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BAD AUTO ROADS

HARDSHIPS OF TRAVELERS IN THE INTERIOR.

Machines Have Quit Running and the Old Horse Stages are Struggling Through the Mud—Trouble North of Crooked River.

Mrs. C. S. Hudson and little son Don arrived home from Portland Thanksgiving morning very early. They started by auto stage from Shaniko early Wednesday morning. The machine wore out two sets of wheel chains and the driver purchased 150 feet of rope from farmers along the road, but all such devices for securing traction in the slippery mud were short-lived. This side of Redmond the car made fair progress and arrived at the foot of the Laidlaw grade near 4 a. m. Thursday. There the broken leaf of a spring stuck in the hard roadway and the transmission gear of the auto was stripped—and there they were. All hands walked three or four miles through four inches of slush to a camp at the Swalley ditch, where they routed out a team to bring them to Bend.

Dr. William A. Brady of New York was one of the passengers. He was hurrying to his sick family at Fort Rock. After leaving Shaniko he received word that both his wife and child had died, and it was on his account that the auto stuck to the road and traveled under pressure instead of lying over at some comfortable place on the route for rest and repairs. The party had only one meal in the 24 hours—at Shultz's Wednesday noon.

Mrs. Hudson went out to Shaniko a week previously with the Roscoe Howards. Howard's new machine became disabled on the road, with all other rigs for Shaniko ahead and the party reached the railroad at midnight after two relays of teams. So Mrs. Hudson and the 4-year-old boy think they got their share of rough experience in their one round trip to the railroad. The long ride in the storm and cold, lack of food and final tramp in execrable footing put them about "all in" when they reached home.

A. M. Drake returned from Portland last Wednesday evening, having spent two days coming through from Shaniko by auto, with part of a night's rest at Madras. This machine tore its tires to pieces and ran on the rims nearly all the way from Heisler. Mrs. J. E. Ryan and her companion, Miss Austin, were passengers on this car.

Frank Robertson is now on his way in from Shaniko. He is not trying his own car on the road and auto stages have quit running, so he is coming by horse stage.

PRINEVILLE WINS TWO

Football Game With Bend; also Basketball Ball.

The Prineville High School football team defeated the Bend High School team on Thanksgiving day by a score of 16 to 3. The Prineville boys outplayed their opponents, their team work being far superior to that of Bend.

During the first quarter Bend made its only score, forcing the Prineville team back over its own goal line for a touch-back. Prineville made one touch-down in each of the other three quarters, but kicked only the last goal. They made a fourth touch-down, but it was not allowed on account of an off side play.

According to Coach Lattin of the Bend team, his boys kicked and tackled better than their opponents, but their team work was very inferior. They were outweighed about eight pounds to the man. During the game Prineville used six substitutes, while in the Bend team Bert Lowell replaced Fred Lucas and Warren Wheelock went into the game when John Sather was taken out.

Coach Brewster acted as referee, and Coach Lattin as umpire. They changed positions each quarter. Although there was talk of a return game about Christmas time, it has not been agreed upon.

The basketball teams of the two schools played Thanksgiving night, and Prineville was again victorious, winning 27 to 7. Coach Brewster of Prineville played center for the Bend team.

New District Lines Asked.

At the meeting of the School Board held Saturday evening at Chairman Triplett's office, the Chairman and Clerk were instructed to call a meeting of the voters of the District on Wednesday, December 7, from 8 to 9 p. m., at Triplett's store, the purpose of the meeting being to vote the annual tax levy. The Board allowed bills for supplies amounting to \$7.70.

The following notice for the change of district boundaries was ordered to be posted in three prominent places in District 12:

Notice of Change of District Boundaries

Whereas, a petition has been received, duly signed by three or more legal voters of School District No. 12 of Crook County, Oregon, praying that the boundaries of said District be changed to read as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the northeast corner of section 13, Tp. 17 S., Range 11 E., thence west one mile, thence south one mile, thence west one mile, thence south one mile, thence west three miles to the corner of sections 25, 30, 31 and 36, Tp. 17 south, Range 10 and 11 east.

Therefore, Notice is hereby given that said petition, signed by Millard Triplett, F. M. Ray, L. D. West and others, will be acted upon by the District Boundary Board of Crook County, Oregon, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 4th day of January 1911, at the Court House in Prineville, where all persons interested in the above petition are requested to present themselves.

Given this 23rd day of November, 1910.
R. A. FORD,
Secretary of District Boundary Board.

LIGHT ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

A Citizen Calls for Information About Alleged Franchise Grab and Gets a Full Statement for the Benefit of the Public

The Bulletin has received the following letter, evidently for publication:

BEND, Or., Nov. 27.—(To the editor of The Bulletin.)—The vigilance of the press has again been demonstrated. The Bulletin has discovered that the Common Council, or somebody else, is "scheming" to enlarge the corporate limits of Bend and has snatched a "frame-up" for a franchise grab.

If The Bulletin knows anything that the people do not want to "stand for" why not give the facts if there are any?

As it is we (for at least I) know nothing more than we did before. Some time ago I was asked to sign a petition, the purpose of which was to extend the limits of Bend, and as I was then wearing a button on which was inscribed, "Bend, Oregon, The Pivotal City, 25,000 in 1915," and as the proposed boundaries provided room for about that many people I thought it was not unreasonable and signed it.

Acting on the petition, the Council provided for an election, but two other petitions were presented, one asking the Council to rescind its former action and another "shoestringing" so as to leave out (evidently for the purpose of tax exemption) territory within a few hundred feet of property selling for \$4,000 a lot, and some held a great deal higher.

I do not think that the Council should have rescinded its action on the first petition, but if it had that power it certainly should have "laid on the table" the third petition, so palpably unjust.

If The Bulletin knows anything to justify its insinuations that there are "little cliques" using "devious," "mysterious," "underhand" "scheming" to mislead the public functions for private benefit, would it not be well to present the facts? Else some may think, as does the undersigned, that your "scheme" is to cast odium on some of the out-going Councilmen and pave the way to elect men whose main endeavor will be to keep some of the most valuable property exempt from taxation, while the adjoining property "pays the freight," and see that no franchises are let, no matter what their merits, unless it would be to certain parties.

And while you are at it, would you please tell us how to go at it to have the city water taken out above town.

H. H. DAVIES.

This letter presents a matter of legitimate public interest and it shall have candid and respectful answer. It calls for information which it is proper for the public to have at such a time as this.

The Bulletin's statement referred to in the letter of Mr. Davies was based on information, received from several reputable citizens, to the effect that the recent attempt to extend the limits of Bend had its origin in a "frame-up" for a franchise grab. To state the matter plainly, Alderman M. J. Kelley, Alderman T. W. Triplett, Mayor S. C. Caldwell and his clerk, L. C. Whitted, were to be the beneficiaries of a franchise deal to be

worked through the Common Council. The foundation for this job was to be an extravagant extension of the city boundaries, so that the Council would have jurisdiction to grant a water and light franchise in the greatly enlarged area.

John Steidl, well known as a square and responsible citizen, was one of the men to whom the franchise scheme was unfolded. In order that there may be no mistake about the matter Mr. Steidl's own statement is here given:

Some time last spring Alderman M. J. Kelley of Bend came to me in Aldrich & Hobbs' place (the corner now occupied by Fagart's) and asked me if I didn't want to put some money into a water and light proposition for the town. I replied that there was nothing in it for I was then selling my stock in the Bend Water, Light & Power Co. at 50 cents on the dollar. Then he said it could be made a good thing by taking in additional territory and getting a franchise from the city. He said the Council could be depended on to pass the necessary measures, and named Aldermen Triplett and Oneil as standing with him (Kelley) and said the Mayor was also favorable. I asked who was in the deal and he said himself, Tom Triplett, S. C. Caldwell and Clint Whitted (Caldwell's clerk). The message conveyed was that Whitted would present the application for a franchise and the Council would grant it.

Later (some time in July, as nearly as I can remember) Alderman Kelley again talked with me about the matter—I met him in the road north of the pumping station. I kicked about the water pollution from the numerous tents on the river bank. Then he asked why I didn't get in on the proposed water deal and enlarge the corporate limits of Bend. I asked Mr. Kelley why he did not himself put up the necessary money to pay the expenses, and he replied that it would not be well for him to do so while occupying a seat in the Council, but that his term would be out by the time the franchise would be completed and he would then be in position to put up money and take other active interest in the enterprise. I asked him what he thought such a franchise would be worth and he said it ought to be worth \$50,000.

A few days later than this talk with Alderman Kelley I met Alderman Tom Triplett on the street near the bowling alley and asked him about the proposed water and light franchise. He told me to go and see Clint Whitted. He said Whitted would talk with me, because he (Triplett) was in the Council.

From the information thus acquired from these parties I concluded it was wise to take steps for protection of my own interests, and that is why I obtained from the County Court a water and light franchise for Lytle and Riverside.

JOHN STEIDL.

This clear and circumstantial statement is corroborated by similar information given by members of the clique to other citizens and members of the Council. It is not

possible to controvert such testimony.

Fairness requires it to be stated that S. C. Caldwell was not Mayor when Kelley talked with Steidl about this job, and the reference then made to the Mayor's favor did not pertain to Caldwell. He was separately mentioned as one of those to benefit from this franchise scheme. But the official minutes of the Council meeting of September 6 recite that "on motion of Ald. Kelley, seconded by Ald. Oneil and unanimously carried, Samuel C. Caldwell was elected Mayor to serve until the Dec., 1910, election." The public is entitled to this fact to consider in connection with the statement of Mr. Steidl. Another fact for the public is that Ed Kelley, the present night police officer, is a brother of Alderman Kelley and was appointed to his present position by Mayor Caldwell. These facts are given without comment, and whether they have any connection with the alleged franchise ring or "frame-up" is for the public to judge.

The Bulletin has attempted here to give the information called for by Mr. Davies' letter. Now will he be as frank to tell what ground he has for thinking The Bulletin, or anybody connected with it, has a scheme to cast odium on out-going Councilmen in order that valuable property may escape taxation and that franchises may be controlled by "certain parties?" A newspaper is a semi-public institution and if its course on public questions is not guided by consideration for the best public good it is a hypocrite and a humbug and the public should know it. Mr. Davies has the freedom of our columns for a statement upon this point. We do not demand of him facts—for of course he has none. But what reports, rumors, insinuations, impressions, guesses or imaginings lead him to this opinion? And are they of a character that should weigh with an intelligent man, such as Mr. Davies is?

Mr. Davies asks us to say how to get the city water taken out of the river above the town instead of below it. This is hardly our business, but we will suggest that several ways are possible and the Council and the company should consult about it. The one thing the Council should insist upon is that public health requirements be respected. The company should be left to its own method to achieve this end, if the end be really achieved. It would be a mistake to start out to "cinch" the water company because somebody may "have it in" for it. If the company should refuse to give attention to this very reasonable request pressure should be brought to bear. We believe this matter could be adjusted without special difficulty.

Bring your kodak films and negatives selected and papers used that will give pleasing tones in the prints.—SEWARD & CAMPBELL, opposite the Postoffice. 27tl

LICENSES \$1,000

COUNCIL VOTES TO LIMIT TO TEN SALOONS.

Surety Company Bond to Be Required and Licensees Must Be United States Citizens—City Tax Levy Fixed at 15 Mills.

At the Common Council meeting held Monday evening a tax of 15 mills on the dollar was levied for the year 1910. Last year the levy was 10 mills, while in 1908 it was 15 mills. Sellers, Kelley.

On Sellers' motion, seconded by Overturf, it was ordered that an ordinance be drawn embracing the following features: That, beginning January 1, 1911, saloons be licensed at a fee of \$1,000 per year, payable quarterly in advance; that the saloons be limited to 10 in number; that the licensee must be a citizen of the United States; and that each licensee furnish bond of a surety company for \$1,000 for the term of his license. Overturf, Hunter, Triplett and Sellers voted in the affirmative, and Kelley and Oneil against.

It was moved and carried that the Council give the men now in business with near beer licenses the preference in the issuing of the new licenses.

EXTENSION GRANTED.

Ditch Company Favored by State Desert Land Board.

A Salem dispatch under date of Nov. 21 records the following action of the State Desert Land Board relative to contracts of the Central Oregon Irrigation Co., successor of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co.:

At a meeting of the Desert Land Board today several new moves were made toward pushing the work of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, which has taken over the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company. Extension of time February, 1912, was granted as to segregation 6 and to October 17, 1915, as to segregation 19. Time was extended as to the Benham Falls canal until January 1, 1912, in order to give time for the completion of a topographic survey.

One important ruling was also allowed by the board at the request of the company, this being that sales shall be allowed in advance of approval by the board, the notes of the settlers on such sales to be deposited with the board to a certain percentage and to be returned to the irrigation company when the ditches have been constructed to the land so sold. The notes are to be released by the board on complete reclamation.

Arrangements have also been made whereby the state is now assured fully 50 cents an acre from the settlers for the benefit of the reclamation fund.

Notice.

If you wish to have your express and light freight come in along with your letters and daily papers, have it come in on the mail line.—THE CORNETT STAGG & STABLE CO. 25tl

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