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WILL PAY ROAD TAX

District Attorney Rules in Favor of Bend.

SUM AMOUNTS TO ABOUT \$175

County Court Will Undoubtedly Turn Over to City of Bend 50 Per Cent of All Road Money.

County Judge H. C. Ellis has received an opinion from District Attorney Wilson in the matter of the demand from the city of Bend for its share of the road taxes collected from the Bend road district for the past two or three years. The district attorney's opinion really is in favor of Bend, and opens the way for the county court to pay the amount claimed if it sees fit to do so. The sum claimed by the city amounts to about \$175.

The law stipulates that 50 per cent of the road tax collected in any road district shall be expended on the roads in that district. The Bend road district and the municipality of Bend are one and the same thing as far as boundaries are concerned. This tax has never been paid to this district, the county court making the excuse that there was no road supervisor for the Bend district and hence it could not turn over the money, as the law stipulated that said money must be paid to, and expended under the direction of, a road supervisor. And yet the court refused to appoint a supervisor for the Bend district.

Recently Attorney Benson was instructed by the Bend city council to lay before the county court the claim of the city for 50 per cent of all back taxes collected in the Bend district. This was done and the county court asked the district attorney for an opinion as to what should be done. He holds that inasmuch as the Bend road district and the city are identical that the money should be paid, and suggests that the county court appoint someone for road supervisor who would work in harmony with the Bend city council. The outcome will be that Bend will probably be paid the road money that should have been turned over to it long ago.

CLOUD BURST CATCHES AUTO.

Nelson-Porter Party Have a Narrow Escape From Drowning.

The Nelson-Porter-Williamson party, who spent the day in Bend a week ago last Sunday, had an exciting experience on the return trip to Portland. While bowling along at a merry clip between Prineville and Hay Creek, a sudden rainstorm that reached the proportions of a cloud burst came up. The water fell in torrents and the road followed by the automobile along a steep sidehill was suddenly washed out, the automobile precipitated down the mountainside and the party of railway men thrown down a steep hill. Luckily, no one was hurt, but the machine had to be brought back to the road with the aid of a windlass and all hands had to tug at the ropes to bring the automobile up the hill.

But startling though this adventure proved, it was not the last to be encountered by the party, says the Oregonian. Scudding along at the best possible speed in order to reach the town of Hay Creek, the railroaders ran into a raging mountain torrent soon after being sent tumbling down the mountainside. The stream was rising every minute because of the tremendous downpour of water following the cloud-burst and it was thought best to plough through the stream at once lest the water rise so high that a crossing would be impossible.

It was not until the automobile and its occupants had gotten into the middle of the torrent that it was found the stream was already so high as to be dangerous. The raging water foamed into the back of the automobile and almost cov-

ered the occupants. The railroad men set to work to bail with their bats and as the water had "killed" the engine, the machine came to a stop in the midst of the stream that threatened every moment to drown the occupants of the automobile.

There was nothing for it then, but to pull the machine by main strength across the stream and the railroaders were compelled to jump out into the water, which ran almost shoulder deep, and pull the machine to the other bank. One man remained in the body of the car and bailed with the oil cups of the automobile lamps while the other two working with the strength of desperation, managed to pull the machine into shallower water on the other side of the stream.

The men said that while held in the midst of the stream by the flood, they never expected to reach the other bank alive.

Fortunately such a thing as a cloud burst is unknown in the Bend country. This section of the Deschutes valley has never been visited, in man's recollection, by anything that could be designated, by the farthest stretch of the imagination, as a cloud burst.

GRADING OUTFIT ON RIVER

Much Machinery at the Mouth of the Deschutes and Camp is Being Established on Moody Ranch.

A man by the name of Dorothy who spent Thursday night in Bend, brought the news that Winters, Parsons & Boomer, a large railroad contracting firm, have moved their outfit across the Columbia from work on the North Bank road, and are unloading it at the mouth of the Deschutes river. The outfit consists of steam shovels, graders, horses, and all the paraphernalia necessary for railroad grading. Camp is being established on the Moody ranch which lies along the Deschutes at its mouth.

Mr. Dorothy saw this with his own eyes and says there is not the slightest doubt that this firm will soon begin construction up the river. They crossed the Columbia with their machinery at about Arlington and shipped it on the O. R. & N. to the Deschutes, but their horses were brought over at Celilo. Mr. Dorothy has worked for this firm in former years and says he expects to learn that they have commenced building railroad most any day. He is of the opinion that we will have a railroad into Bend within two years at the farthest. At any rate it is a fact that he saw with his own eyes, this assembling of the Winters, Parsons & Boomer outfit at the mouth of the Deschutes.

Mr. Dorothy is a rancher on the Deschutes not far from Moro. He was greatly impressed with the development through this section, and said that there are many farmers hereabouts who are evidently more prosperous than farmers who have lived 25 years in Sherman county. He thought we had a fine country and was enthusiastic over its future. Mr. Dorothy, with his sons, was on his way to Klamath Falls on an outing.

Houses for Forest Rangers.

The forest service will soon begin building a house one mile north of Rosland for the use of the rangers. This structure will be 14x32 feet, one story high, and will be built this fall. Two houses will be built next spring in the Fremont reserve, one on Long Prairie, and the other just above the Rosland sawmill. The Rosland mill will furnish the lumber for all three structures.

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.

Bids Wanted.

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STORE FLOOD WATER

May Build Reservoirs on Crooked River.

IRRIGATE MADRAS SECTION

Reclamation Service Engineers Are Making Investigations. Other Items of General Interest.

Speaking of the presence in that section of engineers of the U. S. Reclamation Service, the Madras Pioneer says that its story of two weeks ago of an investigation by the government reclamation service into the feasibility of a project for irrigating the high plateau lands of that section, was confirmed by the presence at Madras last week of H. J. Doolittle, an engineer in the reclamation service, who is making the investigation. Mr. Doolittle spent several days in that locality, going then through the country south and southwest of this place, and then on to Prineville. He spent some time on the Matoles last month, walking all the way from its source to its mouth, and following this jaunt he walked from the Warm Springs agency down the west bank of the Deschutes to Sherar's Bridge, returning then to Madras. His presence in this immediate locality was for the purpose of investigating the amount of land which could be brought under irrigation if the project is feasible, for upon the size of the irrigable area largely depends the practicability of the undertaking.

The project under investigation now has in view the storage of the flood waters of Crooked river in reservoirs above Prineville. This would be released as required and brought down the channel of the river to a point near Prineville, where it would be taken out in a canal high enough to get it across the divide between Prineville and Madras, and to eventually distribute it over the irrigable land in that locality.

The present investigation is only in the nature of a reconnaissance, the reclamation service being constantly at work in these investigations, blocking out work for the future. When a report on the present investigation is made, it will be passed upon by a board of engineers, and if the project is approved by them, further investigation and surveys will be made. And if the feasibility of the project is demonstrated, the work will then be taken up by the government.

Ericksons Acquitted of Horsestealing.

After making a round trip of some 300 miles and spending a full week on the road, after doing a large amount of detective work as well as performing the functions of his office in a creditable way, and locating and arresting the two defendants near Harrisburg, west of the mountains, Sheriff Elkins yesterday saw his efforts go to naught for lack of evidence in the case against Charles H. Erickson and Oliver Erickson, father and son, who were charged with horse stealing by Horace Biggs, the complainant. The men were brought back in the custody of the sheriff and John Edwards of Gist, placed on preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Sharp, and discharged after a short hearing in the office of Prosecuting Attorney W. A. Bell Wednesday morning.

The Ericksons, who live in the Bear creek country, took their arrest and the long trip back to Crook county as a matter of course and upon their acquittal the younger merely remarked:

"Well, we had good company back."

"So did I," replied the sheriff, sotto voce.

The horses alleged to have been stolen belonged to Biggs and were branded S bar. The Ericksons pastured 12 head of horses in Edward's field at Gist, and the latter was one of the witnesses. Edwards

said that none of the horses he saw either at Gist or Harrisburg bore the brand mentioned by Biggs. Ericksons took 22 head with them to the valley recently and Sheriff Elkins went over there to intercept the stock alleged to be stolen.—Journal.

Pays Himself a Reward.

Last week Mrs. A. Cohrs of this city advertised in the Journal for a purse lost on the Shaniko road. On Tuesday of this week she received by mail from an unknown writer in Portland the two checks which the purse contained, but the finder coyly retained some \$8 in cash as the sum of his own reward.—Journal.

Offers Prize for Farm Products.

The Crook county fair management has decided to offer two special prizes of \$20 and \$10 for the first and second best collection of farm products, including grains, grasses and vegetables, collected from a single voting precinct in the county.—Journal.

Shorter Items of Interest.

The Crook county high school opened last Monday.

Lake county's new court house is nearing completion. The Examiner says it is a beauty.

Hon. Frank Davey, receiver of the land office at Burns and editor of the Harney County News, is dangerously ill.

The Madras school opened with an enrollment of 70, and it is expected that it will reach 100 during the first two or three weeks of school.

Lakeview is extending its water system to cover more of the town. The supply is secured from springs in the mountains about five miles from town.

Farmers about Silver Lake are showing a commendable spirit by bringing in samples of grasses and grains for the Seattle exposition. They are busy at it there.

Jack Kitching and George McVey are accused of having shot out the valuable stained glass windows of the M. E. church at Prineville and have been put under \$500 bonds to appear before the grand jury.

Senator Rand of Vancouver, Wash., arrived in Madras last week and a report was circulated at that place that he was securing right-of-way for the Oregon Trunk Line. He has had much experience in that work.

The party of Central Oregon railroad surveyors who have been camped at Madras for several weeks, have moved camp to Culver. They are locating a line from Madras to Bend with a crossing over Crooked river below Trail Crossing. They are securing a very good line.

A Lakeview sport kicked open the door of a Chinaman's restaurant in the middle of the night and the Chinaman threw red pepper in his face. He had the Chinaman arrested but a trial judge dismissed the case as he claimed the Chinaman was justified in throwing the pepper.

A crew of surveyors are running a line down Trout creek to the Deschutes, presumably a Harriman crew. If Harriman builds up the Deschutes, and inasmuch as the Oregon Trunk Line has possession of the Willow creek gorge, the only thing for Harriman's men to do, is to find another route out of the Deschutes canyon onto the high lands of interior Oregon. They may find such a route by way of Trout creek.

Bethel Crew Contains 17 Men.

The Madras Pioneer says there are 17 men in the Bethel crew of Oregon Trunk surveyors, and they are in charge of Mr. Crane, who was one of the division engineers on the North Bank road. The party picked up the Madras end of the Oregon Trunk survey, completed to this place over two years ago, and are locating the line from this point down Willow creek gorge, and, presumably, on down the Deschutes to connect with the other surveying parties working along the river.

IS NOW THIRD CLASS

Bend Postoffice Advanced to Presidential Grade.

SHOWS A GROWING BUSINESS

Postoffice Department Places Local Office in a Higher Class—Salary of Postmaster \$1000 a Year.

Postmaster Merrill has received notification from the department at Washington that on October 1 the Bend postoffice will be raised from the fourth to the third class. This places the local office in the class commonly designated as a "presidential office." The postoffice receipts in any town are a good indication of the general condition of business at that place. Thus the action of the postoffice department is a feather in Bend's cap, as it shows that business here is increasing.

For a year or two the business of the Bend office has been running very close to what is demanded of a third class office, and it has now reached that stage. The salary of the Bend postmaster under the new classification is placed at \$1,000 per year.

Postmaster Merrill announces that the office will be arranged, as soon as possible, so that there will be an open lobby, and this lobby will be open night and day. A partition will be built through the middle of the building the office now occupies, and the postoffice enclosed in a room by itself. This open lobby arrangement is not required in a fourth class office, but it is necessary in a third class. It is a great convenience to the public and will be much appreciated.

The only other offices in the state raised from the fourth class to the presidential grade at this time are those at Arleta, Freewater, Weston and Falls City.

BEND GIRL KILLS BEAR.

Miss Grace Vandever Bagged a Large Brown One Last Saturday.

It isn't every community that can boast the possession of a young lady bear hunter, but that's what Bend can do and for that reason the successful killing of a large brown bear by Miss Grace Vandever last Saturday has been the subject of much conversation during the past week.

Last Saturday Miss Grace and her father, W. P., started out from the home ranch at Lava in quest of bruin, properly equipped with horses, dogs and rifles. About two miles from the ranch the hounds picked up the fresh tracks of a bear, and the chase was on. It was a short and spirited one and after a run of about a mile the dogs treed bruin. Miss Grace had followed the dogs closely through the thick of the chase, and beat her father to the tree in which the bear had taken refuge. A well aimed shot from her rifle brought the big brown animal down and the sport was ended.

To a friend who rode up to the ranch just as they were bringing in the game, Miss Grace said that she was not at all excited—Oh, no, not a little bit. The only thing that bothered her was that her fingers did not seem to work right and for a moment or two she had trouble in finding the trigger.

Miss Vandever is a student in Bend's high school. It is doubtful if there is another young lady in the state, of her age, who has ever hunted and killed a bear.

Of Interest to the Northwest.

The Missouri river valley is one of the most successful hog sections of the United States, and corn has always been the basis of this industry. Today one of the most popular stock-fattening foods in the Missouri river region is a mixture of alfalfa and sugar beet pulp, which is produced in Colorado. Advice recently received from that state show that numerous new hills are

being erected, and certainly the Pacific Northwest should give this industry every possible encouragement. This is particularly true since the great international concerns like Swift & Company and others have decided to locate upon the Pacific Coast, and they are now spending millions of dollars in building their plants at Portland. A good reliable fattening food equal to corn would make this section of the United States the very richest portion of our great republic.

Oregon Says "Sic 'em."

In what promises to be a titanic struggle for control of territory between Jim Hill and Ed Harriman in this state, Oregon says "sic 'em," and may they both win. The harder these two railroad kings scrap the better it will be for Oregon. It has been evident all along that there was more in Harriman's stay at Pelican bay than a mere vacation. We confidently expect that Hill's activity in Eastern Oregon will make construction of the Natron branch by Harriman a necessity. That will mean much to Eugene.—Register.

ESTABLISHING ELEVATIONS

Geological Surveyors Are Here to Tell Us How High Above Sea Level We Live—A Few Altitudes.

A crew of government geological surveyors have been working in the territory south of Bend during the past week. These men are under the direction of L. F. Biggs and are establishing altitudes at various places. A brass-topped post is set down at these various points, and on the brass is stamped the elevation at that point.

At Rosland these engineers have found the elevation to be 4,226 feet; at the Vandever ranch 4,182 feet; on Paulina creek at the Caldwell ranch, 4,190 feet; at the Fred Shonquest place 4,172 feet; and at Lava Butte, at the highest point in the county road as it skirts the base of the butte, 4,507 feet.

These men arrived in Bend Thursday night and continued their work in this vicinity, but The Bulletin goes to press too early today to give any of the altitudes in this immediate vicinity. The engineers will find, however, a marked drop in the elevation as they travel north from Lava Butte. The elevation at Bend is now supposed to be about 3,675 feet, or 832 feet lower than the base of Lava Butte, a considerable drop for a distance of only about 10 miles. It will be interesting to note the result of the engineers' work in this section, and The Bulletin will give a detailed account of their findings in next week's issue.

Total Vote of Oregon.

The official directory compiled by Secretary of State Benson shows that the total number of ballots cast at the 1908 election was 116,614, as against 99,445 in 1906, and 99,315 in 1904, and the population of the state, according to the state census of 1905 was 464,538 as compared to 413,536 under the federal census of 1900. The total registration for 1908, from January 1 to May 15, was 122,095, divided among the several political parties as follows: Republicans, 80,921; Democrats, 28,788; Prohibitionists, 1,888; Socialists, 3,226; Populists, 59; Independents, 3,656, and those designating no party affiliations numbered 3,556.

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