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LA PINE SOLID FOR DIVISION

INTER-MOUNTAIN IS IN FAVOR OF IT

Paper Points Out Disadvantages of Present Situation and Benefits of Change—Matter of Cost and Convenience is Discussed.

A growing sentiment in favor of county division is apparent in the La Pine country, and from the number of signatures the petition committee is obtaining and the opinion expressed everywhere, it is fair to say that the territory thereabout is practically solid for the move.

Besides the far greater convenience of having a county seat on the west side, close at hand and the hope of receiving far more for the tax money contributed, an argument in strong favor in the La Pine country, according to residents there, is the assurance that a respectable north and south road can be built and maintained via La Pine when Deschutes county comes into existence. As it is, no such road is possible, with Prineville working persistently for the north and south route through that town, disregarding the logical and superior claims of the west side communities.

The La Pine sentiment is well expressed in the last issue of the Inter-Mountain, which contains the following:

"Sentiment in regard to county division is running high at this time and the first question that Neighbor Jones puts to Neighbor Smith these days is, 'How do you like the boundaries of our new county?'"

Then the next remarks are something like these: 'It will be fine, won't it, when we get a county court house on our side of this old earth? Do you know, we have been in the habit of figuring on a ten day's camping trip on going to Prineville from this part of the county to pay our taxes and transact other legal matters. What I can't understand is why we have let this county division matter drag along all these years. The combined expense in one year of our people in this end of the Crook county empire is going to and coming from Prineville on legal matters would build a magnificent court house, pay official salaries for a year and buy and maintain a county automobile. And for all these expenses for years, in addition to our regular taxes, we haven't got a darned thing to show, not even a respectable system of Indian roads. What is to happen becomes of all our tax money, anyway? That 'higher taxes' talk of Prineville can't be run over on the people residing in the territory comprising the new counties. For the same reason that Spain did not want to lose Cuba and the Philippines, Prineville will not want to lose the new Deschutes and Jefferson counties."

"A taxpayer, writing in the Madras Pioneer, hits the spike so squarely on the head that we are going to

quote him in part. You will notice he speaks of bickering. He is right for the people will bicker and stamp their feet and kick up a stink like a billy goat, and the more gracefully Prineville gives up in her old age the better for her. The quotation follows: (Here follows the letter printed in The Bulletin last week.)

ROAD IMPROVEMENT FROM TOWN EAST PROGRESSES

Greenwood Grade is Removed and New Route Opened, With Good Grades and No Rocks, Direct to Bear Creek and Burns Roads.

The road improvement work on Greenwood avenue, and the opening of the new road east along the south side of Pilot Butte, is progressing rapidly. Upon its completion Bend will have a new and greatly improved entrance from the east, connecting directly with the Bear Creek and Burns roads.

The grade on Greenwood, just beyond the city limits, has been eliminated, and from there to the butte the work is about completed, except for the grading. About two weeks' work will be required to finish the new road at the base of the butte. W. H. May has been in direct charge of the work, with County Commissioner R. H. Hayley supervising it.

This new route makes a straight road due east from town to the segregation and the easterly roads. It is somewhat shorter than the present roads, and far superior in point of grades and in freedom from rocks and turns. The cost of the work undertaken, including some that was done just north of town, is about \$7,000, probably \$5,000 of which went for labor. From the city limits the new work extends east about two miles.

Clustering the road west from the butte will be done, but probably the final touches will not be given the work until there is a good rain.

FLOWER SHOW SATURDAY

Many Entries and Many Prizes for Annual Floral Exhibition.

The annual flower show, given under the auspices of the Ladies Library Club, will be held this Saturday commencing at 2 p. m. This year the Bean building has been selected for the exhibition.

In addition to the many prizes listed in The Bulletin recently, more have been donated since, making the prize list the largest and most attractive ever offered for the show. The exhibition this year promises to be by far the best, both in point of volume and in variety of entries, yet held here.

During the afternoon refreshments will be served by the ladies, and there will be music. Many cut flowers and potted plants will be on sale. The judges will be W. D. Barnes of Laidlaw, Mrs. Morehouse and Mrs. Stearns.

A CORRECTION.
An unintended error was made in the figures printed in The Bulletin last week showing the amounts raised for general county purposes in the past seven years. The error occurred in the figures for the year 1912. The correct figures are as follows:

Year	Millage	Paid State Gen'l Fund
1907	8	\$14,950 \$ 35,225
1908	9.2	15,685 49,264
1909	9	17,454 53,739
1910	7.5	16,674 53,318
1911	7.95 (39,599)	74,295
1912	17.45	15,879 158,267
1913	14.50 (64,461)	168,167

The millage for 1911 and 1912 did not include the state tax as in all other years.

FOREST FIRE LOSS IS LIGHT

BUT FIGHTERS HAVE BEEN BUSY

Blazes Have Meant Employment to Many Men Here and Expenditure of About \$3,000 in Wages—Fires are Readily Handled.

While staggering losses are resulting in less favored timber areas of the Northwest through forest fires, the Central Oregon western white pine belt has been remarkably fortunate. For instance, U. S. Forest Supervisor Merritt and J. H. Haner, head of the Central Oregon Fire Patrol Association, state that the combined fire loss in Government and privately owned timber under their jurisdiction certainly does not exceed \$1,500 while probably \$1000 would cover it.

This is due to two causes. The first is the character of the timberlands, which make them notably the best fire risk in the country—indeed, practically no fire risk at all. For the pine timber is very open and free from small growth and underbrush, so that such fires as do occur are ground fires and easily handled. And secondly, the systematized fire fighting methods of the Forest Service, the Association and the State, with telephones and lookouts, etc., prove most efficient in handling the work.

Many Small Blazes.
However, the last ten days have been the busiest ever seen here, so far as forest fires are concerned. The woods are especially dry, there are many campers and hunters and several lightning storms have added their quota to the blazes.

The Forest Service handled about 20 fires during the last ten days, and the Association reports 15. All these have been widely scattered. With one exception the fires in the Reserves have not exceeded 200 acres in area, the losses of merchantable timber have been very slight. Most of the fire difficult to handle has been in black jack thicket growth, where no commercial damage was done, and the effort was to get the blaze under control before reaching valuable timber.

One good effect of the fires has been the employment of many men from Bend. Supervisor Merritt reports that he has up to 85 men, beside the regular Service employees. Mr. Haner has hired up to 60 men. While the final figures are not yet obtainable, this means that in all probability at least 1000 days work have been done and paid for, or, at an average of \$2.50 a day, close to \$2,500 will have been paid out to local labor, beside the amount expended for supplies.

Ten of the National Forest fires were so small that the regular force handled them readily. Ten others required crews, sent out from here. The largest fires were distributed as follows:

Three small ones near Odell lake, 1 near Davis Lake, 1 larger one south-

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LIES HELPLESS, HIS LEG BROKEN

FRED GILBERT SHOOT HIMSELF

Accident Monday at Crane Prairie—Horse Bucks, Automatic Pistol Fires—Helpless Lad is Tracked by Bear, Threatened by Bull.

CRANE PRAIRIE, Aug. 17.—Fred Gilbert, son of N. G. Gilbert of Bend, was seriously hurt here this morning, when his Savage automatic pistol went off twice when his horse began to buck and one shot entered his left leg about eight inches above the knee, piercing the bone and making a bad fracture. Then the boy dragged himself nearly a mile, and lay there from about ten o'clock in the morning until after five in the evening, when O. W. H. Riley heard his calls and rescued him.

When found, says Riley, a small bear had tracked the blood trail up to about 40 yards of Gilbert, and an ugly bull on the other side seemed on the point of goring him. Later, Riley tracked up and killed the bear.

Gilbert left Bend last Thursday, accompanying some sheep herders. He had camped alone near the foot of the Prairie, and was starting home when the trouble occurred, a couple of miles east of the Ranger station on the upper Bend road.

His horse, a green cayuse, became frightened at something, and bucked. Gilbert carried a Remington rifle, and in a holster was the automatic, a 32. Apparently the safety was not on the latter for it discharged twice before becoming clogged. One shot hit the rider full in the upper leg, and the other, seemingly, severed the cinch, for saddle and rider were thrown off and the horse disappeared.

Then the injured boy managed to crawl about three quarters of a mile, to the edge of the Prairie, where he gave out. He lay there all day, until finally, late in the afternoon, his cries for help were heard by Riley, who is stationed at the Cow Camp and was going to the Station.

Riley took the boy to the Station, whence Dr. Coe of Bend was summoned by phone. Dr. Coe and N. G. Gilbert in Walter Coomb's car, arrived shortly after ten o'clock, and Gilbert was given temporary treatment and dressing at the Ranger Station, where Forest Guard Usber and Ranger Oney assisted. At that time it was impossible to remove the bullet.

About one o'clock the return journey started, but a short way from the station the car mired in the mud, and Obe Riley with a team had to be requisitioned from the Cow Camp to pull the car out.

Bullet Not Located.
Dr. Coe and young Gilbert arrived here yesterday morning, and the patient was taken to his father's home in Park addition. Later in the day Dr. Coe made a complete examination, and again this morning, but has been unable to locate the bullet. He believes it is somewhere in the knee joint. Tonight Gilbert will be taken to Portland for X-Ray examination.

which is the only efficient way to find the bullet in a case of this kind. The leg bone is badly shattered and the flesh full of particles of bone.

The patient has suffered great pain and undoubtedly will be laid up for a long time. Those attending him say he exhibited fine nerve from the first.

HUNTING SEASON CLOSED

Governor's Action Caused by Fire Risk—Local Nimrods in Grief.

Because of the many forest fires, and the extremely dry weather Governor West Saturday proclaimed the open hunting season closed until further notice. This action was taken because the great number of hunters in the woods was considered an added fire menace. As soon as good rains come the open season will be again declared.

The edict came close to home here, and threatens to spoil the outing of at least one party. State District Game Warden Clyde McKay, with A. M. Pringle and W. W. Faulkner, left early Monday for a hunting trip. In the afternoon D. M. McKay received a telegram from the state authorities for his son Clyde, announcing the closed season and instructing him to take suitable action to enforce it. Mr. McKay senior got Clyde on the phone at Heilsings and gave him the message. Unfortunately as this is, it means that the party will be unable to hunt, unless a real rain should come while they are out, which automatically, it is understood, would reopen the season.

NO TAX PENALTIES DUE

Treasurer Jordan Declares Those Who Paid Half in April Exempt.

PRINEVILLE, Aug. 19.—County Treasurer Ralph Jordan, just returned from Portland, announces that his office will not collect penalties on portions of taxes for this year now unpaid, provided full payment be made by September first, and that half payment was made in April.

Circuit Court decisions in Lane and Multnomah counties, where effort was made to collect penalties on unpaid taxes where half was paid in April, hold that such action is illegal; that is, that if one paid half his tax in April, the other half could go over until September without penalty. A one per cent penalty was the amount involved. However, if all taxes are not paid by September first, a ten per cent penalty then accrues, with one per cent a month thereafter.

SHIPPING OUT HOGS.

Thanks to a new tariff just put into effect by the O. W. R. & N., a sort of co-operative carload of hogs will start from here Tuesday for Portland. The new rate makes it possible for shippers at various points along the line to combine in making a car, and was placed in operation at the suggestion of L. M. Foss. In this first car 10 hogs will start from Bend, and at Redmond the balance of the car will be filled. The local shippers are R. H. Grimes, Cole E. Smith, and E. H. Ross. Many carloads recently have been shipped from the Powell Butte country.

FRED STANLEY LOSER.

Fire, originating from sparks from a forest fire, destroyed the Stanley-Smith lumber mill near Hood River last Wednesday. The loss is placed at \$120,000, of which \$60,000 is said to be covered by insurance. Fred Stanley, president of the C. O. I. Co., and well known here, was heavily interested in the property, being a half owner, it is understood.

MAY CONVENE LEGISLATURE

WEST IS CONSIDERING THE STEP

Unless He Changes His Mind, Will Call Law Makers in Special Session on December 1 to Deal With Irrigation Questions.

A special session of the legislature to deal with irrigation and other questions is to be called by Governor West for December 1 according to reports from Salem following the meeting of the Desert Land Board there on Monday. This, at least, is the Governor's present plan and will be carried out unless he changes his mind before the time for the call comes.

The announcement was made at a meeting of the Desert Land Board called to consider the Governor's proposition to declare forfeited all Carey Act projects that are in default on their contracts with the state. The motion made by the Governor had no second and so did not even come to a vote.

The affairs of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company came in for considerable discussion and the position taken by State Engineer Lewis in regard to patenting certain Pilot Butte lands was argued by all. Mr. Lewis stood firm in his decision declining to make the necessary certification of reclamation until the company was able to deliver 1.8 acre feet as called for by its contracts with the settlers.

Although no reason has been announced for Governor West's sudden activity in irrigation matters it is understood that the chief cause is the report on the North Canal project of the C. O. I. Co. which suggests that only \$50,000 should be paid to the company for the project in case it is taken over by the Reclamation Service. The company's offer to the state was to turn over the project for \$500,000 and it is reported that the company officials now assert that they would never accept the amount suggested by the government engineer. In this connection an amusing side of the situation is pointed out in that when the company officials learned that only \$50,000 had been recommended as the proper amount to pay they immediately began to say things about State Engineer Lewis, blaming him for the report. Later they had to take it all back when they found that this finding was by a government engineer and that Lewis had filed a supplemental report recommending the payment of \$165,400 to the company for its North Canal property, \$115,000 more than the government investigators recommended.

The summary of the government report is as follows:

Summary. For convenient reference the principal findings with respect to the North Canal Unit and the proposals of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company in relation thereto are summarized as follows:
The total area of project is 45,045 acres, of which 55 per cent or 24,600 acres, is irrigable.
The per acre cost of the completed

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