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LEVY MEETING NEXT SATURDAY

PROPOSED TAXES TO BE DISCUSSED

Road Matter May Be Settled Earlier
By Providing Three Districts—
East Half of County Pays Only
Fifth of Taxes, Records Show.

Word has just come from Prineville that residents of the Paulina country plan to be on hand at the levy meeting Saturday in force, and that they will demand that \$40,000 of the proposed road-work fund be spent on the extreme east side. That is, while paying less than one-fifth of the taxes, they want more than one-fourth of the money. Redmond, Sisters and Laidlaw report they will have representatives to fight any such grab to the last ditch, and many Bend men are expecting to lend a hand.

There is every promise of the hottest kind of a meeting at Prineville this Saturday, when the County Court hears a public discussion regarding the proposed tax levy for next year. There will be heavy representations from many sections of the county. The extreme east-siders, it is understood, will kick desperately against anything approaching a high tax, for roads or anything else. Redmond and Bend, and for that matter, most of the west side, are willing to see the court place a heavy levy for road work, on the condition that a large percentage of the expenditure be in the district or, at least, the immediate territory, where the taxes actually originate.

It is said that the court will agree to such a plan. Contrary to this, however, is the rumor that already the expenditure of \$25,000 on the Prineville-Paulina road has been pledged.

Three Districts Proposed.
However, the road matter probably will be thrashed out by the County Court before Saturday. Representatives from Redmond, Sisters and Bend expect to go over perhaps today. The plan that seems nearest to the certainty of adoption is to divide the county into three districts, each presided over by one man, so far as road work is concerned. The divisions which it is understood meet the approval of the majority of the County Court are approximately as follows: One north of Crooked river and west of a line continuing the old river bed, one east of the old river bed, and the third south of Crooked river (this line continued to the Cascades) and west of the river bed. The boundaries given are only approximations. The part that it is understood will be insisted upon is that at least 75 per cent of the money originating in any district be spent in that district, which, it is argued, is an absolutely just scheme.

It is a fact that, if one draws a north and south line through the county, intersecting a point one mile east of Prineville, the territory included to the east of that line has an assessed valuation of only \$2,000,000, or less than one-fifth of the entire county.

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SCHOOL TAX LEVY FIXED

Only Five Voters at Meeting, and All Vote For 15 1/2 MBP.

The tax levy meeting for school district No. 12 had its usual attendance this year. It was held last Saturday evening at 8 o'clock at the school house, as advertised, and five taxpayers were on hand, including two members of the school board, the clerk, school principal and a newspaper representative. Three other taxpayers arrived later, two of them women.

The budget prepared by the clerk was considered and it was voted that the levy be placed at 15 1/2 mills, which is 3 1/2 mills lower than last year. The assessed valuation of the district is \$1,211,748.

JOINT PUBLIC INSTALLATION

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs Will Have Interesting Ceremony.

A joint public installation of officers is being arranged by the Bend Subordinate and Rebekah lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for Monday evening, January 5. This will be the first ceremony of the kind ever held in Bend and is expected to be an interesting event. In connection with these exercises, there will be other entertaining features which are being worked out by a joint committee of the two lodges.

In connection with the installation, there will be a reunion, not only of the members of the local lodges, but of all who belong to these two orders elsewhere and are now in this locality.

ASSESSMENT IS 50 PER CENT

Public Utilities in Crook County Taxed on that Basis.

(Special to the Bulletin.)
SALEM, Dec. 1.—In Crook county the total assessed valuation is \$11,593,559. This includes the public utilities, which are valued at \$2,564,864, and assessed for taxation purposes at \$1,277,432. The assessment of public utilities for taxation purposes was based on 50 per cent of cash value, which the tax commissioner determined was the basis on which other property in the county was assessed.

The railroads in Crook county were valued at \$2,496,420 and assessed at \$1,248,210. The telephones were valued at \$45,032, and assessed at \$22,516.

TREE AT GRANGE HALL.

There will be a Christmas tree for the neighborhood given at the Grange Hall on Christmas Eve, with a program by the Sunday school. No individual presents are expected to be brought and the people of the community are providing a treat for the children. Everybody is invited to the exercises.

VAUGHAN FINED \$25.

The case of the State vs. Sam Vaughan, in which J. H. Stanley was the prosecuting witness, was heard in Justice Keates' court Friday and the defendant was fined \$25 for polluting the waters of the Central Oregon canal by driving sheep through them. V. A. Forbes appeared for Mr. Stanley and C. S. Benson for the defendant.

MORE LAND IS OPENED.

Acting Secretary of Agriculture Galloway has recommended that the southwest quarter of section 10 in township 24 south, range 14 east, W. M. be opened to entry and settlement in accordance with the provisions of the act of June 11, 1905. G. N. Holcomb of Fort Rock is named as having the prior right of entry.

NEW CONTRACTS ARE APPROVED

TUMALO SETTLERS WIN ALL POINTS

First Mortgage on Lands to Reimburse State for Construction Cost. Payments in Ten Installments At Six Per Cent Interest.

(Special to the Bulletin.)
SALEM, Ore., Dec. 1.—Conceding to the settlers every objection raised to the provisions of the contract to be made between the state and the settlers on the Tumalo irrigation project, the desert land board last Saturday afternoon formally approved the contract.

Another important action taken by the board was the entering of an order that 95 per cent of the land held by settlers in the first unit of the project must be signed up with the state before the construction work will be commenced on the distribution system for that unit. It was understood that if the land is not signed up within a reasonable length of time the board would direct that some other unit of the project should be completed first.

This order affects practically all the settlers who have been getting water out of the old Columbia Southern canal.

The contract provides for a first mortgage on the land to reimburse the state for the actual cost of constructing the project, so until the work is practically completed the exact amount the settlers will have to pay for water will not be known. In addition to the actual cost price, the law provides that the state shall charge \$5 an acre additional. Deferred payments will draw six per cent interest. Payments may be made in 10 installments. The first payment will become due and the interest will begin to run on deferred payments when the water is available for the land, according to an explanation by the state engineer.

NEW MAIL SERVICE

Beginning January 1 Mail from Sherman Comes by O-W, R. & N.

Postmaster Ford has received word that beginning January 1, 1914, mail will be brought in from Sherman by the O-W, R. & N. train that arrives here at 7:45 p. m. Inasmuch as nothing is said about any discontinuance of the present service on the Oregon Trunk by which mail from Portland arrives at 8 a. m. it is believed that this new arrangement will be in addition to the present one.

This is a change that has been sought ever since the Oregon Trunk put on its night train for while that train served to bring Portland mail to Bend sooner than was possible under the old schedule. It actually lengthened the time in which eastern mail was on the road since it had to go in to Portland and return from there. Under this new way the eastern mail will be put off the train from the east at Sherman and brought direct to Bend. In the same manner outgoing mail will be expedited making the time on the road much shorter than present.

SEWER SYSTEM IS COMPLETED

SANITARY EQUIPMENT COST \$77,000

City Handled Job Itself, R. E. Koon Being Engineer in Charge—Needs of Town of 25,000 Inhabitants Now Cared for By System.

Bend's sewer system is completed. The odds and ends of finishing and clean-up work will be out of the way during the next ten days, and as soon as the City Council formally accepts the job from the engineer, the system can be placed in operation.

The completion of the work equips Bend with an absolutely first class modern sewer, serving not only the business district but a considerable amount of residential property as well. The total outlay, including labor, material, engineering and purchase of right of way, and property for the disposal plant, is approximately \$77,000.

The system embraces about 4 1/2 miles of main and lateral sewers, and gives Bend sewer mains capable of caring for a town of 25,000. However, in making the plans for this unit, a complete system was laid out, into which this unit fits. The balance of the work thus planned embraces about 13 1/2 miles of mains and laterals, and will cost in addition about \$210,000.

R. E. Koon in Charge.

Since February 27, 1912, the firm of J. B. & R. E. Koon of Chicago has been in charge of the work as engineers, R. E. Koon being on hand to superintend. Since January 22 of this year Mr. Koon has had complete charge of the job, the city at that time abrogating the contract with the South Portland Crushed Rock Company, the latter being unable to complete it, and doing the balance of the work itself.

The money expended has been divided up under separate heads approximately as follows: Labor, \$25,000; pipe, \$11,000; manholes, \$1800; real estate, \$22,000; disposal plant, \$6000; engineering, \$7500; miscellaneous, including equipment, powder, extra work, etc., \$16,000.

Details of the System.

The pipe system involves the use of approximately 6500 feet of 24-inch pipe, 3300 feet of 18-inch pipe, 3800 feet of 12-inch pipe, 2200 feet of 10-inch pipe, and 4800 feet of 8-inch pipe; the excavation of about 9000 cubic yards of rock and 5000 cubic yards of earth and the building of 50 manholes. Six tunnels are required, aggregating a total length of about 380 feet, the longest of which 50 manholes. Six tunnels are required. The disposal plant consists essentially of a settling tank of the Imhoff type and beds for the ultimate disposal of the liquid wastes.

From the tank the clarified sewage flows onto half acre beds, so piped and arranged as to provide for the rapid and uniform distribution of the flow.

C. R. Cook, one of the foremen, was laid off the first, and R. J. Morehouse quits on the 10th; together with Frank May, timekeeper, Mr.

Don't forget that shine every day in the week. The Metropolitan, (successors to Innes & Davidson.) Adv.

Koon will leave some time in December for Portland, where he will open an office. He will keep in touch with the operation of the plant, and should occasion require, return here as wanted.



Engineer R. E. Koon.

MORSON SAYS HE WILL SUE SPRINGER FOR \$10,000

La Pine Man Will Give Judge Chance To Air Charges in Court.

The Bulletin received the following telegram from J. E. Morson this morning:

Portland, Dec. 2.

"Bend Bulletin:"

Came here today to begin proceedings against Springer for ten thousand dollars but find my attorney on his way to New York to be gone one month. I am sorry to keep the judge waiting to make good his charge.

(Signed) J. E. MORSON.

Two weeks ago County Judge Springer made some scathing references to J. E. Morson of La Pine in a published letter. In last week's Bulletin Mr. Morson replied. It now appears that Mr. Morson will sue Judge Springer for libel.

DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE MEET

Officers Elected. League Favors Appropriation for Reclamation.

The suggestion made by Vernon A. Forbes that the towns of this section take action toward securing a Federal appropriation for reclamation of additional land adjacent to the Tumalo Project met with favor at a meeting of the Laidlaw Development League last Saturday and a committee was appointed to confer with other committees from the other towns interested.

Other business transacted at the meeting was the appointment of a committee consisting of F. B. Wilson, J. J. Coen, and F. H. Pinkstaff to audit the bills incurred in the construction of the hall in which the recent fair was held. They amount to about \$600. Cash in hand and pledges applicable on this indebtedness amount to something over a third of this sum.

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, W. D. Barnes; vice president J. J. Coen; secretary, S. R. Brown; treasurer, F. B. Wilson.

J. J. Adams, James Breen and Dennis McCole went to The Dalles Saturday to join the K. of C. order.

MILLER CHOSEN MAYOR OF BEND

ONLY 204 VOTES WERE CAST

Councilmen Elected Are Anne, Davidson, and Knutsen—Miss Coleman, as Treasurer, Will Be First Woman Official in County.

After January first, 1914, H. A. Miller will be mayor of Bend, Theodore Anne, J. D. Davidson and Martin D. Knutsen councilmen, and Miss Mary E. Coleman treasurer. That was decided at yesterday's municipal election, which was the quietest held here for years.

H. A. Miller, who had no opposition for the mayoralty, led the field by 175 votes. Miss Coleman, who wins the distinction of being the first feminine official in Central Oregon, polled 172 votes. The other vote was as follows: Anne, 149; Davidson, 149; Knutsen, 127; H. J. Overturf, 97; R. V. Poindexter, 56. In all 204 votes were cast, of which 56 were women. Of those voting, 38 were sworn in, 166 having registered. At last year's city election the total vote was 345, and 114 women voted.

The councilmen who hold over next year are H. E. Allen, A. S. Collins and E. A. Sather. The councilmen who go out of office the first of the new year are A. L. French, John Steidl and H. A. Miller. The election board was composed of Frank May, Mrs. Jennie Sellers, Mrs. A. M. Pringle, Ross Farnham, J. C. Rhodes and F. O. Minor.

Immediately after the count had been completed the council went into session and canvassed the returns.

To Inspect Sewer.

Routine council business was transacted, bills being paid. Construction engineer R. E. Koon reported that the sewer was complete, and requested that the council make its inspection and, if satisfied, accept the work. The council and all who wish to go will start from Koon's office tomorrow, Thursday, at 1:30, and walk over the entire system. Already it has been inspected by the engineers, water has been passed through its entire length, and "lights" taken from one manhole to another with lanterns.

The recommendation of Mayor Putnam, as chairman of the sewer committee, that all the books of the engineer be expeted was endorsed by the council. This will be done as soon as practicable, and a report published showing the nature of all expenditures.

MINISTER IS THANKFUL.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Judd gave them a surprise by bringing them a number of valuable things intended to make their Thanksgiving day a time for real gratitude. These gifts came not only from members of the Baptist church, but many of their friends in Bend and the surrounding country and those living in Deschutes contributed liberally to the collection.

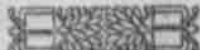
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