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SALE OF D. I. & P.

AUCTION OF ITS PROPERTY NEXT MONDAY.

First Legal Step Toward Reorganization of the Company and Continuation of Its Reclamation Work.

All the property of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co., including contracts, notes, choses, equities, construction plant and other personal property, but excluding real estate (which requires longer notice) will be offered for sale at public auction next Monday at 10 a. m., at the front door of the Portland postoffice. This sale will be under foreclosure decree made by the Federal court, and embraces more than \$400,000 worth of property. An understanding has been arrived at by and between the creditors of the company, and an arrangement made by which buyers will bid in the properties, which will thereafter be at the disposal of a committee for reorganization of the company.

Last Friday's Portland Oregonian contained the following, showing that action is being taken along the line stated in The Bulletin three weeks ago:

Pooling their claims, aggregating \$800,000, creditors of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company yesterday joined in a petition to the United States Court for an immediate foreclosure of the first mortgage on the company's property. The order was granted by Judge Charles E. Wolverton, who appointed Receiver C. M. Redfield a special commissioner to handle the sale.

It is announced by L. G. Addison, representing the Ohio bondholders who caused the Deschutes Irrigation Company to be placed in the hands of a receiver as a bankrupt, that every effort will be made to protect the investment of the 600 or more stockholders.

As intended at this time and as a part of the plans under which action was taken yesterday, the creditors will buy in the property at the advertised sale and will immediately wind up the affairs of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company by the organization of a new holding company. The new concern will be called into existence for the sole purpose of handling the assets in such a manner that the debts may be cleared from the records and a dividend secured to the stockholders.

"The Ohio bondholders represent approximately \$400,000 of the indebtedness," said Mr. Addison last night, "but we want the property so handled that there shall be no losses to anybody. The entire assets, including notes signed by settlers, will be sold. After the creditors buy in the property, our people intend first to pay the debts from the assets of the company, and then realize as much as possible for distribution among the stockholders. We have no promises to make to the stockholder aside from that. We hope they will secure their money."

Receiver Redfield returned Monday from Portland, where he had been called in connection with this business. He will be present at the local hearing of the protest of A. M. Drake against the proposed Crane Prairie reservoir for the Benham Falls segregation of the D. I.

& P. Co. and then go to Portland to conduct the sale ordered for next Monday.

SEES WATER POWERS

Chief Engineer of Geological Survey on the Deschutes.

M. O. Leighton, Chief Engineer of the Geological Survey, is out from Washington making personal examination of the lands temporarily withdrawn for water power sites. He was in Bend Saturday on his way down the Deschutes to the mouth of Crooked. He will examine that stream, which will end his work in this section. He traversed the course of the Deschutes from its mouth to a point above the junction of Big and Little rivers.

Mr. Leighton declined to say what he would recommend as to the lands withdrawn. He did say that he had found the Deschutes river from Benham Falls to its mouth to be almost a continuous series of water powers, and many of the controlling sites are still in the hands of the government. The inference was plain that withdrawal of such sites would be made permanent, with a view to congressional action. It was also fairly evident that the lands provisionally withdrawn above Benham Falls, particularly in the forks of the river, would be restored to entry, there being no water power there to justify holding the lands further.

While on the upper river this party occupied the Minor homestead cabin. It camped Friday night where the Silver Lake road crosses the Central Oregon canal and moved out early next morning for Crooked river. Mr. Leighton has examined the withdrawals in Montana, Idaho and Washington and has yet to inspect those of Wyoming and Utah.

AUTO ROAD TO BURNS.

Desert Route Good Except Ten Miles—Should be Improved.

A. C. Lucas drove Messrs. Kuney and Bryan through from Bend to Burns last week, taking the road across the "desert" all the way. Mr. Lucas thinks his was the first machine to make the through run over that road. The going was good except for about 10 miles of rough trail through the section where Crook, Lake and Malheur counties corner.

On his return, over the other route via Fife and Prineville, Mr. Lucas took up with the County Court the matter of improving that bad stretch of road. Judge Ellis said he would write the other counties to see if there would be concert of action, for it would do no good to have the road improved in only one of the counties. With this route improved and the work in the Cascade mountains completed there would be an excellent auto road across the state from Eugene to Burns.

Miss Marion Wiest left last Friday to spend a year in Boston.

MOVE TO EXPAND NO HALT IN WORK

PETITION TO SPREAD BEND MUCH WIDER.

Council Takes no Action Upon It—Railroad Crossing, Street Lamps, and Various Other Matters Considered.

At the regular council meeting last evening Mayor Caldwell presided for the first time. A petition signed by 50 names was presented praying that the council order an election for taking into the city limits all the platted lands adjacent to Bend—Kenwood, Anbrey Heights, Lytle, Riverside, Wiestoria and Deschutes. No action upon it was taken.

Claims as follows were approved and ordered paid:

C. A. Chapman, marshal.....	\$ 75 00
Portland Bacteriological Lab'y.,	5 00
Chas. Goetgin, clearing streets..	4 00
S. C. Caldwell, hardware.....	2 50
S. M. Scott, policeman.....	75 00
V. E. Hotelling, ".....	97 50
Charles Carroll, blacksmithing..	3 00
Bend Bulletin, publishing.....	3 30
H. E. Parker, attorney fee.....	2 50
Bend Water, Light & Power Co.,	32 08
H. L. Whitsett, fire chief for yr.,	25 00
Total.....	\$324 88

The three ordinances introduced at the previous meeting—to regulate auto driving, to license moving picture shows, and to close saloons nights and Sundays—were passed without discussion.

Carlyle Triplett resigned as police officer, because he was about to move into his new house outside the corporation limits, and the resignation was accepted.

A plan was submitted by the Oregon Trunk Railway showing the proposed bridge at Greenwood avenue. This was not deemed entirely satisfactory and a committee consisting of Aldermen Hunter and Kelley was appointed to act with the City Attorney in arriving at an understanding with the railway company.

After much discussion the council voted that burning of waste paper would be permitted within 50 feet of buildings, under wire screens and outside of 50 feet without wire protection.

Aldermen Sellers and Hunter were appointed a committee to act with the City Attorney in considering with the Bend Water, Light & Power company a contract for street lighting.

The ditch-crossing at Bond and Minnesota was ordered to be increased in width to 32 feet.

Howard Hilke was captured by Marshal Chapman last Saturday having a horse belonging to James Reed of Culver, which he was accused of stealing. The prisoner was taken to Prineville where he was held to the circuit court on bond of \$500.

DESCHUTES CONSTRUCTION DOES NOT WAVER.

Indications that Construction of Line from Bend to Ontario Will Soon Be Under Way—The Greenwood Avenue Crossing.

A. Youngstrom, of the railroad contracting firm of Bryan & Youngstrom, returned this week from a business trip to Spokane. He says there is a general disposition to go slow with all new railroad work in the inter-mountain country and several contracts in the upper country have been suspended altogether. For awhile it was feared the retrenchment policy would affect the work in Oregon but it now seems to be settled that there will be no cessation of activity in this field.

Bryan & Youngstrom are pushing their contract, from Bend northward, without any timidity whatever. More than 100 men are regularly employed on eight stations. Two of these stations, where the trouble occurred a few weeks ago, are under foremen in the employ of the contractors, and the other six are conducted by the station men themselves.

The overhead crossing of Greenwood avenue, in this city, is quite an important piece of construction. One hundred thousand feet of timbers are required for it, and part of this is only temporary. Concrete piers will take the place of wooden ones when the railroad gets in operation. Greenwood avenue is excavated to a depth of six feet below its normal level, giving a clear headway of 12 feet under the railway track. There will be two 8-foot sidewalks and three 16-foot driveways, making a total street width of 66 feet at the crossing. It will be thus restricted along 64 feet length of the street. Before the present plans were adopted for that crossing the grade had been prepared for a narrower opening and now the material thus filled in is being removed at considerable expense to the company.

The roads heretofore in use through Lytle acre tracts have been blocked by the new railway grade, compelling use of Fifth street into Bend.

When the Greenwood avenue crossing shall be completed the railway grade will be extended across Hawthorn, Ironwood and Juniper, thus closing those thoroughfares at the railroad right-of-way.

The deepest cut in this vicinity is at the southern edge of Lytle, where nature has piled the rock 18 feet and 4 inches higher than the railroad. The cut in Lytle acre tracts is being extended to the limits of the right-of-way in order

to get sufficient material for the fill across the old baseball grounds to another rock cut in the northern edge of Bend.

Kuney and Bryan Examine East Line.

Engineer K. K. Kuney and Contractor Bryan left last Wednesday for a trip to Burns, returning Sunday. A rough inspection was made of the country traversed by the line surveyed southeastward from Bend. It is said that that road will be one of the cheapest to operate in the west, because of easy grades and curves, and will probably make possible a reduction of several hours in the time required to travel between the coast and the Missouri river. Mr. Kuney has now returned to his survey camp and will close up the work there in a few days.

The Work in Redmond.

(Redmond Hub.)

Nearly a mile of roadbed is well along toward completion inside the city limits of Redmond. Commencing at the southern city limits, a cut has been made four or five feet in depth. All the rock has been removed from this for about a hundred yards, there is a stretch of perhaps twenty yards that has not been touched. Beyond this holes have been drilled for blasts that will remove several cubic yards of rock. Then comes another part of the cut that has apparently all the necessary rock removed to where it ends at the point about opposite I street. The earth from this latter section of the cut has been used to make a fill which has much of the material in place, but is not yet finished is the last of the work done in the city limits. The entire right-of-way has been cleared through the town.

SISTERS SAWMILLS

Three of Them Can't Keep Pace with Lumber Demand.

The new sawmill of the Roberts Brothers, two miles south of Sisters, was started for the first time last Saturday and worked satisfactorily. It is expected to run regularly hereafter and turn out about 15,000 feet of lumber daily.

W. W. Wilson and J. W. Berry are putting in a water mill at their old site on Pole creek, three miles southwest of Sisters. Their mill on the Jacob Quiberg place was burned last year and now they are going back to water power.

The recent fire at the Spoor & Burkhard mill, about five miles this side of Sisters, destroyed the engine and saws, entailing a loss of about \$3000. The planer was not burned. The sawmill is now being rebuilt and will soon be ready for business again.

Demand for lumber is said to be more than all these mills can supply. A good deal of building is being done by Squaw creek settlers and then Cline Falls and Redmond reach out there for lumber.

WATER IS GOOD

SEPTIC TANK OVERFLOW IS NOT HARMFUL.

Bacteriologist Who Analyzes Specimens Says It is Suitable for Drinking—Unsepticised Sewage not Harmless.

A short time ago there was a complaint from users of Deschutes water below Bend to the effect that the river was polluted here. The pollution complained of was overflow from septic tanks near the river. In order to get authentic information upon the subject Alderman Overturf caught a bottleful from the overflow of the Allen tank and sent it to the Oregon Agricultural College for analysis. Professor John Fulton, at the college, sent the specimen to Professor Emile F. Fernot of Portland, who is the head of the Portland Bacteriological Laboratory as well as of that department of work in the O. A. C. Now he has the following report from Professor Fernot:

I beg to report that the sample of water, No. 25, received from you through Prof. John Fulton, contains 844 organisms per cubic centimeter, which is not a high bacterial content. Neither typhoid nor colon bacilli were found to be present, but there was an organism closely resembling the coli communis, which required considerable work to differentiate and is known as Bacillus lactis aerogenes.

The water, according to the analysis of this sample, is suitable for drinking purposes.

This specimen was of fluid resulting from chemical action within the septic tank. Sewage not chemically septicised—from sinks, closets, laundries, stables, etc.—that might reach the river would not be thus harmless. There is a stern city ordinance against the deposit of such sewage in the river here.

Hand Blown by Dynamite Cap.

Clyde Robinson, 12 years old, last Friday afternoon was playing with dynamite caps taken from a supply used in blasting out a channel in the rock from the Linster machine shop, when one exploded and seriously injured his left hand. Dr. Coe was obliged to amputate the thumb and middle finger close to the hand and the end of the forefinger was taken off. The Robinson family recently came to Bend from Madras and occupy quarters in the Linster Hall building.

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