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“BALLINGER’S DECISION FAVORS THE RAILROAD”

SO SAYS TELEGRAM RECEIVED AT BEND

Hunter & Staats in Receipt of a Wire From Portland That Brings the Above News. All Reports of the Past Week Are Favorable to the Deschutes Railroad.

“Ballinger’s decision favors railroad.” That is the wording of a terse telegram that was received yesterday by Hunter & Staats of Bend, the message having been sent from Portland. It was sent by the same party who has been keeping these gentlemen informed in regard to railroad news, this party being in a position to secure inside information. No further particulars were given in the message, but it would imply that Harriman’s right-of-way had been approved by Secretary Ballinger.

Under date of April 12, this same man wrote to Messrs. Hunter and Staats stating that the facts in regard to the reclamation engineers’ report are as follows:

“First. There was a definite understanding before the report left Portland that the government would not interfere with the railroad line up the Deschutes.

“Second. The only question is whether the government will also approve the survey of the Oregon Trunk, in which case condemnation proceedings will be necessary or the Harriman officials will be forced to buy the line’s surveys.

“Third. The private irrigation schemes in the Deschutes canyon will cut no figure, except if they persist in standing in the way condemnation proceedings will again be necessary.

“Fourth. To carry out this work, the railroad will be required to put up a bond to the government showing its good faith and intention to build immediately into the territory which, the report holds, is much greater in need of a railroad than either the project fathered by the federal reclamation service or

the private companies. “You will find when the report becomes public in about one week that the above is very close to the recommendations made.”

This coincides with the reports that have been published during the past week in regard to the Deschutes railroad matter. All of which would indicate that this man really is in possession of what he claims to have—inside information.

The city papers have reported that Secretary Ballinger would approve “in a few days,” the surveys of the Deschutes line, with the stipulation that the railroad company should be obliged to raise its track whenever the reclamation service got ready to build the dams. It was also reported that Harriman had agreed to this stipulation. There was nothing official, however, in any of these reports.

The latest and most reliable information is contained in this telegram which brings the good news that “Ballinger’s decision favors the railroad.”

DRIVING SHEEP TO THE RANGE IN CROOK COUNTY.



FOR years sheep raising has been one of the leading industries of Crook county, and it will continue as such for many years to come. From 2,500,000 to 3,000,000 pounds of wool are marketed each year as a result of this industry in Crook county, and many thousand head of sheep are sold annually. The sum of money this industry brings into the county is a handsome amount, and not a few men in Crook county have made their fortune by raising sheep. Heretofore the industry has been confined almost exclusively to range sheep pastured on the open range, but as the country develops and irrigation becomes the order of the day, large numbers of high grade sheep will be raised on the numerous small farms. Those who have already tried it in this vicinity claim there is a fine profit in a few sheep on the farm. One farmer, with much experience, claims that from \$3,000 to \$5,000 profit can be cleared each year from a 160-acre farm stocked with sheep. He has made good to that amount for several years. Thus it is assured that the raising of sheep will long be an important industry in Crook county.

THE EAGLE WILL MAKE MUCH NOISE

Glorious Celebration Planned by Bend People for July 3.

ANOTHER TROUT BARBECUE

A Goodly Sum Has Already Been Subscribed, Preliminary Arrangements Have Been Made, and a Big Time is Assured.

When the American eagle gets through with the British lion there will be another knot tied hard and fast in the lion’s tail, and the occasion of the pleasing operation will be a rip, roaring celebration in Bend on July 3rd, in honor of July Fourth. The proverbial ball has been started on a two-and-a-half-months roll, preliminary committees have been appointed, subscriptions have been and are being solicited, and everything promises the biggest and best celebration ever “pulled off” in Central Oregon.

As announced in The Bulletin last week, a mass meeting was called last Thursday evening to discuss the question of celebrating. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Davidson, with J. E. Sawhill, secretary. After a short discussion in which everyone was heartily in favor of celebrating, it was decided to celebrate in Bend this year on Saturday, the 3rd, inasmuch as the Fourth comes on Sunday. It was also the unanimous opinion of those present, that another of those unique trout barbecues should form one of the chief attractions of the day.

Two committees were finally appointed, one on finance, consisting of J. H. Wenandy, Thos. Triplett and A. M. Lara; the other on program and general arrangements, consisting of M. J. Kelley, Hugh O’Kane and E. A. Sather. The finance committee was instructed to solicit subscriptions; the committee on general arrangements was instructed to draw up a suggestive program with the probable expense therefor; both committees to report at a second meeting to be held on the following Monday.

In line with this arrangement, another mass meeting was held last Monday evening. The finance committee reported good progress and that everyone approached had responded liberally. While the committee had not finished its work, yet a sufficient sum had been pledged to assure a good celebration. The committee on general arrangements reported a draft of a program the expense of which would easily come within the sum pledged. With the expense end of the affair thus assured, the finance committee was instructed to continue its work and raise as large a sum as possible. Another and permanent committee was appointed to take full charge of the celebration. This committee will appoint all sub-committees and will have general supervision of all matters pertaining to the Fourth. The committee is composed of B. A. Sather, J. H. Wenandy, Thos.

BOGUS INSPECTOR IS GIVEN JAIL SENTENCE

N. Thomas, Who Fooled Crook County People, Sent to McNeil’s Island for 18 Month Term—Central and Southern Oregon Notes.

N. Thomas, who operated in Crook county several months ago and who claimed to be an inspector of the U. S. land office, has been sentenced, by the federal court at Portland, to 18 months imprisonment at McNeil’s island. Thomas pleaded guilty.

The transaction which resulted in his arrest was an attempt to fleece Jacob Kasser of Cherry Creek out of \$1100. He represented to Kasser that he was investigating government land entries, and pretending to have discovered irregularities, demanded \$1100 as the price of his silence. He was given a check for the amount, but Kasser stopped payment on the check and had Thomas arrested. He also secured checks from a Paulina rancher on a similar pretext, but payment of these was also stopped.

Thomas came to this county as an insurance solicitor and claims that he was approached by a number of people who thought that he was a special agent, and that this suggested the plan of grafting which he afterward adopted.

Madras Wants \$3,000 School House.

The directors of the Madras school district have posted notices calling for a school election on Saturday, May 1, to vote upon the question of issuing \$3,000 bonds for the purpose of building a new school house. The election was called at the instance of 10 or more taxpayers of the district, who presented a petition to the board of directors, requesting them to submit the question of bonding the district for \$3,000 for the purpose of building a new school house.—Pioneer.

Shorter Items of Interest.

Two cases of diphtheria are reported at Burns.

A home talent play recently put on under the auspices of the ladies of Lake-

view cleared \$145 for the free library of that town.

Prineville’s commercial club is doing good work for that town.

The new court house at Prineville is about finished and will probably be ready to turn over to the county on May 1. The Journal says “the big clock now keeps time as steady as the sun.”

Miss Kathryn Z. Williamson, daughter of Hon. and Mrs. J. N. Williamson of Prineville, was married on April 11 to Charles C. O’Neil. The Journal says Mr. and Mrs. O’Neil will reside at Wakeeney, Kans., where the groom is manager of a large hardware store.

The big rotary drill is now at work at the Ontario well and fast progress is being made sinking to the lower depths, says the Argus. All indications still continue that oil will be found when the proper depth is attained. The flow of gas is increasing in volume, and Ontario people are more than sanguine that a big gusher will soon be encountered.—Burns News.

M. Valerius, a gas and oil expert from Oklahoma, has been here the past week, making an investigation of the oil and gas fields around Malheur lake and is very positive in the belief that the best prospects exist there of any place in this part of Oregon—far superior to the Ontario field. Mr. Valerius comes highly recommended and gives intelligent reasons for his belief. A company will be formed in a few days to thoroughly explore and test the possibilities.—Burns News.

Joseph Claypool and wife and daughter, Miss Belle, of Sisters, passed through Madras last Friday on their way to San Diego, California, about 40 miles from which city Mr. Claypool has purchased a 320 acre tract of land upon which he and his family expect to make their home in the future. Mr. Claypool is a Pioneer of the Sisters country, having settled there 34 years ago. He says this climate is somewhat rigorous for himself and wife, who are advanced in years, and they hope to spend their declining days in a more salubrious climate.—Pioneer.

Vaille Gets Promotion.

F. W. Vaille, inspector of the Oregon division of the railway postal mail service, who has often visited Bend in the discharge of his duties, has been promoted as superintendent of the new Northwestern railway mail district, with headquarters at Seattle. In this capacity he will have jurisdiction over the entire railway mail service of the Pacific Northwest, embracing Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Alaska and a portion of Montana.

The Bulletin strives to please.

TO ADJUDICATE WATER RIGHTS IN CROOK

State Water Board Will Soon Take Up Adjudication of Claims to Water from Squaw and Tumello Creeks—A Wise Law.

Dispatches from Salem report that the state water board will take up, at any early date, the adjudication of water rights on Squaw creek and also on Tumello creek. This will be the first work done in Crook county by the water board under the new water law passed by the recent legislature.

During the past year or two there has been more or less trouble in regard to the water rights on Squaw creek. It has been reported that a few men taking water from the creek have built a canal so large that it carries an amount of water greatly in excess of what they can use on their lands. They have persisted in diverting water to the full capacity of the canal, and have let the surplus run to waste and form a pond out on the desert. This worked a hardship on settlers lower down on the creek whose supply of water was thus depleted. Of course the men who are causing the trouble can not legally hold more water than they put to beneficial use. The new water board will straighten out the tangle, will decide the amount and priority of the various water rights, and then the water master whom they put in charge of that stream will see that no one diverts more water than they are justly entitled to. In this one instance it is easy to see what great benefits will be derived from the new water law.

Another case in point is that concerning water rights on Tumello creek. Much complaint was heard in Bend last summer over a scarcity of water along this stream. During the irrigation season, the Columbia Southern Irrigating Company and the private ditches above the intake

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Liked Their Treatment.

The Prineville Journal has the following to say in regard to the social features of the educational meeting held in Bend:

The Bend teachers had arrangements all made for the entertainment of the visiting teachers and the hospitality extended by the people of the town on the Deschutes was highly spoken of by the Prineville visitors.

Saturday afternoon the educational meeting was held in the school building and afterwards a reception was held at the Pilot Butte Inn. An informal program was rendered and refreshments were served. The affair was a most pleasant one.

One of the most enjoyable features of the trip to the teachers of the Prineville public school was their entertainment at luncheon Saturday evening at the home of Miss Hazel Caldwell in Bend.

Another Feather in Our Cap.

Another proof of the efficiency of the Bend school has recently been received. It comes in a letter from A. R. Tiffany, registrar of the University of Oregon. Mr. Tiffany writes to Miss Ruth Reid, principal of the local school, that he has carefully examined the work done by the Bend school and that he takes pleasure in announcing that graduates from the Bend high school will be admitted to the university without undergoing any examinations. In other words, a diploma of graduation from the Bend school admits the holder to the freshman class of the university. All of which speaks very well for the local school system.

Married

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Byron Cady on Saturday eve, April 17, Robert G. Sturgeon to Miss Theresa Snyder, by Rev. J. Anthony Mitchell. The young people expect after visiting Portland to return to Crook county and prove up on the homestead. Then it is their intention to visit his relatives in Oklahoma.

The Bulletin extends congratulations and best wishes.

Bend Will Have Ball Team.

A meeting of baseball fans was held Monday evening and arrangements made for the organization of a ball team in Bend for the coming season. A committee was appointed consisting of C. S. Hudson, J. H. Wenandy and Mayor Davidson, whose duty will be to attend to the financing of the organization, arranging for games, etc., etc. Bend has good material for a ball team, and we will undoubtedly be treated to some fast games during the season. Let everyone show their patriotism by helping to support this great American game.

Notice.

Saturday, May first, will be clean-up day. Get your old tin cans, rubbish, etc., raked up in a pile and a team and wagon will be furnished to haul it away.

Let everyone help to keep our city clean. JAS. D. DAVIDSON, Mayor of Bend.

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