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WATCH BEND GROW

Many Important Improvements Are Planned.

BUILD ELECTRIC LIGHT PLANT

New Owners of Townsite Will Inaugurate Developments that Mean Much to Bend and Vicinity.

The new owners of the townsite are already planning developments for Bend and vicinity. One of the first things to be undertaken will be to furnish Bend with a better water system and an electric light plant. The syndicate will soon make a proposition to the city whereby the city may take over the water plant and convert it into a gravity system. This can be done by piping the water from a point on the river south of town, probably in the vicinity of the D. I. & P. Co.'s headgate, and will be a very cheap system to operate after it was installed. This was the original plan of the Bend Water, Light & Power Co., and it was their intention to put in a gravity system at some future date.

Electric Lights for Bend.

The present owners of the townsite believe that Bend should have such a water system, a system that would be the equal of any in the state. They are also convinced that Bend should step forward to a position fully abreast of the times and consequently needs an electric lighting plant to light its streets and do away with the old fashioned oil lamp in the residences. Messrs. Sawhill and Steidl and the other members of the syndicate also are convinced that a city's water and light plant should be owned and operated by the city. For that reason they are willing to surrender the water and light rights which they secured when they took over Mr. Drake's holdings, and let the city operate these two features that exert so great an influence on the health, comfort and convenience of every city.

However, if the citizens do not care at the present to undertake the building and management of water and light plants, the present owners will themselves very soon begin work on the above mentioned improvements. Mr. Sawhill stands sponsor for this statement, which he made to The Bulletin during the past week. Thus Bend is assured of an electric lighting system in the near future.

Will Build Large Warehouse.

Another improvement and a business that will be of great benefit to Bend and a large part of Central Oregon will be the building of a large warehouse at Bend. This huge building will always be supplied with an immense stock of all the staple merchandise used throughout Central Oregon. Merchants and the large stockmen can then come here to purchase their merchandise. It is thus intended to make Bend one of the chief distributing points for a large section of country.

It may be asked wherein will there be any benefit from such an arrangement inasmuch as the goods will still have to be hauled in by wagon, as now? The reply is that all goods such as wires, nails, staples, saws, axes, tools of various kinds, etc., can be

bought in carload lots and thus purchased at a lower rate. Being shipped in carload lots the freight rates will be less, as also will be the charge for freighting it from the railroad, as this work could then be done under contract. The warehouse business should prove a very valuable one to this whole section and a convenience to merchants and traders for miles around.

Storage for Hay and Grain.

The warehouse plans also contemplate large storage rooms where hay and grain can be stored. A buyer can take advantage of the market when it is low, purchase his feed and then, for a small charge to cover insurance and storage, store the feed until needed. This should likewise prove a great convenience.

Additions to the Townsite.

Additions to the townsite will soon be platted that will include much of what is now the outlying land contiguous to Bend. It is thus seen that proper steps will be taken for a steady growth and development at Bend.

BERRIES BEAR PROLIFICALLY

J. I. West Makes Fine Showing with Fruit Crop.

A visit to the J. I. West garden will well repay anyone for the time spent. You will come away more convinced than ever that many varieties of fruit will grow successfully in the Bend country, because there you will see it demonstrated.

Mr. West has a strawberry patch that will yield an excellent crop this season. He already has picked many quarts and the plants are still loaded with berries in all the stages of development. The berries when mature are large, have a good color, are sweet and luscious. In fact they excel by long odds the famous Hood River berries that are being shipped into Bend.

He also has a number of small gooseberry bushes—small only in size, not in bearing qualities. They are literally loaded with fruit. The load of fruit weights each branch down to the ground and upon lifting the branches up and turning them back you are surprised to see almost a solid mass of large fine berries from the tip to the base of the branch. The yield can be beaten in no country. The currants are likewise bearing well and yield a large, fine berry.

Jogon and blackberry bushes show fine growth but are too young to yield much of a crop. Apple, cherry, plum, and peach trees show a wonderful growth, but likewise have not yet reached the bearing age.

One thing that especially attracts ones attention in the Bend country, is the exceedingly healthy appearance of all fruit trees, bushes and vines. They make a remarkable growth, the foliage has a rich green color, and there is no trace of scab, scale or disease.

Good Well on Homestead.

Elmer Merrill has had a streak of good luck on his homestead near the "fish trap" west of Rosland. At a depth of 14 feet he struck water and now has two feet of pure cold water in the well. It is his intention to go down further with the hope of getting a still better supply.

The well was dug in a jack pine thicket and within a stone's throw of where Joe Taggart dug down about 50 or 60 feet a few months ago in quest of water but without success.

Rolled Barley for Sale.

In the Johnson building on Wall street at Bend.

WATERWORKS PLANT

Plans Drawn for System at Redmond.

A NEW \$4,000 SCHOOL HOUSE

Tumalo People Live on Strawberries and Cream, Both Home Products—Neighborhood Notes.

REDMOND, June 24.—We saw plans lately that C. M. Redfield has drawn up for the waterworks system for Redmond. They include a gasoline engine and a tank whose size we will not attempt to give, but it was somewhere between 400 and 4,000,000 gallons. This is to be elevated 40, 50 or 60 feet to give sufficient pressure.

At the annual school meeting held last Monday, J. O. Hansen was elected director and J. H. Jackson clerk. A tax of 10 mills was levied. We omitted stating in a recent letter that the proposed bonds for a new \$4,000 school house carried unanimously and now there will soon be some more building going on.

There is stuff galore that a reporter could write up from this place this week. We would not be afraid to engage two columns and then run short of space if all the matter was properly written up. Being only a farmer and a very busy one we will have to let it go by simply jotting down a few of the plain news items.

We are informed that the D. I. & P. Co. has 22 teams at work at Jackson's camp and Reed has eight and the company has advertised for 100 more teams. One of the new arrivals is J. Ward Harader, late principal of the Selah school, North Yakima, Washington, now farmer and employee in the D. I. & P. Co. office at Redmond. Mr. H. was in this country two years ago and expresses himself as very well pleased at the progress that has been made and at the prospect for a mighty fine country in a very few years.

L. E. Prickett and wife have gone over the mountains for a time. A few of A. J. Booth's friends, hearing that he had sold the forty he bought so lately from Bert Laney, dropped in on him Sunday afternoon for a little call. Those present were C. R. McLellan, R. C. Immelee and Yours Truly with their wives, with Mrs. Trichler and Miss Ricker. We will all hate to see Mr. and Mrs. Booth move any further away.

Married—At Prineville, Wednesday, June 19, Clara Ricker and Joe McClay. That is the way we heard it first, but when the wedding tin pans rang we learned that it was John A. Moore and Elva Morgan. They have gone to housekeeping in the tent formerly occupied by Moore brothers, which is quite the proper way to begin housekeeping in this country. The best wishes of many friends go with them.

We will call this the letter this week. E. C. PARK.

Strawberries Are Plentiful at Tumalo.

TUMALO, JUNE 25.—These warm days make things grow. Strawberries and cream are common with people in these parts. We have them and we raised them, too. John Edwards was at Bend today. George Taylor of Bear Creek passed here Sunday with about 40 head of horses. Mr. Hasselberg was over to the Sisters Sunday to purchase a horse.

J. B. and I. E. Wimer, Charles Spaugh and L. H. Root went fishing Sunday but they were not over-loaded coming home.

I guess we will all go to the celebration at Bend this year from out here. John Couch and wife were at Tumalo Sunday calling on Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Wimer.

Walter Graham of Sisters passed through here one day last week going to Bend after medicine for John Taylor.

Mrs. P. F. Smith and Miss Hightower were over from the Gist mill calling on Mrs. Spainhour at the Tumalo mill Friday.

Someone said they heard the train whistling, but I think it must have been one of our neighbor's mules braying.

but from all indications there will be something doing on the C. & E. railroad and at no long time from now either.

RESUME MOUNTAIN SURVEYS.

Oregon Eastern Crews Are Again at Work East of Natron.

A crew of eight Southern Pacific surveyors left Eugene for Hazel Dell to resume work on the survey for the Oregon Eastern railway, which is the name of the proposed extension from Natron across the state to Klamath Falls. Engineer Carl Rankin, in charge of the work, is expected here on any train and he will take with him another party. It is expected that forty or fifty men will be at work on the survey within a week or two. It will be remembered that the whole force was laid off during the past winter, and it was thought by many that the project had been temporarily abandoned, but the reason given was that the roads and trails had become impassable and it was impossible to transport supplies over them, necessitating the shutting down of work until dry weather came. The surveyors say that they expect to be employed at the work all summer. A number of Eugene men will be in the several parties.—Eugene Guard.

WATER ON AGENCY PLAINS.

Fine Supply Struck at Depth of 400 Feet on the W. F. Magill Ranch.

The water problem on Agency Plains was solved last week when a good supply of pure, cold water was struck at a depth of 400 feet in the well which was being sunk on the W. F. Magill ranch. The drill had reached a depth of 400 feet and was sinking in a soft clay formation when water was first encountered, and when abandoned for the evening, water was gradually rising in the drilled hole. Next morning it stood at a depth of 30 feet in the well when drilling was resumed.

It was decided, however, in spite of this fine showing, to sink through the soft formation, and 20 feet was drilled during the day, by which time the water had risen to a height of 50 feet in the well. The water is clear, cold and palatable, and the supply is believed to be practically inexhaustible.

The Madras Pioneer says that the finding of water caused great joy among the ranchers. Every body is enthusiastic. It had been agreed that when water was struck the whistle would be sounded and when drilling was resumed the next morning the whistle was kept going continually, carrying the glad news throughout the entire neighborhood.

This means goodbye to the water wagon on Agency Plains. The trouble and expense of hauling water has greatly retarded development there but that will now be a thing of the past as many wells will undoubtedly be drilled, since it has been demonstrated that water can be found.

L. I. Gregory Coming.

L. I. Gregory, a Seattle capitalist and secretary of the Oregon Trunk Line railroad, is expected to arrive in this section soon accompanied by a number of capitalists. They will come to look over the country in order to satisfy themselves as to the amount of business Central Oregon could furnish a railroad built into these parts. Mr. Gregory visited Bend several weeks ago.

Clean Up Notice.

The city council requests the citizens of Bend to clean up their premises. If they will have the refuse on their yards and alleys raked up by next Tuesday, A. L. Goodwillie has agreed to send a team around and cart it away. This will provide for the cleaning up of the town before the Fourth of July visitors are with us and everybody should get busy.

High School at Madras.

The question of establishing a high school at Madras was submitted to the voters of the district at their recent annual meeting and carried almost unanimously, only one vote being cast against it.

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