

THE BEND BULLETIN.

RATE HEARING HELD LAST WEEK

COMMISSION IS HERE TWO DAYS

Many Witnesses Testify As To Value of Property of Bend Water Light & Power Company—List of Stock Holders is Given.

The long awaited hearing by the Oregon Railroad Commission on the rates of the Bend Water Light & Power Co., took place last week. Two days were spent in taking testimony here. The commission will now study the evidence received and announce its decision.

The hearing was conducted by Chairman T. J. Campbell and Commissioner Frank J. Miller, who were accompanied by Assistant Engineer C. J. Green and Examiner L. D. Leedy. The Bend Water Light & Power Co. was represented by Ross Farnham and the city by H. H. Armond.

The members of the commission arrived here Wednesday morning. At 10 o'clock, when the hearing was scheduled to begin the only persons present, besides the company's witnesses were Mayor Miller, Recorder Ellis and two spectators. As soon as the case was called Mayor Miller requested the commission to adjourn until 1:30 in order to give time to hold a council meeting and appoint an attorney to represent the city. The commissioners acceded to the request and in the afternoon Mr. De Armond was appointed.

The chief effort of the commission during the hearing was to ascertain the value of the plant of the Bend Water Light & Power Co. as a basis on which to fix the rates. To this end witnesses were called to testify as to the cost of the company's dam and buildings and the value of its real estate, much the greater part of the time consumed in the hearing being on this last point.

Experts are Called.

For both the company and the commission expert engineers were called to give estimates of the value of the company's property, which was listed as electric utility and overhead, water utility and overhead, and real estate, the overhead in each case being that in connection with the construction of the utility.

On the electrical utility the figures of B. A. Brackebury, for the company, were utility \$190,780 and overhead \$13,067, making a total with the real estate of \$145,450, while the figures of the commission's expert were utility \$97,907, overhead \$12,771 and real estate \$22,357, making a total of \$132,935. It was agreed by both experts that about \$40,000 of the valuation should be held in suspense account as representing an investment not now necessary for proper public service.

Other figures presented covered the value of the water utility and were, for the commission \$35,171 and for the company \$35,766.

Taking the two sets of figures together the greatest difference was in the items for real estate where a difference in area was involved, the

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CENTRAL OREGON PAPERS COMMENT ON MILL NEWS

Crook County Journal Says Mill Means Great Things For Bend—Leader Says, "Good For Bend."

Echoes of the gratification with Bend over the Shevlin-Hixon saw mill announced in a Bulletin extra on May 10 continue to be heard. The following are extracts from different Central Oregon papers on the subject:

"The Bend Bulletin issued an extra edition Monday, announcing that operations on the construction of a huge mill is to start during the next two weeks at Bend. The mill is to be constructed by the Shevlin-Hixon interests; will employ 500 men and will manufacture 80,000,000 feet of lumber each year. Its construction means great things for Bend and all Central Oregon."—Crook County Journal.

"The Bend Bulletin issued an eight page extra on last Monday morning announcing that the Shevlin-Hixon company will commence the construction of the big mill at that place at once. Good for Bend, we are glad to see them prosper, even though for one issue the Bulletin changed its name to Shevlin-Hixon. There's nothing like waking up."—Silver Lake Leader.

"We are glad to hear that the city of Bend has been successful in securing this large enterprise. It will mean a good era of prosperity, more people will come into the country and what is good for Bend, will in a way help us. We wish to congratulate the Bend people, for securing the enterprise and trust that it will be very profitable to all concerned."—Madras Pioneer.

The Bend Bulletin issued an eight page extra Monday announcing the news that construction work of the big sawmill of the Shevlin-Hixon Co. would begin within two weeks. The statement is made by The Bulletin that the mill will cut 80,000,000 feet of lumber a year and employ 500 men. The extra issued was well filled with advertising of Bend business men, which shows they are loyal to their town."—Redmond Spokesman.

COURT MEETS IN JUNE

Adjourned Session, With Judge Duffy Presiding, to Be Held.

That the Circuit court will hold a session in Prineville beginning on June 21 was announced by District Attorney Wirtz when in town recently. The present number of criminal cases now waiting action by the grand jury makes this action necessary. Not only is the county jail full but several charged with crime are out on bail. The county is being put to considerable expense to care for the families of men who are waiting trial in jail.

The coming term of court will be an adjourned session of the March term, and the same jurors which served at it will be called again. According to Mr. Wirtz the county court has requested that the court be held. It will be the first session to be presided over by Judge Duffy. Grand jurors have been summoned to be present on June 14 and petit jurors on the 21st.

BASEBALL MEETING.

There will be a meeting of the members of last year's baseball team and everyone else interested in the forming of a team here this year in the Commercial Club rooms, Friday night, at 7:30. Officers will be elected, and other business matters attended to.

FRANCHISE GIVEN FOR MILL SPUR

City Council, at Last Night's Meeting, Grants Oregon Trunk Rights in Streets in Order to reach the Shevlin Mill---Bridge Will Cross Below New Dam--Work to Begin Monday

With the granting of a franchise to the Oregon Trunk by the city council last night to enable it to build a spur from its main line to the Shevlin-Hixon mill one of the few remaining steps before the construction of the saw mill can begin was taken.

The franchise, which was presented for the first time last night, gives the railroad company right to use certain streets for its spur line. Other property necessary for the line has been donated by Hunter & Staats and The Bend Company. According to the franchise the line will leave the main track at a point north of the Pilot Butte canal and after curving across the south east corner of the Staats "40" will run due west between that property and Alder street to the river.

Under the city charter 10 days must elapse before the measure becomes law. The council adjourned last night to May 29 and at that time the franchise will be passed finally.

The arrangements between the Shevlin-Hixon Company and the railroads call for the construction of the spur and the erection of the bridge over the Deschutes in 60 days. The work will be rushed to completion in order that the heavy mill machinery may be delivered on the ground.

Survey Made Recently.

Surveying for the spur was done by a party of Oregon Trunk engineers headed by Chief Engineer A. M. Luffer, who arrived here on Friday. Their survey carries the line along Alder street at grade except at the west end where a slight cut is necessary. The river is crossed by a bridge 34 feet above the water.

Just up the river from the railroad bridge will be built a dam for the purpose of creating a logging pond. Final arrangements for this dam were completed yesterday. It will be 10 feet high and will back the water up river nearly a mile, providing storage room for over 25 million feet of logs. A wagon bridge will cross the dam, thereby giving access to town.

According to John E. Ryan, if no difficulties are encountered in the next few days, work on both the dam and the mill site will begin on Monday morning. The railroad work is also expected to begin at once in order that it may be completed within the 60 day limit.

Operation Will be Continuous.

The following news article on the coming developments here appeared in The Portland Telegram last week. Although practically a restatement of facts which had previously appeared in The Bulletin it is repeated here on account of its reference to the railroad work and the fact, which is brought out, that the operation of the new mill must be practically continuous to provide the agreed railroad tonnage—a matter of great importance to the town.

"One of the first developments following the announcement from Bend the first of the week that the Shevlin-Hixon Manufacturing Company within a few days will commence the construction of a large lumber mill in the metropolis of Crook county to manufacture pine lumber from the company's immense timber tracts near by, will be the building

of a spur track two miles in length from the railroad yards at Bend and a bridge across the Deschutes river to reach the site of the mill yards. Construction of a logging road of standard type from the mill yards southerly on the west side of the river, a distance of six miles to the timber tracts, will be undertaken at the same time.

Building of the spur track will be done jointly by the Spokane, Portland & Seattle Railway system and the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Company. According to an official statement, the contract between the railroad companies and the Shevlin-Hixon interests has been agreed to and as soon as it has been signed the railroad construction will begin with the intention of completing the track and bridge in 60 days. The contract will require that the mill shall make a certain cut in five years amounting to 60 per cent of its capacity, and failure to do so will obligate the Shevlin-Hixon Company to pay for extension of the two-mile spur track. The outgoing lumber will be a large factor in the railroad's tonnage.

The mill will have a capacity to cut 80,000,000 feet of lumber yearly and in addition there will be a box factory. Employment of 500 men regularly is planned by the Shevlin-Hixon Company in logging operations and lumber milling. These activities are expected to mean an almost immediate increase of Bend's population 2000 to 2500 persons. In anticipation of this, an election will be held June 4 to extend Bend's municipal boundaries.

Early in the year the Shevlin-Hixon Company acquired the holdings of the Deschutes Lumber Company and the Bend Timber Company, amounting to 60,000 acres and increasing the timbered area owned by the Minnesota syndicate to about 180,000 acres, extending into Klamath county. The active heads of the Shevlin-Hixon syndicate are Thomas L. Shevlin of Minneapolis, a few years ago widely known as a star athlete at Yale university, and Frank P. Hixon, a banker of La Crosse, Wis. Shevlin and some of his associates were here a few weeks ago. E. C. Shevlin of Portland, uncle of Thomas Shevlin, is also interested in the company's developments along the upper Deschutes river. Arthur Rogers, one of the sellers of timber holdings, was in Portland this week but has returned to his home in Minneapolis.

SEATTLE PARTY HERE.

Travelling in a big Locomobile, M. W. Peterson, cashier of the Dexter-Horton bank of Seattle, and a party of friends passed through town Saturday afternoon on their way to San Francisco. Bend, Mr. Peterson said, struck him as a very progressive city. He was interested to learn that there was so much timber tributary to the town, having supposed that there was no timber here at all. In the party were Mrs. H. M. Ramey, of St. Joseph, Mo., H. M. Ramey, Jr., Mrs. Peterson and H. B. Kennedy of Seattle and Miss Nellie Peterson of Portland.

GOV. WITHYCOMBE NAMES TOMORROW GOOD ROADS DAY

No Local Observance of Day Expected Spring Road Work Having Been Done—The Proclamation.

Tomorrow is Oregon Good Roads Day, Governor Withycombe having so designated it by proclamation issued early in the month. No local observance of the day is planned, Bend having done its spring road work through contributions for the Powell Butte road.

The Governor's proclamation is as follows:

"Whereas, good roads are one of the prime foundations upon which our prosperity is built; and

"Whereas, I am firmly convinced that road improvement is the wisest investment Oregon can make; and

"Whereas, better roads are desirable not only because they are beneficial from a commercial standpoint, but also because they promote social community development and increase our civic pride; and, further, as they are the most valuable kind of encouragement and advertising in the eyes of the stranger who travels through the state; and

"Whereas, it is highly desirable to encourage interest in good roads and to foster in every way possible a state-wide enthusiasm for the betterment of our highways;

"Therefore, I do hereby proclaim Thursday, May 20, 1915, as Oregon Good Roads Day, and call upon all forward-looking citizens of this state to devote their energies on that day towards personal improvement of the roads in their locality, and to cooperate, one with the other, in working out road betterment plans. And I further suggest that on that day, so far as practicable, the gospel of good roads be spread in all our educational institutions, and that the school children themselves be encouraged to assume their share of highway improvement; and that especially the women of Oregon organize and take a part in the work of Good Roads Day, as their interest and assistance will be vital in making it a notable success."

CLASS SERVICES SUNDAY

Sermon to High School Graduates to be Preached at Presbyterian Church

Services for the graduating class of the high school will be held at the Presbyterian church Sunday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock. The sermon to the class will be preached by Rev. E. G. Judd and there will be special music by the Presbyterian choir. All are invited to attend.

The program for the services is as follows:

Organ voluntary.
Hymn. "All Salts New." . . . 183
Scripture Lesson. Prov. Chap. 2.
 A. S. Black
Anthem. "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth." Lorenze
Prayer H. C. Hartman
Response Choir
Hymn. "Lebanon." 143
Announcements.
Anthem. "Now the Day is Over."
 Ira Wilson
Sermon. "The Knowledge of God"
 E. G. Judd
Hymn. "St. Christopher." 86
Benediction Ira H. Fox
Postlude.

TO GIVE CONCERT.

The Bend orchestra will give a concert at the Sparks theatre in Redmond, Monday evening, May 24. Mrs. Forrest and Fred Lucas will assist.

GOVERNOR GLAD OF GOOD MARKET

CONGRATULATES USON DEVELOPMENT

Sees Further Assurance of Success of Tumalo Project in Establishment of Mills at Bend—Every Central Oregon Farmer is Benefitted.

"Construction of mills at Bend and the establishment of a market there further assures the entire success of the Tumalo Project."

That statement is the high light in a reply received from Governor James Withycombe to an inquiry from The Bulletin asking his views of what pending developments here would mean to the surrounding country from an agricultural viewpoint.

"I am advised the Tumalo Project is a splendid monument to the state, from an engineering standpoint, writes the governor. "I know the lands to be productive, and now that a good market, close at hand, is assured, I am delighted at the bright outlook. The entire success of the project means much to the state, every tax payer of which is a joint owner in the Tumalo. For all concerned, and especially for the Tumalo settlers, I am delighted. Also, I am glad that Bend, soon to be a manufacturing town of consequence, has such excellent agricultural resources behind it.

"Your development means much to Central Oregon agricultural growth," the Governor continued. "Every farmer in that territory will be directly benefitted. Raising crops, whether it be potatoes, grain, hogs, or cows, is only half the battle. There must be a market. Your irrigated lands will now receive a big impetus in their improvement, and I hope to see the homestead country to the southeast develop into a grain producing area. My advice is to stick to forage crops and hogs and good dairy stock; that is a field with small risks and substantial profits, and provedly successful in Crook county. Remember always to help the development of your agricultural resources; they should come first, from an economic standpoint.

"To all your county I offer my congratulations upon the realization of your hopes. You all will be benefitted."

C. O. I. REPORT HELD UP.

(Portland Telegram.)

SALEM, May 12.—Complying with the request of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, the state desert land board has decided to withhold from distribution the report on the company's condition, made by State Engineer Lewis, until the company can give an opportunity to answer. The company contends that the report would injure the company and the settlers.

The report in question was prepared by John Dubuis, of the State Engineer's office, who spent months here last summer in investigation. It is understood the company, in an effort to have the report suppressed, will appear before the Desert Land Board shortly.

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