

SPRINGER'S STAND RILES MEETING

Judge Refuses to Aid Good Roads Movement Unless His Cash Assessment Hobby is Endorsed. Bond Issue Approved Despite Big Stick.

(Editorial Correspondence)
PRINEVILLE, May 13.—At a meeting here last Wednesday, gathered to start a good roads and bond issue movement, County Judge Springer declared war on county bonding for good roads and disclosed a wide-open breach between himself as opposed to the two county commissioners and to the taxpayers who desire some progressive administration of roads. R. H. Bayley and W. W. Brown, commissioners, went on record as favoring a bond issue for road construction, and a motion endorsing the movement was unanimously passed by the 49 or more men present.

While the real purpose of the meeting was that of organizing a Crook County Good Roads Association—which was done with enthusiasm—the feature of the afternoon was the action of Mr. Springer in announcing that he would oppose the movement unless those present endorsed his pet hobby of a cash valuation for tax assessment, a chimerical scheme which he attempted to explain with very little apparent profit to his audience.

His Honor came into the room riding his cash assessment horse and brandishing a big stick, which was not cement. Without taking into consideration the merits or demerits of the movements, he flatly announced himself opposed to it unless those present went on record as standing for his hobby. This every man present indignantly refused to do.

Altogether, it was a very hot half hour. A number of speakers pointed out that the method of assessment had nothing whatever to do with the subject at hand. The judge admitted that his plan did not contemplate any change in the amount of the county's revenue, so that on that head it could have no relation to a matter of expenditure. In fact, he simply stuck to his guns that he would support the bonding if the meeting endorsed his scheme, but otherwise would oppose it. It was pointed out that any action of those present regarding the assessment scheme could not affect the merits of the bonding, and that the judge must either stand for or against the latter; however, the logic of the argument made no dent in the judicial stand.

After several heated exchanges, a hopeless silence settled down upon the meeting. Whereupon Judge Springer retired, his exit being followed by derisive hand clapping and hooting. A statement of the position of the majority of the county court, Messrs. Bayley and Brown, met with enthusiastic applause.

After comment on the Springer incident had subsided, those present took up the work of the meeting and proceeded to organize an association for the development of good roads. It was voted to call it the Crook County Good Roads Association. The officers chosen are M. A. Lynch of Redmond, president; Clyde M. McKay of Bend, vice president, and W. F. King of Prineville, secretary-treasurer. These officers later selected

the following board of directors: J. E. Morson, La Pine; Willie W. Brown, Trout Creek; W. E. Barnes, Laidlaw; N. A. Burdick, Metolius, and J. Noble, Paulina. The officers will meet at Redmond next Sunday to draw up by-laws and plans for work.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"Be it resolved, that it is the sense of this meeting that the best interests of Crook county will be served by the issuance of bonds for the purpose of building permanent highways within the county as provided in Senate Bill No. 12 enacted by the 1912 session of the Oregon State Legislature.

"And be it further resolved that the majority of the Crook County Court be heartily commended for the stand that they have taken favoring any movement which has for its purpose the improvement of the highways in Crook county."

Those present at the meeting were:

J. W. Moore, Z. Tallafiero, J. E. Fruberg, J. P. Johnson, J. H. Vincent, August A. Anderson, H. F. Jones, L. E. Smith, A. G. Myers, J. P. Hesch, G. W. Willis, J. W. Brewer, W. A. Belcher, Dr. J. Barr, Wm. G. Phoenix, Harvey J. Harris, W. E. Rodman, B. A. Keadall, M. A. Lynch, G. A. McFarlane, all of Redmond.

D. C. May, J. C. Rhodes, C. M. McKay, C. S. Hudson, John Steidl, R. M. Smith, R. E. Koon, J. E. Sawhill, A. L. French, W. L. O'Donnell, G. C. Ellis, V. A. Forbes, M. L. Merritt, G. P. Putnam, all of Bend.

The following signed up as members of the association, endorsing its stand:

T. F. Buchanan, Thomas Sharp, Jr., J. H. Haner, John Combs, Joaquin Girardo, R. W. Zevely, Gardner Perry, R. L. Brewster, J. H. Templeton, L. B. Lafollett, Jas. T. Robinson, John Kenning, H. R. Lakin, Champ Smith, J. H. Rosenberg, G. H. Clifton, Wm. S. Ayres, C. I. Winnick, Will Ledford, D. P. Adamson, Albert Noble, O. G. Adams, S. W. Yancey, C. L. Shattuck, H. W. Howard, R. L. Jordan, Chas. A. King, Oscar Hyde, S. R. Cooper, M. R. Matthews, A. R. Bowman, J. P. Pope, C. W. Elkins, E. Sam Smith, T. H. Brennan, all of Prineville.

J. W. New of Grandview,
J. C. Robinson of Madras,
F. A. Powell of Paulina.

MESHER MAKES PURCHASE.

A. Mesher has purchased eight acres from The Bend Company. The land is just east of the railroad, between block 8 of Center addition and the stockyards. It is understood that Mr. Mesher also secured an option on some acreage adjoining. It is probable that he will plat his purchase and dispose of it in Portland.

CONTRACT IS LET.

The Standard Oil Company has let the contract for its distributing plant here to A. G. Jones, and it is understood that work on the buildings is to start at once. Cameron Winters of Portland, representing the oil people, is here to look after the work.

CIRCUIT COURT HARD AT WORK

SHERIFF'S REPORT IS LIVELY DOCUMENT

Liquor Question at Metolius is Embarrassing—Messinger Gets From One to Ten Years—Docket Will Be Completed Next Week.

(Special to The Bulletin)

PRINEVILLE, May 13.—Yesterday the grand jury finished its work and disbanded, after returning many indictments and reviewing more witnesses and cases probably than ever before came before a grand jury in this county. The court is still hard at it, with every prospect of the session running well into next week. Most important of the matters remaining is the Poch murder case.

The report of the sheriff to the grand jury proved a most interesting document. One paragraph, which is unique in its open defiance of the county judge, is as follows:

"The entire county court were in harmony at the purchase of the county auto until after delivery was made when 'I' Springer got cold feet and the burden of blame was cast on the shoulders of Commissioners Brown and Bayley, who arose to the occasion and called a special session of the county court and an order was made for payment."

Difficulties at Metolius.

An interesting case that comes up probably this week involves the liquor question at Metolius. Governor West ordered the saloon there to be closed. The county court, it appears, granted the Metolius people the right to vote on the local option election at the same time they voted to incorporate. The new city went "wet" and a saloon license was granted. However, the liquor election was illegal, as it occurred at an illegal date, and so Metolius, in a dry precinct, must remain dry until next election.

George Messinger was found guilty of stealing a cow and received an indeterminate sentence of from one to ten years.

After the jury was out three hours it returned a verdict of guilty against the Robinsons. Sentence has not yet been pronounced.

The grand jury's report's most interesting feature was a unanimous recommendation that the county proceed with a timber cruise. It also endorsed the purchase of the county auto, stating its belief that the car would prove a material financial saving. It called the attention of the county court to what it characterized as the dangerous condition of the wooden culvert across the canal just east of the Crooked river steel bridge. First a steel culvert was placed there, and was replaced by a wooden one by order of Judge Springer, upon whom it is understood pressure was brought by the irrigation company. The two commissioners refused to pay for the wooden work, and now the grand

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SCHOOL BONDS SNOWED UNDER

TWO TO ONE VOTE KILLS PROJECT

Opposition to Bonding, as Shown by Ballots, Almost Identical to That For Proposed Site—Election Was Costly For the District.

By a vote of more than two to one, school electors Saturday turned down the \$45,000 bond issue for the erection of a high school and for the purchase of a site in Westoria.

The ballots, supplied by the bonding house to which the school directors had contracted to sell the bonds if the election passed, presented two questions, each of them divided in two sub-divisions so that votes were taken under four heads.

Question one was, in effect: Shall the district purchase the Westoria site for \$45,000? Question two: Shall a building be erected on said site at a cost of \$40,500? Question three: Shall the district contract a bonded indebtedness of \$4500 for the purchase of the site, and question four: Shall the district contract a bonded indebtedness of \$40,500 for the erection of a school house?

On question one the vote was 42 yes and 103 no. Question two, 38 yes, 107 no. Question three, 40 yes, 106 no. Question four, 37 yes and 107 no. The vote apparently showed little difference in sentiment between the site chosen and the question of the issues itself, both being turned down very decisively.

According to the terms of a contract entered into with a bonding house, which was to take the bonds had they been voted, says Clyde McKay, of the school board, the election cost the district \$500. This amount was paid for legal services and ballots, and would have included the cost of the bonds, had an issue been voted.

The judges of election were H. B. Ford, John Bloss and J. B. Shouse. J. H. Dean acted as clerk.

FINAL STANDING IN SHOOT

Bend Stands Fourth in List. With a Percentage of .333.

The Bend Rod and Gun Club has received report on the final shoot in the state tournament. In the last day's shoot, the locals were defeated by Portland 117 to 94, by La Grande 112 to 95. Troutdale did not have a shoot. The final standing is as follows:

	Won	Lest	Pct
Wallowa	6	0	1000
Troutdale	4	2	666
La Grande	3	3	500
Portland	3	3	500
Pendleton	3	3	500
Bend	2	4	333
Eugene	0	6	000

"IMMEDIATE ACTION" SAYS WEST

Governor, J. N. Teal, O. Laurgaard and A. H. Devers Inspect Columbia Southern Project Today and Speak Here Tonight—Big Job Starts at Once

"The Tumalo project is going to be rushed through. There will be no hitches. We have the money, the plans and the enthusiasm, and I expect by the end of next summer that it will be completed."

So spoke Governor West last night regarding the old Columbia Southern irrigation segregation, now known as the Tumalo project. He added that he personally will devote much attention to the matter, spending probably many weeks of this summer on the ground, for the Governor is making a hobby of this enterprise and will bend every effort to push it through to a speedy success.

With Mr. West, who arrived at the Hotel Bend last night, are J. N. Teal, an attorney of Portland, recently a prominent candidate for the office of secretary of the interior and father of the Deschutes federal-state survey scheme; A. H. Devers, of Clatsop & Devers, Portland, and O. Laurgaard, project engineer. All are inspecting the segregation today, and this evening will speak here at a meeting to be held at the Star Theatre on Wall street at 8 o'clock.

West is Enthusiastic.

Governor West was most enthusiastic concerning the outlook for the Tumalo lands. All the land board is now heartily in sympathy with the plan, and its successful completion, he believes, will set an example that will bring prosperity not only to the settlers directly affected, but will establish a most profitable confidence in all other irrigation enterprises and prove a splendid boon to this phase of state development.

Mr. Teal, than whom there are few better informed men in irrigation matters, together with the Governor, had much to say concerning the peculiarly favorable outlook for the Tumalo enterprise.

"One great feature," said he, "is that in this case there will be no necessity for selling lands. Too often irrigation enterprises have been hopelessly tangled up because their backers were obliged to peddle the lands before the project was actually running."

With the Tumalo project, Governor West stated explicitly that no land will be sold until all the ditches are completed. He added that so far as his own opinion was concerned, he would be glad to see the time limit for the return of the state's loan lengthened, so long as interest was paid, inasmuch as the money practically in use by bona fide settlers would be doing the state far more real good than if lying idle in the treasury.

Land Will Be Popular.

Already many applications for land are filed, and it is expected by the Governor that every acre can be sold several times over when the time comes.

Mr. Teal outlined the many advantages that the state would have in conducting the enterprise, as opposed to private corporations. He stated that in his opinion all work of this

character should be in the hands of public bodies, and mentioned that the many mistakes made in the past in federal irrigation enterprises were really a splendid foundation of experience that would prevent the possibility of their recurrence.

When asked what happened to the proposed enlargement of the Tumalo project and federal cooperation, Governor West said that the scheme had simply died.

May Be Enlarged Later.

"There is no reason why it should not be taken up later," he added. "We shall simply complete a work that can be made a unit of a far larger undertaking. Whatever the ultimate size, the dams and ditches we shall make now would be of the same character. I really believe that when this proves a success, and all the acreage is occupied by prosperous ranchers, the government easily can be induced to take a hand in enlarging the scope of the work."

In this view Mr. Teal coincided.

In discussing the Deschutes survey, which already is under way in its preliminary stages, Mr. Teal expressed himself of the belief that it was the first step toward the ultimate utilization of every possible bit of water and power from the Deschutes. "And this will mean that some day Central Oregon will contain the greatest irrigation enterprises in America," he added.

Big Payroll This Summer.

Mr. Laurgaard stated that engineering work will commence next week. By June 4 the \$450,000 appropriated for the work by the Legislature will be available, and actual construction will be started immediately. It is probable that a headquarters building will be erected at Laidlaw if satisfactory arrangements can be made.

"This summer we will work from 50 to 150 men," said Mr. Laurgaard. "Next year there will be up to 350 men. We will use every man and every horse in the country that want work—its a chance for the settlers first."

Mr. Laurgaard added that all the materials for the big reservoir dam will be freighted from Bend, and practically all the equipment, except light stuff that will be handled from Deschutes. As Bend is but ten miles from the dam site, it is anticipated that with the heavy freighting from here, and the big labor market that the work will develop, with its resulting patronage of the nearest community, this town will receive very great direct benefits from the construction activities, just as it will of course later benefit enormously from the cultivation and settlement of the 30,000 odd acres of splendid lands in the segregation, most of them within 12 miles of Bend.

As stated above, tonight's meeting will be at the Star Theatre. Use of the building was generously donated by H. W. Bassett and W. H. Walkup, the new lessees, and the B. W. L. & P. Co. are donating the electric light. E. M. Thompson contributed the use of a piano.

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