Piper's work and wrote to him, asking if he would not make an attempt to spread the deadly disease among the sage rats of the Madras and Hay Creek sections. Mr. Piper replied that he would be glad to make the attempt and asked that several live animals be caught and sent to him. He also wrote as follows, his letter appearing in the Pioneer:

"It is quite true that we are carrying out experiments along the line of introducing contagious bacterial disease in a species of ground squirrels closely related to your sage rat—Kennicott's ground squirrel. These experiments have so far been laboratory tests on caged animals. The results obtained are very promising, and we are introducing experiments in the field this season. I am quite certain that the disease will be found of value in combating your sage rat, but would like to test it on the species before sending out any of the virus. If found successful I will either personally conduct a field trial in your locality, or send material to you. Even if it is not possible to take up field experiments in your locality this season, I am anxious to determine the susceptibility of the species in order to begin work on them early in the season next spring.

"I am much interested in trying the disease on your species and hope to be able to conduct field experiments on them during the present season. Trusting that your interest in the matter will furnish me a supply of the animals and thanking you in advance. Respectfully yours,
STANLEY E. PIPER,
Assistant, Biological Survey, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

H. H. Davies, who is spending several months in Bend, saw this plan of spreading disease among ground squirrels tried several years ago in Lincoln county, Washington, and he said it practically rid that section of the pests.

Oil Found at Dufur.

The oil discoveries at Dufur took quite a boom the first of this week, and oil stock has gone up with a jump. On Monday John Stevens, John Johnston and Carey Ballard, in company with Dr. Dodds, went up to the prospect in the field of Mr. Dufur to investigate and came home all puffed up with their success. They had found that there was oil running out of the ground in something like the clear form, and the next day some more of the Dufur stockholders went up to investigate with the same results, and now oil stock is high with none for sale.—Dispatch.

Rattlers Out Early.

Rattlesnakes are making an early appearance in the Madras section, five large ones having already been killed this year on Agency Plains, says the Pioneer. Three were killed by Cliff and Ray Jackson, two others by one of the Gard boys, last week. One killed by Ray Jackson had nine rattles and a button.

Last year a number of rattlesnakes were killed upon the plains,

but very few were killed until much later in the year. They were more numerous about harvest time, and as many as eight or ten were killed under one hay stack on several occasions.

Experiment Farm at Warm Springs.

Mr. Covey, superintendent of the Warm Springs Agency, says they are conducting a small experiment farm over at the Indian school, where they expect to make a number of interesting experiments along agricultural lines. Among other things they will try "dry farming" methods upon a part of their land, with a view to testing its adaptability to soil of the character of that on the reservation, which is quite similar to that of Agency Plains. Mr. Covey has ordered one of the sub-surface packers advocated by Mr. Campbell and will give that method a thorough test. The tract upon which experiments will be conducted will consist of about 80 acres, 40 acres of which will be put in crop on alternate years, the remaining forty to be subjected to the Campbell system of summer-culture.—Madras Pioneer.

Fruit Prospects Good.

J. R. Harvey was in Prineville from his Powell Butte ranch the first of the week and reports excellent prospects for the fruit crop this year. Mr. Harvey says that but few of the trees have bloomed as yet and the fact that they are late in this respect practically insures an excellent crop of all kinds of fruit. There are over 100 trees on this place that are in full bearing.—Journal.

Gets Water at 45 Feet.

John C. Trotter got water in a well which he and Ed Craig have been sinking on his place on Sagebrush flat, the latter part of last week. They got water at 45 feet, and it now stands in the drilled hole to a depth of about nine feet, affording sufficient water for present use. The well was sunk with a small churn drill.—Madras Pioneer.

New \$4,200 Church at Prineville.

The building committee of the M. E. church at Prineville has let the contract for the new structure to Shipp & Perry. The contract price is \$4,200. The Journal says construction will begin in a short time.

FIRE PROTECTION AT SISTERS.

Deep Well Will Be Dug and an Elevated Tank Built.

It is reported in Bend that Sisters will soon be supplied with adequate protection from fire. It is said that work will soon be commenced on a deep well and that a large tank will be built some 50 or 60 feet from the ground. Water mains will be laid and hydrants put in at proper stations throughout the town.

A Deer Visits Bend.

Tuesday a deer wandered into Bend and went deliberately strolling around the streets looking for trouble, but according to all reports failed to find it. It was seen on the river near the "bunk house" and later strolled over to the ball grounds. It presented a keen temptation to the hunters who saw it but they were true to their better instincts and did not take down their rifles.

Can't Keep Them Away.

M. J. Kelly is making preparations for starting to Crook county, Oregon, next Monday. Jack still wants some of that irrigated land on the Deschutes; besides he also wants a stock ranch or a grain farm.—Wilbur (Wash.) Register.