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LEGISLATION FOR THE INTERIOR

BILLS OF SPECIAL LOCAL INTEREST

Eastern Oregon Wins Place on Railway Commission—Coyote Bounty Increased—Governor Gets More Power—Lake Lease by House

EXTRA 4:30 p. m.—SALEM, Wednesday afternoon. The lease of Sumner and Albert Lakes to the Jason Moore syndicate has been approved by the Senate without modifications.

SALEM, Feb. 15.—Aside from what is being done and not done in regard to irrigation, the legislative matters of chief interest to Central Oregon during these last days of the session concern the railway commission, the lake lease, demonstration farms, extermination of coyotes and rabbits, law enforcement and fish and game administration.

Here is a brief report of legislative action under these heads. Next week the Bulletin will print a comprehensive report of what the session has accomplished, especially with reference to Central Oregon.

Frank Davy's railroad commission re-districting bill has passed the House and Senate. It assures an Eastern Oregon man for one of the three commissioners; under the new provisions one member is chosen from east of the mountains, one from west of them, one from the state at large. Previously all members were elected from the state at large, this naturally resulting in the successful candidates being drawn from the population centers. Considerable opposition to the new bill was given by western legislators, but the eastern delegation and their allies won out.

The lease of Sumner and Albert Lakes to the Jason Moore syndicate has passed the House and now is in the hands of the Public Lands Committee of the Senate. Some fears are expressed that the bill may die there but considerable pressure is being brought to bear to get the bill out of the committee and before the Senate.

\$1.00 For Coyotes.

Under the provisions of the bill which has passed both branches of the legislature and has been signed by the Governor with an emergency clause, so that it goes into effect at once, the bounty on coyotes has been increased from \$1.50 to \$3.00. An additional appropriation of approximately \$100,000 was recommended by the House Ways and Means Committee to cover the expected cost of increased bounties and a deficit on old bounties.

Forbes' bill appropriating \$5,000 for combating the rabbit pest is expected to pass as soon as it comes up. Together with the bounty bill, Governor Withycombe got behind this with recommendations.

As already made known, the effort to kill the continuing appropriations for the demonstration farm work was checked, through the effort of the East-of-the-mountain delegation, and the good work will continue.

A matter that may possibly later be of special interest is the bill in-

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WOMEN TEACHERS WILL GET AS MUCH AS THE MEN DO

Governor Withycombe Signs Bill Stopping Discrimination Against Educators of the Fair Sex.

SALEM, Feb. 15.—With the gallery packed with "schoolmams" from all parts of the state, the House this morning passed Senator Moser's bill granting women teachers equal pay with men for their services. The bill went to the Governor this afternoon and was signed by him.

Governor Withycombe's act gives Oregon the first state-wide law placing women teachers on an equality salary basis with men. A similar law is in effect in the New York city schools.

In discussing the measure attention was called to the fact that the average pay of the woman teacher is \$22.50 a month lower than that of the man teacher and that almost invariably the nature of the work and the service is the same.

As the measure now stands, the district school boards "shall not discriminate between men and women teachers, and for the same and like services shall pay women teachers the same or like compensation as shall be paid to men teachers."

In Crook county, according to the school directory issued last fall, the women teachers outnumber the men 22 to 23 while in school district 12, which includes Bend, there are only two men out of 16 teachers. One is the school superintendent for the district whose pay, on that account, would naturally be higher; the other teaches one of the country schools, receiving exactly the same pay as is received by the woman who teaches in the other.

In the county in general this is believed to hold true, the same amount being paid to teachers of each sex for the same work. Any statement of the average paid each sex would show higher sums going to men, however, simply because a few occupy higher paid positions, thereby pulling up the average for all.

NEW LODGE HERE

Royal Arch Chapter of Masons Installed Last Week.

Under dispensation from the grand lodge of Oregon a Royal Arch Chapter of Masons was instituted in Bend on Friday and Saturday. James P. Robinson, Grand Secretary and Clyde Evans, Most Excellent High Priest, coming in from Portland to institute the order. Other guests were T. M. Baldwin and M. E. Brink of Prineville. Following the exercises on Friday night the members of the Eastern Star served a supper.

Officers of the new lodge are as follows: Clyde McKay, high priest; J. D. Davidson, king; O. Laugaard, scribe; J. H. Corbett, captain of the host; A. O. Walker, principal sojourner; H. A. Miller, royal arch captain; H. J. Overturf, master of the first veil; U. C. Coe, master of the second veil; A. D. Lewis, master of the third veil; C. M. Redfield, sentinel and C. S. Hudson, secretary. Other members are L. A. W. Nixon and L. M. Foss.

LAURGAARD HERE MONDAY.

O. Laugaard, formerly project engineer of the Tumalo project, arrived in town Sunday night on his way to Portland from Paisley where he has been examining the Carey Act project in which the Northwest Townsite Co. is interested to determine the cost of its completion. Mr. Laugaard will meet officers of the company in Portland and possibly go to Philadelphia later to consult with others there. He left for Portland Monday night.

WORKING OUT PLANS FOR SAWMILLS

Different Companies Interested in Deschutes Timber are Busy---Shevlin Announcement Not Made Yet---Minneapolis Meeting Results in Blocking of Scanlon-Gipson Timber Near Bend ---Rogers Wants Mill Site Here

Although the complete details are still lacking and final announcements have yet to be made, certain points begin to stand out from the general confusion of mill and lumbering talk that has been common since the announcement was made of the Shevlin purchase of the Deschutes Timber Co.'s holdings in this section. These, including the results accomplished at the recent Minneapolis conference are indicative of good times coming for Bend, the exact date of their arrival being dependent on the working out of details on which the different interests concerned are now busy.

No announcement of their plans has been made by the Shevlin, who, because of the magnitude of their interests and the shortness of the time since a large portion of them was acquired, have probably more detail to care for than any other of the companies that are planning to mill on the Deschutes. Consideration of details is now occupying them, chief among the matters to be arranged being the extension of the railroad south to tap their timber and the selection of a mill site and completion of plans for construction.

Two Sites Available.

For the mill site two locations are available, one at Bend and one farther up river and nearer the company's timber. Because of this fact of proximity the second location is said to be receiving favorable attention in spite of the greater snowfall and longer duration of snow on the ground than at Bend. At the Bend site comparative freedom from the snow conditions would be secured and a longer drying season enjoyed. The owners of the Bend mill sites stand ready to donate a site to the Shevlin in case they decide to locate here.

On the selection of the site depends the nature of the railroad construction south from Bend which is expected to begin this summer. If the Bend location is accepted a light logging road would probably be built. If the choice goes to the south the railroads having their terminals here now will build to the site, presumably following a survey to the southwest along the river instead of that which now passes near Lava Butte.

The Minneapolis Conference.

Contrary to the general belief the question of sites was not under discussion at the recent conference held in Minneapolis. This meeting was solely for the purpose of a further blocking of timber and resulted in the exchange of \$3,000 acres between the Shevlin and the Scanlon-Gipson.

FINAL JEFFERSON HEARING.

According to the Madras Pioneer the final hearing in the Jefferson county case was to have taken place before the Supreme Court yesterday. A decision is expected within a few days.

CAR LOAD OF CORN.

The first carload of shelled corn ever seen in Bend has recently arrived for the Bend Flour Mill which is putting it out either cracked or whole. The corn comes from South Dakota and has been brought out here because of the high prices of wheat caused by the war.

Lumber Co. By the exchange the timber of both companies is better blocked for milling than ever before, scattered tracts owned by the Shevlin between Bend and Lava Butte having been traded for other sections in Crook, Lake and Harney counties, where the bulk of their timber is located.

Irrespective of the Shevlin choice of mill sites this blocking is of especial interest locally since it reflects the timber of the Scanlon-Gipson company in the neighborhood of that of the Brooks-Robertson Co. As the two companies are practically identical in their interests and plans for milling here this exchange may be looked upon as bringing Bend a long step nearer to a mill. The timber of the two companies is now in one solid tract comparatively near to town and they are therefore in a better position than ever before to go ahead with their plans.

The Rogers Plans.

That there are still other mill plans under consideration has also developed recently in a visit of A. R. Rogers to Portland, as reported in the newspapers of that city. Ever since Mr. Rogers was here last December there have been rumors of his intention to build and now the statement is frankly made that he wants to build a mill on the Deschutes near Bend.

The Rogers timber in this section lies almost entirely along the banks of Tumalo Creek and within a few miles of town, some of it being very close in. Mr. Rogers has repeatedly stated that his company was anxious to get its plants in operation and while here, as in the other cases, no dates can be given, it is understood that this will be as soon as possible. In case a site cannot be secured near Bend, the mill will be built on the Tumalo, at most only a few miles away.

At whichever point the different mills are built, whether adjoining town or at a greater distance, their coming means much to Bend. None of the companies are expected to attempt the building up of a new town around their mills, nor to make anything more than camps of the neighborhoods. Bend is bound to be the financial center of the district and the headquarters, more or less of the time, of all the people connected with the operation of the works. In short, as stated above, the good times are coming and all indications now point to their coming soon.

LIVE STOCK CONVENTION.

The 15th annual convention of the American National Live Stock Association will be held in San Francisco on March 24, 25, and 26. Meetings of the convention will be held in one of the buildings of the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

POSTMASTER AT DESCHUTES.

The civil service examination to select a post master at Deschutes will be held in Bend on March 13. Application forms and full information can be secured from the present postmaster at Deschutes.

NEW METHOD FOR DIVISION OF COUNTIES IS PROPOSED

Willamette Valley Men Draw Bill Providing for Separation by Petition Instead of Election.

SALEM, Feb. 11.—County division by petition instead of election will be possible if a bill introduced yesterday afternoon by Senator Moser becomes a law.

The bill was prepared by E. W. Bartlett and J. W. Rood of Estacada and Elbert Bede of Cottage Grove. It is reported to have been drawn with the idea of providing a method by which the eastern portion of Clackamas county may be formed into a new county, with Estacada as county seat, and the same with the southern portion of Lane county with Cottage Grove as the county seat.

Provision is made in the measure that on petition of 55 per cent of the voters in the district which is desired to organize into a new county, the governor shall appoint a committee of three persons, one of whom shall be a circuit judge, another a civil engineer living outside of the county affected, to hold a hearing to determine the need for the creation of a new county.

If the report of the committee is favorable, the governor may then by proclamation create the new county. He will appoint the officer and designate the temporary county seat.

PETTIS FOUND GUILTY

Ralph Brown's Slayer Convicted of Second Degree Murder.

At the Dalles on Thursday Robert Pettis was found guilty of murder in the second degree for the shooting of Ralph Brown, son of Willis W. Brown, of Gateway, on New Year's day. The murdered man was a resident of Kaskela and the employer of Pettis and was shot from his house as he was returning with his wife from a visit. The jury that heard the case was out only 20 minutes.

During the course of the trial the widow of the murdered man could not restrain her feelings of animosity for Pettis, seemingly being about to attack him as she passed him on her way to the witness stand. Pettis did not deny his act, his only defense being his drunkenness at the time of its commission.

LYCEUM COURSE.

A Lyceum course with two entertainments to be given under the auspices of the Ladies Library Club has been arranged for in Bend, the first to be given at the Dream Theatre on Friday. At this time Della Crowder Miller, impersonator, will be heard while the Rotarian Club male quartette will appear in a concert on March 5.

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING.

A special meeting of the city council was held last night to take action in respect to a suit just brought against the city by the Ingersoll-Road Company for \$675, representing the value of certain property bought from the plaintiff by one of the sewer contractors. The matter was referred to the City Attorney for action while a request from Mike Draxich as to the sort of building he might be allowed to erect to replace the one recently burned was referred to the committee on police, fire and liquor license. Some discussion was had as to whether the council could act at a special meeting on the franchise requested by the Bend Flour Mill Co. The meeting adjourned to next Tuesday night.

ONE MORE HOPE FOR \$450,000

LANE MAKES A NEW OFFER

Will Ask Congress for Money to Complete North Canal if Legislature Will Put Up Like Sum—Delegation Goes to Salem Tonight.

EXTRA 4 p. m.—Word has just been received from Guy W. Talbot, that he has been unable to get the bill for the Oregon appropriation before the legislature and that therefore no duplication of the Congressional appropriation is possible from the present legislature. A resolution has been introduced, however, memorializing Congress to make the appropriation without reference to Oregon's action and as far as possible pledging the next legislature to cooperate.

Hope that funds might yet be available for co-operative irrigation work in Oregon was revived on Sunday when it became known that the Oregon senators and Representative Sinnott had wired from Washington that Secretary Lane would recommend a congressional appropriation of \$450,000 contingent on an appropriation by the state of the same amount to be spent on the North canal project of the C. O. I. Co.'s segregation.

The message from Washington as published in the Portland papers was as follows:

"Washington, Feb. 13. "Secretary Lane has approved Central Oregon project for co-operative irrigation work and will recommend congressional appropriation of \$450,000 contingent on state appropriating like amount for same project. Promises to do all he can to secure favorable congressional action. Please advise press.

"GEORGE E. CHAMBERLAIN, "HARRY LANE, "N. J. SINNOTT."

The papers also reported that the business interests of Portland who had supported the fight for the appropriation by the legislature two weeks ago would take up the attack again, the Irrigation Committee of the Portland Commercial Club taking the lead. The chairman of that committee, Guy W. Talbot, intimated that a special train excursion to the legislature petitioning reconsideration of the appropriation would be organized.

Bend Takes a Hand.

The directors of the Bend Commercial Club met Monday morning to consider what action should be taken here to assist in the passage of the appropriation by the legislature and telegrams were sent to Mr. Talbot and to V. A. Forbes asking for advice. Mr. Talbot wired that a bill would be presented to the legislature providing for an appropriation of \$450,000 equally divided between the fiscal years of 1917 and 1918, and not to become available without ap-

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