

# GOVERNOR IS PLEASED; NEWS FROM LAIDLAW

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fraction above the average cost. The following table prepared by Chief Clerk G. Ed Ross shows the results in August:

Mess No.	Meals Served	Total Cost	Cost Per Meal
1	314	\$193.34	.329
2	2,459	578.22	.235
3	1,931	505.19	.262
4	3,131	637.52	.22

Total 7,835 \$1,874.37 Ave .239

After dinner the party proceeded toward camp 3. The governor and others left the autos between the two camps and proceeded over the canal by foot, tramping along through the dirt and dust for a mile or so. Wherever the Governor went he shook hands with the men on the works and talked with them. At camp 2 the party boarded the autos again and drove to camp 1. Each camp is located in a lovely spot, but camp 1 is the most ideal as it is down by the Tumalo.

**Diversion Dam of Concrete.**  
At camp 1 the trench is nearly excavated for the concrete connection which will be made with the flume that will start a few hundred feet from the intake. The canal here is to be concrete lined. The diversion dam across the creek will be of concrete, with an earth wing to keep any high water from overflowing into the concrete-lined canal. Furst Bros. of Bend were at camp 1 when the party arrived. They had a load of cement on their auto truck but could not get it across the creek on account of the bridge being too weak. Mr. Laugaard at once got in touch with County Commissioner Bayley on the phone and he agreed that the county would pay for lumber to replank the bridge. A team was sent to Anderson Bros. mill for the lumber and a crew of men from the works to the bridge to put it in shape so that the cement could be gotten across. Work on the diversion dam will start in a short time. Although it had been but little more than an hour since dinner was eaten, the party was invited into the mess hall at camp 1 for a cup of coffee. The cook there holds the honors for making the best coffee on the works, and rightly so, it seems, as what he poured for the visitors would be hard to excel anywhere.

On the trip the feed canal was mentioned frequently, and it seems to have the right name for everywhere we went they wanted to feed us, and the members of the party seemed equal to every opportunity in this line.

**Canal Nearing Completion.**  
The feed canal is getting well along toward completion. It is seven miles long and all but about a mile has been excavated. Next year water will be turned into the canal to supply the settlers who have been served heretofore by the old Columbia Southern ditch. Seven hundred feet of steel flume will be used in the canal. None of this has yet been received, but it is probable that it will all be installed before work is closed down for the winter.

**Good Order Maintained.**  
Although there are 150 men employed on the works, only the best of order prevails at all the camps. That this may continue the Governor has commissioned Alfred Hansen and Axle Bye, superintendents, and Harry Ruppel, engineer, as special police officers. At each camp is posted the following notice: "Anyone committing a nuisance within 200 yards of camp will be discharged." Similar signs are posted regarding intoxicating liquors.

The health of the men is looked after by Dr. J. F. Hoach of Redmond. The project has a contract with him for medical attention and each man on the works is required to pay \$1 a month for medical care. In case of sickness he is then treated without any extra charge. All the money derived in this way goes to Dr. Hoach.

**Convicts to Build Road.**  
Engineer Laugaard stated that the matter of making a road to re-

place the one that now crosses the reservoir site has been taken up by the Desert Land Board. Convicts from the state penitentiary will be sent over to build three and a half miles on the east side of the reservoir, and the roadway will cross on the dam. The convicts will do the work at some time when they can be spared from other construction operations.

**Plenty of Work to Be Had.**  
There can be no just complaint from laboring men that they cannot get work on the project. There are 150 men employed now, nearly every one of whom is a Central Oregon laborer. It has not been possible to get as many men as were wanted, and so this week Engineer Laugaard sent to Portland to get 20.

**Men to Be Paid Off Quicker.**  
Governor West, in his talk to the men at camp 3, told them that hereafter they would get their money quicker. It has been necessary that the payroll be sent to Salem and go through the regular channels before the vouchers are issued, but the Governor said that a new way had been found to comply with the law in every respect and yet get the money due the men to them in a shorter time than has heretofore been possible.

**Makes Talk in Town.**  
The Governor and party did not have time to make a trip to the reservoir site, returning from camp 1 to Laidlaw where the Governor was booked for an address. At 4:30 a crowd of more than 100 gathered and heard a short address from the Governor and others.

"About a year ago," he said, "I discussed the situation with you here, and we did not then dream that things would be going on now as well as they are. I am more than pleased in finding what I do find. The work being done is of a high class, and there is much more of it than I expected to find. I want to see this work a success because I want to see you prosperous and contented and because the inauguration of this policy, if successful, will mean that the Legislature will give us help to complete the projects on the east side of the river. I want to show that the work can not only be carried on honestly, but in an expeditious manner. It was largely through your efforts and the efforts of the business men and settlers on the other side of the river that we have been able to accomplish what we have."

**Attitude to Morson Project.**  
The Governor touched briefly upon his attitude to the Morson project at La Pine, saying: "My fight on Morson is simply to prevent a repetition of what is seen on this project." Mr. West stated that Morson's contract does not expire till April 1, 1914, and the state's contract with the government not till October 31, 1915. His contention with the land board is that there is no hurry for asking an extension of time and that Morson should be called on for a new contract when his old one expires, with surety bond instead of the present bond, and that then the state would have plenty of time to ask the government for an extension of time. He said he believes that the board will yet come to an understanding and that the matter will finally be straightened out.

The people of this community were complimented on the remarkable manner in which they have stood together, finally winning a victory. Governor West paid V. A. Forbes, who was present, the following compliment: "He deserves a great deal of credit for the work he did for this project, and so do Mr. Gerking and others."

**Other Speakers Heard.**  
Following the Governor were several other speakers, including Mr. Forbes, C. S. Hudson of Bend, A. O. Walker of Alifan, and William Johnson of Deschutes. Mr. Gerking presided.

Mr. West and Miss Hobbs left this evening for Portland, the Governor

expecting to go on to Astoria to spend Sunday.

## BIG RECEPTION GIVEN IN HONOR OF MISS FERN HOBBS

LAIDLAW, Sept. 6.—One of the biggest receptions ever given in Laidlaw was that last evening in honor of Miss Fern Hobbs, private secretary to Governor West. Miss Hobbs arrived here last Monday on a visit with friends, and the affair for her was arranged by the project officials.

It was held in the hall across the street from the project office, and the room proved far too small to accommodate the crowd present. There were 17 auto loads of people from Bend, Redmond, Deschutes and other points, and the crowd was estimated at 175. Excellent music was furnished by Prof. Zinke's orchestra from Redmond, and several solos were sung by Mrs. Welton. The main feature of the entertainment was dancing, which lasted until after midnight. At 11 o'clock a lap supper was served, consisting of coffee, sandwiches, pickles and cake, and during the evening there was lounchee for all.

A. J. Welton was the floor manager, and welcoming talks were made by Mr. Laugaard and Mr. Gerking. The committee on arrangements consisted of William Schaller, P. W. Beasley, G. Ed Ross and F. N. Wallace.

The biggest delegation came from Bend, in five autos, those attending being: Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Pringle, James Ryan, Misses Anne, Gertrude and Nell Merkel, Mannheim Bros., O. C. Henkle, V. A. Forbes, J. C. Rhodes, Miss Katherine Trautner, Miss Harriet Dolson, Ward H. Coble, George S. Young and Mrs. John Young.

## MRS. BELL IS PARALYZED

LAIDLAW, Sept. 6.—During the reception last night Mrs. John Bell, wife of a local rancher, was stricken with paralysis. It was thought at the time that she had fainted, but an examination this morning by Dr. Hoach of Redmond showed that her left side is paralyzed and the physician states that her condition is serious.

## BEND WINS TENNIS MATCH

LAIDLAW, Sept. 7.—The local tennis players met defeat again today, the Bend players taking every match played here this morning. The Laidlaw enthusiasts have been too busy recently to have time for practice, and consequently did not make as good a showing as they have done heretofore. The following are the results of today's matches:  
Hudson and Keyes vs. Torrey and Gross, 6-0, 6-1, 6-2.  
Davis and Hoffman vs. Schaller and P. W. Beasley, 6-1, 6-0, 6-4.  
Hudson and Keyes vs. Laugaard and George Beasley, 6-0, 6-0.  
Hudson and Keyes vs. Ruppel and Welton, 6-1, 6-0.  
Davis and Hoffman vs. Gilkey and Torrey, 6-0, 6-3.  
The Bend men played an exhibition game which resulted: Hudson and Keyes vs. Davis and Hoffman, 6-1, 6-1.  
The visitors came down in Mr. Hudson's auto, accompanied by A. S. Collins. They went back by way of Deschutes.

## PRINT NEWSPAPER AT HOME

LAIDLAW, Sept. 8.—This week's issue of the Tumalo Times will be printed at home, according to Editor Brown. He and Editor Palmer of the Redmond Spokesman have severed relations, Brown having bought the plant of the Terrebonne Oregonian. He is now installing it here in the Barnes building. It is understood that the Terrebonne paper will be printed at Metolius until land notices now running are published the required number of times, after which the Oregonian will suspend publication. Mr. Brown did not get out a paper last week.

Steve Henderson spent Sunday at Prineville, and his presence on the tennis court was missed.

Miss Franc Newman left Thursday evening for Eugene to attend the wedding of a friend.

James Henry, who is with the United States Reclamation Service, arrived last week to work on the Tumalo project.

A horse on the J. W. Brown ranch was so badly cut by barbed wire last week that it had to be destroyed.

Mr. Gilmore, formerly with Misener at Bend, is now clerking in the store of J. B. Wimer.

There is talk among the local Knights of Pythias of starting a lodge here, as there are quite a number of Knights in this community.

An order has been placed with Robert Davis for the lumber with which to construct the fair building that will be erected here.

Two auto loads of Bend people came down Saturday afternoon for the speaking. In D. E. Hunter's car were C. S. Hudson, J. P. Keyes, V. A. Forbes and T. H. Foley and in J. C. Rhodes', C. M. McKay, H. W. Skuse and R. M. Smith.

## GERKING AND THE MEDAL

(Culver Tribune.)  
Everyone in the county should know J. N. B. Gerking. It will be an inspiration to all who are facing problems in this new country, to learn of the fight made by Mr. Gerking to get the Tumalo Irrigation Project settled. The best part of it is that he will not profit so much directly, as water has been adjudicated to him under the old system. The effort was made by him to a very large extent for the benefit of all of his neighbors. And while he will of course profit by the completion of the project, it was a wholehearted desire to see his neighbors prosperous which directed him in his work. That type of citizen is worth ten thousand men who spend all of their

days trying to see how wealthy they may become.

Another important fact is, that the citizens of Laidlaw have bestowed a gold medal upon Mr. Gerking, as a token of appreciation of his work. That speaks well for the people of Laidlaw. Many, many times we see people drawing up lengthy resolutions, placing tablets or erecting monuments after a person is gone, but in this instance, the appreciation is shown at once.

No high-sounding ceremonials attended the presentation. About all of the people contributed for the medal. At the church in Laidlaw, the medal was presented, and it came as a complete surprise to the recipient.

## ABSTRACT BUSINESS SOLD

We have sold our business to the Crook County Abstract Company, a corporation organized during the past week by Messrs. J. B. Bell and A. W. Sims, formerly of Eugene, Oregon. These gentlemen have had a very extended experience in abstract work, and in banking, and will bring into their line of business new capital, new ideas and a greater efficiency, responsibility and promptness than we have been able to offer our correspondents. We therefore take

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## FAST RUN IS MADE

The trainload of sheep that left here last Wednesday over the Oregon Trunk made a fast run down the canyon. Leaving here at 9:30 a. m., it reached Fallbridge at 2:30 p. m., making better than 30 miles an hour. This is faster time than is made by the regular passenger trains.

## STOCKMEN PARTICIPATE

During the past fiscal year, according to a report of the U. S. forest service, 31 local organizations of stockgrowers using national forest ranges have applied for and secured the official recognition of their advisory boards by the forest service. This brings the number of associations officially recognized by the forest service to a total of 115.

## NEW HOMESTEAD REGULATIONS

WASHINGTON, Sept. 6.—With a view to making it "as easy as possible for honest entrymen to gain homesteads and as difficult as pos-

sible for speculators." Acting Secretary of the Interior Jones published a new list of homestead regulations today. The principal concession to homesteaders is a reduction in the number of acres each is required to cultivate under such circumstances as the homesteader's illness or of exceptional difficulties in the way of cultivation. No reduction in cultivation area is permitted, however, on account of the removal of standing timber—a blow at timber speculators.

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