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LEWIS TO MEET SETTLERS HERE

IMPORTANT MEETING FRIDAY NIGHT

Plan Will Be Submitted Whereby Water Users Can Get Title to Their Lands by Eliminating Unsold Acreage From Company Lists.

Friday evening there will be a meeting here at one of the theatres which should prove of the greatest importance to all settlers on C. O. I. Co. lands. State Engineer Lewis will be the attraction and he has much to present to the water users of vital interest to them.

The chief object of the meeting, it is understood, is to make clear what the State Engineer claims to be the real status of the company's affairs as regards the settlers, and especially to devise and endorse a plan whereby patent can be given settlers who have lived on and improved their lands, without further delay.

Mr. Lewis in the past has blocked the approval of certain patent lists on the ground that the ditches of the company, through improper construction and general inadequacy, in many instances failed to provide sufficient water to make his certification either legal or morally right. Naturally this has worked a hardship on settlers, who have all things desired patent to their property, so they could borrow money for improvements or sell with clear title.

It is now proposed it is understood, to endorse a plan which the Land Board will be asked to act upon, whereby patent lists will be approved where they cover only lands actually occupied and farmed, and totally eliminating all unsold property, which the company might desire patented. In the past these proposed lists often included extensive acreage which the company desired approved for patent simply because they wanted to sell it, and as the ditches were allegedly inadequate to care for such acreage as well as that of actual settlers, the latter suffered. The proposed scheme, it is believed, would care for the bona fide purchasers and probably compel the company to enlarge its ditches properly to care for all the lands, both of settlers and such as they wish to sell.

Mr. Lewis, who came from Redmond last night after holding a meeting here, is on the Tualuma project today, and tomorrow will be at La Pine in connection with the Morson difficulties.

FORT ROCK ROAD ACTIVITY.

According to Forest Supervisor M. L. Merritt the settlers in the Fort Rock neighborhood are showing great interest in the proposed new road from that district to Bend and many are already at work on it. The road will be especially valuable to the homesteaders in the northern portion of the county who now have to go south to Fort Rock to get on the present road and then turn to the north again. Under the new plan they will simply come straight north through the forest until they strike the Burns road.

CREAMERY PLAN GAINS HEADWAY

L. C. ROBERTS FAVORS PROJECT

Experienced Dairyman Points Out Advantages of this Region for Producing Milk—Now Signing up Articles of Incorporation.

"Co-operative creamery" was the subject again discussed at the Commercial Club luncheon Saturday, held at the Bend hotel and attended by 55. While the gathering started off with pessimism in the air, it ended with optimism, and a real start was made toward getting the enterprise under way.

L. C. Roberts, who came here from Iowa last year, made the biggest kind of a hit. Mr. Roberts has dairied most of his life, and it was evident he knew exactly what he was talking about when he was persuaded to tell his views on the question. In a nutshell, they were advised to get the creamery started at once, and belief that it would make good, even if at the outset the cows were few and profits doubtful.

"I never saw a country where cows gave better milk or where the feed was richer in proportion to its weight," said Mr. Roberts. "It is ideal for dairying here. There are no flies, and no 48 degrees below zero, as in the middle west. I never saw a cow suffer from cold here."

Would Bring Cows.

Quoting from experiences in other countries, Mr. Roberts stated his belief that a good creamery would raise land values \$10 an acre. He said he was ready to come into a creamery company and expressed the conviction that just as soon as one got under way farmers would begin building up herds.

J. P. Keyes had figures ready, and pointed out that even with 300 cows it was reasonable to believe the project could be undertaken with profit, especially as the promise of a location at a minimum rent and with very small investment for equipment and a far lower operating expense than in any competing creamery were especially favorable conditions.

P. H. Hencer, W. G. Waugh, and others were heard from. After the luncheon a group of farmers gathered at the club rooms and a form of incorporation articles was drawn up and tentative plans for action sketched out. A committee will take these during the week to farmers and get all possible signed up, so that by Saturday affairs should be in fairly definite form. J. A. Eastes has offered the free use of his car, and it is understood others will contribute similarly.

The Luncheon Saturday will be at the Pilot Butte Hotel.

BANK HAS BIRTHDAY.

On Friday of last week the First National Bank celebrated its fifth birthday, it having opened for business on March 20, 1909. The institution has occupied its present quarters since January, 1913.

STATE EXPERTS REPORT ON COUNTY

Insurance Commissioner's Deputies Submit Statement of Findings—Ball's Report Discredited—County Officials Held Blameless—True Facts As to Delinquent Taxes for 1907 Stated

The examination of the books of Crook county under the direction of the State Insurance Commissioner, as requested by taxpayers, has been made, and the complete report is published herewith.

It knocks the last props out from under Judge Springer's accusations against his brother officials, substantiates The Bulletin's claims that the "experting" by Ball was a farce, and exonerates all officials wholly, incidentally, this paper is informed by the state authorities that no charge is made for the work, and that a complete audit for 1914 will be made later, which latter will be paid for by the county, as provided by law.

Portland, Ore., March 18, 1914
Hon. J. W. Ferguson,
State Insurance Commissioner,
Salem, Oregon.

Dear Sir:—

In accordance with your request, we visited Prineville, the county seat of Crook county, Oregon, for the purpose of determining the facts in the matter of an examination of the accounts of this county recently made by a firm of accountants, and additionally to install and arrange for a complete system of monthly reports to this department as called for under Chapter 286, Laws of 1913.

Having concluded this attention, we hand you herewith, for your consideration, the following statements:

1. Statement of financial condition of Crook county, December 31, 1913.
2. Statement of financial condition of Crook county, January 31, 1914.
3. Statement of financial condition of Crook county, February 28, 1914.
4. Statement of 1907 tax roll.
5. Report as to controversy over county affairs as based on a report made by certain accountants employed by the county.
6. Report as to uniform system and monthly reports.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN G. RICHARDSON,
E. M. SMITH, Deputies.

Crook county, Oregon, Statement of financial condition as at close of business December 31, 1913.

Assets.	
General fund	\$ 5,231.95
General road	565.52
Special road	30.23
County school	4,829.37
Special school	1,599.95
High school	289.16
Library	134.10
County fair	44.29
Bond redemption	250.00
Cities	208.55
Scalp bounty	237.28
Institute	100.84
Trust	239.06
	\$ 13,969.59

Liabilities.

Outstanding warrants . . . \$ 29,869.51

County debt \$15,900.91

Note: The above debt of the county is not and includes the credit of special funds for which the county acts as an agent only.

The real county debt, applicable to county government is determined by taking the total of general fund and

road fund outstanding warrants and deducting therefrom the balance on hand in these funds.

Statement of financial condition as at close of business January 31, 1914.

Assets.	
General fund	\$ 2,448.66
General road	2,035.61
Special road	30.23
County school	4,829.37
Special schools	1,367.66
High school	191.18
Library	134.10
County fair	44.29
School bonds	10,090.09
Interest on bonds	45.00
Bond redemption	250.00
Cities	308.55
Scalp bounty	237.28
Institute	100.84
Trust	239.06
	\$ 22,271.93

Liabilities.

Outstanding warrants . . . \$ 46,828.52

County debt \$ 24,556.53

Statement of financial condition as

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LAND BOARD IS ROUSED

Stormy Meeting Held Over Morson's La Pine Contract.

The stormiest session the Desert Land Board ever held occurred last Thursday when Governor West tried to get the board to require the Deschutes Land Co., headed by J. E. Morson of La Pine, to enter into a new contract with the state. According to reports of the meeting a large part of the time was spent by the members of the board shaking their fists in each other's faces, shouting at each other and imputing improper actions in respect to past dealings with Morson and his project.

The company's contract with the state expires April 1 and Governor West sought to have a new contract required providing for the protection of the interests of the settlers and making the company put up a new bond in place of the present one which is alleged to be worthless. Treasurer Kay moved that the company be given an extension of time without any changes being made in the contract, and Attorney General Crawford said that the company should have an extension of 90 days to allow the board to look into the matter. At this point things began to happen when the governor charged that Crawford was lining up with Morson and Crawford vehemently denied the allegation.

The matter was finally cared for by allowing an extension of 30 days and in the meantime Engineer Lewis is to visit La Pine and make an examination of the company's project and learn the present state of affairs on the ground.

SATHER ADDS TO STORE.

E. A. Sather has recently completed an addition to his store property in the shape of an oil and salt storehouse. It is of brick and stands on the alley in the rear of the store, adjoining the room formerly occupied by French.

ICE PLANT WILL COST \$12,000

TO OPERATE WITHIN 60 DAYS

Power Company's New Establishment Will Have Daily Capacity of Ten Tons—Machinery Has Been Purchased—Building 40x40 Feet

Before leaving for the East last Friday K. B. Miller of the Bend Water Light & Power Co. announced that his organization will build an ice plant here, and immediately. The building and machinery will cost about \$12,000 and the capacity will be 14 tons daily.

T. H. Foley, local manager of the company, returned from Portland this morning, where he says he has made all arrangements for the machinery, which has been purchased. The building will be about 40x40 feet. Its exact size will depend somewhat upon what decision is reached in regard to the creamery, which may be housed jointly with the ice plant. M. J. Danielson will be in charge of construction and the plant is to be in operation within 30 days.

The new building will adjoin the old power house and excavation for it has already been begun. It will probably be of frame construction although a decision on that point has not yet been finally made. In any case the foundations will be of cement to carry the machinery, which according to the manufacturer's guarantee, will be installed within 30 days. The machinery will be furnished by the Union Iron Works of Seattle.

FRANCHISE IS TURNED DOWN

Council Vote Four to Three Against Steidl & Tweet Project.

At its adjourned meeting Thursday night the City Council voted on the electrical franchise applied for by Steidl & Tweet, and it was defeated by the margin of one vote.

The whole matter having been threshed out before, no preliminary discussion was indulged in. First, certain amendments were offered and voted on, being turned down. On the final vote, for passage, Councilmen Anne, Sather and Davidson voted for the franchise, and Allen, Collins and Knutsen against it. Mayor Miller then voted against it, saying: "I vote 'no' because, after careful consideration, I believe granting a second franchise now would be against the best interests of the town."

TO TAKE FRANCHISE TO VOTERS.

Mr. Steidl announced this morning that it was his plan to submit the matter of his franchise to the voters of the city. Complete plans for this proceeding are not yet made.

COUNTY WARRANTS CALLED

Under the date of March 26, County Treasurer Jordan will call all registered general fund warrants, up to and including number 2482. Up to March 23 the tax collections were \$98,544.80

SPRINGER MAN STARTS RECALL

SEEKS REMOVAL OF FOUR OFFICIALS

W. H. Lucy, Removed From Office By Commissioners, Circulates Charges Against Elkins, Foster and Commissioners Brown and Bayley.

The first steps in an effort to recall County Commissioners Bayley and Brown, Sheriff Elkins and Assessor Foster were started here last night. W. H. Lucy, whom the Commissioners recently deposed as County Sealer, is doing the work for Springer.

Mr. Lucy is not circulating recall petitions—those will come in a few days, he says—but a paper making all sorts of charges against the officials in question. It is an educational campaign. Incidentally, the county is paying for Mr. Lucy's campaign; at least, he believes he is still drawing down mileage for his traveling, as he says he is still county sealer on the ground that the commissioners could hire but not fire him.

The paper in question charges extravagance and incompetence against the Sheriff and Assessor. Against the Commissioners the charges are more precise. For instance, they are accused of leading School Superintendent Myers \$1200 of county funds at 6 per cent, allegedly an illegal act.

Then it continues: "They (the Commissioners) have conspired and acted together in defeating the honest efforts of the citizens and taxpayers to have the books of the tax collector audited and investigated and a proper report made thereon. They

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EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENES

Over 80 Delegates from Deschutes Valley Expected to Attend.

Preparations for the fifth annual Epworth League convention, to be held in Bend on April 4 and 5, are practically complete and the event promises to be one of great interest and importance. About 80 delegates are expected from the Deschutes valley towns, large numbers coming from Redmond, Madras and Prineville. Arrangements for caring for most of the delegates in private houses has been made.

The program for the convention, church, will last from Sunday morning will last from Saturday morning to Sunday evening and includes addresses by some of the most prominent ministers in this conference, including Dr. W. H. Selleck, of North Yakima, Rev. Chas. McCaughey of Spokane and Rev. H. T. Pemberton of Dalles. Mr. Pemberton was formerly a missionary in the African field. In addition to the addresses every meeting will have special musical numbers rendered by the different league chapters present.

Special rates for the convention of one and one third fares on the certificate plan are offered by the railroads. The program in full will be published next week.

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The best and safest place in the world to keep fire and life insurance policies, notes coming due, mortgages, deeds—in fact all valuable papers—is in a fire-proof vault. Every one cannot afford to have a steel vault, or even a fire-proof safe in his home, but every one can afford to keep his valuable papers in our vault because the rental charged is as nothing compared with the protection afforded.

You can lease a steel box with a non-pickable, Yale lock—big enough to contain all your valuable papers inside our vault, for only \$2.00 a year.

Drop in next time you're passing.

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E. M. LARA, Cashier.
DIRECTORS:
B. Ferrell, F. O. Minor, E. M. Lara

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U. C. COE, President E. A. SATHER, Vice-President
C. S. HUDSON, Cashier
Capital fully paid - - - \$25,000
Surplus - - - - - \$18,000

To Homeseekers:

Parties contemplating taking Homesteads in the new lands just eliminated from the Forest Reserves, should bear in mind that Bend is the closest Banking town to these lands.

We are making a special effort to be of service to new people coming into Central Oregon.

Call and see us and arrange your finances, so you will not have any trouble in having your checks cashed.

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