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SHALL THE CITY BUY

Forty Acres of Land at the Head of Spring River.

EXCELLENT WATER SUPPLY

Offer Made Whereby the City May Secure a Valuable Supply of Pure Water for Use in the Future.

Shall the city of Bend secure a water supply now that, in the future, will prove adequate for all purposes? That is the question now confronting the city council. An offer has been made the city whereby it can secure title to 40 acres of land at the head of Spring river. Then by securing title to the water that gushes forth in huge springs at the source of that river, the city would be assured the finest and purest water supply in the state of Oregon whenever Bend grew to such a size as would warrant the expense required to pipe the water from the springs to the city.

John Ferguson, who owns 160 acres at the head of Spring river, has agreed to sell to the city the 40 acres upon which are located the springs that feed this peculiar river. The price asked is \$800 exclusive of the timber. The city council took the matter under consideration at a special meeting last Monday evening, and instructed the committee on public property to secure an option on this purchase until January 1 next. In the meantime the matter will be laid before the voters and they will be allowed to say whether or not they deem it best for the city to accept Mr. Ferguson's offer. The vote on the question will probably be taken at the next regular city election, which comes on December 8. If the citizens authorize this purchase the payment will be stretched out through several years, either by issuing long-time bonds against the city or by some agreement with Mr. Ferguson regarding the payments. These are details to be worked out later, but the plan is to carry the payments over a sufficient length of time so that the additional taxation for each year would be so small as to be practically not noticeable.

There are many in Bend who believe the city should now secure a water supply the purity of which can not be questioned and which will be adequate for the city's growth. They argue—and truthfully—that some day Deschutes river water will not be fit to drink. With two or three sawmills on the Sisemore place at Bend and with others scattered along the river above town; with several hundred men living at each mill, and with the accompanying number of horses; and with logs being driven down the river, they believe the water will become so contaminated that it will make a poor supply for a city's use. Hence, the wisdom of securing a water supply now that will always be absolutely pure.

Such an opportunity is afforded in Spring river. At the head of that stream large springs gush forth fed by some underground source. The springs burst forth on the side of a knoll and are some 8 or 10 feet above the surface of the water in the river, and lie in such a position that it would be a very easy matter to build a small dam and conduct the flow of the springs into a pipe line leading to Bend. The springs could then be roofed over and the city would have a water supply that never could be contaminated, as the water would flow into the pipe line within a few feet from where it gushes forth and, as stated above, the entire head-works could be roofed over. The water from these springs is ice cold, clear as crystal and pure.

On the other hand, some oppose the proposition. They take the stand that if Bend grows to a size sufficient to warrant putting in such a system, the city would be

better able at that time to stand the entire expense than it now is to purchase the land surrounding the springs. They say, "Let the fellows who are going to use the water stand the expense." The others answer that statement with the argument that it may be impossible to secure a suitable supply in five, ten or fifteen years hence, and it is better to be secured now when it is possible to do so and when the price is low.

The scheme is simply a plan to provide for the future. At present Bend has an excellent water supply, but some day a different source will have to be provided than that now used. The cost of putting in a pipe line from the head of Spring river to Bend—a distance of about 20 miles—would amount to about \$70,000 or \$80,000. Of course the expenditure of such a sum would be out of the question at the present time. The springs can be secured now at a reasonable price. In a few years their purchase price may advance into the thousands, and they might be owned by someone who would not sell.

Are the people of Bend willing to pay a small tax now in order to be assured a superb water supply for the future? They can answer the question at the December election.

The council also took steps Monday evening for the laying of a water main beginning at the Batten corner and running south along Tenth street to Juniper avenue and thence east along Juniper avenue to Eleventh street, or a main may be laid beginning at the Howard Spinning corner and running south along Eleventh street one block to Juniper avenue, or to the H. C. Ellis corner. One of these routes will be chosen. A four inch main will be laid and a hydrant will be put in at the Ellis corner. This will afford fire protection for the southeast part of town, where there is considerable property which at present is without protection. It will also provide water for domestic use for those who desire to tap the main. The residents in that part of town now secure water from the open ditch and in the winter when the ditch water is shut off, they are obliged to haul water and that is very unsatisfactory. By laying this main they will be supplied by the city system.

An agreement has been reached with the water company whereby the city will lay the main and pay the bills, but will stop the payment of the monthly hydrant rental until the city is reimbursed for the amount expended in laying the main. The monthly hydrant rental, paid to the water company by the city for fire protection, is \$25 10.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE.

Will Be Held in Prineville on September 30 and October 1 and 2.

The Teachers' Institute of Crook county will be held at Prineville Sept. 30, Oct. 1 and 2. State Superintendent Ackerman, R. C. French, president of the Weston State Normal, Prof. Alderman of the University of Oregon and Charles H. Jones of Salem, editor of the Oregon Teachers' Monthly, will be present during the entire session.

No public school in the county will be in session during the three days of the institute. Every teacher of the public schools is required and earnestly urged to attend every session.

We are anticipating a profitable and interesting time. All persons interested in the great cause of education and especially the various boards of directors are cordially invited to attend these meetings.

Apart from the work of the departments there will be evening programs, including a lecture by either Supt. Ackerman, President French or Prof. Alderman.

Begin now to plan to attend. Programs will be sent out as soon as possible. Sincerely yours,
R. A. FORD,
County Superintendent.

Foley's Orino Laxative is a new remedy, an improvement on the laxatives of former years, as it does not gripe or nauseate and is pleasant to take. It is guaranteed.—C. W. Merrill, druggist.

AND STILL THEY COME

Central Oregon the Mecca of Railroad Men.

ANOTHER PARTY VISITS BEND

O'Brien and Lieutenants Are Expected in Next Week. Nelson-Porter Crowd Spent Sunday Here.

And still they come. Each week brings a party of railroad men through Central Oregon. J. P. O'Brien, general manager of the Harriman lines of the Northwest, is scheduled to pass through this section on an inspection tour during the next few days. He will be accompanied by Chief Engineer G. W. Boschke and General Superintendent M. J. Buckley. The latest reports are to the effect that this party left Detroit on Tuesday or Wednesday and will travel on horseback over the proposed extension of the Corvallis & Eastern into Central Oregon. Automobiles will undoubtedly be taken when they get through the mountains and the journey continued through to Lakeview and later to Ontario.

Advices from Portland state that this tour of inspection is to be made in order to enable Mr. O'Brien and his engineers to more intelligently choose the route of the new road into these parts, and that upon their return to Portland announcement of the route chosen will soon be made. It is confidently believed that construction on the new road will begin within 30 days and a good start made before winter weather sets in.

This trip through the state is looked upon with considerable significance because of the fact that the building of the new road will be under the immediate direction of General Manager O'Brien, with Chief Engineer Boschke and General Superintendent Buckley as his active lieutenants in the field. To those in these parts who believe Harriman will choose to extend the Corvallis & Eastern, the journey of the O'Brien party over the route of that extension will go a long way in strengthening that belief.

Another Party Visits Bend.

An affair that aroused considerable interest during the past week was the visit to Bend last Sunday of another Nelson-Porter party. This party came in by automobile and consisted of W. P. Nelson, president of the Oregon Traction Line; V. D. Williamson, one of the heaviest stockholders in the road; R. B. Porter, of Porter Bros.; J. Welsh, railroad contractor; and A. E. Hammond, a civil engineer formerly connected with the Laidlaw irrigation project and prominently known throughout Oregon. They lounged about town during the day conferring with John Steidl and other Bend men, and went up and took a look at Benham Falls in the afternoon, and were greatly impressed with the power possibilities at the falls. These men refused to talk railroad matters and gave out nothing new. Mr. Steidl likewise refuses to discuss their visit, except to say that it was to attend to an important business matter that will eventually mean much to Bend and vicinity.

It was Mr. Williamson's and Mr. Porter's first trip into these parts and, in view of recent Oregon Traction activity, the visit would augur early railroad construction. It is certain they were not here for their health. They left Monday morning on their return trip to Portland.

An Interesting Report.

A Bend man who returned the first of the week from The Dalles reports that he saw a large scow at the mouth of the Deschutes river from which men were unloading grading tools and machinery. Painted in large letters on the scow were the words "Porter Bros." The man insists that he saw no vision, that it was no pipe dream, and swears on oath that his statement is absolute truth, and that he "saw it with his own eyes." In fact he manifests righteous wrath if the veracity of his statement is questioned. Porter Bros. have announced that they will

build a road up the Deschutes and what is more natural than that they should move their grading outfit across the Columbia from work on the North Bank road and start it up the Deschutes? Central Oregon expects to hear announcement on most any day that actual work has begun and it may be that Porter Bros. are already getting their machinery in readiness. We hope so.

Dog Killed by Lightning.

REDMOND, Sept. 13.—After last Sunday's storm Mr. and Mrs. Landes went home to find their dog lying beside the house dead. Their first thought was poison, but a few splinters lying around which they found later convinced them that the house had been struck by lightning and the dog killed in that way.

Miss Olive Smith has been called to Colfax, Washington, to work with a grain firm. Whether bookkeeping, stenography, or general office work we did not learn. During her short stay here she made many friends who regret that her vacation has been so short. She leaves, however, much improved in health, for which we are all glad.

H. M. Smith will build for Mr. J. E. Lamb.

C. W. Ehret and P. A. Kennard have our sympathy. Their wives are gone either visiting or helping the neighbors and they are latching it.

Mr. John Trisler expects to come to Oregon again this fall when Mrs. Park returns. There's nothing like Oregon winters.

Evelyn Atkinson was quite sick Thursday night and Friday, even having convulsions. The doctor, however, straightened her up in pretty good shape. Too many green peas was the cause.

We did not expect to have to report that John Johnson had snakes again, but it's so—two of them. Rattlers too. One of them he killed on top of a load of hay.

Settlers' Association meeting two weeks from last night—Sept. 26, regular meeting.

E. C. PARK.

Tomato Items.

TCMALO, Sept. 15.—The foggy, showery weather of the past 24 hours seems like coast weather.

C. L. Wimer made a business trip to Bend today.

I. F. Wimer, wife and children went to the Mistoles Monday on a camping and fishing trip.

Mr. Greiner, who lives 3 1/2 miles east of here was in Tumulco today after a milk cow he purchased of G. W. Wimer & Sons.

Mr. Roberts of Sisters passed through here today going to Bend. He reports his wife and child doing nicely now.

The Bell boys of Laidlaw are busy at work on the foundation for the new school house two miles east of here.

Mr. Cantrell of Sisters was in Tumulco today looking after cattle for the Black Butte Company.

Most of the farmers of this vicinity have finished haying and are preparing for threshing. A good deal of grain will be threshed this year.

U. S. RECLAMATION MAN HERE

Is Making Investigations Along the Deschutes River.

H. S. Williams, of the United States Reclamation Service, is in Bend making investigations. When asked by The Bulletin as to the object of his trip Mr. Williams replied: "I have nothing, whatever, to give out to the public at this time. The service has found that it is a much better policy to say nothing regarding projects that they may take up in the future. Experience has taught us that when statements are made to the effect that the government is liable, or intends to begin work on a certain project, homesteaders and other settlers begin to flock in and take up residence on the land that it is intended to reclaim. Then when three or four or perhaps five or six years slip by with nothing done, these same settlers who were so anxious to get onto the land are disappointed, become discouraged, and begin to kick and holler and make all kinds of trouble. Hence, we have concluded to keep our plans secret until they are ready to be carried out."

To further inquiries Mr. Williams stated that he might be stationed at this place for some time, and that his investigations would be up and down the Deschutes river. He was one of the government's engineers on the Minidoka project in Idaho.

LIKES THE NEW PLAN

Crook County Stockman Favors Direct Sales.

ARE TOLD TO BOIL WATER

Prineville City Water Contains Germs That Cause Stomach Trouble. Other Notes of Interest.

C. M. Lister of the Ochoco valley is the first cattleman in Crook county to go on record in favor of the new plan by which the Union stock yards at Portland buys and pays for cattle; in other words, the elimination of the buyer from the field and shipments direct to the stock yards at current market prices. He says the new plan is more profitable to the stockman and more satisfactory to the yards.

Having some 18 carloads of beef cattle to market this fall, Mr. Lister shipped three carloads under the new plan as a test, accompanied his cattle in person to Portland and having now received the returns on this initial lot he is so well pleased that he will forthwith ship the remaining 15 carloads in the same way, without awaiting the appearance of a buyer. He says he received about \$5 a head more for his cattle this way than formerly under the old plan.—Journal.

Prineville Told to Boil Water.

The Prineville Light & Water Co have notified all water-users in that city to boil the water before domestic use. This action was taken as the result of an analysis just made by the state bacteriologist, who reports finding the bacillus coli in the water, a germ that causes a stomach trouble, from which ailment many local people have been suffering. This is not a typhoid germ, so there is no danger of an epidemic. Prineville's water supply is derived from deep artesian wells, so the fault is believed to be in the mains. Two years ago Shauko suffered similarly, and the breeding place of the germ was found in a six-inch seam on the interior walls of the town reservoir.

Hay Struck by Lightning.

Lightning struck a stack of hay belonging to Jesse Eads in the Haystack neighborhood last Sunday morning, and catching fire, it and an adjoining stack were destroyed before the fire could be extinguished. There were four stacks standing near each other, but two of them were saved with the assistance of some of Mr. Eads' neighbors, who hurried over as soon as they saw the smoke from the stack afire. Mr. Eads did not learn of his loss nor of the valuable assistance of his neighbors until after the stacks were consumed, as he was away at some distance visiting in that vicinity. The lightning bolt struck the hay stack during the severe electrical storm which was in progress Sunday forenoon, and a number of other times the lightning struck uncomfortably close.—Madras Pioneer.

Fast Time By Auto.

Max Wurzweller, who has been thinking of buying an automobile for some time, with Deputy Sheriff John Combs of this city, was treated to an exhibition of speed in a large Cadillac car this week which not only smashed some standing records but likewise convinced him that an automobile is a very desirable kind of locomotion to possess.

The Cadillac in question was brought in here by the owner, C. F. Gilbert, of Hood River, and S. S. Baldwin, of Portland. The trial trip in which Messrs. Wurzweller and Combs participated was made over the kite-shaped track; that is, from Prineville to Bend, and back to Prineville by way of Redmond, a distance of 80 miles. The time was just 4 1/2 hours, or 270 minutes over country roads, some of them rough, others good, yet others very dusty. The leg to Bend by way

of Powell Buttes was covered in 2 1/2 hours, Bend to Redmond in one hour, and Redmond to Prineville in 1 1/2 hours.

John Combs said afterward that they "were going some"—Journal.

About 30 Bushels Per Acre.

Geo. Summers, returning from the Madras country Tuesday, reports threshing on the Plains in full blast. Most of the growers are threshing about 30 bushels to the acre, and the grain is No. 1. There will be a trifle over a half million bushels threshed in that district this year, and about 30,000 sacks of last year's crop yet remain in the farmers' hands. Quite an inducement for Mr. Harriman to get busy.—Prineville Review.

Shorter News Notes.

Lakeview's new flouring mill will be in operation about Sept. 20.

Cattlemen around Prineville are beginning the fall shipment of stock to Portland.

School began in Laidlaw last Monday with Prof. J. Alton Thompson in charge.

Frank N. O'Connor of Walla Walla and Miss Ward of Prineville were married at the latter place last Wednesday.

Will Ledford, a Prineville stage driver familiarly known as "Kentucky," has gone to Portland to attend a business college.

While the yield of wheat in the Haystack country is not as heavy this year as last, yet it will grade No. 1 according to report.

Madras adds two new grades to her public school course this year, the 9th and 10th. The attendance in these two grades will far exceed all expectations.

The farmers around Silver Lake are burning their sagebrush lands off, with a view to increasing their taxable acreage, now that railroads are apparently a thing of the near future.

Some rascal shot into the costly stained glass windows in the Methodist church at Prineville, completely shattering them. The Journal says the authorities are looking for the miscreant.

Nearly every section of Oregon contains a company that is prospecting for oil or coal. The latest company organized with that end in view is one at Lebanon which will prospect for both oil and coal.

The Chronicle says that Harvey Dayton, the 13-year-old son of F. E. Dayton of Laidlaw, has an abundant supply of grit as he refused to take chloroform and "scarcely uttered a cry" when his broken arm was set last week.

Miss Addie L. Vanderpool of Prineville was married on Sept. 10 to Dr. Elmer Spaulding. The Review says that Dr. Spaulding is rising rapidly in his profession, and will take post-graduate work this winter at the Portland Dental College.

The handsome new home of T. M. Baldwin, cashier of the First National Bank of Prineville, will soon be ready for occupancy. The Journal says it will cost \$10,000 and is undoubtedly the finest and most modern dwelling in Crook county.

Jesse Windom of Culver had the misfortune to lose a horse Saturday afternoon during the terrific thunder storm that raged around Haystack butte. The horse was being worked on the C. M. Elkins place at the foot of the butte and was struck by lightning.—Review.

The stage company that operates a line between Paisley, Summer Lake and Silver Lake gives notice in the Silver Lake Leader that it will not transport alcoholic liquors over its line. The company says that the above precincts voted in favor of local option, it believes the law should be enforced, and it will not be a party to its violation.

When Trifles Become Troubles.

If any person suspects that their kidneys are deranged they should take Foley's Kidney Remedy at once and not risk having Bright's disease or diabetes. Delay gives the disease a stronger foothold and you should not delay taking Foley's Kidney Remedy.—C. W. Merrill, druggist.