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LOCAL LUMBER OUTLOOK BRIGHT

Eastern Customers Pleased, and Orders Pile Up--- Labor Expenditure Alone for Milling Adjacent Acreage Runs Into Millions of Dollars

For the last month lumber shipments from Bend have held up well, with the promise of great immediate activity. January shipments are estimated at not less than 50 or 55 cars, bringing an average daily return of Eastern money to the town of about \$700.

The two local lumber companies have orders on hand, for eastern shipments, that will keep them working to capacity for many months. Every shipment that has gone to eastern yards has met with a glowing endorsement from the dealers who handle them.

Those statements tell the story of the bright outlook with which the Bend lumber industry faces the new year.

A fact of further importance is that on Monday two carloads of lodge pole pine were shipped to a pulp mill at Camas, Wash. If the test proves satisfactory, as expected, it is almost a certainty that a pulp mill will be installed on the Deschutes near Bend.

\$30,000 a Month Comes Here.

In January The Bend Company will send about 40 cars of lumber to middle western markets, and the Overturf-Davis-Miller Company 15. The average net return from each car, deducting all freight charges, is about \$400, meaning that each month some \$22,000 is being drawn to Bend from the middle west to be spent here in labor, mill operations and improvements.

That this pace will keep up, and probably be exceeded, is shown by the fact that the Bend Company has orders on hand enough to keep its mill running to capacity for several months, even if no more came in, while the O.-D.-M. Co. already has orders for 46 cars.

In other words, the Bend lumber exporting business is just coming into its own. Up to the present most of the shipments have been in the nature of experiments; now the buyers have tested the local pine lumber, have found it satisfactory, and are rushing in more orders to meet the rapidly growing demand all over the country.

The entire situation is most gratifying, say the lumber men. One phase of it that will please property owners immensely is that it practically makes certain the speedy installation of the big mills, whose location here has been pledged by the three companies, the Brooks-Seasons, the Muellers and the Rogers.

For instance, despite the heavy exporting and the piled-up orders, no effort is being made to get a railroad spur into the present mill. Why? Because it is only temporary, and probably before spring, if such a siding were built it would have to be re-located to lead to the ultimate mill site at the old Sisemore meadows.

Lodgepole Perhaps Gold Mine.

The lodgepole, or black pine shipment sent to Camas was the direct work of John E. Ryan, local representative of the Deschutes Lumber Company. The expenses of the experiment is being born jointly by his

company and the Shevlins, Muellers and Rogers people.

According to Clyde McKay there are thousands of acres of lodge pole pine available, that could be milled for pulp economically on the Deschutes within a dozen miles of Bend. This acreage is at present considered practically worthless, except, perhaps, for grazing and bear hunting. If the pine can be utilized it would become an enormous wealth-producer.

Figures Climb High.

In discussing the promising lumber outlook, and its meaning to Bend, Clyde McKay, local representative of the Muellers, said:

"To get an idea of what local lumbering will mean in the way of a payroll, and its resulting benefit to Bend, consider these figures. An average acre of our pine has about 15,000 feet. It costs about \$80, in labor, to get an acre of timber cut and to the mill slip; from the mill to the car costs about another \$60, in labor. That means \$140 an acre in labor, on an average.

"Now, how many acres are we sure will be milled at Bend? The Bend Company has about 3000, Muellers 30,000, Brooks 30,000, Rogers 30,000, Shevlin 120,000. That's a very conservative estimate of the stuff already owned by companies that will mill here. The total is 213,000 acres. Multiply that by \$140 and you get \$29,820,000, that ultimately will be spent here in labor.

"But you're not done. It's safe to say there is half as much again now in private ownership that will be milled here, and perhaps twice as much in the forest reserves, a third of which will be milled within a few years, and almost all of it in a reasonable space of years. Double that figure, or treble it, even, and you have the labor expenditure that Bend can expect during a couple of decades, in lumbering alone."

NO FREAK MAIL MATTER HERE

Local Officials Have Been More Fortunate Than Some Others.

The parcels post which went into effect January 1 has been causing trouble at many postoffices, but the local officials have got off without any freaks of mail matter to handle. Only ordinary packages—both as to contents and size—have been mailed here, and the number has not been large enough to result in any great extra labor. The number of packages arriving also has not been extraordinary, to the great pleasure of the stage lines operating out of Bend.

The greatest trouble locally has been in the matter of stamps. Many persons have affixed regular stamps instead of the parcels post kind, the result being that the packages cannot be sent through the mails until the proper kind of stamps has been affixed.

WHY NOT TAX OLD MAIDS TOO?

BACHELOR BILL IS MORE ATTACKED

Champion of Poor Unmarried Men Ridicules "Class Legislation." Forbes Will Introduce Circuit Judge Salary Bill.

"Tax bachelors? Absurd!" That, minus the trimmings, was what State Representative Vernon A. Forbes said Monday when he read that a bill will be introduced in the legislature placing a ban on celibacy and a premium on matrimony.

But Mr. Forbes goes further than simply branding the proposal absurd, and calling attention to the fact that it will drive many a lawyer into the ranks of the beneficiaries, for economy's sake if for no other reason. If it goes through—as is improbable—he promises to devote the remainder of his political life and activities (or something like that) to getting a law passed taxing old maids.

"Yes, sir," said he, "that's but common justice. We'll make a real suffrage law out of this, and make it work both ways. No class legislation!"

The details of the feminine law as yet have not been worked out. For instance, it is not known at just what age the citizenship would be obliged to choose between taking unto herself a husband or paying a special tax, for better or for worse.

A battle scarred local bachelor endeavored to get the Representative to pledge his support for an amendment to the bachelor bill, should its passage seem imminent. His proposal was that any bachelor should be exempt from the tax provided he made sufficient affidavit showing that he had honestly tried to get married. For instance, three proposals and the same number of refusals might be considered an ample matrimonial alibi, so to speak. The bachelor in question intimated that he himself had suffered.

Serious Plans, Too.

However, Mr. Forbes has more serious plans in connection with his initial legislative experience. He has been asked to, and will introduce a bill giving Circuit Judges an annual salary of \$4,000.

A measure that will receive his special support is to have three terms of circuit court in this district instead of two adjourned terms, as now. It is maintained that this would be of great convenience and a decided economy in the long run.

COUNTY OFFICERS INSTALLED.

At the meeting Friday at Prineville the retiring county officers turned their keys over to the new officials, who formally took office. They were G. Springer, judge and Willis Brown, commissioner. Tom Elkins has taken over the sheriff's office and Addie Foster that of assessor. The other officers either held over or were reelected.

CITY OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

MORE STREET LIGHTS ASSURED

Phone Company, Planning Improvements, is Instructed to Place Lines in Alleys—Many Bills Are Ordered Paid By the City.

The new city officers were sworn in at the meeting of the council last night. Mayor Putnam and Councilman Allen, re-elected, qualified, as did Councilmen A. S. Collins and E. A. Sather, chosen to replace Lattin and Wenandy at the last election. Treasurer H. J. Overturf also qualified.

The mayor appointed committees and officials as follows:

Police, liquor and fire: Allen, Steidl and French.

Streets, alleys and sewers: Ford, Sather, Allen.

Ways and means: Steidl, Ford, Collins.

Health: Sather, French, Collins.

Cemetery and city property: French, Ford, Allen.

Rules, election, etc.: Collins, Sather, Steidl.

S. E. Roberts was reappointed as chief of police; George Young, city engineer; V. A. Forbes, city attorney; H. C. Ellis, recorder; Dr. B. Ferrell, health officer. On motion of the council, a committee was appointed to have special charge of sewer construction matters, consisting of Ford and Allen, with the mayor ex officio chairman.

Allen reported that after thorough tests the electric fire alarm siren had proved unsatisfactory. An effort is being made to get a whistle to be operated by compressed air.

The Mayor brought to attention the fact that the light company has tried out a light for street work that will cost about \$2.00 a month, instead of \$5.00, now paid for arcs. It is, of course, far less powerful, but after discussion all agreed that four such lights outside the business district would be more advantageous than one arc. The streets committee was authorized to do away with such arcs as they saw fit, and to replace them by a number of the smaller lights located where they would do the most good. It is probable that in the neighborhood of twenty additional lights will be installed under this change, materially improving the lighting of residential districts.

Through Engineer Young the Pioneer Telephone Company informed the council that it plans to place new poles on some of the principal streets and to replace some wires with cables. The council ordered that wherever changes were made within the fire limits, so far as possible the wires were to be located in the alleys.

The offer of the First National Bank to give the city the use of a

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WILL PRINT COURT PROCEEDINGS

County Court Orders The Bulletin to Publish Complete Proceedings, Giving all Official Actions and News Following Court Meetings

Commencing after the next meeting of the County Court, The Bulletin will publish all the court proceedings immediately following each sitting. At the meeting of January 2nd this paper was officially designated as one in which the court proceedings are to be published, it being ordered that The Bulletin is to "publish the identical proceedings that are to be published" in the Prineville paper that has been up to now the only paper officially publishing the proceedings of the court.

The Prineville paper remains the "official county paper", but The Bulletin is supplied with exactly the same matter as goes to it, and receives a nominal remuneration from the county for the publication of the official proceedings. Which means that hereafter readers of The Bulletin will get at first hand, and promptly,

every item of official county news, as well as enjoying the advantages of a paper which prints from three to four times as much news as any publication in the county.

Heretofore but one paper in Crook county has been authorized and paid to publish the county court proceedings. The action of ordering The Bulletin also to publish them was taken because of the large circulation in the county shown by this paper.

In its award of the county printing to The Bulletin and to the "official" paper, the new court showed itself bent upon an economic administration. The prices formerly paid for this work were materially reduced, to some extent owing to the low bids put in by The Bulletin, which were on a basis far lower than hitherto allowed. The result means a considerable saving to taxpayers.

POSTAL BUSINESS HAS SHOWN GREAT INCREASE

Rapid Strides of the Town Reflected in Gain in Uncle Sam's Business for Past Year.

Reflecting the growth of the town during 1912, the business of the local postoffice shows a big increase. The number of patrons has grown steadily during every month of the past year, says Postmaster Minor, and the business at present is greatly hampered by the cramped quarters. However, it will be only a short time till the new O'Donnell building will be occupied. Four hundred lock boxes will be installed there, but Mr. Minor fears that even this increase of 150 over the present number may not be able to take care adequately of the great demand for boxes. A big business is also done at the general delivery window, one man being required there practically all day now to wait on the constant line at the window.

The total money order business in 1911 was \$5428.18, while in 1912 it ran up to \$6506.09, a gain of \$1,077.90, about 20 per cent.

The receipts by quarters the past twelve months were as follows: First, \$1443.88; second, \$1711.97; third, \$1588.27; fourth, \$1764.97.

EASTERN STAR LODGE HERE

Organization Effected at Meeting Held Last Evening.

Organization of a chapter of the Eastern Star was effected in Bend last night, at a meeting held in Masonic hall. The lodge starts off with a membership of about 30. It will be known at the Bend chapter and will be assigned the proper number when its charter is issued. Meetings will be held in Masonic hall probably once a month.

The Eastern Star is an auxiliary of

the Masons, both men and women being eligible to membership. It is one of the leading orders, and the organization of a chapter here is an important step.

The following officers were elected: Worthy Matron, Mrs. H. G. Farris; assistant, Mrs. Clyde McKay; conductress, Mrs. G. W. Shriner; assistant, Mrs. P. C. Garrison; treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Lara; secretary, Miss Arrie Black; worthy patron, E. M. Lara.

WOMAN DIES OF PARALYSIS

Mrs. Harriett W. Evans First of Ten Children to Receive Final Summons

Mrs. Harriett W. Evans, who came to Bend about a month ago from Twin Falls, Idaho, and was residing with her son, C. L. Evans, in Deschutes addition, died Sunday of paralysis. She was born in Wilkesbarre, Pa., and was 65 years of age. Of a family of ten children she was the first to be summoned by the Death Angel. Surviving her are three brothers, six sisters and three children. The latter are Mr. Evans and Mrs. A. F. Hauser and Mrs. G. W. Reels of Fort Rock. Mrs. Evans was a member of the Presbyterian church.

WOODMEN GIVEN SURPRISE.

The Royal Neighbors gave the M. W. A. lodge members a surprise last night, and a most enjoyable evening was spent in Sather's hall by about 40 people. There were games, dancing and plenty of good things to eat which the Royal Neighbors and their invited friends brought with them. The jollification ended about 12:30, with all participating wishing for a repetition of the occasion at frequent intervals.

SMALLPOX AT REDMOND.

(Redmond Hub.)
The Golden Family is quarantined for smallpox. George is the only one who has as yet taken it. His case is very light. It is not known how the disease got into the country.

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