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## GOVERNOR WEST WANTS ACTION

### FEDERAL AID IS NOT WELCOMED

When State Engineer Lewis Suggests Changes in Columbia Southern Plans He is Accused of Trying to Shirk Responsibility.

"Replying to your telegram, wish to see Columbia Southern project handled solely by the state and work prosecuted just as fast as circumstances, conditions and good business will permit. I am not in sympathy with a movement which is prompted only by desire to shirk responsibility or shift it on others in order to be from under in case of failure. Am willing to take my chance, face the music and go to success or failure with the settlers and the project. I have faith in the enterprise in a businesslike manner and carry it to a successful conclusion. "OSWALD WEST."

The above telegram received from Salem yesterday sets forth the stand Governor West takes regarding the Columbia Southern project. As the completion of the segregation's development means the cultivation of some 20,000 acres of splendid land chiefly within a dozen miles of Bend, the importance of the matter locally as well as to the settlers themselves is apparent.

The facts leading up to the Governor's statement are contained in the following article from the Portland Oregonian:

The Legislature appropriated \$450,000 to complete the work on this project for the benefit of the settlers. In a letter to the desert land board the state engineer offered the suggestion that an investigation be made before the state act goes into effect in June.

The purpose of this investigation would be to determine whether the smaller project contemplate in the act be completed by the state or whether the larger project, which would cost in the neighborhood of \$840,000, be completed and government aid be secured in financing the larger project.

It was decided finally to allow the investigation to be made out of the funds provided in the water resource investigation act, the cost of the investigation to be repaid from the other funds if the plan is found to be feasible.

Governor West placed his stamp of disapproval on any federal aid for the project, however, and he was seconded by Attorney General Crawford, who said at the present time he is opposed to the idea of federal aid and the completion of the larger project.

"The difference between the state engineer and the settlers is that the settlers want water and Mr. Lewis wants to investigate," said the executive. "We are not trying to reclaim all of Crook county under the Columbia Southern Irrigation act,

but we are endeavoring to aid the stranded settlers.

"The Legislature spends upon your investigation," continued the Governor, turning to State Engineer Lewis, "and we all took it for granted you knew what you were talking about, and now you want to shift the responsibility onto the federal government. As far as cooperation with the federal government is concerned, I don't want anything to do with it and am decidedly opposed to it."

It was decided that the water users may appoint a water master for the project, this water master to be paid by them and he to take care of the maintenance fund. From communications received today, it is probable that Fred N. Wallace will be the selection for water master without any opposition.

#### WHAT LEWIS SAID.

This morning The Bulletin received a copy of Engineer Lewis' letter to the Desert Land board. It will be printed in full next week. It recommends a thorough investigation to be paid for from the Deschutes fund with a view to cooperating with the federal authorities and materially enlarging the scope of the project.

## IRRIGATION OUTLOOK ON C. O. I. SEGREGATION BRIGHT

Manager Roscoe Howard and His Wife Are Back from Panama Visit and Ohio Headquarters

Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Howard returned to their home at Deschutes last week, after a two month's Eastern trip. Sailing from San Francisco, they touched at Central American points of interest and were on the isthmus of Panama for a number of days, and thence proceeded to New York and Columbus, Ohio, where Mr. Howard had business with the Eastern capitalists interested in the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, of which he is manager.

"Satisfactory arrangements for financing local irrigation improvements were made," said Mr. Howard Saturday. "I believe that we shall be able to accomplish a great deal, and I am confident that this will prove the best season, from all standpoints, that we and the settlers have yet had. Already an excellent sale for lands is developing and with new acreage to be reclaimed the prospects are excellent."

While the exact plans for development work were not yet matured, they probably will be ready for announcement within a couple of weeks.

## CRANE PRAIRIE PHONE LINE

Forestry Service Receives Material and Will Build it this Spring.

The local forestry office has received a supply of telephone material for the construction of a line from Rosland ranger station to Crane Prairie, a distance of 18 miles. John Hill is out this week making a survey of the route. Construction of the line will be started within a short time, giving Supervisor Merritt connection with that part of the Deschutes forest service. A large territory has heretofore been isolated so far as quick communication with the local office was concerned.

## BEND ROUTE IS LIKED BY BURNS

### FORWARDING BUSINESS INCREASING

A. M. Pringle Finds Entire Satisfaction With Freight Route in Harney Country—Auto Trucks Are on Road Again.

Returned from Burns Sunday, A. M. Pringle of the United Warehouse Company is full of praise for the reception given him in the Harney metropolis, and speaks in the highest terms of what he saw of the big southeast country and of the promise for a big forwarding business this summer.

"There wasn't a single kick from a Burns merchant," said Mr. Pringle yesterday. "The talk which a Burns paper has been spreading about discontent with the freight forwarding from here is all twaddle, and worse. There is no foundation to it, and the merchants went out of their way to show their friendliness for Bend and their contempt for those who have attempted to throw mud at us."

Mr. Pringle says that this summer will see by far the largest freight forwarding business from Bend of any previous year. Yesterday two auto trucks started for Burns, and within ten days it is expected that five trucks, three belonging to Furst Bros. and two operating for H. G. Farris, will be regularly on the road. The route is reported as being in first class shape.

"The great majority of all Burns freight is now routed via Bend," said Pringle. "With the auto trucks and the freighters, there is a very prompt service, and it is by far the cheapest the merchants over there can get. They are all satisfied with it."

"I never had a better time in my life," said the Bend man. "My money wasn't any good at all. And by the way, Burns is away ahead of Bend; instead of having their St. Patrick's dance on the 17th as here, they had theirs on the 14th."

## SEVENTY-FIVE MEN AT WORK ON SEWER JOB

With Daily Payroll of \$200, and Steam and Compressed Air Drills at Work, Progress is Promising on Big Municipal Improvement.

With 75 men working and a daily payroll of about \$200, construction of Bend's sewer system has made notable progress during the last ten days. The compressed air outfit, which was placed in operation last week, is drilling about 600 feet of hole daily, and the steam drills about 200 feet.

This morning the first shots were

## STANDARD OIL STATION HERE

### STORAGE TANKS TO BE ERECTED

Bend Becomes Distributing Point for Oil and Gasoline for all of Central Oregon—Site in Lytle is Purchased.

According to J. W. Dimick, who is figuring on the plans for construction, the Standard Oil Company plans the immediate installation of the oil distributing station here for which they arranged some two months ago. This means that Bend will be made the distributing center for oil and gasoline for all the interior, not only for the south and southeast, as formerly, but also for the towns to the north, as hereafter carloads will be brought here for storage and forwarded from Bend.

The plant will occupy parcel 14 of the Lytle acre tracts, on the west side of the railroad a few blocks north of the depot. The plans call for the construction of three tanks, probably of 60,000 gallons capacity each; a warehouse 24 by 40 feet, with a platform 12 by 49; a pump house 10 by 12 feet, and a wagon shed and barn, the latter 22 by 32 feet, with four stalls. All will be of galvanized iron.

It is understood that a local delivery wagon will be maintained. C. H. Buckenmyer, representing the company, was here Friday closing up the deal, and it is understood that grading of the land preparatory to building will be commenced at once. The United Warehouse Company will sell the products of the Union Oil Company, as previously, handling their distribution.

The selection of Bend as the distributing point in the important oil and gasoline trade has been expected for a long time, for since the completion of the railroads Bend has demonstrated itself as the natural forwarding and distributing point for all Central Oregon.

completion, and work on the 140-foot tunnel on Sixth street in Lytle area tracts has begun. The crossing of the canal southeast of town has been completed and there will be no interference with canal water. It is expected that the line on Ohio street will be completed this month and that the excavation in the alley between Wall and Bond streets will be finished.

### ARTESIAN WATER STRUCK.

Reports come from Prineville of the striking of artesian water on the ranch of George Slayton, four miles west of town, at a depth of 210 feet. The flow was strong enough to throw the water through a five-inch casing 11 feet above the ground. A number of contracts have been let by other ranchers for drilling on their farms, following the success of Mr. Slayton's venture.

### GET WELL DRILL OUTFIT.

A. D. Norton and W. B. Keiger came in the first of the week from their homesteads in Millican valley to get a well drilling outfit which they recently ordered. They will take it out this week and the first well to be drilled will be on Mr. Norton's claim at the 26-milepost on the road to Burns. They expect to drill wells for others in that vicinity.

## PORTLAND PRICES SCARED UNCLE FRANK 50 YEARS AGO

Chance to Buy River Front Lots for \$40 Spurred by Interior Wise-heads in the Old Days.

Down at Laidlaw Saturday "Uncle" Frank Nichols, who grew up with Oregon, was telling H. E. Lounsbury some things he remembered about prices in Portland half a century ago.

"Some of us fellers from the interior went down there," said the pioneer, "and a real estate man got hold of us. He wanted us to buy a couple of lots on the river; they are just about where the Madison street bridge crosses now. He asked \$40 for them, but shucks! they wasn't no houses near and I asked him if he thought we was crazy." Then Uncle Frank chuckled, adding "I reckon we were, too!"

Mr. Nichols added that the same sort of chances are going begging right here in Central Oregon today.

### BEND BOY HONORED.

George Vandeventer of Bend was last week elected president of the Young Men's Christian Association at Willamette University, at Salem, where he is a junior in the college of liberal arts. At the regular election there was a deadlock, there being two other candidates besides Mr. Vandeventer. At a special meeting Mr. Vandeventer won by three votes. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Vandeventer and was the first boy to graduate from the Bend High School.

### CORN SHOW THIS FALL.

The Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Co. purposes holding a corn show this fall at Pendleton for farmers of Eastern Oregon. Cash prizes will be offered for the best acre of corn and the best ears of corn. The company believes that this show will demonstrate the possibilities, the practicability and the profitableness of corn growing in this state.

## LIDLAW DAY BIG SUCCESS

### APPROPRIATION BILL IS CELEBRATED

Great Gathering Enjoys Able Speeches and Luncheon Given by Ladies—Lewis' Reported Plans Meet Disfavor on Platform.

### "Laidlaw Thanks You."

Those words, displayed on a big banner, was the keynote of the good time meeting at Laidlaw Saturday, so far as the hosts of the day were concerned. Laidlaw was not only celebrating its good fortune in the passage of the Columbia Southern \$450,000 appropriation bill, but also was showing its appreciation of the aid its neighbors had extended toward the victory at Salem.

But as regards the visitors to Laidlaw—and there were nearly 100 from Bend alone—the slogan could well have been reversed to read: "We thank Laidlaw." For never were guests better cared for, more enthusiastically received and ("Bless those wonderful Laidlaw ladies," said everyone) more generously fed! In short there was half a thousand people on hand, there were many excellent speeches, plenty of fun and the best "feed" that ever happened in Crook County. The festivities of the day were materially enlivened by the presence of the Bend band, presided over by its new leader, Ashley Forrest.

### Speaking at Noon.

At about noon the first meeting was held at the church, when J. N. B. Gerking opened the program with a welcome to the visitors, telling what the appropriation to complete the Columbia Southern project means to the Laidlaw country, and particularly dwelling upon his appreciation and that of the Laidlaw Development League, of the good work done at Salem and elsewhere by those who had labored for the bill.

Then came a special song, written for the occasion by Mrs. J. J. Coen, to the tune of Yankee Doodle, and with a chorus which bade everyone "Don't stand there and read these lines"


But open up your collar,  
And if you cannot sing a note  
Just light right in and holler,  
Advice which was followed to a letter.

Replying to Mr. Gerking's address of welcome, G. P. Putnam of Bend said a few words expressing the appreciation felt by Laidlaw's neighbors of the welcome extended to them. Dr. Gorby was called upon and, among other things, mentioned that he contemplated becoming a farmer.

### Luncheon Great Success

Then followed the luncheon, which everyone unqualifiedly referred to as the finest thing of its kind ever

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