

WAR IS TAKEN INTO REDMOND

SPEAKERS PRESENT THE FACTS

Dawning Suspicion Among Voters When They Hear Actual Facts That Dobson and Others are Off on Wrong Foot This Time.

The war was taken to Egypt last night, and indications are that Egypt is far from being united in its hostility. In fact, some of the Egyptians got so well showed up, that even their own community is beginning to realize that the motives of their self appointed leaders in fighting county division can't bear close examination. Getting down to tasks, there was a county division meeting at Redmond last night—in the heart of the anti-division community. Speakers were heard from Redmond, Prineville, Laidlaw, La Pine and Bend. While the majority of the crowd was hostile, there is no doubt that the frank statements and logical presentation of arguments favoring division won friends for it. Also, the opposition entirely failed to make good with any logical arguments against division, and the handful of anti-division workers in Redmond had hard sledding to show their constituents that there was any justice in their stand. Guy E. Dobson, who has taken the lead in the anti-division fight directed from Redmond, as usual refrained from figures or arguments against the move. The sum and substance of his remarks was that division should be killed because Bend favored it. However, when his opponents got through with him, there was a very evident feeling among those present that perhaps after all they were being misled by Mr. Dobson and Redmond had been fooled into a position of fighting against her own interests. Having admitted at previous meetings that if Redmond were sure of getting the county seat they would not be fighting county division, the real reason for their attitude was brought out last night—namely, unwillingness to see it go to Bend, and as ostensible grounds for their opposition they tried to use the tax argument which has been answered to the satisfaction of every other community in the new county.

Unfair Figures Shown. To support their tax argument there had been issued in Redmond before the meeting a sheet bearing figures purporting to show how taxes had increased in Hood River county since it had separated from Wasco. But no mention was made of the fact, as brought out in the speech of V. A. Forbes, that the only question to be considered was whether or not court house expenses had increased. It was shown that the apparent increase in Hood River was plainly due to the unusual amounts spent there on roads. George Russell of Prineville made a telling point when he asked all in the audience of 300 who had ever been to the east side of Crook county to raise their hands and found only 15. His statement of the taxes he had paid on his Crook county farm increasing each year as the yield of the land had increased made an interesting comparison with the Hood River figures and his description of the necessity of having three families on the farm to care for it properly was a pertinent analogy.

Barnes Working Hard. W. D. Barnes of Laidlaw made a strong impression in favor of division. He said he lived nearer Redmond than Bend and that he did more business in Redmond. But he favors division because he is convinced that it is best for him, just as it is best for all Deschutes county and for Redmond itself. Mr. Barnes said he was working hard for division, and all the people in his territory favored it.

Headliners Mr. Dobson the Redmond speakers were M. E. Lynch, W. B. Doggett and J. F. Houch, while Guy LaFollette, George Russell, V. A. Forbes, C. S. Hudson, H. J. Overturf, E. L. Clark, of La Pine and W. D. Barnes, of Laidlaw, spoke for Deschutes county.

Other Recent Meetings. Meetings in the division campaign were held last week at the Cloverdale school house, at Laidlaw and at Sisters all attended by a delegation from Redmond. W. F. King and a party from Prineville also attended the Cloverdale meeting.

The Sisters meeting Saturday night had the largest attendance of all. Speakers from every section of the proposed county were present to tell the sentiments of their communities in favor of division. Two from Redmond and one from Sisters spoke in opposition.

ANTI-PROHIBITION SPEAKER. George Russell says: "The fellows who are fighting against county division are the LOW tax and NO tax league; the MAKER of taxes and the TAK-er of taxes."

GETTING DESPERATE.

That they wouldn't hesitate to vote for Jefferson, white at the same time arguing against county division altogether, is evidently now the feeling of some of the Redmond opposition who grow desperate. For they made Jefferson this offer: If Jefferson would vote against Deschutes, then those opponents of division up here would vote for Jefferson. By this desperate chance they hoped to kill the 35 per cent vote in the old county. But the Jefferson men immediately told the Deschutes workers of the offer, which they turned down flatly.

FACTS ARE DISTORTED IN ANTI-DIVISION MOVEMENT

Houch of Redmond Says Deschutes County Would Have Population of Only 3000—Registration 2417

Consider these statements made by J. P. Houch, mayor of Redmond, and printed in the Redmond Spokesman. They are characteristic of the anti-division campaign.

Division "would leave about 3000 in each county," says Houch.

That is a plain misstatement. As stated elsewhere in this paper, it is evident that the registered vote alone of Deschutes county is 2417, and certainly there are not more than 50 per cent of the voters registered, so that many without even considering the non-voters. Redmond claims a population of 1200; does the Redmond mayor maintain that there are not 1500 people in all the rest of Deschutes county, including Bend, Sisters, La Pine, Laidlaw, Terrebonne and the country districts?

"In 1913 the total value of taxable property in Oregon was \$905,000,000, which would allow \$25,000 for an average county," continues the Redmond statistician, trying to show Crook's poverty.

This is petty and unfair juggling, and an effort to make figures lie. Here are the valuations of six eastern Oregon counties, all of them prosperous:

County	Valuation
Harny	7,349,667
Sherman	5,701,314
Gilliam	9,751,329
Morrow	11,973,551
Wheeler	3,267,816
Grant	5,960,882

LOOKS DIFFERENT NOW

Four Years Ago Redmond Favored Division, But Now Opposes.

Aln't it funny what a difference just a few years make?

Four years ago Redmond tried a county division move. It was squelched by all the rest of the county, because the railroads had not come, affairs were unsettled, and everyone felt the time too early.

This is what N. H. Elliott of Terrebonne says:

"I am for county division because I am convinced it will benefit us all. There are no fair arguments against it. Redmond is the chief kicker. Well, that's funny. Four years ago the first thing I struck when I came to the country was a bunch of Redmond men who tried to corral my vote for division. Now Redmond says its too early for county division!"

MORE MAD COYOTES.

More reports come in from all parts of the county concerning the spread of rabies among coyotes. Several mad coyotes have been killed in the southeast country at and around Silver Lake. An instance of their actions, last week one broke into the house of John Knox, brother of the candidate for sheriff, at Post, and rushed to a room on the top floor, where he tried to get out of a window. Mr. Knox heard the racket, took his rifle and shot the mad beast.

LA PINE DANCE SATURDAY.

This Saturday there will be a big Halloween dance at La Pine. It will be a masked affair, masks to be removed at 10:30. Liberal prizes will be awarded. Delegations from Furt Rock, Fremont and Silver Lake are expected, and a "booster banquet" will be served at the Hotel La Pine at seven o'clock. There will be refreshments after the dance.

OFFICIALS HERE.

John H. Lewis, state engineer, E. G. Hooper, supervising engineer of the U. S. Reclamation Service and Director Newell of the service arrived in town on Monday for an investigation in connection with the recent North Canal offer.

SUPPER AT LAIDLAW.

The church ladies of Laidlaw will give a Halloween supper and party at Laidlaw this Saturday night. A real old fashioned good time is promised, and, as usual at Laidlaw, the best eats to be had anywhere.

ANTI-PROHIBITION SPEAKER.

Tomorrow, Thursday, night, Col. E. Hofer, one of Oregon's best known orators, will speak on the fallacies of prohibition at the Bend Commercial Club rooms. He challenges anyone to debate on the subject.

SEVERAL CLOSE CONTESTS SURE

COUNTY POLITICS ARE INVOLVED

Many Factors Add to Usual Uncertainties—Some Facts and Figures of Previous Elections in Crook County Given for Comparison.

In the race for county offices there are three contests that promise to be close.

Frank Elkins, incumbent, will have a hard time to defeat E. B. Knox for sheriff, says the well informed. Although County Clerk Warren Brown has always led the whole ticket heretofore, some say his feminine opponent, Miss Woodruff, will give him a close run. The race for surveyor seems to be anybody's, with Rice, the incumbent, an independent candidate, H. A. Kelly on the Republican ticket and Wade Huston representing the Democrats.

County politics were never more tangled, what with personal fights, sectional jealousies, the "wet" and "dry" questions and the complications of county division and the "woman" vote. In view of all this some investigation of previous elections is interesting.

In 1906 Sheriff Elkins won from Conington by 639 votes. In 1910 Balfour defeated him by 9 votes, with a 856 to 847 count. In 1912 Elkins beat Balfour 1127 to 764. At the last election the Bend precinct gave Balfour 99 and Elkins 94. This year Knox is conceded to run well here and probably on the east side, while Elkins' strongholds are Redmond, Laidlaw and Sisters. It seems possible that the North End vote will decide the fight, and reports are to the effect that Knox stand for county division has won him many friends. However, the Madras county has always given Elkins a big majority.

Brown's Vote Large.

In 1910 Warren Brown won by the overwhelming vote of 1592 to 170, for county clerk. Again in 1912 he proved his popularity by re-election, the vote standing 1816 for him and 521 for his opponent, Howard Turner. Brown's vote was the highest cast for any candidate in the county. In the surveyor fight Kelley has bid for the anti-division vote. Huston has come out for division and Rice is non-committal. All three are Prineville men. Rice was elected in 1912 against Brewster, although running as an independent.

Crook county has swayed between the wet and the dry columns. In 1908 it went dry with a majority of 584 votes, but in 1910 prohibition was abandoned with a margin of 271 ballots.

An interesting fact is that in 1912 the vote exceeded the registration, 3153 voting while only 2953 were registered.

LA PINE SOLID FOR DIVISION

NEIGHBORING COMMUNITY, AFTER THOROUGH INVESTIGATION, IS CONVINCED THAT NEW COUNTY IS DESIRABLE—OTHER DISTRICTS WORKING FOR SAME END, TOO.

The southwestern portion of Crook county—the area embraced in the proposed Deschutes county—is getting together on county division. The developments of the last ten days prove conclusively that Bend is in no way making the right alone.

La Pine has come out solidly for division. Laidlaw, from the first, has favored the move almost unanimously. The Alfalfa country is working hard for the new county. The southeastern, home-stead country, while far from unanimous, realizes the necessity of the change and the advantages it will reap from having a county seat where it does its trading. Sisters, instead of being solidly against the move, as claimed by opponents who said that Redmond and Prineville dominated it, is taking an independent stand and a big favorable vote is assured. And Terrebonne, to the north of Redmond, shows every indication of a good margin in favor of division.

The people of La Pine investigated the situation thoroughly before they would "O. K." division. Now they are convinced it is for the best, and are out working for it hard, as well as promising a solid vote at home.

Here is what the Inter-Mountain published last week.

VOTE FOR BOTH NEW COUNTIES

76	X	FOR NEW COUNTY (DESCHUTES)
78	X	FOR NEW COUNTY (JEFFERSON)

"OLD TIMERS" FOR DIVISION

PROMINENT RANCHERS ENDORSE MOVE

Eighteen Well-Known Residents of East Side Issue Appeal—They Have No Axe to Grind But Point Out Who Are Opposed to Move.

The chief opposition to county division has been fostered by the "Lower Tax League."

The so-called League is a close corporation of a handful of Redmond and Prineville men. Its real name should be the "Anti-Division League" but the other sounds better. W. F. King is its leading spirit; H. A. Kelley, candidate for county surveyor, is the king's counselor; division will mean less work for Crook county's surveyor. The other night Mr. Kelly said here: "If the county is divided the job isn't worth having," which pretty well shows why Kelley is where he is.

But the group of Prineville patriots who are laboring to keep "the dear old county" intact have tried to spread the impression that all the east side was united against the move. The "old timers" especially, they said, didn't like it. Of course Bako Knox is for it, and J. W. Blanchard, also, but they are only two.

Here, however, is a list of east side residents who are out publically working for division. They have signed a statement to that effect, whose text appears below. Most of them have been in Crook county over thirty years. Eight of them have been here more than 40 years. Several of them are among the largest taxpayers in the county. All of them are heavy taxpayers and substantial, successful citizens.

Name	Occupation	Yrs. in County.
G. H. Gray	stockman	27
J. H. Templeton	farmer	44
T. H. LaFollette	farmer	42
C. C. Briss	lawyer	31
G. H. Russell	stockman	16
G. T. Hoover	retired farmer	24
S. A. Prose	rancher	33
J. D. LaFollette	rancher	43
J. W. Elliott	retired farmer	41
C. J. Johnson	stockman	21
C. Sam Smith	stockman	29
J. O. Powell	rancher	44
Marguerite E. Powell	taxp'r	19
D. P. Adamson	drug-farmer	19
H. P. Belknap	physician	40
M. D. Powell	farmer	42
I. L. Ketchum	retired farm'r	25
H. W. Carlin (Roberts)	stockman	25

Here is the statement these men signed:

"The county division question should be regarded solely from a business standpoint.

"Is it to the best interest of the

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ELECTION RETURNS.

The Bulletin will cover this election thoroughly and will furnish information to its patrons to the best of its ability Tuesday and Wednesday. Incomplete returns will be received at intervals by telegraph and telephone from most of the county precincts after 9 p. m. Tuesday. If returns are decisive in the county, an "extra" will be issued early Wednesday morning. State and national returns will be received Tuesday night and Wednesday morning. The regular Wednesday afternoon edition will contain full details returned from practically all county precincts and state and national results.

FOUR YEARS AGO IT FAVORED DIVISION

But Now the Redmond Spokesman Thinks the Time is Too Early. Although All Others Favor Move.

"The Redmond Spokesman," a paper published usually on Thursdays at Redmond, devotes most of its attention last week to an ardent appeal for votes against county division.

It is understood that some 4000 copies of the sheet were printed and distributed about the county. The Spokesman has some subscribers here in Bend, but not a single copy reached this point until Sunday. Those fighting division in Redmond wanted their statements, as contained in the Spokesman, to reach certain portions of the county before Bend people saw them and could contradict them with accurate facts and figures. There was the unsavory trick was indulged in of withholding the Bend papers.

Here are two characteristic sentences from the Redmond paper of October 22, 1914:

"The proposed division does not suit the needs of the people."

"The present county is no doubt too large and when it has a larger population and the proper lines developed it can and will be divided to suit the needs of the people."

Four years ago, in 1910, Redmond wanted county division. Here is an abstract from the Redmond Spokesman of October 27, 1910:

"The opposition to Deschutes county seems to come from Madras . . . In all the proposed county Madras alone is objecting."

In the state pamphlet of 1910, the Redmond Commercial Club, in its argument favoring the creation of Deschutes county, said:

"Crook, the parent county of the proposed county of Deschutes, is favorable to the creation of the new county."

Everyone who was here then knows that these statements were false. The vote in Crook county, 271 for, 1252 against, showed how "favorable" the parent county actually was.

That was in 1910. At that time Redmond was fighting her own little game. She maintained the time was opportune; she used the very argument she now combats! She was overwhelmingly beaten because the lines she arbitrarily laid out were unsatisfactory to every other community and because the railroad had not come and all were agreed that it was too early for division.

Now read what Redmond says in 1914. She declares it is too early for division! She "bout faces" and ridicules all that she supported four years ago.

She refused Bend's invitation to come to an agreement upon boundaries—refused even to take up the matter at all—and then howls about the present lines, which are a thousand per cent more generally fair than those she tried to force down her neighbors' throats in 1910; and today these lines are supported by practically every other community in the county as being entirely just and reasonable.

In short, Redmond stands discredited by her own words and by her own actions of the past and her methods of the present. Her opposition to division is of such a kind that it should win support for division among fair minded voters.

DEFEAT GEORGE BILL

Portland Organization Opposed to Measure Directed at Land Board. (Portland Oregonian.)

Headed by the Portland Chamber of Commerce various commercial and professional organizations of the state are opposing the initiative bill which is designed to abolish the Desert Land Board. A communication is being sent out to voters throughout the state calling their attention to the bill and urging that it be not passed.

Organizations besides the Chamber of Commerce which are signaling the communication are the Oregon Society of Engineers, Portland branch American Association of Engineers and the Oregon Hydroelectric Commission.

This is the "George Bill," number 347 on the ballot.

THANKS.

Readers will notice that three advertisements which usually appear on this page are omitted.

This was necessary to secure sufficient space to give all the county news available. The Bulletin thanks those advertisers for the use of their space.

COUNTY JUDGES IN UNTIL 1919

CHANGED LAW IS DISCOVERED

If Division Falls and 4-Year Term Law Carries, West Side is Frozen Out of Representation at Court House Until Year of 1919.

The present county judge of Crook county will hold office for four years more, instead of only until 1916, in other words, unless county division carries, the people of the west side will continue to have G. Springer for their judge until January 1919.

Should the initiative law making all other county terms four years long pass next Tuesday, as is probable, this would mean that the West Side will have absolutely no representation in the court house until January, 1919.

The Supreme Court handed down a decision to this effect last Saturday. It is discovered that the constitutional amendment adopted in November, 1910, in addition to making the terms of Supreme Court judges six years, also increases the terms of all county judges to that period. Further, Justices of the Peace, elected in 1912, will continue to hold office until 1919, irrespective of the results of the election of next Tuesday.

In Klamath county the sudden discovery of this fact, which lawyers have failed to notice for four years, has created a remarkable situation. A hot campaign was being waged against County Judge Worden, and a barrel of money has been spent by the opposition. But now it develops that he does not have to run for reelection, and he holds office until January, 1917. This probably means a resumption of injunction suits against Klamath county, and perhaps another trial at the recall of Judge Worden, which once before failed dismally.

The amendment in question is of article VI, whose first section, in part, now reads:

"The judicial power of the State shall be vested in one Supreme Court and in such other courts as may from time to time be created by law. The judges of the Supreme Court and other courts shall be elected by the legal voters of the state or of their respective districts for a term of six years."

WASCO, DESPITE DIVISIONS' HAS LOW TAX AND PROSPERS

Crook, Wheeler and Hood River Left Her. But She is Still in Prime Condition—Hood River Benefitted.

The following telegram was sent to Prineville from The Dallas October 24. "Valuation of Wasco county \$17,500,000. Millage for all purposes 16 1/2. Cost of new court house \$173,000. Complete millage the year before Hood River county cut off 21 mills."

Consider this: Crook was originally cut from Wasco. Later Wheeler obtained part of her territory from Wasco. Still later Hood River was taken from long-suffering Wasco. Yet Wasco's high school is still open, she builds the best court house in the state, and pays for it all with a 16 1/2 mill levy, and has no debt.

Crook's court house and county buildings were built when the total valuation of the county was about what it will be when the new counties are taken off, and the millage was much less at that time and there was no debt.

and in connection with this, Hood River county, which recently split from Wasco, is prosperous. It gets along without a court house, and its tax payers declare that their taxes are even less than they used to be, proportionately to what they get.

PHONE LINE COMPLETED.

The telephone lines from Bend to Tumbia Ranger Station, which is located approximately 15 miles west of Bend, has been completed. This line is the first Forest Service line to connect direct with Bend. It taps a country that has heretofore been comparatively inaccessible.

DAVIDSON FAVORS DIVISION.

W. F. Davidson, president of the Oregon & Western Columbia Lumber Co., one of the largest taxpayers in Crook county and owner of great tracts of land in Deschutes and old Crook, favors county division. In the Prineville News he says:

"I authorize you to say in The News that I believe I will not be hurt any by county division; that my taxes have been increased in Crook county about three times over in the past four years."