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MAIL CARRIER HEAVY LOSER

PARCEL POST PLAYS HAVOC

Changes Effective January 1 Will Only Add to Difficulties On Silver Lake Line—Express Rates To Let Sweeping Cut to Compete.

The parcel post system inaugurated by Uncle Sam is playing havoc with the purse of the contractor on the mail route from Bend to Silver Lake, with the promise of even greater damage being wrought after January 1 when the 50-pound limit law becomes effective. It is stated by one who is in a position to know that Contractor Cornett is now losing from \$10 to \$12 a day. The mail runs so heavy that there is little chance to carry express and baggage as in the days of yore, while the automobiles have practically taken the entire passenger business which used to be a revenue bringer.

After the first of the year, it is said, many of the merchants to the south intend to have their goods shipped in here by freight and then make all of it they can up into 50-pound packages and mail it. The mail rate on 50 pounds to Silver Lake, which is in the second zone, will be 5 cents for the first pound and 1 cent for each additional pound, or a total of 6 cents. The rate charged by the freighters is now 101 cents a hundred to Silver Lake, making the mail charge but 7 cents a hundred higher. The mail is supposed to go through in 48 hours, a great gain in time over freighting. If this method is employed, the contractor will be obliged to put on freight teams to carry the mail, thereby adding to his already daily loss. And, worst of all, his contract does not expire until June 30, 1914.

New Mail Service Next Week.
A double daily railway mail service will begin on the 1st, with the going into effect of the contract with the O. W. H. & N. Co. According to unofficial information received here, this will be the same sort of service as is now on the Oregon Trunk. Mail from the East will reach here more than 12 hours earlier than at present, and there will be mail to and from Portland both morning and evening.

During the past week the local postoffice people have had their share of the troubles of this world. The incoming and outgoing packages have been like a flood. For instance, on Thursday 18 big sacks went out, on Friday 18 and on Saturday 20. Down at the express office there has been no appreciable rush, as it is cheaper to send by parcel post than by express.

Sweeping Reduction February 1.
However, Uncle Sam is not to get all the business. After a year of quietude, the express companies have awakened to the fact that they must make reductions to meet the government competition. Advance information has been received by Agent Corbett here that there will be some sweeping cuts and even on some articles it will be cheaper for instance, to come in from Portland, for instance, by express than by freight. These new rates are to go into effect February 1 according to word received so

far. Tariff sheets showing the exact rates are not yet available, but as soon as they are detailed information will be given by The Bulletin.

REVIVAL SERVICES WILL OPEN SUNDAY EVENING

Rev. E. J. Bulgin to be Chief Speaker—Three Churches Join in Promotion—Also Musical Features.

Under the auspices of the Protestant churches of Bend, a series of revival services will be begun on Sunday night, Rev. E. J. Bulgin conducting the meetings. He is expected to arrive Saturday evening, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Rose, who will assist in the musical features of the services.

Mr. Bulgin, who is known in this country, having conducted a revival campaign in Prineville two years ago, is at present completing a series of meetings at Red Bluff, Cal., and will come from there direct to Bend. His home is in Portland, where he has lived since leaving the regular ministry.

To assist in the services a choir of 70 voices has been selected from the three churches associated. The choir will meet Saturday evening for rehearsal with Mr. and Mrs. Rose, on their arrival.

All the meetings, which will be held nightly, will be held in the Presbyterian church. Large audiences are expected, a number of people having indicated their intention of coming from nearby towns. Rooms for a number have already been engaged by Redmond and Prineville church people who are interested.

The committee who have made arrangements for the meetings, include the ministers of the three churches and L. D. Wiest, Ross Farnham, D. P. Winter, C. S. Benson and Mrs. Moore.

BIG SHOOT TOMORROW

Laidlaw Marksmen Coming Up To Carry Off Fine Cup They Say.

Engineer Laurgaard of the Tumalo project was up from Laidlaw Monday and stated that the Laidlaw marksmen will be here in force tomorrow and expect to carry away the cup which will be competed for in the Central Oregon shooting tournament to be held on the grounds of the Rod and Gun Club. The cup is here and is a dandy. Shooting will begin at 10 a. m. Some of the "boys" were out Sunday getting their sights in trim.

The Laidlaw club held the third event in its shoot Sunday, high man being T. G. Becker, with 20 out of 25. Next Sunday the fourth event will come off and in the event that C. P. Becker is high man the cup will be clinched by him, as he won it on Thanksgiving day.

COUNTY ATTORNEY MARRIED.

Willard H. Wirtz and Miss Aver Dobbs of Prineville were married last Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents at the county seat. Only a few intimate friends and relatives of the couple were present. Mrs. Wirtz is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Dobbs and sister of Miss Nora Dobbs, who was in the Bend telephone exchange for some weeks in the summer. Mr. Wirtz is the popular county attorney.

BIRTHS.

To Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Coffey, on December 16, a boy. The child died Monday.

To Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Bailey, on December 19, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Couch, on December 23, a boy.

To Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Lansing, on December 18, a boy.

MEETING CALLED BY WEST TO BE HELD AT BEND TO GET VIEWS

North Canal Project Matter Taken up With Secretary of Interior—Reclamation Service Engineer in Favor of State and Federal Aid.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

SALEM, Dec. 22.—Settlers on the North Canal unit of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company's project will be called to meet in Bend Saturday afternoon, January 17, to consider Governor West's plan for bringing about co-operation between the state and the federal government in taking over that unit of the project and completing it, and thus enable the company to finance the remainder of the project.

Opposition of State Engineer John H. Lewis to the Governor's plan for co-operation has had the effect of accelerating the Governor's activities and he has already taken the matter up with E. G. Hopson, supervising engineer of the reclamation service of this state, and with the Secretary of the Interior.

It is the Governor's idea to submit his plan first to the settlers on the project and hear their objections if they have any, and then take it up with the Bend Commercial Club, which will be asked to get back of the plan and conduct an educational campaign among the other commercial clubs of the state. Then he will present the plan to the Oregon Irrigation Congress, which will meet in February and seek its endorsement. When the plan is definitely worked out the Governor will present it to the Secretary of the Interior, and when the Legislature meets a measure embodying the plan will be introduced.

Already the Governor has asked the Secretary of the Interior to give assurance, that in event the project is found to be feasible and satisfactory, he will favor expending \$400,000 or \$500,000 of government funds on the basis of dollar for dollar with the State.

Hopson Approves the Plan.

Engineer Hopson of the reclamation service has given his approval to the idea. The company states there are 34,000 irrigable acres in the unit, and \$300,000 has been spent on it and about \$500,000 is needed to complete it.

"I do not hesitate to express my conviction that this project is a very low priced one, the low cost being merely due to the peculiarly favorable topography and the cheap canal construction possible in this locality, also to the absence of storage requirements," says Mr. Hopson in his letter to the Governor. "I believe sufficient is known about this project to warrant a careful examination of the situation by the state and government, together with an appraisal of the company's plant, these to be natural resources can only be solved the company, with a view to the ultimate elimination of the company's interests and the early completion of the project by the state and nation, or both."

West Writes to Secretary Lane.

Governor West made a strong appeal to the Secretary of the Interior for co-operation in connection with this project.

"Many of the most difficult problems now before us in utilizing our bearty co-operation between the state and nation," wrote the governor. "The Deschutes co-operative investigations now in progress may be expected to open up a large and

useful field for future work. During your last visit here and since your return to Washington you have expressed appreciation of the attitude of Oregon and your intention to allot a sum for co-operative construction of an irrigation project in Central Oregon.

"The state is now constructing the Tumalo project in that region and the work has every indication of success. In the vicinity of the Tumalo project there is a large segregation under the Carey Act by a company known as the Central Oregon Irrigation Company. This work was visited by you last August. Work by this company has been practically at a standstill for a long time, owing to the inability to finance further extensions of the work. The company desires to have the state or nation, or both, appraise and take over an important unit of its work, including some 34,000 acres, thereby relieving it of an obligation under which it cannot make good.

"I have given the matter much consideration and have obtained advice from qualified experts, including the reclamation service. Enclosed is a copy of a letter from E. G. Hopson, supervising engineer, U. S. R. S. written in answer to my request of a few days ago. I am reasonably convinced this is one of the cheapest and most feasible projects in the state; the character of the country you will yourself recollect.

"I believe an early examination and appraisal of all legal and physical facts bearing on the project and pertinent to a possible acquisition to the Company's plant and the early completion by the state and nation in co-operation should be made.

"If the project is found feasible it might be built during 1914 and 1915, possibly being completed in 1915. Present indications are that all expenditures, including the acquisition of the present plant will not be more than \$800,000. While nothing should be done that would commit either the State or Nation to a project not yet fully investigated or determined upon, I would like to have, if possible, an informal assurance from you that you will allot some \$400,000 or \$500,000 for a dollar for dollar co-operation with the State, in the event the project be found generally feasible and satisfactory. On my part I will pledge my earnest endeavors towards seeing a similar sum in due time provided by the state."

Lewis Opposes West.

State Engineer Lewis says he is opposing the Governor's scheme for co-operation because he thinks the government owes it to the state to take over the project by itself and put up all the money for its completion. He has presented his views in the following statement:

"The rapid settlement of 34,000 acres of irrigable land in the vicinity of Redmond and Bend is involved in President Stanley's offer on behalf of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company to turn over for \$300,000 its North canal project, to the United States, or the state, or both, in co-operation.

"The lien on Carey Act lands ad-

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DINNER FOR THE POOR.
The wants of all in Bend in the way of a Christmas dinner are today being cared for by the First National Bank. Baskets of food have been provided and are being distributed to all who would otherwise pass the day without a special feast. Each basket contains groceries and other things to care for the wants of a family.

NEW WOODMEN OFFICERS.
The Bend lodge of Woodmen has elected the following new officers: Howard Palmer, V. C.; O. A. Thorson, W. A.; N. P. Wleder, Clerk; E. A. Sather, E. B.; W. C. Griffin, secretary; C. O. Vinyard, watchman; M. R. Knutson, sentry; M. R. Knutson, A. A. Hanna, G. W. Hesch, board of trustees; U. C. Coe, B. Ferrell, A. L. Williams, physicians.

DANCE IN SMITH BUILDING

New Year's Ball Will be Important Social Event.

The New Year's ball which the Knights of Pythias will give promises to be a leading social event of the holiday season. It has been definitely decided to hold it in the new R. M. Smith building, instead of Sather's Hall. With this large floor available it is expected that a big crowd will be in attendance. There will be no entertainment of any kind at neighboring towns, and many out of town people are expected to be here.

REBUILDING BOILER HOUSE

Bend Company Will Have Boiler To Operate Planer Next Week.

The Bend Company has begun the erection of a new boiler house to take the place of the one destroyed by fire on the night of December 9. It is expected that one boiler will be in operation next week furnishing power sufficient to run the planer, and the two others will be set up in the winter in time to start sawing when the season opens.

Inspection by experts showed that the loss was not so great as at first believed, being only about \$2,000. The shells of the boilers were practically undamaged, but new steam fittings are necessary. The building will be rebuilt.

ATTENDED CELLO MEETING.

Vernon A. Forbes, a member of the Cello Commission, went to The Dalles Sunday to meet with the other members and make an inspection trip along the Columbia. Mr. Forbes returned Monday night. The commission has chosen William E. Morris of Portland as its engineer. Mr. Forbes and State Engineer Lewis were appointed to represent the commission at a meeting of the directors on the Oregon Irrigation Congress in Portland next month.

SNOW FOR CHRISTMAS.

Slightly more than an inch of snow fell Sunday and about as much last night and today. The earlier fall has stayed on the ground and with today's will make a white Christmas, although there is hardly enough for sleighing as there was last year. With the coming of this now, the warm, sunny days that were enjoyed during the earlier part of the month have gone and the feel of winter is finally here.

HUNTER BREAKS ARM.

Billy Hunt, whose record as a duck hunter has been described in The Bulletin, broke his left fore arm and cut his hand severely on Monday while hunting about three miles out from town. He fired at a squirrel when the gun burst and injured him. Dr. Coe dressed the wounds and he was able to be out the next day.

ICE PLANT AND CREAMERY BURN

LOSS TOTALS AROUND \$13,500

Sparks on Roof Believed to Have Started Blaze—No Water Available For Fighting Flames—Much Property Carried Out, Saved.

The building in which was located the creamery and ice factory was burned to the ground last Thursday night. The fire is supposed to have started on the roof of the creamery side of the structure, from sparks from the stovepipe. The total loss is estimated at \$13,500. Insurance of \$5,000 was carried.

The fire started about 10 o'clock and the one-story building burned very slowly, not being consumed until after midnight. Had it been possible to get a good stream of water on the burning structure, it could have been saved, but the nearest city hydrant was too far away to be of any service. The best that could be done was to get out all of the contents that was possible, and a big force of volunteers succeeded in saving a large amount of goods. These consisted of about two carloads of beer in kegs and one carload of bottled beer in barrels, together with some 400 boxes of apples. This was practically everything that was in the cold storage room of the building. Something over 100 pounds of butter and a lot of empty milk cans were saved from the creamery. It was also possible to get considerable machinery from the ice plant, including the electric motors.

The chief loser is the Central Oregon Ice & Cold Storage Co. The company owned the building and the ice factory, its entire property being valued at \$12,000. Insurance carried totaled \$7000. The Pioneer Cream Company's loss is estimated at \$1500, covered by \$1000 insurance. Plans for rebuilding have not yet been made but it is expected that a stone or brick building will go up. Kersten of the ice concern and S. R. Cooper of Prineville, the creamery owner, went to Portland Sunday night to have a conference with parties interested as to plans for the future. In the meantime the creamery office is located next door to J. A. Easter's and cream will be shipped to the Pioneer creamery at Prineville and butter sent back until the local plant can be re-established, as it will be whether or not a building is put up again on the old site.

The ice factory and creamery began operations here in the spring of 1912 and have been very successful. The ice factory supplied all the towns in this part of the state.

YOUNG COUPLE MARRIED.

At the Pilot Butte Inn yesterday morning at 10:30 Clarence V. Enloe and Miss Flo McKeehan were married by Rev. E. G. Judd. The witnesses were Mrs. Hoveta Eendres and Miss Myrtle Chapman. J. F. Taggart and Miss Chapman accompanied the young couple to Prineville Monday to get the license. Mr. Enloe lives at Sink, in Lake county. Mrs. Enloe formerly resided in Bend. After spending a few days here they will go to Sink to make their home.

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