

TO MAKE BEND HEADQUARTERS?

PLANS BY DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Would Have All Settlers Come Here For Advice as to Location—Brewer to List Lands and Give Assistance—Funds Are Pledged.

Plans for making Bend the headquarters of the Central Oregon Development League were discussed at a meeting of the Commercial Club in the City Council room Monday evening and a resolution was passed pledging sufficient funds to pay office expenses if the proposed headquarters are established here.

C. S. Hudson opened the discussion by explaining a plan that had been developed by the railroads and others interested in the work of the league to have J. W. Brewer, secretary of the league, open an office here and devote all his time to preparing lists of lands in Central Oregon open for entry or purchase and to the organization of associations in the different towns that would provide him with detailed information of the lands in their vicinity. Through the railroads all prospective settlers who bought tickets into this country would be instructed to come to Bend and consult with Mr. Brewer, who would learn just what sort of land they were looking for and advise them where to go to find it. What was wanted of Bend, Mr. Hudson explained, was to have an office furnished with water, heat, light and telephone service.

It was the sentiment of those present that such work on the part of the league would be of considerable benefit to the country and that an effort should be made to have the headquarters in Bend. The resolution that was passed pledges the Commercial Club to provide the necessary office. Individual guarantees sufficient to cover any shortage were given by business men present. The matter will be decided at a meeting to be held in Portland tomorrow at which Bend will be represented.

Meeting at Laidlaw Saturday.

The only other matter brought up at the meeting was V. A. Forbe's proposition that the towns interested should take action to procure government assistance to finish the section of the Tumalo project not included in the present state work. A committee consisting of V. A. Forbe, C. S. Hudson and J. P. Keyes has been appointed to meet the committees from the other towns and consider plans of action. The joint meeting is to be held at Laidlaw on Saturday.

CANAL WORK IS OVER

Central Oregon Company Stops Work For Season—Will Finish in Spring.

The work of enlarging the Central Oregon canal between the 8 and 11 mileposts which the company began

some time ago has been finished for the season, the ground having frozen to such an extent as to prevent further work on it. Several men are still busy getting out the rock from the bottom of the canal along the portion enlarged, but will finish in a short time.

According to Roscoe Howard of the C. O. I. Co. about six weeks' work in the spring will complete the enlargement. This will be dirt work and will be undertaken as soon as the ground is in condition.

BEND COMPANY'S PLANER OPERATED WITHOUT DELAY

Logging Engine is Belted up With It. Shipments to the East Resumed. Adjusters of Fire Loss Expected.

Although its boiler house was completely destroyed by last week's fire, The Bend Company had its planer in operation within 48 hours after the fire and had resumed shipments of lumber to the East. This was accomplished by belting up with the planer the logging engine the company purchased a year ago. For some time the engine has stood idle on a lot off Wall street, but on Wednesday it was put in order and taken around to the mill by way of the of the county bridge. On Thursday the planer was at work.

Plans for rebuilding the boiler house are waiting the adjustment of the insurance. An adjuster is expected to arrive today or tomorrow when the loss will be ascertained and an inspector is expected to report on the condition of the boilers that went through the fire. It is understood that the boiler house will be rebuilt during the winter.

SALOON LICENSE REDUCED

Council Amends Ordinance to Make Annual Charges \$1000.

The saloon men of the town appeared before the City Council at a special meeting held yesterday afternoon to ask for a reduction in the license fee for the coming year. After hearing remarks on the subject from the liquor dealers and other citizens present, the council voted to take the matter under advisement and this afternoon another meeting was held at which the council voted to reduce the annual fee from \$1200 to \$1000, payable quarterly in advance.

This reduction is in the nature of a compromise as the saloon men asked that the reduction be to \$800. The meeting yesterday afternoon was attended by a large crowd, including several local ministers.

POUSCH IS MISSING.

Jesse Pousch, who has been in the asylum twice, has been missing from his homestead 25 miles east of Bend since last Friday a week. He was out there looking after stock for Ernest Luthy. It is feared that he may have strayed off and committed suicide. The sheriff has been notified but no search has been made as yet, according to reports received here.

STATE ASKED TO TAKE OVER AND COMPLETE NORTH CANAL PROJECT

President of Central Oregon Irrigation Company Makes Proposition to Desert Land Board—Land Can be Irrigated for \$24 an Acre, it is Stated

(Special to The Bulletin.)

SALEM, Dec. 15.—It is possible the state may take over the North canal unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company's project and complete it in a similar manner to the Tumalo Project. Such a proposition has been presented to the Desert Land Board by F. B. Stanley, president of the company.

This proposition was made at the suggestion of Governor West, who is advocating state and federal co-operation in completing the irrigation projects in the state which are struggling under financial difficulties in the hands of private concerns.

Governor West stated that indications point to a successful outcome of the Tumalo Project, and if this proves to be the case, then he would favor taking over the North canal unit of the Central Oregon Project. The Desert Land Board took no action, favorable or otherwise, on the proposition and the matter was left for action at the next meeting. The board could do nothing more at this time, if favorable, than endorse the proposition and prepare to present it to the Interior Department and the next Legislature.

State Treasurer Kay strongly opposed the proposition, as he said he was opposed to the Tumalo Project and he will oppose the state taking hold of any other irrigation project.

Stanley Submits Proposition.

President Stanley, in his proposal, says the company has expended \$200,000 on this unit of the project, and he estimates it will cost \$450,000 to \$500,000 to complete it. He says the company submits the proposition for the purpose of securing sufficient funds to pay its indebtedness and to complete the work under the Central Oregon and Pilot Butte canals. His letter to the Desert Land Board says:

"The State of Oregon and the United States are jointly expending \$100,000 on a survey of the Deschutes country, seeking a feasible irrigation project to be developed by the United States.

"Our knowledge of the country leads us to believe that the survey will not discover a project wherein the land can be reclaimed for less than from \$50 to \$75 per acre."

"We herewith offer to turn over to the United States or the state of Oregon, or both, part of our project, some 34,000 irrigable acres, known as the North canal system, which will cost only \$24 per acre to reclaim and which can be cleanly cut away from the balance of our lands now being watered by our Central Oregon and Pilot Butte canals.

"As you know, we have built a concrete dam, arch type, 33 feet high, in the Deschutes river, one mile north of the town of Bend, and about one and one-half miles of 1000 cubic second foot capacity canal running toward the east, for the purpose of reclaiming the 34,000 acres above mentioned, and also to increase the

flow in our Pilot Butte and Central Oregon canals. The North canal is partially concrete lined, and we will complete the lining as far as the intersection with the Pilot Butte canal, a distance of about one and one-half miles.

"We have built the intake and the first one and one-half miles of canal (when lining is completed) to carry 114 cubic second feet of water for our Central Oregon canal, and 307 for our Pilot Butte canal, also 579 cubic second feet to irrigate the 34,000 acres under the North canal system.

"In providing for the construction of the extension of the North canal system it will be necessary to include, as we have done, in our estimates cited herein, the carriage and delivery of the necessary water to 2200 acres of land heretofore sold under the system. These deliveries, however, will be found to be a simple matter and will not complicate the handling of the North canal system as a separate unit.

"We will relinquish our contract to the North canal lands and turn over the North canal and dam, the deliveries mentioned above to be provided for in the construction of the extension of the system, for the sum of \$200,000. This is less than our cost of this part of the project; and we make this offer for the purpose of securing sufficient funds to pay our indebtedness on this work and to complete the work under our Central Oregon and Pilot Butte canals, so that we may turn them over to the settlers; and further to secure under the auspices of the state or the United States, a more rapid settlement of the lands than we could accomplish.

The cost of completion, in accordance with the separate reports of Engineers C. M. Redfield and O. Laurgaard, is approximately \$450,000. We believe these estimates to be conservative, but should the cost of completion be \$500,000, the total cost would not exceed \$800,000, including the amount paid us for more than three-eighths of the work, which we have completed. The reclamation of 34,000 acres would thus cost less than \$24 per acre.

"This is of course less than it would cost private parties to complete as they would have to pay for financing.

"It would be of great benefit to the state to make this large body of low priced irrigated land quickly available for settlement."

INITIATED AT PRINEVILLE

Party of Bend Odd Fellows Had Big Time Saturday Night.

Fifteen Bend Odd Fellows, aspiring to membership in the higher branch of the order, the Encampment, journeyed to Prineville Saturday evening and at an all-night ses-

sion at the Prineville lodge hall received "what was coming to them." Reports are that everybody had a bushel of fun, especially the county seat folks who had charge of the ceremonies. The visitors returned home Sunday. Five auto loads composed the party.

The Bend Encampment sprang a surprise on the Prineville men in the way of a banquet which had been arranged without the knowledge of the county seat lodge. This was served at 12:30 a. m., after which the initiation ceremonies were concluded.

The following Odd Fellows "rode the goat": J. H. Connors, M. A. Palmer, Clarence Mannheim, Willis Noland, N. W. Caldwell, U. N. Hoffman, J. E. Rainey, H. G. Rainey, E. C. Cook, Elmer Meistad, Dr. A. L. Williams, H. J. McKim, A. Forbes, A. H. Gove and Edwin V. Anderson.

Other members of the local Encampment going over were O. M. Patterson, N. P. Weider, Ralph Poindecker, A. L. French, J. E. Engelbrecht, Geo. P. Gove, L. L. Fox and A. S. Collins, and W. D. Barnes and A. J. Harter of Laidlaw.

DESCHUTES SURVEY RECEIVES MENTION

Co-Operation of State With Federal Authorities is Commended—Report Outlines Work and Lands.

The attitude of the state of Oregon in co-operating with the federal government in making surveys and undertaking the reclamation of land is commended in the annual report of the Reclamation Service recently submitted to Congress by Secretary Lane. Speaking of the joint fund of \$100,000 contributed for the investigation of the irrigation possibilities of the Deschutes, the report says:

"The irrigation project suggested in the Deschutes basin contemplates the storage of approximately 700,000 acre feet of water by means of a dam at Benham Falls and the irrigation of three large units of land. The first or south unit lies east of Benham Falls and south and west of Crooked river; the second or west unit lies west of the Deschutes river, and would cover part of the Tumalo project now being constructed by the state under direct appropriation; the third or north unit lies north of the Crooked river. The total irrigable area has been estimated at between 200,000 and 300,000 acres. Test boring are being made at the proposed dam site and surveys started to determine areas of irrigable land in the units described and preliminary estimates of cost. No investigations for other projects have yet been taken up."

ANNUAL CROP REPORT.

Final estimates of crop production and values for the year 1913 recently made by the Department of Agriculture show a general falling off in production and a slight increase in values. In the whole country the production of wheat and rye only made gain over 1912, while in Oregon the only gain was in oats. The most noticeable difference between the figures for last year and this is in the potato crop and values. The production is off about 4,000,000 bushels and the price up 27 cents.

HOT ELECTION AT PRINEVILLE

CITY OFFICIALS ARE CHOSEN

Clifton Elected Mayor by Big Majority—Woman is Defeated For City Treasurer—Ex-Sheriff Balfour Loses in Race For Marshal.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

PRINEVILLE, Dec. 16.—The city election here yesterday was a decidedly hot one, and a big vote was polled. For every office there was a contest. Up to Saturday it appeared that G. N. Clifton would be unopposed for mayor, but Earl McLaughlin then entered the race. Clifton won in a walk, however, polling 258 votes to McLaughlin's 97.

In the councilmanic race there appeared seven candidates, and the following three were chosen: C. M. Elkins, Carey Foster, Dale Jones.

For recorder Dr. E. O. Hyde defeated A. R. Bowman, the incumbent.

The only woman seeking official honors was Mrs. F. O. Glaze and she was defeated by Lake M. Bechtel for treasurer.

Ex-Sheriff T. N. Balfour came out behind in the race for marshal. T. L. Coon, the incumbent, being re-elected.

The total vote cast was 403, there being 206 women to go to the polls and use their suffrage rights.

Bonding Amendment Carries.

The election had added interest also owing to the fact that a proposition was submitted to amend the city charter so as to allow an increase in the bonded indebtedness. This proposal carried and it means that the city will be able to go ahead and issue sewer bonds.

Crook County Cattle Win.

At the Portland Livestock show last week Crook county came in for honors. Stock from the Warren, McDowell & Dickson ranch carried off a second prize. The exhibit included a beef that weighed 2560 pounds.

Tango Craze Hits Town.

The tango craze has struck this burg. Soon the society folk here will be enmeshed in the fascinations of this dance, for there is to be a teacher to give instruction at the Commercial Club hall.

County Officials on Trip.

County Judge Springer is away attending the annual meeting of the county commissioners' association of the state which is being held in Portland, and Assessor Foster leaves on Thursday for Salem to attend the sessions of the assessors' convention.

TEACHERS GO TO PRINEVILLE.

Four Bend teachers are in Prineville taking the county examination being given this week, these being Misses Holmes, Young and Dolson and Mrs. Davidson. During their absence the following are taking their places, respectively: Misses Heyburn, Vandeventer and Anne Markel and Mrs. A. G. A. n.

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