SCENIC HIGHWAY IS NOW ASSURED

COUNTY AND FOREST SERVICE CO-OPERATE

Two Thousand Dollars Will Be Spent On Road to Sparks Lake, and $1000 on the McKenzie Route Across the Mountains.

The proposed scenic road from Bend to Sparks Lake, of which The Bulletin made mention on June 11, is now assured. The forest service and Crook county will co-operate in building it, expending $2000 prior to July 1 of next year.

Supervisor M. L. Merritt of the Deschutes forest appeared before the County Court at Prineville last Thursday and told the court of the offer of the forest service to appropriate $1000 for this road provided the county would give an equal amount. An agreement was made to this effect and the work will be undertaken as soon as the money is available.

The road will start from a point near the headgate of the old Columbia Southern ditch, running to Sparks Lake in the mountains by way of Soda Springs. The exact location will be determined by the county surveyor.

Money for McKenzie Road Also.

Mr. Merritt also informed the court that the forest service would spend $500 on the McKenzie wagon road over the mountain from Cold Springs to the Lane county line if Crook would contribute the same amount, and this the officials agreed to do. This will be only a beginning on this road as it is estimated that $4000 will be required to complete it. The forest service is to have charge of the expenditure. It is not likely that much can be done this fall, but next spring the work will be started and carried on as far as the money will go. Eventually a fine highway over the mountains will result.

Bend to Be Benefitted.

Bend will benefit greatly from both these undertakings, and especially from the Sparks Lake road. The highway will penetrate one of the most scenic sections of Central Oregon, Soda Springs themselves being a wonder well worth going to see, according to those who have made the trip. There is already a road from here to the point where the proposed highway will start, and the business men and others will no doubt see that it is put in good shape for automobile tourist travel next summer.

ARNOLD COMPANY WILL CONSTRUCT MORE FLUME

Work to Start About Fifteenth of Next Month—Canal Also to Be Enlarged This Fall.

In accordance with instructions of the stockholders at the annual meeting in July, the directors of the Arnold Irrigation Company have carefully considered approximate costs for fluming from station 60 to station 70 of the location, and for financial reasons have decided to construct the same of lumber. In order to carry out this work a maintenance assessment of 15 cents per acre voted by the stockholders will be due on October 1, 1913.

Plans for the flume have been made, bids received for lumber and contract for approximately 91,000 feet board measure let to James E. Reed, one of the stockholders, and the company is now ready to receive sealed bids for hauling the lumber from Mr. Reed's mill to the location of the new work, a distance of approximately five miles. It is the intention of the directors to begin the erection of the flume about October 15, and also to do some enlarging of the company's canal between stations 70 and 110 at the same time, all of which may necessitate shutting off the water for about a month.

When the section of flume is completed the company will have continuous flume from station 4 to station 86 of the location, or 1.55 miles, of sufficient size to carry water for 12,000 acres.

REV. E. C. NEWHAM RETURNED.

A letter received this morning from Rev. E. C. Newham at Walla Walla stated that the conference had returned him to Bend for another year. He will be back this week and will hold services at the usual hour next Sunday.

GRAND JURY'S WORK

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one dollar for every dollar the county will so appropriate and we believe that money so appropriated will be an investment of material and lasting benefit to the whole country.

Auto Purchase Pays.

"We desire to reaffirm the convictions of the preceding grand jury, that of May, 1913, with respect to the purchase by the county of an automobile for the better efficiency and conduct of county business and believe that for the better service provided by the sheriff's and other administrative offices of the county that the investment has more than warranted itself, in fact, in the one single instance that was so vividly brought to our attention, we refer to the case of the state of Oregon against William Carey, the efficient service rendered by the officers in running down evidence made possible by the county automobile standing ready, has in itself, in our opinion, rendered the investment in the machine so valuable that if no other service was had hereafter, the purchase would be justified.

Gives County Court a Rap.

"We further feel that the County Court should pay the bills for gasoline, lubricating oil and repairs for the machine without gasoline, lubricating oil and repairs is useless and the investment a complete loss, and we can see no reason absolutely for the court to refuse to pay bills legitimately incurred in the service of the county.

"Further, we desire to say that we have examined the assessment rolls upon which the 1913 taxes will be collected and upon which the next levy will be made and we wish to say that the valuations as we have found them seem to be uniform and that the assessor has worked diligently and well at a task that is always a difficult one in which to please, and that we are highly satisfied in the manner in which the assessments for the next levy seem to have been made.

Laws Violated in Court House.

"We wish especially to call the attention of the commissioners' court, now in session, to the fact that two state statutes are being violated in the court house building and that for a better example to individuals and for a better respect for the law in general, we advocate the immediate abolishment of the drinking cups in the court house and the establishment of one or more sanitary drinking fountains therein, and the immediate rehanging of the entrances so that all doors leading outward will swing outward.

"We also wish to recommend, in view of the fact that the treasurer will have placed upon him the burden of tax collection after January 1, 1914, that adequate provision be made in the way of assistance by the County Court to enable him properly to do that work; we recommend that his salary be increased to a point somewhere near the value of his services and that sufficient clerk hire be provided, so that the work of collecting the taxes next year will proceed regularly and satisfactorily.

County's Finances Good.

"Furthermore, we wish to reassure the taxpayers and the citizens of the county of Crook that our investigations have demonstrated to us that the financial condition of the county is much better than we believe the general impression among the taxpayers seems to indicate and we wish hereby to restore confidence, and that Crook county will be out of debt before many months have passed, is our belief.

"With reference to the proposed plan to equip an office for the sheriff on the ground floor or basement of the courthouse and to remodel the present jail, we wish to state that we have examined the plans and specifications therefor and heartily approve of them and recommend that the County Court carry them out.

"We have examined the buildings of the Crook County High School, including the industrial arts building now in course of completion, and we commend the present county high school board for its progressiveness and feel they should be encouraged as much as possible in their sincere efforts to build an institution where our children will be afforded the best of high school instruction when they have finished the regular common school courses."

Kentner is Acquitted.

George Kentner, who was put on trial Friday for larceny in connection with the wholesale shipment of stolen horses made from Bend last fall, was acquitted by a jury on the second indictment late Saturday night. Another indictment is still pending against Kentner, which will be tried at December term which convenes Monday, December 1.

Kentner was indicted jointly with W. C. Calhoun and Al Robertson, a brother of William and V. M. Robertson, convicted last May and who are serving terms in the penitentiary for their connection with the thefts. The district attorney is now endeavoring to have Calhoun extradited from Washington in time for a new joint trial next December.

McPherson is Convicted.

Logan McPherson, indicted earlier in the session on a charge of criminal assault, was found guilty yesterday. Sentence has not been given but it will be from one to ten years. It is expected that McPherson's brother John, convicted of horse stealing, will get the same sentence and that the two will go to the penitentiary together.

The court is hearing today the civil case of J. Strein vs. the Bend Milling & Warehouse Co.

P. W. Brown is down from La Pine today.