

INQUIRES ABOUT GYPSUM DEPOSIT

St. Louis Manufacturers Want Samples of the Bend Find.

THEY ASK MANY QUESTIONS

Makers of Plaster and Cement Are Interested in the Discovery at Bear Creek Buttes—Other Resources of Central Oregon.

It has been truly said that no one knows what vast mineral and chemical deposits will yet be uncovered in Central Oregon. This was illustrated a few weeks ago when Tom Rogers of Bend discovered a large deposit of pure gypsum a few miles east of Bend at Bear Creek buttes.

This deposit has already attracted the attention of outside capital. A firm of plaster and cement manufacturers at St. Louis, Mo., has written to a Bend person asking for samples of the gypsum, how far it is situated from the nearest railroad town, and how near to it the railroad would probably be when built. This indicates that capital will be ready and willing to develop the gypsum find just as soon as the Bend country is given railroad transportation.

A few days after Mr. Rogers discovered the gypsum a man passed through Bend whose home is in California. He said that there were extensive gypsum mines in that state, and he knew of one mine that employs 5,000 men. He also said that tons upon tons of land plaster—which is manufactured from gypsum—are used annually in the orchards of California as a soil fertilizer and that the use of it was now being adopted in the Willamette valley. He predicted that eventually vast quantities of land plaster would be used in the orchards of the Bend country, and of course it would all be manufactured at the Bear Creek mines. Besides land-plaster, a hard finish wall plaster, cement, plaster of paris and many other products are manufactured from gypsum.

This illustrates in a small way the magnitude of the industry that will some day be developed in Bend's territory, resulting from the discovery of this deposit of pure gypsum.

Will Develop Borax Deposits.

Still another enterprise that will develop a resource of Central Oregon is now being started. A Portland corporation will soon have a plant installed at Alkali lake to develop the deposit of borax at that place. Alkali lake lies in northern Lake county, a few miles south of Crook county.

The installation of the plant by the Portland corporation is one of the first moves in the development of Central Oregon resources, and many other plants will be installed as the country develops and as the various mineral and chemical deposits are discovered. Speaking of this enterprise the Lake County Examiner said:

"There is an enterprise now being carried forward in the northern part of the county that means much in the way of rapid development, being the opening of the borax deposits at Alkali lake.

"A Portland corporation has secured these deposits, embracing 6,000 acres of land immediately surrounding Alkali lake, and already has started operations. They expect to have things in shape to make regular shipments of borax by the 1st of June. The cement for laying foundations for the nec-

cessary structures is already on the ground, and the machinery is now on the way from San Francisco via Reno, and will be hauled through Lakeview.

"The waters of Alkali Lake are very strongly impregnated with borax, and the shore line and ground about the lake are incrustated with a thick layer of the mineral. It is the intention to extract the borax from these deposits first, and later, attention will be paid to the water of the lake."

There is also an enormous deposit of borax at Summer Lake which was all staked off into claims and filed on several years ago. And in addition to the borax and gypsum deposits, The Bulletin might mention another prospective industry for this section, that of salt mining. Though it may not be generally known, there is a generous deposit of this useful article in northern Lake county, not far from Alkali lake, from which stockmen who knew of the deposit have supplied their stock.

POWER PLANT FOR BEND

A. M. Drake is Negotiating with a Large Power Corporation to Install Plant on Deschutes.

Mr. John Steidl announced to The Bulletin this week that when A. M. Drake was here recently he made a filing on the waters of the Deschutes with the view of building a power plant at Bend. The filing was made to cover a location at the narrow place in the river just north of the site of the old bunk house. Present plans contemplate the building of a dam at that point, and the installation of a large electric power plant.

Mr. Steidl was not in possession of full particulars of the size of the plant contemplated, but he said that he expects engineers to arrive at Bend this month to make the necessary surveys. Mr. Drake is in negotiation with capitalists who are interested in power projects, and he expects to have them associated with him in this enterprise.

Such a plant would be hailed with delight by Bend people as it would afford electric lighting facilities, and electric power when that commodity is needed. If this plant is installed it will be the pioneer one in the Bend country, and will be a forerunner of a vast industry that will some day be developed when the thousands of horse-power along the Deschutes now going to waste are put to beneficial use.

Tumalo Items.

TUMALO, Jan. 3.—The warm rain of the past 36 hours has melted the snow all off in this vicinity.

Chas. Spough made a trip to Prineville last week on business.

Mr. Marcott of Bend was in Tumalo last Tuesday on business.

I. E. Wimer made a trip to Squaw Creek last week after a load of oats.

Ed. White of Gist was a pleasant caller in Tumalo Saturday and stayed over night at G. W. Wimer's.

Hubert, Paul and Miss Myrtle Scoggins passed through here today going to Bend where Miss Myrtle and Paul attend school.

Frank Edwards and sister, Miss Grace, passed through here one day last week returning from Bend.

Joe Howard of Lower Bridge stopped in Tumalo Friday returning from Bend.

R. H. Bayley and Mr. Baldwin were in Tumalo Friday and Saturday getting ice from the Wimer pond.

Geo. Simmons and Fred Wallace went to the C. S. I. Co. headgate today to turn in water for the settlers to fill their water tanks and reservoirs.

G. W. Wimer and wife received the sad news last Wednesday that their daughter-in-law, Mrs. Adam Wimer, of Grants Pass, was very low and not expected to live, having been poisoned from eating packing house ham. Friday they received word from their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Baker, who is with her, that there was no change yet, but there were little hopes of her recovery.

WHAT SHALL THE LEVY BE

County Court Somewhat Puzzled over That Question.

ROAD LEVY WAS TOO SMALL

Shall the Court House Indebtedness Be Paid in Full This Year, and Shall More Money Be Put into Making Better Roads.

The county court is in session this week, and one of the most important matters before it will be to determine the amount of the tax levy for the ensuing year. The sum of \$31,000 is still due on the contract price of the new court house. In 1907 a levy of only two mills was allowed to the road fund. Many believe this is altogether too small, and are advocating that the county go in debt to the extent of paying off only a portion of the court house indebtedness this year, allowing, on the other hand, a larger levy for the improvement of our county roads. That is the question that is puzzling the county court—what shall be done; pay off the entire court house indebtedness and let the roads get along with a small levy, or carry over into next year a portion of the court house debt and allow more money for the roads?

In order to learn the opinion of the tax payers on the question, the court has mailed a number of letters as follows:

"Inasmuch as you are directly or indirectly a large tax payer in this county, the county court would appreciate an expression of your general ideas on taxation for the ensuing year.
The total assessed valuation on the

1907 tax rolls was \$6,274,893 and the levy was 14.3 mills.

The total assessed valuation for 1908 was \$7,070,254.

"There has been paid out of the 1907 levy on account of contract price of new court house \$26,000, leaving a balance of about \$5,000 still to be paid thereon.
The levy in 1907 for road purposes was but two mills, which is ridiculously small. Some advocate a larger levy for road purposes but to keep the gross tax for 1908 the same as last year even though the county go somewhat into debt until the next year's taxes. Others say: Make this year's levy pay everything, thus keeping the county out of debt. This would doubtless mean at least a total levy of 15 mills, keeping the road tax at two mills.

"A candid expression of your opinion by early mail would be appreciated."

The county court is of the opinion that more money should be expended on the roads than a two-mill levy will provide. Good roads are of prime importance to any country and especially to a section devoid of railroads. The present court desires to continue the improvement of the county's roads, yet they can not do so to any extent on a two mill levy. On the other hand if they increase the road levy and carry over the court house indebtedness, there will be many who will blame the court for running the county in debt. Be that as it may, it would seem that as good roads are of so much importance, it would be the part of wisdom to postpone the payment of a part of the court house indebtedness and allow a larger levy for road building.

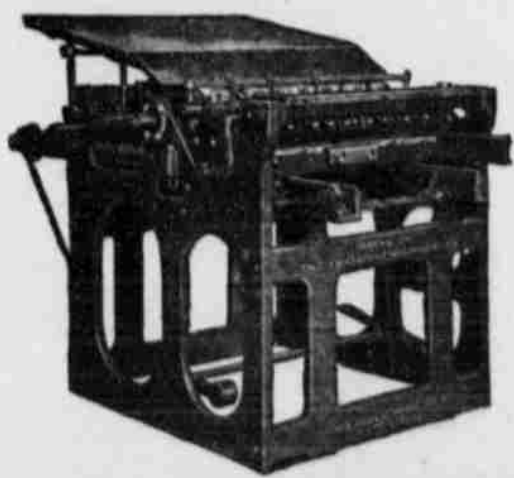
Heavy Fall of Snow.

The bottom dropped out of the heavens Monday night and as a result Bend now has about 10 inches of snow. Tuesday morning it was reported that there were 14 inches in the territory south of Lava butte. Tuesday night the temperature dropped quite low, giving us one of the coldest nights of the winter.

Simple Remedy for La Grippe.

Racking la grippe coughs that may develop into pneumonia over night are quickly cured by Foley's Honey and Tar. The sore and inflamed lungs are healed and strengthened, and a dangerous condition is quickly averted. Take only Foley's Honey and Tar in the yellow package.—C. W. Merrill, druggist.

A LITTLE SHOP TALK BY THE EDITOR.



THE BULLETIN takes much pleasure in announcing to its readers this week that it has just purchased and installed a new cylinder press on which to print the subsequent issues of the paper, of which the above cut is an illustration. This issue is the first one printed on the new machine, and it is a fair sample of the improved press work that will be characteristic of The Bulletin hereafter. It means a cleaner and better paper, and we believe our readers will appreciate our efforts to give them good service.

The Bulletin takes pleasure in making this announcement because the purchase of the new press shows that it is the intention of this paper to develop as the country develops. We will keep in step with the forward march of this section—in fact, our aim is to keep just a little ahead of the country. The Bulletin has always stood for Bend and the Bend country, and it always will so stand. It has unbounded faith in the future of this section, and it finds pleasure in telling to the world the wonderful resources that lie here awaiting development and the opportunities that present themselves to the energetic man. Whenever The Bulletin can do so it will "boost" for the Bend country, and will enjoy doing it. As the country develops, as new people move in, and as business undertakings multiply and expand, The Bulletin will always be found in the front line, giving to this section a newspaper that is fully abreast of the country's development. Just as rapidly as business conditions warrant it, The Bulletin will invest money in new presses and new equipment in order to produce a better paper.

The new press is a Diamond cylinder, and was purchased from the Portland branch of the American Type Founders Company.

SOCIAL EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Many Doings for the Amusement of Bend People.

DINNERS, DANCES, PARTIES

Two Pleasant Afternoons Spent With Mrs. Roscoe Howard—Miss Maude Vandeventer Gives Dinner in Honor of the Teachers.

Last Saturday afternoon Mrs. Roscoe Howard very pleasantly entertained a number of her lady friends at progressive five hundred. After an interesting period of hotly contested games, the scores were counted and it was found that Miss Ruth Reid and Miss Helen Johnston had "tied" for the grand prize. Lots were prepared and drawn and the prize, a very pretty candlestick, went to Miss Johnston. The consolation prize was won by Miss Cornelia Wilson, the same being a very fine pack of playing cards. Later dainty refreshments were served. The afternoon was a very successful one from a social standpoint, and the ladies thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

Tuesday afternoon Mrs. Howard again entertained a few of the ladies of Bend, progressive five hundred likewise being the pastime of the afternoon. Mrs. E. D. Wilson carried off the honors, winning as a prize a very pretty Bohemian glass dish, while Mrs. C. A. Jones captured the consolation prize—a fine deck of cards. Refreshments were served, and a pleasant afternoon enjoyed.

Another pleasant social event of the dying year was a 6 o'clock dinner party given by Miss Maude Vandeventer last Thursday in honor of the Bend teachers and Miss Hazel Caldwell and Miss Hartley, teachers at Prineville who spent the holiday vacation at Miss Caldwell's home in Bend. Besides those mentioned other guests present were Sylvester and Prince Staats. After dinner had been served, the evening was very pleasantly spent with games and in social converse, and when it came time to depart, the guests declared the last dinner of the year 1908 would be long and pleasantly remembered by them.

The "watch night" dance at Lara hall last Thursday evening was also one of the pleasant events of the past week. A goodly crowd gathered to trip the light fantastic and to dance the old year out and the new year in. The time was pleasantly spent in dancing, and promptly at 12 o'clock the lights were turned down somewhat and the dancers were supplied with the little sparklers that are proving such a popular fad in Bend. As usual, the fantastic effect given by these little sparkling spit-fires was very pretty and the new year was ushered in in a unique way by the Bend dancers.

Shortly before 12 o'clock coffee and sandwiches were served. The event was under the auspices of the Ladies' Library Club, netting the library \$31.80.

It is not often that Bend people are afforded the opportunity for sleigh riding, and when that opportunity does come it is generally seized upon with pleasure. Last Friday afternoon, Sylvester and Prince Staats and the Vandeventer boys hitched a four-horse team to a large bob-sled and took a crowd of 15 young people on an afternoon's sleigh ride. They drove south to the Dutch John place, and had a very enjoyable afternoon's ride.

Tuesday evening about 20 of Bend's young people took a sleigh

ride to Laidlaw, and had a late supper at the Tullar restaurant. They returned about 2 o'clock, having had a most enjoyable ride through the deep snow and bright moonlight.

COYOTES CAUSE TROUBLE.
Are Running in Bands in the Cloverdale District—A Painful Accident.

GIST, Jan. 4.—The coyotes are running in bands in the Cloverdale country, so says Frank Arnold. He lost 11 hens in one day by them. He says they are getting to be a great pest there.

Mrs. Hardy Allen of Sisters had a very painful accident the other day. She slipped on the ice and fell on her arm. At first she thought nothing of it, but they seem to think now the bone might be fractured, as she has been suffering great pain. At last reports she was resting easier.

Mr. Edwards has sold half of his fine ranch near Gist to a Mr. McKenney of Washington. The price, so we are informed, was \$7,000. Mr. Edwards has a fine ranch left.

Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor and family of Bear Creek are visiting friends and relatives at Sisters this week.

A petition was circulated last week for the county court to appoint Chas. Carson road supervisor of this district.

The barn-dance at Mr. Carson's was a grand success, there being about 40 couples. When supper was called, "Oh my! you should have been there. The Gist brothers and Mr. Arnold and son furnished the music.

Miss Nellie Scoggins visited at the Gist home Sunday.

Pleasant Ridge Notes.

PLEASANT RIDGE, Jan. 4.—At the re-organization of the Pleasant Ridge Sunday school last Sunday, there was much enthusiasm manifested, and all seemed to feel their personal responsibility towards making the school more prosperous the coming year. There were suggestions of adopting a grading system. We sincerely hope it may be carried out. Prof. J. A. Thompson was unanimously chosen teacher of the Bible class, and everything now seems to be in a more flourishing condition than ever before.

Dan Greenhalgh, Sr., is not improving as rapidly as we would like to hear.

Mr. Gatlinghouse has moved with his family onto his forty near the banks of the Deschutes west of the Greenhalgh farm. He is making preparations for a crop in the spring.

Chad Irvin has his house enclosed and is comfortably situated. He and his mother seem quite happy in their new farm home.

Miss Clara Woods entertained a party of youngsters at her home Tuesday evening last. All reported a good time, and dispersed during the wee sma' hours of the morning.

J. A. Thompson and A. A. Green are building cisterns on their farms. The cisterns are made of lumber and will be coated on the inside with asphalt. This makes a permanent and well done everlasting job.

Jesse Vosberg has proved up on his forty in this vicinity and will now endeavor to fulfill the requirements of law upon the one owned by his wife over near Cline Falls. We dislike to think of Mr. and Mrs. Vosberg leaving us, and hope they will ever feel their much needed assistance in the Sunday school work.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Sherwood invited in some friends at their home in honor of the first day of the new year. All seemed to have a good time and the day was happily spent.

The Holidays were well observed in our vicinity. We did not have a Christmas tree in the neighborhood, but there were sumptuous dinners prepared and served at the homes of Mrs. G. W. Hall and Mrs. J. A. Chase, who invited in their friends and sat them down to tables loaded with all the good eatables that only women know how to prepare. The guests all quite forgot they were living in a desert country, but, judging from the fine repast served before them, were as ever at their old homes in Iowa, Wisconsin and Illinois enjoying the luxuries of Christmas day. When the hour for departing arrived, they all reluctantly separated for their homes, wishing to the hostess the return of another happy Christmas day.

Township plats for sale at this office, two sizes, 3 1/2 and 6 inches square.