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## FIREWORKS ARE NOT DISPLAYED

## COURT MEETING IS PEACEFUL

**W. W. Brown Feels Treatment by Springer Has Been Unjust But Will Wait Jefferson County Decision—Proceedings May Be Recalled**

The appointment of H. J. Overturf of Bend, as county commissioner to succeed Willis W. Brown had an airing at the adjourned meeting of the county court on Monday. Fireworks of various sorts had been expected, chiefly from Mr. Brown, who felt that he had a grievance against Judge Springer and Commissioner Blanchard for their summary action at their former meeting in declaring his office vacant, but matters were amicably arranged and an understanding reached to leave affairs in their present status until the final decision is handed down in the Jefferson county case.

According to reports from Prineville a large part of the credit for the solution reached on Monday is due to Mr. Overturf, who, as soon as he learned of Mr. Brown's feelings, fled with the court a written request that it reconsider its action in declaring Mr. Brown out of office. His apparent willingness to step aside in order to serve the best interests of the county was very favorably received by the court and was instrumental in causing Mr. Brown to give up his plans to fight.

**The Court Action.**  
Because of the recent death of his only son, who had been murdered by a drunken employe on New Year's day, Mr. Brown did not appear at the January term of county court. In his absence, Judge Springer and Commissioner Blanchard, acting, they claim on the advice of District Attorney Wirtz, declared his office vacant on the ground of his residence in the newly formed Jefferson county, and elected Mr. Overturf in his stead. It is understood that Mr. Brown had expected to retain his seat on the court pending the final decision in the Jefferson county case and then to resign it, if the decision favored the county. In throwing him out, as he expresses it, he felt that the court went out of its way to treat him unfairly and he felt especially bitter that the action was taken when he was forced to be away and that more respect had not been paid to the misfortune that had overtaken him. For these reasons, and because he felt that Judge Springer, was just as much a non-resident of Crook county, after the formation of Jefferson as he was and was therefore as much entitled to be off the court as he was, Mr. Brown was expected to make a fight for his seat on Monday.

Those who expected fireworks, however, were disappointed, Mr. Brown coming to the meeting of the court and announcing simply that he thought he had as much right to be sitting as Judge Springer. As the matter was left Mr. Brown agreed to do nothing until the Jefferson decision is made and then if the new county falls he comes back.

**The Overturf Letter.**  
The letter from Mr. Overturf which

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## LEGISLATURE TO ASK LANE TO HASTEN PATENT LISTS

**Forbes Launches Memorial to Interior Department on Behalf of Irrigators Who Want Land.**

**SALEM, Feb. 2.**—Representative Forbes of Bend yesterday presented to the House a joint memorial addressed to the Secretary of the Interior, seeking speedy adjustment of pending patent lists in Crook county so that settlers on the irrigated tracts may get patents without further delay.

The memorial, which no doubt will be adopted, places the legislature on record as asking the Department of the Interior to see to it that patent lists numbers 6, 8, 9 and 10 be investigated and passed upon at once. After reciting the dates upon which the various lists were executed, and the serious difficulties to which settlers are subjected because of the delay, the memorial winds up as follows:

"Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Department of the Interior be and is hereby urged to use every effort to hasten the examination of these lists of land for patent and render final decision on each and all thereof to the end that settlers now upon the land may be able to obtain their deeds or that the State may take such steps as may be necessary in the premises to secure patent to said lands for the relief of the settlers thereon."

## LAURGAARD'S WORK DONE

**Tumalo Engineer Turns Office Over to Successor.**

With his work brought to a successful conclusion Project Engineer Laurgaard of the Tumalo Project turned his office over to his successor last week and with his family, left Laidlaw for Portland. Mr. Laurgaard will spend some time in Salem giving such assistance as he can toward obtaining from the legislature the desired appropriations for the continuation of irrigation work in Oregon. Later, it is understood, he will visit in Philadelphia before taking up active work again.

With Mr. Laurgaard's departure, Fred N. Wallace, the new project engineer, takes charge of the project. Mr. Wallace was in charge of operations and maintenance during the construction period and is expected to receive the appointment as project manager as soon as the bill providing for that office has been passed by the legislature. A summary of the bill is given elsewhere in this paper. In the meantime Mr. Wallace's title is project engineer as provided in the original Tumalo bill which is now being amended.

## MCKEET-GETTINGS.

Fred L. McKee and Alice A. Gettings were married by Justice of the Peace Easton in his office on Saturday. The groom is a homesteader living at Council. In Lake county and the newly married couple have gone there to live.

## NEW TELEPHONE LINE.

Settlers east of town have formed a telephone company under the name Pine Forest Telephone Co., and are making plans to get their wires up soon. The new line will run into town.

## GOULD APPOINTED.

Robert B. Gould has been appointed deputy county surveyor by county surveyor Kelley. Mr. Gould is the city engineer of Bend.

## WEST HELPED TO CHOOSE CULVER

## THIS IS ALLEGATION NOW MADE

**As a Result Madras Men Appear in Salem With Bill to Amend County Division Law as to Selection of Permanent Seat of County.**

**SALEM, Feb. 2.**—The Smith bill regarding the choice of permanent county seats, an amendment of the 1913 county division law, has passed the House and now goes to the Senate where its passage is expected. This amendment of the existing law is directly applicable to the situation in Jefferson county and will affect the selection of the permanent county seat of that new county when the question is voted on in November, 1916.

**SALEM, Feb. 2.**—Alleging that the fine Italian hand of Oswald West was the power behind Culver's selection as the county seat of Jefferson county, more publicity is promised for Oregon's baby county.

The other day Wesley O. Smith, representative from Klamath county, introduced House Bill No. 252. It amends the 1913 county division law and very evidently it is intended to provide ways and means for arranging county seat matters in Jefferson somewhat differently than they now exist. It is rumored that the State House, and has been printed in the Portland papers, that ex-governor West picked the Jefferson Board of Commissioners, knowing that a majority favored Culver. Two of them, Boggs and King, had Culver for their post office address, it is alleged. It is further alleged that one of the Portland members of the real estate firm which is heavily interested in the Culver interests is an intimate friend and political assistant of West's, and that therefore Culver was given all the assistance possible from the Executive's office.

Howard Turner and Lewis G. Irving, of Madras, were at the State House last week, and shortly after their appearance the amendment to the county division law put in an appearance. So far as is known, no definite proof has been shown establishing that West favored Culver, but the rumor has gained circulation that the amendment will go through as a referendum for West's alleged favoritism as much as for any other cause.

Briefly, the amendment provides that "if at the first election for the selection of a permanent county seat no city or town shall receive a majority of the votes cast upon such question then the town receiving the highest number of votes shall be the temporary county seat of such county until the next general election, at which time the two towns which receive the highest number of votes at the first election shall be the only ones which shall be placed upon the ballot to be voted upon for permanent county seat." In other words, it is a fair guess that when the question comes up of choosing a permanent county seat in Jefferson county two years from now, Madras, Metolius and Culver will be in the race. No

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## GOLD IS FOUND AT BEAR CREEK

## LOCAL MEN ARE THE DISCOVERERS

**Mineral Rush Seen Here Last Week When News Becomes Known—Values Run From \$3 to \$6 Per Ton According to Assays Made.**

Gold has been discovered at Bear Creek about 25 miles due east of Bend. As yet definite information as to the value of the discovery is lacking but the original locators are highly confident of the worth of their find and a number of others have located claims in the few days that have elapsed since the news of the strike became general.

The situation of the new gold field is to the south and west of Bear Creek and north of Bear Creek butte. The country in the neighborhood is unsettled except for the creek bottom nearby in which the chief ranch is that of the Dunham family.

It has been believed for many years that there was mineral in that particular section of the country. It is quite different in formation from the adjoining sections, being the original formation which has never been overlain by lava. Prospectors have been working over it almost ever since the country was first settled and one of them, W. A. Beaver, of Bend, has finally been successful in finding ore in quantity.

As yet the ledge has not been sufficiently uncovered to disclose whether or not it is free milling ore but it now seems probable that it is not, and that the modern processes of re-dressing will have to be employed to obtain the mineral. The values, according to assays so far received, run from \$3 to \$6 per ton, or in other words, according to one of the men interested, it is a low grade proposition so far as now uncovered, but there is plenty of ore in sight to keep a stamp mill busy for a great many years.

The men associated with Mr. Beaver in the original locations are H. P. Manton, Lee Nickerson, Abe Wolf, and Frank Sutherland. At present they have a camp on the ground and several of them are spending all their time there at work. On Thursday, when news of the discovery became generally known there was a miniature rush out there and about 35 other claims were located, all by local men.

All are disposed to go slowly and not make extravagant statements about the discovery. Their first expectation is to go on with the exploration work and learn just what they have and then to seek capital for development if the value of the find warrants.

## THE PUPPIES SITUATION

Chief of Police Roberts continues to pick up a few unweaned dogs, four having been killed in the past week. No case of rabies has appeared in town since the Garret dog was killed but from the homestead country new reports of rabid animals have come in, the latest being from Tom O'Keefe who lives 47 miles out on the Bend-Burns road. According to the veterinary W. J. Miller, O'Keefe's horse died of rabies last week, having been bitten when on the range.

## EASTERN OREGON DELEGATES SHOW STRENGTH IN HOUSE

**Pass Bill Requiring East of Cascades Representation on Railroad Commission—Consider Tax Collection**

(Special to The Bulletin.)  
**SALEM, Feb. 2.**—The long expected decision from the supreme court as to whether county judges elected in 1910 hold over another two years was not forthcoming today, as expected. However, at least one judge whose term expired in January, under the law as hitherto interpreted has resigned. He is Judge Hall, of Coos county. Governor Withycombe appointed James Watson, who was the successful candidate at the November election. Of course the resignation and appointment will be void, as unnecessary, if the supreme court rules that Hall's term expired this year.

Legislative matters of special interest to Central Oregon include a bill to place tax collecting with the sheriff instead of the treasurer. This has had its teeth drawn by amendments which continue the collecting under the jurisdiction of the treasurer. In connection with it a special committee is to arrange for revision of county salaries, to increase those of treasurers and decrease sheriff's. After a fight the Eastern Oregon delegation again demonstrated its strength in the House by passing the bill providing that hereafter one member of the railroad committee must be chosen from east of the Cascades. This will probably pass the Senate also, although there will be opposition.

## REVIVAL ABANDONED.

The revival meetings planned to be held here this month by evangelist Coale of Texas have been indefinitely postponed. They were to have been held in the Commercial Club room, permission having been granted by the club and the City council but word has come from Mr. Coale that he will be unable to be here.

## TO AID MRS. LUNDBERG

**House Passes Bill Appropriating \$2,000 For Widow.**

**SALEM, Feb. 2.**—The House yesterday passed House Bill 124, by Representative Forbes of Crook, appropriating \$2,000 to be paid to Mrs. Ida E. Lundberg for the death of her husband, who was killed while working on the Tumalo irrigation project.

Ben Lundberg, whose widow will receive \$2,000 if the bill mentioned above passes the Senate, was an employe of J. J. Adams who had a contract to complete the so-called "rock cut" on the Tumalo canal. He was killed by a falling derrick in January, 1914, two days after Governor West had been over the work. At this time the then governor stopped for some time to examine the work at this spot and conversed with Lundberg. Mrs. Lundberg has been employed at the Project office during the past year.

## NOT ASKED BY WIRTZ.

**SALEM, Feb. 2.**—In The Bulletin last week it was stated that ex-governor West commuted Gaviro McDenniel's sentence from life to five years at the recommendation of Willard Wirtz, county attorney for Crook county. Mr. Wirtz now points out that he did not recommend such action on West's part. In his letter to West he simply stated that the proposed action "is not opposed by my office, if after due inspection you deem it good policy to grant the application."

## TUMALO LAW IS TO BE AMENDED

## FORBES BILL PROVIDES FOR FUTURE

**Proposed Law Prepared by Bend Man Cares for Administration of Project—Manager to Be Appointed by The Desert Land Board.**

(Special to The Bulletin.)

**SALEM, Feb. 2.**—The Tumalo administration bill, proposed by Representative Forbes of Bend, passed the House today. It will pass the Senate without opposition.

As reported in The Bulletin last week, the bill providing for the operation and maintenance of the Tumalo Project was presented in the House of Representatives by V. A. Forbes, of Bend, on Wednesday. As presented, the bill is for the amendment of Chapter 119 of the General Laws of 1913, under which the project was constructed. It has been prepared in consultation with settlers on the project, with the members of the Desert Land Board and the retiring project engineer, and represents the best thought available on the subject.

The sections of the old law which are amended by the bill are numbers two, three and seven. Section eight is repealed. Because of the necessity of immediate arrangements for operation and water storage in emergency is declared to exist which removes the bill from any chance of a referendum.

## Project Manager.

The proposed amendment to section two provides for the appointment by the Desert Land Board of a project manager to hold office at the pleasure of the Board, but not longer than two years without reappointment. The Board is to fix the manager's salary and give "due consideration" in the selection to the recommendations of the directors of the project water user's association.

The manager is to have complete charge of the project with authority to collect maintenance fees, employ assistants, purchase supplies and make repairs, renewals and alterations in the system. He is to make monthly reports to the Board.

Section three as amended provides for liens. According to it the price of water rights for both private and Carey Act lands shall be \$40 an acre with interest at 5 per cent from date of reclamation. For non-irrigable lands a charge of \$2.50 is provided but no new lien shall be placed on any lands having a complete vested water right on June 13, 1913. The date of reclamation is fixed as April 15, 1915.

Old Columbia Southern contract holders may execute contracts with the State for the reclamation of their lands, or make a new selection, receiving credit for the principal already paid, or they may, at any time before July 1, 1915, surrender their contracts and receive a refund of the principal. The refund is to be made in bonds available in the care of the assignments of the contracts. The contracts which are not surren-

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