

FIRE SWEEPS LUMBER YARD

MILLION AND A HALF FEET DESTROYED

Bend Company Sustains Loss of Between \$20,000 and \$25,000—Blaze Believed to Have Been Work of Incendiary

Fire believed to have been of incendiary origin destroyed approximately 1,500,000 feet of lumber in the yard of The Bend Co., across the river west of town, Saturday night. The loss is between \$20,000 and \$25,000, covered by insurance. There was 5,200,000 feet of lumber in the yard.

Shortly after 8 o'clock the fire was discovered in the center of yard, between two big stacks of lumber. The alarm was sounded by the mill whistle and the city chemical engine was rushed through the mud to the mill. In addition to this, there was only one hose that could be played on the flames. Water for it was pumped by the mill engine and good work was done by the volunteer firemen. A large crowd gathered and assisted all they could in fighting the flames.

When the fire started a brisk wind was blowing from the southwest. It soon veered to the south and increased to almost a gale, and practically all the lumber in the face of the wind was burned. Bucket brigades kept the piles on the south side of the fire from catching.

Dynamite is Used.

Dynamite was used in an effort to dig up one of the big stacks, but the charge did not move it, and no further attempts were made in this line. Most of the lumber lost was dry 1x12 and 1x10 rough stuff. It burned fiercely, making a spectacular blaze that was watched by hundreds of people.

At the north side of the yards some distance from the lumber, was a long stack of slab wood. The strong wind carried fire to this and a large part of it was consumed. Two cottages near by were saved only by hard work of the bucket brigade.

The officials of The Bend Co. believe that the fire was set. Early arrivals found that a pile of shavings and other material had been placed between two stacks of lumber in the center of the yard. The firebug timed his work with the starting of the big warehouse dance, at which nearly everybody was or was going. There is no clue to the perpetrator of the deed.

Burned in April, 1910.

This is the second fire to visit the

mill within two years. On Saturday, April 23, 1910, the sawmill and all machinery were burned. All the lumber in the yard was saved. This mill was built nearly eight years ago by A. M. Drake.

ADOPTS NEW SYSTEM.

In order to handle with more facility its rapidly increasing business, the First National Bank has inaugurated a system which is used by most of the up-to-date banks of the country. This is the sending out to each depositor of a monthly statement of his account with the bank. This does away with the inconvenience of leaving pass books for balancing and makes possible the balancing of accounts when depositors forget to leave their pass books at the end of the month. Pass books will still be used as heretofore, however, as a record of deposits.

FIRST BASKET BALL GAME FRIDAY NIGHT

Town Team, on Which are Several Old Players, Will Meet the High School Boys.

The basket ball season will be opened in Bend Friday night with a game between the men's town team and the boys of the High School.

On the town team will be C. Springer, Steve Steidl, Jesse Hunter and probably Max Richardson. The final lineup has not been decided on. Several of the men who have played on former teams will be in the contest, which will likely be an exhibition worth seeing. Linster's Hall will be the scene of battle.

The young women have resumed practice after a holiday rest and will be ready to appear before the public in a few weeks.

THIEVES ARE BOLD

Chickens Stolen From Number of Residents Last Week.

Bold thieves have been operating in Bend the past week, chickens being the special attraction for them. Their work has been boldly done.

L. D. West lost 16 chickens Friday night, and Sunday night an attempt was made to get more. Between 7 and 8 that evening a wagon stopped by the West chicken house, but the thieves found the door locked. His dog giving the alarm, Mr. West went out with his gun and took a shot at the prowlers, frightening them away.

Other citizens who have reported losing chickens the past week are Jack Kelley, "Dad" Tweet and another resident of Lytle.

Friday night two sacks of oats and a can of oil were taken from one of the freight wagons of W. W. Brown which had got stuck in the mud on Greenwood avenue. One of the sacks had a hole in it and a trail of oats enabled the owner to find and recover his feed at a nearby barn.

NORTH CANAL TO BE BUILT

C. O. I. CO. AND LAND BOARD AGREE

Amended Proposition of State Officials Accepted—More Land to be Opened for Sale—Increase of \$5 on Lien Price is Allowed.

The Bulletin was informed at 4 o'clock this afternoon that surveyors had begun work just below town locating the North canal. This would indicate that the Central Oregon Irrigation Company means business and will complete the canal in 1912 according to the terms of the agreement with the State Desert Land Board. This is good news to Bend.

Reports received by The Bulletin are to the effect that the Desert Land Board and the Central Oregon Irrigation Co. had come to terms. The proposition which the board recently submitted to the company, a copy of which was printed in this paper, has been amended somewhat, the board agreeing to execute a supplemental contract containing the following provisions:

"1. The Central Oregon Irrigation Company to raise or secure the sum of at least \$150,000 within thirty days from this date for the purpose of diverting and carrying through the proposed North canal to the intersection with the Pilot Butte Canal sufficient water to reclaim all lands ultimately to be reclaimed from the North Canal diversion, such such money to be furnished from time to time as needed, not less than 10 per cent per month if demanded, and to be secured by a bona fide subscription.

"2. The said company to furnish the Board with a sworn statement each month showing the amount of work performed under this agreement, accompanied by a map of same also monthly financial statement including statement of receipts and expenditures for maintenance.

"3. The company to complete the diversion and delivery of aforesaid water through the proposed North Canal to the intersection with the Pilot Butte Canal during the year 1912.

"4. The company to give to the Board a surety bond satisfactory to the Board in the penal sum of \$25,000 to insure the construction of the main Pilot Butte canal, and the enlargement of the Central Oregon Canal if and when necessary, in order to complete the reclamation of the lands in the project in accordance with the contract of June 17, 1907.

"5. The Board to turn over to the trustee hereinafter provided for, the cash now in the guaranty fund and the notes of the company now in

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SCHOOL HONORS COME TO BEND

LOCAL DISTRICT HEADS COUNTY LIST

Prineville, With Decrease of 8, Drops to Second Place—Madras Also Has Less Pupils—Redmond Gains 60, and La Pine 23.

Having made a gain of nearly 100 per cent in population in the last year, Bend school district No. 12 now stands first in the county by a big margin. District No. 1, Prineville, which held this honor by the census of November 25, 1910, decreased in population eight pupils last year and must now be content to take its place below Bend in rank. District 59, Redmond, shows an increase of 60 and stands third. Although falling off 32 (due partly perhaps to boundary changes,) district No. 22, Madras, retains fourth place. The Rosland or La Pine district shows a healthy growth of 23; Laidlaw district was divided and now shows 55 against 68 in 1910; Richardson district, No. 73, drops from 32 to 19, and Holyat from 23 to 13. District No. 34, Lava, which in 1910 had 10 children, has lapsed, now having one pupil enumerated with No. 12. District No. 17, Fair View, also lapsed. During the year fourteen new districts were created.

The grand total enumerated on Nov. 25, 1911, was 3015, as against 2424 in 1910 and 2130 in 1909, the 1911 gain being 691. Of this number Bend district furnished 177. There are 1547 males, 1468 females.

Complete Official Figures.

The following are the official figures furnished The Bulletin by County Superintendent R. A. Ford.

District	1910	1911
1	276	268
2	24	28
4	10	12
5	11	21
6	19	24
7	38	38
8	21	21
9	70	54*
10	34	28
11	52	53
12	206	383*
13	58	42*
14	29	58
15	8	8
16	39	34
17	2	52
18	23	20
19	26	51
20	12	10
21	12	11
22	159	127*
23	17	19
24	7	11

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BURNS PASSENGER LINE

With three seven-passenger cars, the Collins Auto Co. is now operating a regular auto line between Bend and Burns. At present, no regular schedule for leaving is maintained, cars leaving as often as there are passengers to justify the trip. In the spring a regular schedule will be maintained. The cars make the trip over the 150 miles in eight hours, leaving here at 8 a. m. and getting to Burns at 5 p. m. Dinner is had at the Brookings ranch at Holyat. The fare for the one-way trip is \$20.

MASQUERADE BALL FEB. 14.

The first masquerade ball of the season will be given at Linster's Hall on the evening of Valentine's Day, Wednesday, February 14, by the Royal Neighbors of America. Ten prizes will be awarded. The cellars and attics will now be ransacked for grotesque costumes to be worn on this occasion.

SHINGLE PLANT IS NEW BEND INDUSTRY

Fred Crabtree of Portland Will Turn Out Creosoted Product—Dozen Men to be Employed.

A plant having a capacity of 20,000 shingles daily will be in operation at Bend in a few weeks. Fred Crabtree, an expert in this line, will be manager of the new enterprise, which will be known as the Bend Manufacturing Co. Employment for about 12 men will be given at the start.

Mr. Crabtree has been here some time considering the field and left Monday for Portland to ship in the machinery. The plant will be located at first at the mill of the Bend Brick & Lumber Co., which will take a small amount of the stock of the new concern. Later the shingle mill will be moved to the brickyard west of town.

In addition to making shingles, the company will some time this year put in a turning lathe and other machinery for making finishing material. By creosoting the shingles they will be made very durable and will not warp or shrink. Mr. Crabtree expects to be able to sell them here at a third less cost than cedar shingles can be imported.

The machinery for the plant is expected here next week and within a short time the mill will be operating.

T. H. SHEVLIN DEAD

Big Minneapolis Timberman Was Interested in Bend Country.

T. H. Shevlin, the well known Minneapolis lumberman, died Sunday at Pasadena, Cal., aged 60. He had been ill for some months and went to the Southern California resort in hopes of improving his health. Mr. Shevlin was president of the Shevlin Lumber Co., which owns 120,000 acres of timber adjacent to Bend. He had made a number of trips to the Northwest and kept in close touch with what was going on in Central Oregon.

W. B. Sellers, representative of the company here, received a telegram yesterday notifying him of Mr. Shevlin's death.

CITY BACK ON RAILROAD MAP

OREGON TRUNK TRAINS RUNNING.

Passengers Coming in Sunday Morning Report Exciting Ride—Freight Service to Be Resumed Tomorrow on Oregon Trunk Line.

After being isolated for a week, due to snow and rock slides and washouts, Bend is again on the railroad map. The first train since the big storm that swept over the Northwest got to Sunday morning at 5:10, this being the Oregon Trunk. It brought mail and express that had accumulated for a week at Fallbridge, as well as a number of passengers who had been waiting at Portland, The Dalles or Fallbridge.

The Oregon Trunk announces that freight service will be resumed tomorrow. This will give towns on the line the first freight since January 6.

The Deschutes line is still tied up and it is not yet known when trains can be operated over it. Between North Junction and The Dalles there were severe rock slides and the road was badly damaged.

The Oregon Trunk train northbound which was tied up at Metolius returned to Bend last Thursday night and went out Saturday morning, carrying a few passengers who had returned on it from Metolius and others who were brave enough to venture on a trip. The road took good care of all its stranded passengers, paying their hotel bills.

Traffic is picking up again, there being 40 tickets sold at Bend yesterday and today.

The snow which was piled high on the Oregon Trunk line was moved by rotary plow, but the troubles of the company did not end there. The melting snow and the rain that followed caused the streams to rise and damage the bridges. It became necessary for the Oregon Trunk to use the track of its rival from North Junction to Metolius.

Have Close Call.

The passengers who came in Sunday morning report a thrilling experience in crossing the bridge over the Deschutes at North Junction. All the train except the rear coach had got over, when part of the span gave way under the force of the water. The rear coach was derailed, the people in it thinking they were going to be plunged into the canyon.

The conductor, Mr. Russell, was cool headed and equal to the occasion and, with military tactics, made the passengers march out of the car and back across the tottering structure. After the coach was got back on the track they were allowed to get aboard and resume their journey to their destinations.

The passengers drew up a set of resolutions commending the trainmen for their bravery.

\$20.00 Bills at 1c.

If you could buy \$20.00 bills for a copper cent the opportunity would mean nothing to you if you didn't have the CENT. Having the ready cash and the judgment to use it at the opportune time is the sure road to wealth. But remember that it takes both the judgment and the cash to make a winning team. Judgment without cash is helpless. Cash without judgment is soon scattered. Start a bank account. Begin to lay aside the one important thing, CASH. As you accumulate it judgment will come with it. Then when opportunity knocks you are safe in opening the door. We invite you to open an account with us today.

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