



A REMINDER



TO THE PEOPLE OF BEND:

We respectfully ask you not to forget that since the present owners of the Bend Water Light & Power Company purchased the property in the fall of 1912, they have done the following things:

They have built a modern power plant of brick and reinforced concrete, equipped with hydro-electric machinery of the most advanced type. It is a plant to which any city has the right to point with pride.

They have extended the pole lines for distributing electricity for power and lighting far beyond their former limits, so as to cover three times the area formerly resoled.

They have also extended the water mains to the very outskirts of the town, instead of serving only the central district.

They have increased the capacity of the pumping plant and have added a new reinforced concrete reservoir, having several times the capacity of the old wooden structure.

They have built an ice plant and have given Bend and Central Oregon cheaper and purer ice. This has helped to make possible the present creamery.

Twice since purchasing the property they have voluntarily reduced the water rates.

The rates for current have, at the request of the Commission, been kept undisturbed, awaiting the action of the Commission.

So far not a dollar has been taken out of Bend as interest or dividends on these investments or in any other way by the owners of the Bend Water Light & Power Company.

IN VIEW OF THESE FACTS, PERMIT US TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS.

HAVE NOT ALL OF THE ADVANTAGES WHICH RESULT FROM A WIDE DISTRIBUTION OF PURE WATER AND OF ELECTRICITY FOR LIGHT, HEAT AND POWER MADE THE TOWN MORE ATTRACTIVE IN APPEARANCE AND A BETTER AND MORE COMFORTABLE PLACE IN WHICH TO LIVE?

WILL THE CITIZENS OF KENWOOD, DESCHUTES, CENTER ADDITION, OR WIESTORIA, FOR INSTANCE, DENY THAT THEIR PROPERTY HAS BEEN ENHANCED IN VALUE BY THESE IMPROVEMENTS?

DO THE PEOPLE OF BEND REALIZE THAT THEY HAVE PROBABLY THE MOST EXTENSIVE ELECTRIC AND WATER SERVICE OF ANY CITY OF SIMILAR SIZE IN THE UNITED STATES?

DOES IT NOT APPEAR THAT THE CITY HAS ALREADY GREATLY BENEFITTED BY THE POLICY OF THE COMPANY, WHILE THE COMPANY UP TO THIS TIME HAS RECEIVED NO BENEFITS?

HOW LONG WOULD BEND HAVE HAD TO WAIT FOR THESE IMPROVEMENTS IF IT HAD DEPENDED ON LOCAL CAPITAL TO PROVIDE THEM?

Bend Water Light & Power Company

THE DESCHUTES RANGER

FOR JUNE

With its recently issued number The Deschutes Ranger begins on its second volume. This number has as a frontispiece a view of Bachelor Butte showing Fall Creek flowing through the meadow land in the foreground. Extracts from The Ranger follow:

Supervisor Brown of Lakeview went through Bend on May 13, enroute to Portland, returning May 27. He drove through from Lakeview in his car, taking the train at Bend. Forest Ranger Elder of Fremont accompanied him on the trip.

Mr. Merritt was in the Metolius River country early in June going over the timber in that region with some prospective purchasers.

The first fire of any importance this season occurred May 5, when 20 acres south of Pine Mountain, in Section 26, Township 21, S., R. 10 E., were burned over. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Ranger Mahn has spent most of the past month working on the Crescent-Davis Lake road and on other roads in that district.

The extensive land classification report, on which Mr. Brinkley has been working for most of the time during the past year, has just been completed and sent to the District Forester.

The Ice Cave telephone line, 20 1/2 miles in length, connecting the Pine Mountain line and Ranger Harriman's headquarters, was completed during May so that Mr. Harriman now has telephone communication with both Fort Rock and Bend. The first call over this new line came through to Bend on May 25.

Supervisor Merritt was in the Crescent District May 16 to 19, going over work with Ranger South. While there two ranger stations and two June 11 areas were examined and mapped.

Ranger Oney has been doing some grazing reconnaissance on the sheep range in his district during the past month.

In co-operation with the people living in and near Crescent the Forest Service has repaired the road leading west from Crescent toward the West Deschutes river, for a distance of 9 1/4 miles. The road was straightened, roots and rocks taken out, one culvert was constructed and two fills made, placing the road in good condition.

Co-operating with the ranchers living near Big Marsh Creek, the Service has built two miles of new road from near the Military road at Big Marsh Creek, to the west foot of Odell Butte where it intersects the old road leading to Crescent.

N. G. Jacobson of the Fremont Forest went to Portland about the mid-

dle of May to take a position as inspector under the Weeks' Law for Oregon. This law is that passed by Congress which provides for Federal assistance in the patrol of forest lands outside of the National Forests.

A co-operative agreement has just been made with the Pacific Telegraph and Telephone Company by the Forest Service covering the Sisters-Eugene telephone line which follows the McKenzie road. According to this agreement the telephone company takes over the handling of this line so far as its use by the public is concerned, making regular charge for all private calls.

Deputy Supervisor Harpham is at present working in charge of a crew of three men and one team on the Sparks lake road, continuing the work which was done last fall. It is expected that the road will be put in shape for auto travel as far west as the Tumalo Ranger Station with the funds at hand.

Nearly all work on the Pine Mountain Ranger Station house has been completed except the inside and outside finishing which will probably not be done until the lumber dries out thoroughly. The construction was done under the supervision of Ranger Vincent assisted by Messrs. Smith and Austin.

Rangers South and Harriman have each purchased Ford autos during the past month. This makes seven Ford cars now owned and in use by the Deschutes force.

Reports on experimental grass seeding work on four areas at Crane Prairie have just been received from Ranger Oney. These plots were sowed to tame grass several years ago but all are reported as failures.

The fence at the Allingham Ranger Station is being completely overhauled and rebuilt by Mr. Zumwalt and Ranger Vincent.

Almost every field man on the Forest has been doing a great deal of work during the past month repairing roads, trails, telephone lines and other improvements.

W. D. Johnson, topographer from the District Office, has been working on the Deschutes for some time past doing plane table triangulation work. Although delayed by cloudy weather, a great deal has been accomplished. The primary control for the north end of the forest and much of that for the south end has been completed. Mr. Johnson left on June 11, turning the work over to Mr. Sproat who has been with Mr. Johnson the entire time. This work, in addition to locating the mountains correctly, will give their altitude very accurately.

Forest Appeals Officer Sherman, for the office of the Secretary of Agriculture, accompanied by Mr. T. L.

Harvey of the Washington, D. C., office of Lands and J. Roy Harvey of Portland, were at Davis lake on May 21 where they made an examination of the House claim. Mr. Sherman held a hearing in La Pine the next day at which Mr. House presented all facts which he desired to present and which he wished to bring out by the testimony of others.

Mr. Harvey remained on the Deschutes until May 27. While here he went over the extensive land classification report, suggesting changes and improvements. He also took a trip over the High Desert project that has been authorized by the District Forester. This project includes a strip of land having an area of over 43,000 acres along the east boundary of the Forest which it is proposed to examine by a party of four men in charge of Forest Assistant Sproat. Work will begin July 1.

An interesting report has just been received from Ranger Oney regarding snow conditions around the head-

waters of the Deschutes river during the past winter. He says that the first snow on the prairie fell November 26 to a depth of three inches, after which there was little increase until December 20 when it was increased to 12 inches. After that it increased gradually to 26 inches on January 22. The snow remained about this same depth during February but kept settling during March and was practically all gone by April 13. The total fall on the prairie was 42 inches.

At Lava Lake the first fall, of four inches, occurred November 26, increasing to 18 inches on December 20 and gradually increasing to 4 feet 19 inches on January 14. On January 26 it had settled to 3 feet 8 inches. Practically all was gone on May 1. The total fall measured at it first fell was 7 1/2 feet.

The snow on the divide between Elk Lake and Horse Lake was entirely gone on May 28 except a strip about three miles wide and four feet

deep on the west side of the divide. On June 8 there was no water flowing out of Little Lava lake into the Deschutes, a very unusual occurrence; this is the first time of which there is any record when this has occurred at this time of the year.

A personal letter received from Ranger Curl, who is at present working near the Pacific Coast on the Siskiyou National Forest, brings the information that his wife's eyes are

very greatly improved. Supervisor Merritt and Forest Clerk Clark went to La Pine on May 22 where the latter took shorthand notes and wrote up a report of all testimony taken in the House case hearing before Mr. Sherman.

Supervisor Ross of the Ochoco Forest was in Bend for a few hours on June 9 to see Mr. Haner in regard to co-operative fire patrol.

Forest Clerk Douglas of the Ochoco Forest was in Bend on May 26.

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