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## FORBES WANTS \$450,000 MORE

### FEDERAL IRRIGATION AID SOUGHT

Desires Interior Department to Match Tumalo Appropriation With Similar Amount For Additional Reclamation West of the River.

Returning from a meeting of the Cello Commission in Portland Sunday, State Representative V. A. Forbes is branching a project for Central Oregon reclamation that will mean much to this territory, should it be consummated, as will the state's Tumalo project, in which he also had a large share.

Briefly stated, it is proposed to get the federal government to match the state's appropriation of \$450,000 wanted for the Tumalo work, with an equal amount to be used in irrigating some 20,000 acres adjacent to the Tumalo lands.

Already the Department of the Interior has signified its interest in such a project, and desiring to get action in the matter, Mr. Forbes has addressed letters to the Commercial Clubs of Redmond, Sisters, Laidlaw and Bend asking co-operative endeavor.

#### Dollar for Dollar Policy.

"You will remember that at the time of the introduction by the Legislature of the bill which made possible the construction of the Tumalo project, the Secretary of the Interior in effect stated that his policy would be to contribute to the state one dollar out of the reclamation fund of he \$1.50 for every dollar expended by the state in reclaiming its arid lands," said Mr. Forbes. "Upon this policy the secretary made good in connection with the Deschutes investigation, having contributed the sum of \$50,000 and the state the sum of \$50,000."

Mr. Forbes then explained that the Interior Department has also "made good" in its attitude toward the Cello project, the commission of which he is a member having just been advised that \$15,000 has been set aside by the federal government for co-operative investigation there with the state.

"In view of the evident attitude of the administration," added Mr. Forbes, "there seems good reason to believe that \$450,000 can be obtained, this amount 'matching' the Tumalo appropriation. It is estimated that the lands referred to can be irrigated for less than the above amount."

Mr. Forbes' desire is to have the communities chiefly interested petition for a complete investigation. A comparatively small appropriation would accomplish this, or, indeed, a portion of the Deschutes survey fund could be utilized. Then, next summer, with all data on hand, steps could be taken to have the project started.

#### DISCOVERS HOT CAVE.

In various parts of Crook County, especially in the Paulina Mountains, are well known ice caves, and now comes the news of the discovery of a hot cave not far from Bend. Sam Blakeley is the discoverer. Last week, he, with E. T. Gerrish, was cruising in the mountains about 20 miles south-east of town in a light snow storm when he came on a small patch

of ground from which the snow disappeared as soon as it fell. Investigating he found that this spot was warm and that from a hole in the center, a current of warm air arose. Below seemed to be a cavern of some size. As it was late in the day the discoverers made no detailed investigation but they now plan to go out as soon as they can and make a thorough exploration.

## CIRCUIT COURT WILL BE IN SESSION NEXT WEEK

Docket is Light, But Contains Several Cases From Bend—Work Will Be Finished in Short Time.

PRINEVILLE, Nov. 25.—The December term of Circuit Court will convene next Monday. The criminal and civil dockets are light. The suit of Rev. J. M. Crenshaw against numerous Redmond citizens is on the docket but will hardly go to trial at this term. Other cases are against W. D. Cursey, Silvia Parrish, Charley Mason, E. C. Myers, F. R. Wilkey and P. B. Struble, all of Bend; E. R. Huntington, William Booth and John Swenton, all of Madras.

The following have been drawn for jury service: O. F. Wallenberg, W. C. Mustard, Chas. E. Parish, I. F. Shull, A. H. Parkey, James Ryan, L. V. Limbaugh, C. J. Mook, A. C. Thompson, F. T. Luelly, Wm. Bogell, J. M. Montgomery, Lawrence Mautz, T. A. Taylor, Henry N. Walte, Arthur Tempieton, P. Chitwood, A. M. Logan, Geo. Noble, John Demaris, Oscar Morris, Manford Nye, M. A. Lehman, M. G. Pillette, Walter Lithgow, Geo. H. White, S. K. King, Henry Tweet, J. W. Stanton, Lee Peck.

## INJUNCTION IS DISSOLVED

Judge Bradshaw Holds City of Bend Sewer Assessments Proper

The injunction brought by owners of property in Lytle restraining the City of Bend from collecting sewer assessments was dissolved by Judge W. L. Bradshaw at the Dalles last week. The victory of the city comes after a comprehensive hearing granted both sides when Vernon A. Forbes and H. H. De Armond, attorneys representing city and plaintiffs, respectively, appeared before Judge Bradshaw last month.

The following were the plaintiffs in the action, who brought the injunction: J. R. Reed, C. C. Pringle, M. R. Knutson, F. M. Ray, Cora A. Brosterhous, H. G. Bowser, H. E. Jones, W. B. Crawford. The injunction was granted by County Judge Springer, allegations being made on several grounds, among them that the assessment was too high and that the entire work was conducted by the city illegally.

## CITY ELECTION NEXT TUESDAY

Candidates Can File Petitions up to Noon Monday.

The annual city election will be held next Tuesday, as announced in the official notice printed in this paper. Candidates have until noon on Monday to file their petitions. The following have filed so far: Mayor—H. A. Miller; councilmen—J. D. Davidson, H. J. Overturf, Ralph Poin-dexter, Theo. Aune, M. D. Knutson; treasurer—Miss Mary E. Coleman. Anyone who is not registered but is otherwise qualified may vote by being "sworn in at the polls."

North Carolina Korn Kracker is on his way here.—Adv.

## C. O. I. SEEKS PATENT TO LAND

### LEWIS REFUSES TO CERTIFY LIST

State Engineer Alleges All Provisions of Reclamation Contract Have Not Been Carried Out—Howard and Stearns Appeal to Board.

(Special to the Bulletin.)

SALEM, Nov. 24.—With settlers impatient for patent titles to their lands, Roscoe Howard, general manager, and Jesse Stearns, secretary and attorney, of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, attended a meeting of the Desert Land Board last Thursday and sought to reach an agreement whereby State Engineer John H. Lewis would certify a proposed patent list of about 20,000 acres. The patent cannot be obtained from the general land office without the certification of the state engineer, that the lands have been reclaimed. Lewis refused to certify to the list, saying that he would not do so until all the provisions of the contract for reclaiming the lands have been carried out.

Mr. Howard charged Lewis with delaying the obtaining of the patents by laying down an arbitrary rule that an irrigation canal must have a two-foot bank above the surface of the water. Lewis denied making such a rule, and said he intended to pass upon each canal according to its own conditions.

The company officials advised the board that the work of enlarging the Central Oregon canal and extending it about a mile and a half was done with the exception of about \$4,000 worth of work which is to be done next spring. When the work is completed and approved the acreage included in the list proposed for patent will be considered reclaimed under the provisions of the law. Mr. Howard requested the state engineer to certify that these lands were reclaimed now, so the list could be patented immediately, but Lewis refused. Mr. Howard pointed out that if the company should fail to complete the work next spring, the board held enough of the company's securities to assure the work being done.

State Engineer Lewis also refused to agree to certify that the lands were reclaimed when the capacity of the canal is sufficient according to specifications, until after a measurement is obtained of the water and it is definitely known that the canal will actually deliver to the land the amount of water specified, which is 1.8 acre feet. This brought up the question of seepage, the specifications requiring that the seepage shall not exceed 30 per cent of the water turned into the canal. Lewis said he had not yet obtained information as to what the seepage was, but that if it was over 30 per cent he would consider it the duty of the company to close up any excessive leaks so as to bring the losses within the 30 per cent.

Howard and Stearns virtually went over the state engineer's head and appealed to the board to take favorably action on their request for a certificate that the lands are reclaimed. The board took no action, but requested that the company present its side of the matter in writing.

## MORSON SAILS INTO SPRINGER

### JUDGE'S ATTACK GETS HOT REPLY

Man Whom Springer Attacked Shows Up Entire Demonstration Farm Matter, As Well As His Assailant, With Logic and Wit.

(Special to the Bulletin.)

WHAT SPRINGER WROTE. The appropriation is made so now if old man Morson and other speculators will be patient we hope they will be able to unload their Jack Pine town lots and lands for at least all they are worth. The county court however is more interested in the farmers than the promoters and the County Judge has enough faith in the good sense of the voters that he dares defy all grafters and promoters, so brother Morson if you have a "recall" up your sleeve [sic], turn it on. G. SPRINGER, County Judge.

To G. Springer, County Judge.

SIR: In the "Springer Column" of the Bend Bulletin of date November 19, 1913, you have seen fit to make an attack on me because of an article appearing in the La Pine Inter-Mountain. I do not own the Inter-Mountain, I do not own its editor, nor did I directly or indirectly inspire an article in the Inter-Mountain, in which it is insinuated that as a farmer-artist you devote your time to painting spots on hogs, for exhibition purposes. I do not own the La Pine townsite, nor any stock in the company that does own it—I have no town lots for sale.

I know very little of you personally. What I do know of you is mostly by repute and of the cess-pool brand, but the cess-pool by comparison would smell as fragrant as cologne and look as beautiful as the Rose of Sharon. I do not purpose further herein to reply to your personal attack. Had you not signed your name in your official capacity I should have refused to notice your illiterate jabbering.

And now for a few words concerning your conduct in the matter of demonstration farms in Crook county. In June of 1911 there was held at Prineville, a meeting for the purpose of organizing the Central Oregon Development League. You may have been present. At this meeting it was proposed to raise \$10,000 with which to carry on in Crook county demonstration work in farming, under the direction of the Oregon Agricultural College, until the next Legislature met, at which time it was hoped an act would be passed authorizing in some manner experimental stations in the different counties in the state, and providing in whole or in part money to meet the expense. I know whereof I speak as I was present at the convention, took part in the proceedings and was a member of the committee appointed to attempt to raise funds for immediate work.

Professor Scudder, agronomist, representing the Oregon Agricultural College, was present when the sub-

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## OLDEST EX-OFFICIAL.

Laidlaw has the oldest living ex-official in the state, according to B. F. Nichols, the holder of the record. Mr. Nichols writes: "I was elected sheriff (under the provisional government of Oregon) of Polk county the first Monday in June, 1846, 67 years ago. Again in 1852, under the territorial organization, I was elected sheriff; served two years and was re-elected, serving two consecutive terms." Previously L. I. Whitcomb of Saginaw claimed the distinction; he held office 58 years ago.

## BEND FIRMS GET CONTRACT

Miller Lumber Company Wins Largest Cement Order in Territory.

Two Bend firms were the successful bidders on Tumalo Project contracts awarded during the last few days. The Miller Lumber Company draws the big end of the largest cement contract ever let in Central Oregon, and Aune Brothers secure the hauling of over 200 tons of steel flume.

The amount specified in the cement contract is 5,999 barrels, and of this the Miller Lumber Company gets three-fourths. However, it is certain that the ultimate orders will run close to 10,000 barrels, involving in excess of \$20,000. That a Bend firm, bidding in competition with practically every firm in the Northwest, could land such an important order speaks well for the wide-awakeness of local business men.

## MARRIAGE SECRET LEAKS OUT

R. H. Gibb and Mrs. Wright Wedded at Prineville, Friday.

The secret leaked out today that R. H. Gibb and Mrs. Nellie Wright were married. The ceremony was performed at Prineville last Friday afternoon by Justice A. H. Kennedy, witnesses being Mr. and Mrs. Jean Bollore.

Mrs. Wright went over to the county seat as a witness for Mr. Bollore in connection with his securing naturalization papers. Mr. Gibb driving the party over in her auto. Gene Getchell went as another witness for Mr. Bollore, and the marriage secret was even kept from him.

Mrs. Wright is proprietor of the Hotel Wright. Mr. Gibb came to Bend the first part of the year, he being a cement work contractor.

## ROSE BUSHES ARRIVE.

The rosebushes which W. D. Cheney donated to the Library Club have arrived and are at the Hudson home, where buyers may get them. There are 263 of them, consisting of the following varieties: Grus an Teplitz, Richmond, Jeanette Heller, Pink Maman Cochet, Frau Karl Druethki and Caroline Testout. These were picked for this climate by an expert rosarian after a study of local conditions. They will be sold at 50 cents each or \$5.00 a dozen.

## DOG POISONER ABROAD.

Several dogs have been poisoned since yesterday. L. C. Rudow's fine dog has died, and M. J. Main's is dying. Mont O'Donnell says he just "beat his dog to a piece of meat" lying in the street, and he is having the meat analyzed for poison. Indignant dog owners, it is understood, have raised a purse and are endeavoring to trace the dirty work to its source.

Don't forget the big Thanksgiving lunch at the Bend Hotel from 12 to 2 and the big Thanksgiving dinner from 6 to 8:30. Adv.

## STATE PROJECT COSTS ARE LOW

### EFFICIENCY, WATCH-WORD AT LAIDLAW

Despite Additional Expense of Steel Flume, Cost of Feed Canal is Below Estimate—Details of Construction Progress to Date.

(Editorial Correspondence)

LAIDLAW, Nov. 24.—With five months of operation behind it, local people and citizens of the state at large are specially interested to know somewhat of the progress made on Oregon's first officially-conducted irrigation enterprise, the Tumalo project.

How are the costs working out? That is apt to be the first query of a taxpayer, many of whom entertain sneaking suspicions that in the end, somehow, their pocket books are going to get the worst of this initial encounter with state reclamation. However, the outlook to date, is most reassuring. The work is actually costing well under the estimate. For instance, at the time of making an estimate on the work, the cost was based on wood flumes throughout. During the early part of this season, however, on the advice of the project engineer, metal flumes were substituted for the wood flumes, the cost being something like \$15,000 more than the estimated cost of wood flumes. Even with this additional cost, the feed canal will still stay under the first estimate.

Indeed, marvelous to relate, there seems to be neither cause for complaint or actual complaints. About the only people who ever howl are those who are compelled to offer competitive bids for whatever they are to supply the project, in labor or materials; for all purchasing is on the strictest business basis—unlike most governmental enterprises—and the man with the lowest price, quality considered, gets the job. So costs are about as low as they can be.

To be sure, this method is often hard on the Central Oregon merchant who comes nearer having a "kick" than anyone else, for the Portland houses seem to sell to the project at lower figures than they will to the merchant himself, so that little or no money is spent "at home." However, the project engineer simply says that he was told to put the job through as economically as possible, and he assuredly appears to be following instructions.

Even Settlers Satisfied. Even the settlers seem satisfied—and anyone will admit that a satisfied settler on an irrigation segregation is the eighth wonder of the world!

An amusing and characteristic instance of "Laugaard's way" has a box for the hero: In the early spring a number of small pigs were purchased and kept around the camps on the waste from the mess houses. These are now being killed for pork and the profit is shown to be about 200 per cent on the investment. In other words, even the swill is utilized.

But of course all the efficiency is not due to Mr. Laugaard alone; the corps of men working with and under him has a lot to do with it, for in personnel and enthusiastic spirit the

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