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"PATENTS AT ANY PRICE," IS CRY

BUT DANGERS ARE POINTED OUT

Supporters of Lewis Contend That Issuance of Patents Would Endanger Rights of Settlers—Fight May Be Made by Them.

Another step in the complicated history of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company and its settlers was undertaken last week when the Desert Land Board recommended to the Federal authorities the patenting of List No. 10. The action was taken in direct opposition to State Engineer Lewis, who insisted that no patents should be recommended until the company is able to deliver the contracted amount of water, 1.8 second feet per acre, which it now is unable to do for the acreage involved and that dependent upon the canal utilized.

The land in this list is under the Central Oregon Canal, east of Bend, and in the Powell Butte district. The list contains 11,687 irrigable acres, of which 9,912 acres are sold to settlers, according to the figures of the company.

Some settlers whose lands are included in the list, have been demanding patents strenuously, led by E. B. Williams, who appeared before the board. Their position seems to be "patents at any price." That is, they will accept patents now, even if their contracts are not fulfilled and ultimately there will not be enough water to go around.

In this connection, however, Williams, it is understood, has offered a supplementary agreement, to be signed by settlers and company, in which it is set forth that by accepting patent the settler does not release the company from the responsibility of ultimately delivering the contracted 1.8 feet, for which the settler has contracted and paid. The legal worth of this proposed agreement is seriously questioned, and whether or not it would have any hold at all upon the company, after patents had actually been issued is uncertain.

Means Cash for Company.

In this connection it is further pointed out by supporters of the Lewis stand that by getting these patents the company, apparently, automatically will release some \$20,000 which is now put up in the form of notes, with the Land Board to insure the proper completion of the canal serving these lands. If patents are issued now, it is thereby established that the Government testifies to the satisfactory condition of the canal, and further need for the guarantee fund is obviated.

Should this prove to be the case, the interest of the company hastening this patent list appears obvious: patenting would mean \$20,000 for them. But, point out the settlers, from their standpoint it would mean that in the future settlers under this canal would have absolutely no hold upon the company for fulfillment of their obligations.

Officers of the Water Users' Association are bitterly opposed to re-

THE COUNTY TAX.

At the meeting of the county court which opens next Wednesday the tax levy for the coming year will be decided upon. All who can possibly do so are urged to attend the meeting.

COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION BIG SUCCESS

Twenty Schools Represented Here Last Week—Delegates Taken on Auto Ride by Commercial Club.

The Crook County Sunday School Convention was held in Bend on Friday and Saturday and followed very closely the program published in The Bulletin last week. It was practically an institute conducted by Rev. C. A. Phipps. There was not a dull thing on the program. Twenty Sunday schools were represented by delegations. The credit for the success of this convention is chiefly due to the efforts of the president, D. H. Williams, of Madras.

On Saturday the delegates dined at noon with the Commercial Club at the Wright Hotel. D. H. Williams and Rev. C. A. Phipps addressed the Commercial Club. On Saturday afternoon the delegates were taken by the Commercial Club for an auto ride and shown the sights. This courtesy was highly appreciated. Most of the delegates expressed surprise and pleasure at what they saw.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year.

President, D. H. Williams, of Madras; 1st Vice president, Mrs. Cecil Porter, Metolius; 2nd Vice pres, Mrs. Florence Melville, Prineville; Secy., Trana, Miss Mae A. Elliott, Terrebonne; Superintendents, Elementary department, Mrs. Percival Redmond; Teen age Department, Mrs. G. Ramsey, Prineville; Adult Age Department, Mrs. C. Rinkley, Redmond; Missionary, Mrs. E. G. Judd, Bend; Temperance and Good Citizenship, Mrs. Shipp; Evangelism, Mrs. Hedgoc.

JEFFERSON HEARING FRIDAY

Question of Injunction to Be Argued Before Judge Bradshaw.

The hearing on the question of making permanent the injunction restraining County Clerk Warren Brown from certifying to the secretary of state the result of the county division election will take place at The Dalles on Friday. Judge Bradshaw will hear the case.

The Jefferson county leaders have engaged District Attorney Wirtz to present their case and he will be assisted by W. H. Wilson of The Dalles. They feel confident of the result and it is asserted that the case will be settled this week.

JEFFERSON COUNTY NOMINEES.

At the convention held at Metolius to choose names to recommend to the governor for appointment for the county court of Jefferson county S. K. King was nominated for county judge and Roscoe Gard and L. M. Thomas for commissioners.

THE INSTITUTE IS SUCCESSFUL

THREE DAYS HERE ARE CROWDED

Instruction, Recreation and Entertainment are Enjoyed by Crook County Teachers—Reception at Emblem Club Monday Night.

The annual institute for Crook county teachers, held in Bend this week for the first time, comes to an end this afternoon after three days filled with sight-seeing, instruction and entertainment. All the teachers in the county have been here, some of them for the first time, and all have words of praise for the town, the people and the treatment they have received.

The serious part of the institute work has been carried on daily at the Bend school where addresses have been given by leading educators and all have had an opportunity to learn of the latest methods and to receive advice on how to succeed in the teaching profession. In a social way the stay of the teachers here has been made pleasant by receptions on two evenings and by a number of smaller parties.

The largest of these affairs was the reception given under the auspices of the Ladies Library Club on Monday night. It was held in the large banquet hall of the Emblem Club and attended by all the visitors and by a large number of townspeople. During the evening the Glee Club sang and refreshments were served, and following the reception there was dancing.

At the Emblem Club last night the Bend high school teachers and pupils ascertained the Prineville teachers and the members of the foot ball

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ENGINEERS WILL DECIDE

Chamberlain After \$150,000 But Will Refrain From Any One Project.

PORTLAND, Nov. 23.—Just before leaving for the east Monday morning Senator Chamberlain was interviewed regarding the Federal \$450,000 appropriation by representatives from Central Oregon.

The Senator regretted that an effort had been made to inject local preferences into the matter, and was emphatic in stating that the surest way to kill the whole matter was to start cross-hauling for different projects. He said that so far as he was concerned, decision as to where the money would be spent in this county would be left to engineering investigation. According to reliable authority, it seems certain that there is next to no chance at all for the money to go to any project other than either the West Side unit or the North Canal project, with strong likelihood that the continuation of the Tumalo Project will meet with the greater official favor at Washington.

SEVEN MILLS IS TAX FOR SCHOOL

MEETING MAKES A BIG REDUCTION

District No. 12 Millage For 1915 is Less Than Half That For Current Year—Payment of Debt Makes Lower Charge Possible Now.

The 1915 tax levy for school district No. 12 will be 7 mills or less than half the levy for the present year. This figure was decided upon at a meeting of tax payers at the Bend school on Saturday afternoon. There were 15 in attendance.

The condition of the school district last summer led to the belief that there would be a material decrease in the tax levy, some thinking that it might go as low as 6 mills. Later the use of the district's surplus funds on the new school building made this seem too low and last week members of the school board stated that they believed 11 mills would be decided upon. Sources of revenue, unconsidered at that time, made the final figure of 7 mills possible.

The school tax for 1915 will be the lowest enjoyed in the local district for a number of years. In 1913, as indicated above, the tax was 19 mills and last year 15 1/2 mills, while for 1915 it will be barely a third of one and less than a half of the former.

In the past few years the higher tax has been due to a number of causes including the freeing of the ditch company from taxes and to extra expense in connection with the new school buildings. The first cause put the district a good deal in debt which it got rid of only last year, and the second made it necessary to keep the levy up in order to get the

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TAX RATIOS FIXED

Final Figure For Crook County is Set at .53 by Tax Board.

The final figures on the tax ratios for the different counties of the state leave Crook county in better position as to the state tax than the tentative figures did. According to the latest announcement the final Crook county figure is .53; the first one was .49.

These ratios are the average percentage of the county assessment to the actual value of the property, and they are used for the purpose of determining the assessment of public service corporations to the several counties, and also as the basis of equalization between counties in apportioning state taxes. Following is the list of ratios:

Baker, .75; Benton, .65; Clackamas, .58; Clatsop, .59; Columbia, .78; Coos, .69; Crook, .53; Curry, .86; Douglas, .69; Gilliam, .75; Grant, .63; Harney, .63; Hood River, .71; Jackson, .74; Josephine, .74; Klamath, .74; Lake, .75; Lane, .66; Lincoln, .93; Linn, .68; Malheur, .69; Marion, .69; Morrow, .86; Multnomah, .63; Polk, .52; Sherman, .68; Tillamook, .88; Umatilla, .60; Union, .70; Wallowa, .75; Wasco, .75; Washington, .54; Wheeler, .70; Yamhill, .62.
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YOUR TAXES.

	1914	1915
City of Bend 24	mills 14	mills
District 12	15 1/2	7
Crook Co.	26	7

GEOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT ON THE DESCHUTES RIVER

Water Supply Paper is Study of Utilization of Stream for Irrigation and Power Purposes.

SALEM, Nov. 20.—The United States geological survey has just issued a report dealing with the Deschutes river, Oregon, and its utilization, which shows detailed plans for the development of water power at 18 different power sites along the stream. Quantities are being given so that the estimates of cost can easily be prepared by anyone interested. These plans show 294,000 brake horse power can be developed at 14 sites on the Deschutes river and 90,000 at four sites on the Metolius river.

Suggestive as to a general plan of development are made in the publication and considerable space is given to a discussion of existing and needed water legislation.

Seventeen profile maps of the water service and topography along the Deschutes river, on a scale of two inches to the mile, from its mouth to Pringle Falls, including topography of the proposed Benham Falls reservoir site, help to make the volume interesting. Similar information is furnished regarding the Metolius river.

The authors are District Engineer F. P. Henshaw, State Engineer John H. Lewis and J. E. McCaustland.

Considerable space is given to the conditions of the river at Bend and to the question of irrigation of the surrounding country.

NEW FLOUR MILL MACHINERY.

The flour mill which has been working day and night shifts, since its opening, closed down temporarily Saturday night in order to make some additions to the plant, and replace some old machinery with more modern equipment. It is expected the work will take up most of the week, and that the mill will open again Monday, working two shifts.

NEW REVENUE ACT.

Notices have been received in Bend of the new internal revenue act providing taxes on bankers, commission merchants, proprietors of theatres, bowling alleys and billiard rooms, dealers in tobacco, manufacturers of cigars and others. Detailed information concerning the taxes may be had from Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, Portland.

COMMERCIAL CLUB.

The chief business at the meeting of the Commercial Club on Saturday was entertainment of the visiting Sunday school delegates. Following the luncheon they were taken for an auto ride around town. The luncheon next Saturday will be at the Bend Hotel.

AUDIT OF BOOKS IS NOW REFUSED

ANSWER FINALLY GIVEN COMMISSIONER

Insurance Department Makes Written Demand on Roscoe Howard For Definite Answer as to Whether Books Will Be Open to Audit.

The Central Oregon Irrigation Co., or at least its manager, Roscoe Howard, has at last definitely refused to permit the State Insurance Department to examine and audit the accounts of the company as offered by Mr. Howard at a meeting in Bend on July 25. A definite answer on this subject, which has been sought by the Insurance Commissioner and The Bulletin for several weeks, was given last week. The purpose of the audit, now finally refused, was to see whether or not the company was properly spending of its maintenance fees.

Dissatisfaction with the company came to a head last summer and a general meeting of water users was called in Bend on July to discuss what action should be taken by the settlers on the company's project to safeguard their interests.

At this meeting the statement was made that if the company was misusing the maintenance fees and especially if it were paying high salaries to its officers out of these fees it might be ground for obtaining a receiver for the company. Roscoe Howard denied any part of the maintenance fees went to pay salaries and offered to open the books of the company to the water users for an audit to prove his statement.

Later the Water Users' Association requested the Desert Land Board for assistance in desisting the audit and the Board turned the matter over to the Insurance Commissioner. He began at once to try to get at the books but met with evasion and delay. When The Bulletin joined the Insurance Commissioner in trying to learn, on behalf of the settlers, whether or not the audit would be permitted, it was told by Roscoe Howard that the matter had been taken up with the directors of the company. When they were approached the secretary wrote that the matter could be best attended to by the company and the Insurance Department.

Whether the directors have acted or not is not known, but Roscoe Howard has informed the Insurance Commissioner that he cannot see the books. As indicated in the correspondence printed below a written demand for an answer was handed Roscoe Howard and he returned an unfavorable verbal reply. As the Desert Land Board takes the position that the matter rests entirely with the water users it now remains for the association to decide on its next step.

The letter from the Insurance Commissioner to Roscoe Howard was as follows:

Salem, Oregon, Nov. 17, 1914
Mr. Roscoe Howard, Manager,
Central Oregon Irrigation Co.,
State House.

Dear Sir:
Being requested by the Desert Land Board to examine and audit the accounts of the Central Oregon Irrigation Co.,

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Little Talks on Banking

Loans

Loaning money is one of the chief functions of a bank and a banker is generally willing to accommodate an applicant if, in his estimation, the borrower is worthy of and entitled to, credit.

In making loans, a banker takes into consideration the character of the applicant, the security offered, the rate of interest and whether or not the borrower is a regular customer of the bank. The banks regular depositors have always the preference and loans to them are based on the credit of the customer and on the borrowing equity of his account.

Because banking laws in the different states are at variance, some state banks can make loans that others cannot. Also state banks can make loans that national banks cannot and vice versa. A borrower may offer whatever security he may desire, but a banker is always at liberty to refuse him the accommodation and may also, with perfect propriety, withhold his reasons for so doing.

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