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BAYLEY QUILTS COURT SESSION

ITS POLICIES RILE THE COMMISSIONER

No Money Appropriated For O. A. C. Demonstration Farm Work—Lauded Economy Said to Be Farcical. No Gasoline For County Auto.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

PRINEVILLE, July 7.—Each successive session of the County Court seemingly grows more unsatisfactory to its members and to the public affected owing to the fact that it appears impossible for the court to work together harmoniously. Lack of harmony existing between the judge, who is the head of the body, and the commissioners, and a slight friction between the commissioners at the session just finished discloses a situation far from excellent so far as efficient administration of county affairs is concerned.

Commissioner Bayley went home to Laidlaw after the first two days of the session, leaving Commissioner Brown to wrestle with the problems presented to the court. He said it was impossible for him to agree with the policy of the court and that it would be of no use for him to remain.

There has been no road work accomplished since the present regime was inaugurated. Commissioner Bayley, who formerly had charge of all road improvement and repairs, has been deposed and Judge Springer has taken upon himself the repair and operation of the roads, which, other officials assert, he is unable to handle because of inexperience and the many other duties he has assumed.

"Economy" Ridiculed.

Considerable criticism of the present administration is being indulged in, the charge being advanced that whereas it announced its keystone as being economy, the actual facts of the last three months indicate large expenditure and small results. While the May term of Circuit Court was a record breaker, so far as expense is concerned, its outlay seems more than justified by the actual results accomplished by the prosecuting officers.

A matter that has excited comment is that no money has been appropriated to aid the Oregon Agricultural College and the railroads in local farm demonstration work, while the Crook County Fair is to be cut short in its allowance from the county.

This curtailment of what has been regarded as an extremely progressive expenditure will, it is believed, meet with the condemnation of farmers, for the benefits of the demonstration work have been widely felt, both to old timers and newcomers. It also places the county in the position of reneging on its part of a tentative bargain with the O. A. C. and the railroads; both these have paid their bills, siding Crook county, and now the county refuses further support to the enterprise and if the refusal

attracts no doubt will get as much discredit on the "outside" as its previous offers of support to the farms won credit.

Auto Can't Burn Straw.

The county automobile, which judiciously handled should have been a financial saving, is soon going to be a white elephant and a source of extra expense, according to present indications. The court just adjourned allowed a bill amounting to \$28.50 for automobile hire to haul the judge to Paulina in May to inspect a road that, according to report, needed repair. At the same time it refused to pay gasoline bills incurred by the sheriff, who says he cannot use the machine without gas as it is not a straw-burner.

According to Sheriff Frank Elkins, who, with Willard H. Wirtz, was here yesterday, County Court is yet in session. Brown and Springer grinding away at the work which formerly took a few days and which now promises to take an many weeks. That Commissioner Brown is getting about as weary of the procedure as did Bayley seems apparent from reports that come from Prineville.

"It looks as if the court would be in session all summer," said Elkins.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH COLONISTS PASS THROUGH

Party Bound For Catlow Valley Includes Representatives of Several Trades—Co-Operative Colony.

Under the leadership of T. A. McComb of Plano, Ill., a party of colonists left yesterday morning for the Catlow valley where they plan to take up land. The members of the party, 15 altogether, all belong to the United Presbyterian church and it is their plan to take up adjoining claims and thereby gain the advantages of a co-operative community from the beginning. Various trades are represented, including carpenters, mechanics, masons and practical farmers, and at a later date a clergyman and a physician are expected to join the settlement.

The work of locating the party is being done by O. C. Henkle and E. R. Post. Three automobiles are being used on the trip. H. B. Ford driving one of them.

About 250 were expected to arrive here but only about half the number got in, those in the party being: Earl R. Russell, Prosser, Wash.; R. L. Randolph, St. Louis; F. G. Rogers, Dix, Ill.; Harvey B. Porter, Washington, Iowa; D. Maurice Hunter, Bloomington, Ind.; J. C. Smith, Bloomington; Stanley Smith, Bloomington; S. G. Moore, New Castle, Pa.; William A. Harris, Oakland, Cal.; R. G. Russell, Oakland, Cal.; J. M. O'Neal, Concord, Ohio; C. R. Hill, Oakland, William Post, Oakland, and T. A. McComb, the colony organizer.

MAIL STAGE CHANGES.

The postoffice department has taken notice of the delay in the mail service to the south caused by the change in the mail train and has ordered a new schedule by which the stage will leave Bend on receipt of the mail from the morning train, departing at 10 a. m. and due to arrive at Silver Lake in 28 hours. On its return the stage will leave Silver Lake daily at 3:30 p. m., arriving in Bend the next day by 7:30 p. m. The rural delivery from the local office is also changed, leaving here at 9 a. m. and returning by 2 p. m.

CITY FINANCES IN GOOD SHAPE

GREENWOOD BRIDGE IS ARRANGED FOR

New Jail May Be Erected and Carnegie Library Support is Contemplated—Fire Bell Recommended—Doings of City Council.

Presentation of officers' reports, showing a very satisfactory condition of city affairs, adoption of a plan to end the railroad bridge difficulties on Greenwood avenue, and consideration of several important municipal undertakings were the items of chief interest at a long meeting of the Common Council last night.

With a cash balance of about \$7500, city finances were never in stronger shape, for expenditures—with the exception of an \$1800 sewer bond interest payment—for the coming half year will be light; sufficiently so, according to the mayor's estimate, to assure a comfortable balance at the end of 1913, which may mean a slightly lower tax rate next year. The treasurer's and construction engineer's reports show a combined cash balance of about \$6500 of the sewer fund, which, with the assessment to be levied immediately, assures the completion of the entire job, with all contingent expenses, within the estimate and so that something will be left over for initial operating expenses.

Details of the sewer figures and results thus far are printed elsewhere. In the mayor's and construction engineer's reports, as are also printed summaries of the reports of the various officers.

Bridge Plan Approved.

The plan for the Greenwood avenue railroad bridge, as worked up by an Oregon Trunk representative, W. E. Burkhalter and City Engineer Young, was approved by the council. It involves the construction of a bridge 72 feet in the clear, with a street width of 56 feet, the same as the curb-to-curb measurement of all Greenwood, and with sidewalks each of eight feet. There will be three spans, the center of 25 feet, the two side ones of 15.6 each. Ample clearance for trolley cars is arranged, and paving and drainage of the street at the bridge are required. It is believed that the proposition offered by the council, based on the railroad's maps submitted, will be accepted and immediately acted upon by the Oregon Trunk.

New Jail Contemplated.

It was developed that the present city jail is both inadequate and illegal, as the law specifies that jails must be fireproof and meet certain other requirements. The mayor's report recommended the appointment of a committee to investigate the matter, with a view to erecting a permanent building on city property, to house both a modern jail and also provide a meeting place for the council.

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ALFALFA HAS CELEBRATION

MANY BEND PEOPLE ATTEND

Crowds Gather From All Around and All Are Given Good Time—Old Soldier Delivers Address—Flares and Baseball Are Amusing.

Bend people who attended the 4th of July celebration Friday at Alfalfa found that it was a great success, as regards both the attendance and the program. The crowds came from all around, Bend being represented by a large delegation.

In the morning there were exercises appropriate to the day, chief of these being an address delivered by Thomas R. Dyer of Post 21, Department of Pennsylvania, G. A. R., who is spending the summer with the Benna.

Mr. Dyer spoke of the gradual spread of the republican form of government since America gained its independence and predicted that in 50 years there would not be left a crowned head. In the course of his speech he said:

"I wish to call your attention to a fact which is not generally known and which seems to illustrate the perils and dangers of foreign interference during our struggle to maintain the Union. Some years prior to the Civil War there occurred a war between Turkey and Russia, known in history as the Crimean War. England and France were allies of Turkey in that war, and naturally on that account had provoked the enmity of Russia. So it happened that when the Civil War broke out and the succeeding states appeared to the European nations for recognition, all but Russia recognized them, but were afraid to go any further in the matter without the consent of Russia. Had that nation followed the example of the rest of them, those United States would have been only a memory and the cause of liberty from monarchial rule would, in all probability, have been deferred for centuries.

Following the address the Declaration of Independence was read and "America" sung.

The sports program was an interesting feature and included all sorts of amusing races, participated in by a large number of persons, both young and old. There was a baseball game between teams representing the east and the west side of the canal.

The lunch that was spread at noon was a most ample and delightful one and every appetite no matter how enormous it was satisfied.

A. L. Schultz was chairman of the arrangements committee and E. Harnds master of ceremonies. Among the Bend delegation were about a dozen business men, including Mannheim Bros., C. W. Thornthwaite, S. C. Caldwell, John Elkins, J. H. Wendland, K. D. McIntosh and W. E. Parker.

PLANS FOR FLOWER SHOW.

The Ladies Library Club already is maturing plans for this summer's flower show, and every indication is for an even more successful event than that of last year. While the exact date of the show as yet has not been fixed, it very probably will be held at the time of the Seattle excursion, August 18, so that the visitors who will then be here may have an opportunity to see what Bend produces in this direction. However, should the season not be sufficiently far advanced for best results to be exhibited at that time, a later date will be selected.

WOOL SALE POSTPONED UNTIL NEXT TUESDAY

Growers Have Not Yet Got All Their Clip In—Hutton Band of Sheep Sheared at Local Stock Yards.

Owing to the fact that the clip is not all in yet, the wool sale scheduled for today at Bend has been postponed until next Tuesday. J. T. Hardy, traveling freight and passenger agent of the O. T., was here yesterday and announced that he had arranged with the buyers to have the sale put off. The weather has delayed the growers in getting their wool hauled to market, and there is a considerable amount to come yet. Had the sale been held today, what arrived later would have been disposed of with more difficulty to the growers than by the postponement. It is expected that there will be about 250,000 or 300,000 pounds to be sold here.

Some 2500 sheep lost their winter woolen underclothing—or, rather, their overclothing—at the stockyards during the last three days, when Thomas Hutton's band from the Wagontire country was sheared.

These were the first sheep to be sheared in Bend, and Sunday afternoon the novel sight proved quite a drawing card, many local people looking on. Shearing pens and a dipping vat had been constructed, and hereafter not only these sheep but many other bands are expected to shear locally. According to one of the men who had come the 200 or so miles from Wagontire, the saving in transporting the wool on the sheep's backs instead of by team was in excess of \$200.

Sheep are now being taken up into the forest reserves in the mountains. The season is about two weeks later than last year, owing to the snow lying on late. There is still some on the higher range territory. The counting in by forest rangers is being done this season at Swamp Lake, where there is a new corral, instead of at Sparks lake as formerly. Sunday J. E. Hilton of Shaniko shipped in 2000 sheep and he also is taking two bands across the mountains by way of Sisters to pasture them on the west side of the Cascades.

Up to noon today some 157,000 pound of wool have come to the United Warehouse. This year Manager Pringle is keeping samples, so far as possible, of all the various clips, labeling each with the owner's name, locality, amount of clip, number of sheep and, where possible, the amount paid by buyer. It is believed that this information will be of value later, tabulating, as it will, exactly what wool is handled here.

The highest temperature registered this summer at the local weather station was 94 degrees yesterday.

MAN WANTED IS ARRESTED HERE

ESCAPED ON WAY TO PENITENTIARY

Sheriff Snyder of Lakeview Recognizes "Van Sant" as Bernard Sitz, Near-Convict of Bakersfield, Cal.—He Passed Checks Here.

Because an auto got stuck in the mud and because a man with a "record" and a man with a memory happened to be eating dinner at the same time at the Mountain View Hotel on Monday, a Spokane realty firm lost its representative here and the prison officials at San Quentin, Cal., will gain a new boarder.

Sheriff W. B. Snider of Lakeview was the man with the memory. On his way to The Dalles he had stopped at the Mountain View for dinner. There he noticed a young man who has been known locally as B. G. Van Sant but whom he thought he remembered as Bernard Sitz, wanted in California as an escaped convict. He informed the local authorities of his suspicions and Van Sant was arrested and confessed his identity. Later in the afternoon Sheriff Snider proceeded on his way to The Dalles in an auto, taking his prisoner along, well shackled.

Sheriff Snider was going to The Dalles to get an auto and was due to reach Bend from Lakeview Sunday night. However, the auto which was carrying him and other passengers got stuck in the mud at 3 p. m. and remained stalled until 8 that evening, and as a result did not get here until Monday noon. Had such an untoward thing not occurred, Van Sant would no doubt still be free.

Van Sant, or Sitz, came to Bend about three months ago with a big Winton automobile and engaged in the business of locating settlers in the country to the southeast. He was not in business for himself, however, being in the employ, it is understood, of the Spokane Orchard Development Company. He had just returned from a trip to Burns when Sheriff Snider found him.

It was stated that a year and a half ago Sitz was convicted in California of obtaining money under false pretenses and given a five-year sentence. While being taken to prison he escaped and has since been at large. Here in Bend Sitz has passed a number of worthless checks and it may be that when California is through with him he will be given an opportunity to observe the changes that have taken place in this town in the interval. This will surely be so if the desire for reparation in those whom he has "stung" is as long as Sheriff Snider's memory.

SCHOOL MEETING ON 30TH.

The school bond election, originally planned for the 26th, has been postponed until Wednesday, July 30. Notices calling it were posted today.

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