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CHEAPER ONCE TO RUN COUNTY

DESCHUTES CAN BE AS CHEAP

General Expense in Crook County in 1910 was Only $52,000 as Compared with $168,000 Now—More Tax Figures for Reference.

The chief question in county division continues to be the one of taxes. Nearly all recognize the advantage of division at this time and the general desirability of the movement if taxes are not to be raised thereby. The members of the county division committee realize the prevalence of this sentiment and its strength and are making an especial effort to collect figures that will show the tax payer what he wants to know. To a certain extent, they point out, it is impossible to give figures of cost for the future because no one yet knows what salaries, for instance, will be paid in Deschutes county. All that anyone can do in this connection is to make comparisons with present Crook county figures and with the figures of cost in other Oregon counties.

A table was published in The Bulletin two weeks ago comparing the amounts raised in 1913 for taxes in 11 Oregon counties with the Crook county figures and showing that they all, some larger than Crook, got along for less money. It was shown also that three counties, with about the same valuation that Deschutes county would have, spent much less than the amount that Deschutes county would raise on the present valuation and millage.

Last week assessments and millages for Crook county for the past seven years were printed showing a steady growth in taxes in that time and now further comparisons are worked out from them.

The only millage that taxpayers are interested in is that for the general fund. The general school millage is fixed by law, the high school and library millage would not be levied in Deschutes county and the special road millage would be whatever the voters made it at the December levy. The millage that interests is that for the general fund and the fear is that it would have to be higher in Deschutes county than it is now in Crook.

Now taking the figures printed last week it appears that the county general levy since 1907 has been:

Year	Millage	Paid State	For county Gen'l Fund
1907	8.	$14,950	$ 35,225
1908	9.2	15,685	49,364
1909	9.	17,454	53,739
1910	7.3	16,674	58,318
1911	7.85	(29,599)	74,295
1912	17.45	15,879	17,136
1913	14.50	(64,461)	168,107

The millage for 1911 and 1913 did not include the state tax as in all other years.

The column of this table in which the taxpayer is chiefly interested is the last one showing the amount to be raised for county purposes by general fund millage. In the years between 1907 and 1911 as shown by the table, that amount doubled, jumping from $35,000 to $74,000, and in the next year it more than doubled again. It is understood that the cause of the great increase in the 1912 amount was unusual road expenditures. Whatever it was, these figures show clearly that fair deductions can not be made from the figures for the present year. Here are figures showing that four years ago Crook county's general expense was slightly over $50,000. Why not use them to make comparisons for Deschutes county?

BLANCHARD FAVORS DIVISION

Prominent East Side Man Says More Satisfaction in Small Counties.

County division is finding many supporters among prominent tax payers and business men of the east side, some of them on the ground that their affairs can be better conducted if they are rid of the west side districts for good and all, and many because they honestly feel that the people of all three counties will be better off in every way should the division go through.

J. F. Blanchard of Prineville, president of the Crook County Fair, and a candidate for the county commissionership comes out flat footed in favor of division. Replying to a letter of inquiry from The Bulletin, he says:

"Your letter of the 21st inst. at hand; I cannot say that I agree with the sentiment expressed by some 'that we are anxious to get rid of you.' However, I will say frankly that I am in favor of both the proposed new counties, because it is a principle long established, that the closer our local governments can be brought to the people, the better they will be understood and the more satisfaction they will give."

(Signed) J. F. BLANCHARD.

BEND 27, SISTERS 0

Local Baseball Boys Hit Everything. Their Opponents Nothing Much.

Bend's baseball team romped 'n with a landslide victory Sunday afternoon, when nine players from Sisters came to town and played the National game with the localites. Sisters scored nothing. Bend rolled up 27 runs, according to scorer Nick Weider, who was howling for an adding machine before the seventh inning.

For three innings the game was pretty fair. After that it was a merry-go-round, running on high speed. In seven innings 21 Sisters batters operated at the plate, indicating that Norval Springer had things pretty well in hand. Stoehr pitched for Sisters, and although he got no support worth mentioning, even with good fielding he would have been buried, for the Bend batters appropriated 19 hits off his delivery. Bend hit hard, ran bases like a band of colts and fielded clean and fast. Johnson and Kulp each got four hits. Only two errors were recorded.

Bend's line-up follows—Stover ss, Sproat, 2b, Steidl 1b, Springer p, Kulp lf, Johnson 3b, Van Matre c, Paul cf, John Steidl, Jr., rf. Hits—Stover 1, Sproat 3, Steidl 3, Springer 1, Kulp 4, Johnson 4, Van Matre 1, Paul 2. Runs—Stover 3, Sproat 4, Steidl 6, Springer 3, Kulp 4, Johnson 4, Van Matre 2, Steidl 1.

Sisters line up was as follows—Gist cf, Hartley 2b, p, lf, Krennell 1b, Woods ss, Barr 3b, Harrington rf, p, Stoehr 2b, Spoo c, Davis rf.

BASEBALL DANCE.

Saturday evening the members of the baseball team gave a dance in Sather's Hall which was well attended, and everyone who went said they had a mighty good time. Chester Catlow and Mrs. McLaren furnished the music, and about twenty-six dollars was taken in. The ball team expects to give a dance every two weeks.

REPORT SHOWS CLUB PROSPERS

MEMBERSHIP IS NOW 220

Manager De Armond's Statement Shows Cash Balance of $187.60—Establishment of Creamery One of Good Works of the Club.

H. H. De Armond, Manager of the Commercial Club, has submitted a report to the directors covering the period from June 15 to July 24. It shows a satisfactory financial condition and a greatly enlarged club, there now being 220 members.

The financial report shows $18.40 on hand June 15, and receipts from then to July 24 of $254.50, making a total of $272.90. Disbursements during this period totaled $85.30, including the dinner to new members, leaving a balance of $187.60.

The report says, in part:

"On June 15th the club had a membership of 38. On June 15th the membership was divided into two teams and a campaign for new members was launched with the result that within two weeks 182 new members had been added to the Club, bringing the total up to 220, which is the size of the membership at present.

"During the period covered by this report the club has received 75 letters, the majority of which were inquiries from people seeking lands and homesteads. These letters come from all parts of the United States and Canada. During the same period we have written 74 letters and sent out 78 pieces of literature, exclusive of the Bend leaflets. As a result of this correspondence a number of people have already come to Bend.

Through the combined efforts of the Club and the farmers a co-operative creamery has been established in Bend which is now in successful operation. Also through the club's efforts two watering troughs for horses for the convenience of farmers and other people with teams will soon be put up in the city. Also the club has been working to get a box factory and a woolen mill established in Bend. Realizing the value of good roads the club has worked faithfully to secure money for the improvement of the roads around Bend, and on the McKenzie pass with the result that a considerable sum of money is now available for road work."

FOR BETTER COWS.

Professor Fitts, specialist in dairying and stock raising in the extension division of the Oregon Agricultural college, will be with County Agriculturist Lovett the most of the week beginning August 17th in the interest of the dairy industry of this section. They hope to hold meetings in interested localities and to visit a large number of the dairymen, one of the objects being to interest the men with cows in the organization of a cow testing association for the purpose of weeding out the poor cows and improving the production and profits of our herds. Drop Mr. Lovett a line if you are interested.

GOOD BUSINESS AT POST OFFICE

JULY RECEIPTS ARE HIGHEST YET

Postal Savings Deposit Also Shows Material Increase—George Gates is Appointed Assistant Post Master—New Star Mail Route.

Business for the first month of the second class post office in Bend has shown a healthy growth and the office is now well established on the new basis.

The local post office was advanced to the second class on July 1 after it had shown by its receipts for a year that its business entitled it to the higher rank. With the advancement the post master becomes entitled to a slightly higher salary and an assistant post master as well as extra clerical assistance.

George Gates, who formerly had the rural route to Alfalfa, recently took the examination for assistant postmastership and has received word that he passed with a high standing. He has now assumed his new duties. F. T. Reid is serving as clerk. For the time being Sam Elder is carrying the mails on the rural route.

As indicated above both in stamp sales and otherwise the business of the office is holding up. In July, for instance, stamp sales were 25 per cent better than in any of the three preceeding months. Postal savings deposits also are higher now than at any previous time, there having been nearly $2200 on deposit on the first of August as compared with $1552 on June 1. The June amount has been exceeded before but the present total is the highest yet. There are 21 depositors here.

July has also seen improved mail service between Bend and Silver Lake as a result of the use of auto trucks on the star route by the Wenandy Livery Company. Another star route is now under consideration from Bend to Millican and Imperial, bids for this route having been called for some time ago. The only offer received by the department is considered too high but hopes are still held for a lower offer.

As a result of the European war orders have been received to take no parcels for shipment abroad and no more international money orders are to be issued unless the post office authorities are convinced that the order is not being bought to avoid the high charges that prevail in financial centers for foreign exchange.

ROAD IN BAD SHAPE

County Division Would Facilitate Good North and South Route.

An auto party touring from Portland in a big Pierce Arrow the other day had all kinds of trouble between here and La Pine, on the east side road, not having been advised to take the west route. They were so sore about the condition of the highway that they wrote the Portland Automobile Club, advising that this stretch of road be marked "Impassible" on the bulletin board.

Friends of county division to the south point to this, and similar happenings, as good lessons for the need of establishing Deschutes county. With the smaller county, in which all the west side communities will be interested exclusively, it will be easy to build and maintain a proper north and south road along the west side, which is now an impossibility with the east side clamoring for the tax funds.

In order to make the west route more available for tourists signs are being placed on it and rock removed, a subscription to defray the expense having been taken up yesterday. Among the improvements will be a new road around the Bend Company's lumber yard.

LA PINE APPOINTS COMMITTEE.

That interest in the county division movement was growing in and around La Pine was the message brought by W. F. Arnold, editor of the La Pine Inter Mountain when in town last week. Practically everyone in town has now signed the petition as well as many of the ranchers in the surrounding country. A committee to work for Deschutes county has been formed consisting of Mr. Arnold, C. V. Carmichael, W. G. Fordham, J. S. Beesley and G. W. Raper.

LAY CONCRETE AT BIG NEW WATER RESERVOIR

Tank to Hold 100,000 Gallons Will be Completed by B. W. L. & P. Co. Middle of Month—Investment is Regarded as Significant.

Laying concrete in the Bend Water Light & Power Company's new reservoir west of the river began this morning, and Manager Foley estimates that by the 15th the big tank will be completed.

Its dimensions are 45 by 45 feet, with a height of 11 feet. An indication of the first class manner in which the work is being done is the fact that an iron roof or cover will fit tight over the reservoir, making it impossible for any animals to get into the water or material of any kind to contaminate it.

The cost of the new equipment is about $5000. The tank will hold 100,000 gallons, and will be used in connection with the present tank whose capacity is 50,000 gallons. Connecting the new reservoir 1200 feet of ten inch pipe has been laid.

Work started July 3, and since then an average of 16 men have been employed, with M. J. Danielson in charge. The Company is contemplating other improvements, among them the concreting of their electric poles in town. The installation of the big new tank, triple the capacity of the old, is regarded as most significant, it being believed by many that such an investment would not be made at this time were not the men behind the company sure that mill construction is due to start forthwith, assuring a greatly increased demand for water coincident with the enlargement of the town. It is pointed out that the present tank is really capable of satisfactorily caring for the needs of the present community and is in good shape.

SCHOOL OPENS SEPTEMBER 7.

At the meeting of the school board last evening it was decided to postpone the opening of school for one week, making the date September 7 instead of September 1. This action is taken to give more time on the new school building.

WAR WILL BRING LUMBER DEMAND

IMPROVED MARKETS MEAN MILLS

Prosperity of Middle West, Where Bend-Manufactured Lumber Goes, Comes Because of Big Crops, Big Demand and Also Big Prices

It's an ill wind that blows no one good, and so it seems with the European war, so far as Bend is concerned. For it seems probable that one reflex result of the distressing struggle will be to encourage lumber milling here.

The demand for American food stuffs is stiffening daily, and, with the destruction of European and Russian crops, the lack of harvesting there, and the tremendous strains upon the national commissaries, the demand and the price are bound to increase. America has had the greatest crop in its history. All this means wealth for the Middle West—record crops, unprecedented demand and, undoubtedly, top-notch prices.

The Middle West is the market for the pine lumber manufacturer. The lumber market has been dull in that section, because everything has been unprosperous. Now, however, comes prosperity for the farmer, more business (and higher rates) for the railroads and a stiffening in the demand for all American manufactured goods because European producers will be crippled.

It is known on good authority that the only thing that has held back mill construction here this spring was the dull condition of the market. It has been understood reliably that construction for this Autumn is assured—nearly all preliminaries have been worked out—provided the market improved. The war assures that improvement.

An authority, familiar with the matter, has this to say on the matter:

"I believe the war 'cinches' the mill for Bend, and, perhaps, two mills. Of course the economic loss of the war will have a bad effect on all the world, and the higher prices will hit the poorer classes everywhere but there is every reason to believe that the Middle West will be unprecedentedly prosperous. There lies the market for our lumber. Milling here has simply awaited a return of good times there. Of course it is possible that the world's finances may be so badly shaken that great investments cannot be made, but on the other hand the financial condition of this country is really remarkably sound. With an opportunity for profitable investment there is small doubt that the cash will be forthcoming."

NEW BRICK HOME.

One of the prettiest residences in Bend is nearing completion. It is that of Jack Tansey in Kenwood. The house, whose architecture is of the bungalow variety, is a story and a half high and built of brick. A very attractive effect is produced by alternating the brick—red and black are worked in alternately. The chimney and porch supports and steps are of clinker brick most artistically arranged. Altogether, the house makes a splendid example of what may be done with the local brick.

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