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PETITION NOW READY TO FILE

ENOUGH NAMES ARE SECURED

Committee Will Continue to Circulate Papers in Campaign of Education—Offers of Help Come in—Comparative Tax Figures.

The movement to get the question of the formation of Deschutes county on the ballot in November has continued during the past week with unabated energy. Signers for the petition have been found everywhere, often in unexpected quarters, and already enough have been secured to comply with the requirements of the county division law. The petition will not be filed for several weeks, however, and in the meantime the campaign for signers will be pushed vigorously, both for its educational value and as a means of showing the overwhelming sentiment in favor of the plan.

The success which has met the efforts of the committee is extremely gratifying. In the short space of two weeks over 900 names have been secured, representing every political party and every voting precinct in the new county, and these 900 are practically every voter talked with, not more than 15 in all having refused to sign.

Volunteer assistants for the committee have come forward with offers of their services and have been of material aid in bringing the number of petitioners to its present total, while from precincts away from Bend letters have been received with pledges of support and requests to be informed in what way help could be given.

Taxes the Only Question.
As was to be expected the question of taxes is the only one which bothers the ordinary voter in considering county division. Every one is from Missouri on that subject and insists on being "shown" and the fact that so many taxpayers, big and little, have signed the petition indicates pretty conclusively that the showing has been made to their satisfaction.

The mileage figures printed in the Bulletin two weeks ago have opened the eyes of a number of people to a condition they had not previously realized and the figures given last week, showing the amounts paid in taxes in Crook county for the past six years, have been an additional eye opener. Observing how the amount of taxes has increased annually they have come to realize that if they stay in Crook county they are in for another increase anyway, and if they separate they have a chance to keep their taxes down. In other words, with a new county things will not be any worse than they are now and there will be a chance to make them better under home rule, and avoid the tax situation that is otherwise sure to arise.

The home rule argument is one that makes an especial appeal to the tax payer. He knows that up to the present year this section has seen almost none of the tax money spent here on road improvements. He has seen it pay a large portion of the taxes of Crook county and then watched his money spent on roads in another section where he got no benefit. Fur-

thermore he sees no hope of any immediate change with southwestern Crook unrepresented at the county seat, and he realizes that with the north end about to separate, now is the time for the southwest corner to take the same step.

More Tax Figures.
In addition to the arguments outlined above, the past week has seen

WILTSE CASE AGAINST CITY SETTLED BY \$500 PAYMENT

Suit Was for Death Which Occurred in Sewer Construction—Other City Business at Council Meeting
Settlement of the suit brought against the city by the heirs of Richard Wiltse was announced by City Attorney Forbes at the council meeting last night. Wiltse was employed on the sewer construction and was fatally injured by a blast in the tunnel in Lytle. Suit against the city was brought by his parents and is now settled by the payment of \$500 by the casualty company which bonded the city.

Public Accountant Max Crandall reported to the council on the work he had done for the city in checking up its financial standing with the county and his findings were turned over to City Attorney Forbes for action. The council also discussed with Mr. Crandall the matter of a new system of city accounts.

Other business done was to order a sidewalk on Eighth street in Westoria. Mr. Forbes informed the meeting that he was working on the complaint to the Public Utilities Commission in respect to local light rates and expected to have it ready to file within a week.

BEND DAY AT SISTERS

Fair Officials Set Saturday, October 3 as the Date.

F. L. Shaw, president of the Sisters Fair Association, was in town on Saturday in the interests of the fair, bringing with him a preliminary program of the event which will be held this year on October 1, 2, and 3.

While here Mr. Shaw arranged for a ball game between the Sisters and Bend teams to take place on the first day of the fair, and after conferring with local people definitely set Saturday, October 3 as Bend Day. It is expected that a large delegation will go over from here to show the local appreciation of the courtesy extended by the Sisters people.

Additional contributions were received by Mr. Shaw from Bend merchants on Saturday toward support of the fair.

NEW PRESBYTERIAN MINISTER

Rev. H. C. Hartranft Comes to Take Pastorate of Local Church.

Rev. H. C. Hartranft, who has been appointed pastor of the Presbyterian church, arrived in town on Thursday and conducted services at the church on Sunday.

Mr. Hartranft comes to Bend from Handon where he occupied the Presbyterian pulpit for the past four years. His wife and two children are with him, and they have taken rooms at the May apartments.

INSURANCE IS PAID.

Through N. P. Weider the Modern Woodmen have just paid to Mrs. Geo. Brosterhouse the insurance which her husband carried in the order amounting to \$1000. Mr. Brosterhouse had been a member of the Modern Woodmen for seven years.

POWELL BUTTE GIRL IS KILLED

VIOLA TRUESDALE IS SHOT IN TACOMA

Deputy Sheriff's Gun Knocked From Its Holster and Discharged by Fall to Sidewalk—Pauline Truesdale Also Injured by Same Shot.

Viola Truesdale, the daughter of Mrs. George Truesdale of Powell Butte, was instantly killed near Tacoma on Friday when a gun carried by Deputy Sheriff George Ashby, of Tacoma, accidentally dropped from its holster and was discharged in the midst of a crowd about to enter an auto bus. Pauline Truesdale was wounded by the same shot that killed her sister.

For several days last week the Truesdale girls had been visiting friends near Tacoma and were returning to town on Friday with a number of relatives. They had landed from a motor boat and were standing on the sidewalk at the beach waiting with a number of others, to enter the Tacoma bus that had just arrived.

Among those making their exit from the bus was Deputy Sheriff Ashby, who carried a large 32-29 revolver in a holster inside his coat. As he was about to alight a small boy crowded his way under his arm, pushing the revolver from its case. Its release was unnoticed even by Ashby, until it struck the walk, hammer first. Even then the noise was attributed to a fire blowout until Miss Truesdale, who had been standing a few feet away laughing and chatting with her sister and relatives, threw her arms to her head and, with a loud cry, collapsed.

At the same moment a stinging sensation, followed by blood that trickled from her hips, caused the younger sister Pauline to realize that she, too, had been shot.

Those about carried Viola to a store nearby, and everything possible was done to stop the flow of blood, but without avail. When a physician arrived he stated that the bullet had probably entered the brain and that death, which had been almost instant, was due to the wound in the head rather than to bleeding.

Pauline's injury was not serious, but will necessitate her confinement to the house for some time.

Miss Truesdale was born in Montrose, Colorado, in 1897 and moved to Tacoma in 1909. Several years ago with her mother and step father, George C. Truesdale, she came to live at Powell Butte. Besides her sister, Pauline, with whom she was a fellow student at the Crook County High School at Prineville, she leaves a half sister, Dorothy, sister step father is a prominent and successful dairyman and farmer and her mother is one of the leaders among the women of Powell Butte.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS.

The first civil service examination held in Bend took place on Saturday morning when four applicants were examined for the position of clerk in the post office. On August 15 an examination will be held for the position of stenographer and typewriter.

FIRST BUTTER IS HIGH PRICED

R. M. SMITH GETS IN- ITIAL POUND

Had to Pay \$7.00 for it—Other Sales Made at Saturday's Auction Run From \$1.00 to \$3.50, Total Receipts \$25.75—Butter on Sale.

"Butter—Central Oregon Farmers' Creamery, cubes, selling price \$1.00 to \$1.00 per pound, supply ample, demand brisk."

If the Bulletin ran a market page some such report as the above would be carried to describe the condition of the local butter market on Saturday, bringing joy to the producer of butter fat and sorrow to the consumers, already struggling with the problem of the high cost of living.

The h. c. of l., however, did not seem to bother the 10 local men who were responsible for the unusual butter price of Saturday, or if it did it was less of a consideration to them than their desire to give the new creamery one good final boost before it settled down to business. As a result the creamery is richer than it was and 10 families hereabout are trying to see just how far butter can go that costs a dollar or more a pound.

The occasion of the high prices was the auction sale of the first butter made in the new creamery. Ten pounds were sold, the honor of getting the first pound going to R. M. Smith at a cost of \$7.00. The other nine pounds went at prices ranging from \$3.50 to \$1.00, the total receipts for the 10 pounds being \$25.75.

The first butter was made on Tuesday of last week and other churnings followed during the week, but none of the product was put on the market as it was desired to have Saturday's auction not only a sale of the first butter made but the first sale of butter from the new plant. Following the Commercial Club luncheon a large number went down to inspect the creamery quarters and machinery and when all had gathered Dr. P. H. Dencer, president of the company, made a short address recounting the difficulties that had been met in getting the project started. He thanked the local business men who had subscribed for the purchase of the machinery and paid an especial tribute to President Keyes of the Commercial Club for the work he had done in the matter.

Following his speech Dr. Dencer went to auctioning off the butter. The first bid for the first pound was one dollar. There were two fifty cent raises and then jumps of a dollar at a time until a bid of seven dollars was reached and R. M. Smith took the first pound at that price. The second pound went to H. W. Skuse for \$3.00. Bidding for the third was more brisk than for the second, due doubtless to the fact pointed out by the auctioneer, that it was the only third pound that ever would be sold from the creamery. It finally went to A. L. French for \$3.50.

The full list of purchasers and the amounts paid is as follows: (1) R. M. Smith, \$7.00; (2) H. W. Skuse, \$3.00; (3) A. L. French, \$3.50; (4) Clarence L. Mannheim, \$3.00; (5) J. P. Keyes, \$2.00; (6) M. J. Daniel-

son, \$3.00; (7) L. M. Foss, \$1.00; (8) H. Marchand, \$1.25; (9) P. H. Dencer, \$1.00; (10) J. H. Stanley, \$1.00.

Butter from the creamery was put on sale in the different stores in town Monday. At present cream is being received from about 250 cows and the output for the first week was in the neighborhood of 1000 pounds.

WOOD INTERVIEWS HILL AND SCHIFF; WRITES OF RAILROADS

Hill's Plans for Central Oregon to be Carried Out—Harriman Lines Hope to Reach Deschutes by 1915.

Following on the trip of the Hill line officials through Central Oregon a few weeks ago and the understanding that they intend to return soon for another tour through the interior country, and the reports of the extension of the Oregon & Eastern line on to Dog Mountain, a recent letter from C. E. S. Wood of Portland to a friend in Ontario, Oregon, assumes unusual interest.

Mr. Wood had been in New York and had seen both J. J. Hill and E. H. Schiff. He wrote of his interviews as follows:

"I had a talk with Mr. James J. Hill, which he said need not be treated confidential, in which he said he had not abandoned a single original plan for Oregon, but he had seen this period of depression coming and he had stopped all construction work accordingly, but as soon as warranted his work in Oregon would be resumed, but at this time he could give no more definite assurance than this. I was very glad to learn that he has no agreements with anybody and that his original plans are to be carried out. Of course, you understand, in such matters as railroads, no man can positively promise what can be done in the future."

"I also saw Mr. Schiff (Kuhn, Loeb & Co.) of the executive board of the Union Pacific system, which is really the financial backer of Harriman. He said, referring directly to the Oregon Eastern, that the apparent discontinuance of work was only part of a general order, applicable over the whole system, for a temporary shut down during the present money stringency; that they were anxious, if possible, to have the Oregon-Eastern operating at least to connect with the Deschutes by 1915, and work would be pushed on it as soon as conditions warrant it. I might also say that the right-of-way people are now applying to the Land Grant for right-of-way west."

WATER TROUGH FOR HORSES

Also Two Modern Sanitary Fountains on Streets Voted by Council.

Bend is to have a free drinking trough for horses, a convenience for farmers, and at least a couple of modern sanitary drinking fountains for the thirsty folks on the streets, probably of the same general design as have been installed in Portland and other cities.

The Council last week ordered the installation of a trough in the triangle in front of the Baptist church. Instead of a trough, however, an attractive looking basin will be erected. Owners of the First National Bank property and the Deschutes State Bank offered to furnish the fountains and material for installation in front of both institutions if the city would pay the cost of installation and maintenance. This offer the Council voted to adopt.

Buy Bend Butter.

MEETING URGES UNITED ACTION

HOWARD OFFERS TO SHOW BOOKS

Members of C. O. I. Co. Water Users' Association Gathered in Bend on Saturday Discuss Proceedings Against Company.

Support of their directors in whatever action they might see fit to take against the Central Oregon Irrigation Company or the Desert Land Board was pledged by the members of the Water Users' Association at a well attended meeting here on Saturday.

The action was taken after an extended discussion of the relations which now exist between the company and the water users in which the legal aspects of the matter were considered as well as the possibility of arriving at some understanding which would further the interests of both parties without legal proceedings.

An undertone of hostility to the company and its present officials was apparent throughout the meeting. Nevertheless when C. S. Hudson urged fair treatment of the company and that any action be predicated on an examination of the company's books, as offered by Mr. Howard, his remarks were favorably received and it is understood that steps will be taken by the water user's directors to avail themselves of the offer. Two questions in particular are to be investigated, whether or not the company has up a \$25,000 cash bond for the rebuilding of the flume and whether or not the maintenance fees paid by settlers are actually used in maintenance or in part for that purpose and in part for the payment of company salaries.

On the first question Mr. Howard and State Engineer Lewis are diametrically opposed and on the second, according to the legal advice of Vernon A. Forbes, depends in large measure the rights of the settlers against the company.

Howard Makes Offer.
Speaking on behalf of the company, Mr. Howard asserted that the fees collected from settlers were not sufficient in themselves to pay the maintenance charges on the project and that the salaries of the officers, to which so much objection was made, were derived from other sources. "If you find on investigation," he said, "that you ought to have a receiver for the company, I'll help you get one." As a more desirable proceeding for all parties, however, he urged co-operation in procuring patent in the Pilot Butte lands and in obtaining assistance for the completion of the North Canal unit according to the plan outlined by Governor West last January.

The patents are now held up by State Engineer Lewis, whose position was stated in a letter to the company printed in the Bulletin last week. On the North Canal matter it was stated by V. A. Forbes that the government investigation had been completed and the report was now in the hands of the Reclamation Service.

J. J. Ellinger, of Redmond, suggested that it was possible, that the

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