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FIRE DESTROYS BOILER HOUSE

BEND COMPANY'S MILL FORCED TO CLOSE

Blaze Early Last Evening Puts Mill Out of Commission—Damage Done Amounts to \$3000—Fire Kept From Spreading to the Mill.

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the boiler house at The Bend Company's mill early last night. The corrugated iron covering of the building kept the fire within its walls except for one or two places where connections were made with adjoining structures and efficient work on the part of members of the mill crew kept the blaze from spreading over these.

At 7:30 when E. H. Post, the night watchman, made his rounds everything in the boiler house was all right and he and Frank Slavens, the night fireman, went to cleaning out the mill. Their attention was called to the nearby building when the lights on the line serving it went out and they hurried down to see what the matter was. They found the inside of the room ablaze and the fire already so hot that Slavens could get to the whistle for only a short blow. This was heard by J. W. Dimplex at his home across the river and he fired several shots as an alarm.

All the employees of the company living in the neighborhood of the mill and many from across the river gathered at the fire and successfully devoted their efforts to keeping it within its original bounds.

The heavy fog which came up the river early in the evening shut off sight of the fire from town and in consequence only a few went over to it. According to J. P. Keyes, manager of the company, the loss amounts to between \$2000 and \$3000, all of which is covered by insurance. No plans have been made for rebuilding or putting the old boilers in commission but it is believed that some arrangement to procure power will be made at once in order that the planer may run and no serious interruption occur in the shipments of lumber. Sawing would have come to an end for the season very soon even if the fire had not occurred.

This is the third fire that has visited this property in three and a half years. A large portion of the lumber in the adjoining yard was destroyed on the night of January 13, 1912, and on April 23, 1910, the mill buildings were destroyed. One of the boilers in last night's fire also went through that earlier one.

DEATH OF C. M. SHERER.

Charles M. Sherer, the 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sherer of Powell Butte, died in a hospital at Salem Sunday. He had been an invalid for some time. The body was brought to Redmond for burial.

COUNCIL ACCEPTS SEWER.

The City Council held a special meeting Monday night to receive the final report of H. E. Koon on the sewer system. A detailed statement was submitted and the city formally accepted the system, built at a cost of approximately \$79,000. City officials and interested citizens walked over the entire line last Thursday and inspected it. The city will have money enough to pay for it in full as soon as the sewer assessments are all received. The system is now in use, having been placed in charge of George S. Young, as superintendent of sewers.

MAKING EXPERIMENTS OF CINDERS FOR HIGHWAY

County Court Appropriates \$200 For Test of Material on Pilot Butte. E. W. Richardson Doing Work. Under direction of the County Court, E. W. Richardson is making an experiment with cinders taken from a pit on the southwest side of Pilot Butte, to determine their value as a road-making material. Work was started last week, a stretch of about a half mile having been decided on to be improved. This is part of the Bend-Turns road, just east of the city dumping ground. Mr. Richardson appeared before the City Council Monday night and presented the matter, asking for cooperation and an appropriation to assist in the work so that a mile of road could be cindered. The councilmen thought that an experiment of a half mile would be as good as a mile and so took no action at this time.

LODGES ELECT OFFICERS

Those Who Will Serve in 1914 Being Chosen.

The local lodges are now electing officers for the coming year or half year as the by-laws may provide. In addition to those already announced in The Bulletin, the following have elected their staffs:

Knight of Pythias—V. A. Forbes, U. C.; Ralph Poindexter, V. C.; J. E. Engstrom, prelate; Howard Palmer, M. at A.; N. P. Smith, M. of W.; L. M. McReynolds, K. R. S.; Guy McReynolds, M. of F.

Fraternal Brotherhood—J. H. Conarn, president; C. W. Thornthwaite, vice president; Julius Kortman, treasurer; Miss Alice Caldwell, secretary; Mrs. F. C. Fish, chaplain; C. H. Shumway, sergeant at arms; Mrs. John Linster, mistress of arms; Miss Ruth Caldwell, musician; Mrs. C. McIntosh, captain of drill team; Mrs. W. P. Downing, inside doorkeeper.

The Masons will hold their election tomorrow evening.

NEW BANK EXAMINER CALLS.

Lloyd L. Muir, formerly cashier of the First National Bank at Ashland but now state bank examiner, spent Monday in Bend. This was his first visit here as a state official and he made a favorable impression on the local banking people. He reported finding Bend's leading bank, the First National, in a prosperous condition, as usual.

TAX RATE FOR BEND 24 MILLS

TOTAL VALUATIONS ARE \$390,816

Public Service Corporations Assessed at \$31,996—Estimated Expenses for 1914 Placed at \$14,240—Detail of the Budget Given.

The 1914 tax levy for Bend has been set by the City Council and totals 24 mills. This is divided as follows: 13.9 mills general and 10.1 mills special to pay interest on sewer bonds.

The levy is made on an assessed valuation of \$358,820 exclusive of railroad and other public utility companies. According to a statement received from County Assessor H. A. Foster, these public service corporations show, within Bend, assessed valuations totaling \$31,996, making the grand total assessment in the city \$390,816. The following shows the valuations of the various public service corporations as reported by Mr. Foster:

Oregon Trunk Ry \$25,850
U-W, R. & N. Co. 5,170
Northern Exp Co. 25
Great Northern Exp Co. 25
American Exp Co. 25
Pioneer Telephone Co. 560

The following is the budget which was used as a basis for the city levy:

STREETS.
New work \$1500
Lighting 2100
Sprinkling 1155
Water for sprinkling 250
..... \$5105

FIRE.
Hydrants now in use \$525
Additional hydrants 70
New equipment 350
Repairs, etc. 200
..... \$1215

POLICE.
Salaries and supplies \$1500
New jail building 1000
..... \$2500

SUNDRIES.
Salaries of paid officials \$1050
Rent and fuel 150
Library 120
Printing and codification 300
Postage, stationery, etc. 200
..... \$1820

SEWER.
Interest on bonds \$3500
Total estimated expenses \$14,240
Total deficit January 1, 1914 2,000
..... \$16,240

Estimated receipts \$7800
To be raised by levy 8440
The council adopted a resolution allowing the saloons to pay half of the \$1200 license fee at this time and the remainder at the middle of the year. All eight are re-applying for licenses, as is shown by the notices printed elsewhere in this issue.

LEVY MEETING VERY STORMY

WEST SIDE DELEGATES SCORE

Springer's Pet Idea to Give Lion's Share of Road Money to East Side Vigorously Opposed—Seven Bend Men Were in Attendance.

The following is the levy set by the County Court:

- General school Mills
- County high school 3 1/2
- County and all purposes 1 1/2
- State 6
- Total 26

The levy in school district No. 12, in which Bend is, is 15 1/2 mills, and the city levy is 24 mills, making a total of 41 1/2 in district 12 outside of Bend and 65 1/2 inside the city.

PRINEVILLE, Dec. 8.—From nearly every part of the county the taxpayers gathered Saturday to attend the meeting here called for a discussion of the budget of expenses for the coming year. As expected, the road item was given the most attention, and the outcome of the matter was that no special road levy as had been proposed was made by the County Court.

Judge Springer proposed that the eastern part of the county be given \$60,000 for road work and the west side only \$15,000. It was planned to spend \$5000 on the "high desert" road from Bend, \$5000 on the McKenzie and \$5000 on the Beegle grade. The \$60,000 was to be used on the roads between Prineville and Mitchell, Prineville and Bear Creek and Prineville and Paulina. This \$75,000 was to be raised by a 7-mill levy. Vigorous opposition to such a scheme came from the western delegation, the chief spokesmen of which were J. W. Brewer of Redmond and George Aitken of Sisters. The east side tried to make it appear that the biggest and the greatest number of taxpayers live on the east side, but this was effectually contradicted by the figures of the last election.

Springer's idea was that the east side did not have railroad transportation and therefore should get the county roads, and he was strongly supported by Isadore Myers and Wm. Congleton as spokesmen of the east side. The judge tried to force a vote on his proposition, but was met with such sharp opposition that he let the matter drop.

W. F. King spoke both as an individual and as secretary of the Good Roads Association. In the course of his remarks he made the statement that if you draw a line north and south approximately 5 miles east of Prineville you would have nearly \$2,000,000 of assessable property on the east side of the line and \$9,000,000 on the west side; that if you draw a line north and south 7 miles

west of Prineville you would have approximately \$3,000,000 (exclusive of Prineville) east of this line and approximately \$6,400,000 (exclusive of Bend) west of the line.

Enforcement of the state weed law was discussed and it was the sentiment that a strict enforcement of this law would bankrupt the county. The item in the budget regarding the county sealer was taken up and H. C. Ellis of Bend suggested that this official be placed on a fee basis. The suggestion met with approval. Bend was represented by a delegation consisting of V. A. Forbes, H. C. Ellis, E. A. Sather, J. P. Keyes, Geo. S. Young, R. M. Elder and T. H. Foley.

FREIGHT BY PARCEL POST

Limit of Weight of Packages Will Be Raised to 50 Pounds.

Sweeping changes in the parcel post regulations are announced by Postmaster General Burleson to take effect January 1. For the first two zones the limit is raised from 20 to 50 pounds, and for the rest of the zones the 20-pound limit is made to apply, the present weight limit being 11 pounds.

In addition to these changes, it is announced that books will be allowed to be sent by parcel post after March 16, 1914.

In the third zone the rates are reduced to 6 cents for the first pound and 2 cents for each additional pound. In the fourth zone, 7 cents and 4 cents. In the fifth zone, 8 cents and 6 cents. In the sixth zone, 9 cents and 8 cents.

CENTRAL OREGON SHOOT.

The Bend Rod and Gun Club is arranging for a big Central Oregon shooting tournament to be held on the local grounds Christmas day. All the gun clubs of this part of the state are invited, and there will be a big list of prizes given, as well as turkeys. The poor shots as well as the cranks will have prizes for which to compete. The events will include shooting with rifles, shotguns and revolvers. A large attendance is expected.

RE-SALE OF WHITE ESTATE.

The re-sale of the John W. White property will take place tomorrow at 10 o'clock. At the first sale held last June, which was set aside by the court, the Wall-Oregon street corner across from the location of the Deschutes Banking & Trust Co. was bid in at \$3600 and the lot at the corner of Bond and Nevada streets occupied by the Holmes & Smith saloon brought \$4050. The up-river ranch went at \$2950 and the Pilot Butte acreage at \$2850. The sale is to be by auction on the property.

ATTENDED HOTEL CONVENTION.

Hugh O'Kane returned from Portland Monday morning, accompanied by Mrs. O'Kane. While in the metropolis Mr. O'Kane attended the hotel men's convention, and his face was distinguishable in a picture of the hotel men published in Saturday's Journal.

METOLIN LAND RELEASED.

Acting Secretary of Agriculture Galloway has recommended the release of lots 4 and 5, 83.84 acres, in section 6-12-10, from withdrawal for administrative purposes of the forest service. This tract was part of the which is now reduced to approximately 80 acres.

WAITING FOR STEEL FLUME

TRESTLE ON TUMALO PROJECT READY

Contractors Have Been Delayed Getting the Material Shipped—Men on Works Paid Off Saturday. About \$0160 Being Distributed.

(Staff Correspondence)

LAILAW, Dec. 6.—The last lick of work on the trestles which are to support the steel flume of the Tumalo project feed canal has been done. The structures are very substantially built, with cement foundations for the bents and with the timbers all thoroughly bolted together. At each end of the trestle work the canal has been lined with concrete.

W. P. Butler, representing the company that has the contract for furnishing the flume, was here today and went over the entire distance that is to be flumed. The flume was to have been delivered long before this date, but the company has not been able to make the first shipment yet and the wires have been kept hot with messages regarding the delivery of the material. Mr. Butler promised that the flume would be delivered before January 1, to which date the company has been granted an extension of time. The finishing of the flume is being done in Portland, the sheet steel being shipped from the East. It is probable that even if the flume arrives by January 1 it will not be hung until a couple of months later, as the camps are being shut down and will not be reopened until spring work starts.

The excavation work on the canal is all completed except for the J. J. Adams contracts. He has about 25 men and a number of teams at work, but there is a big amount of excavating yet to be done, largely rock work. The contractors who bid for work on the canal have not made any money, as they took the work too low and several of them have lost.

Axel Bys, one of the superintendents on the project, is leaving next week for a visit to his old home in Norway, to be gone for several months.

Men Paid Off Saturday.

The men on the project were given a very pleasant surprise today, when the project officials came around and handed them their checks for last month's work. This surprise was not in getting the checks, but in getting them so early in the month, as heretofore they have had to wait from a month to six weeks to get paid for their labor. The improvement is due to the new payroll system which is now in perfect working order. The men all got checks drawn on the First National Bank of Bend, and a large number of them went to town tonight to get them cashed. The payroll amounted to a little more than \$6100.

The Deschutes Banking & Trust Company
BEND, OREGON


TEMPORARY LOCATION south of Bean Bldg. on Wall St.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

See Ad. on Page 8

Bend Hardware Co.

FIRE!
IT CAN'T BURN YOUR PAPERS AND VALUABLES IF THEY ARE IN OUR SAFETY DEPOSIT VAULTS



FIRE! FIRE! FIRE! If your house should take fire you are apt to be so excited that, even though you have plenty of time, you will rush out and leave behind, to be burned up, YOUR WILL, other valuable papers and jewelry. The best way is to put them into one of our SAFETY DEPOSIT BOXES in our fire and burglar-proof vaults. A private box will cost you only \$3 per year.

We also solicit your BANK ACCOUNT.

The First National Bank of Bend.