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USE OF ORDER NOT JUSTIFIED

COMMISSION IS OPPOSED TO COMPETITION

Frank J. Miller of Public Service Body Says Interpretation of Recent Decision in B. W. L. & P. Co. Case By Proponents Incorrect

Having been advised of the recent use by the proponents of the Steidl & Sweet franchise of the order of the Public Service Commission in the Bend Water Light & Power Co. case as an argument in their favor, Frank J. Miller, of the Commission made this statement:

"If such interpretation is being attempted, it is not justified. Of course the Commission cannot take part in any local commercial disputes, and it never will, for our duty is to regulate all public service companies without prejudice. But I am free to say that the Commission is united in being absolutely opposed to competition in electric service in small towns, with the general public good as the first consideration."

Mr. Miller then called attention to a copy of a letter written to Tillamook city authorities by the commission some time ago covering a situation very similar to that now existing in Bend. Extracts from that letter follow:

"For the reason that the state has supervision over service as well as rates and can compel reasonable and adequate service and reasonable and just rates for all public utility companies doing business within the state, we can see no particular reason for competition, especially in small cities and communities. Because the public service corporations are supposed to be entitled to a reasonable return on their investment, we do not believe that the public should be burdened with return on duplications of investment and the territory of an existing public utility company be invaded by a competing company when the utility already in existence can be required to serve the public wherever there is a sufficient demand, and for these reasons we have discouraged competition among utilities where there is also a necessity thereof.

"This commission, however, is not given authority to issue a certificate of public necessity and convenience as is done in many of the states, and prevent companies from competing with each other for such service as may be demanded of them. We believe that reasonable restrictions should be placed by those having authority as to do upon ruinous and unjust competition for the burden eventually falls upon the public. One of the other of the competing companies is absorbed or fails and the stronger competitor in the end controls the situation."

"It is stated in our order," added Mr. Miller, "that some \$47,500 of the Bend Water Light & Power Company's investment is in excess of the immediate requirements. We simply have not allowed them a return on that amount. The investment, however, undoubtedly is a wise one, and later all of the properties involved in it will be used in giving service.

Reckoning that amount in, at the present volume of business, the former rates were not excessive. We made the reductions based on the company's actual investment less the \$47,500. As matters now stand it seems to me Bend has most reasonable rates, and we have never heard any complaints about the service.

"It has been the history of utilities everywhere, and especially in small towns, that combination of competing plants results later. And there is another phase: when a small town allows competing companies to share its electrical business, the possibility of later reducing rates is practically removed. For instance, with one company, as the business grows with the growth of the town, there is a likelihood of rate reduction. But with two investments, and the double capital involved, possibility of such future reductions is practically eliminated."

PRESIDENT WILSON SIGNS ORDER ELIMINATING LANDS

Nearly 150,000 Acres in Paulina and Fremont Reserves Thrown Open—Areas Near Silver Lake.

PORTLAND, July 19.—According to an announcement made by the Forest Service President Wilson today signed an executive order, making an elimination of 143,586 acres, a small part of which is patented or private land, from the Paulina and Fremont National Forests in Central Oregon.

The area eliminated from the Fremont forest, comprising 30,014 acres, a small part of which is patented land, lies south of the town of Silver Lake and both east and west of Silver Lake in Township 28 and 29, Range 14, 15 and 16 East. The lands are rolling and rocky, and covered with a scattered stand of juniper, a tree of little timber value. The lands comprising the Paulina elimination, 113,572 acres in extent, a small part of which is private land, lie east of the Walker range of mountains and mostly between the range and the Bend-Silver Lake stage road, and are more particularly described as including portions of Township 25 S., Range 9, 10, 11 and 12 East; Township 27 South, Range 9, 10, 11 and 12 East; Township 28 South, Range 10 and 11 East; and a small patch in Township 28 South, Range 12 and 13 East. These lands are covered with a scrubby stand of lodgepole pine, which is not of much value to the timber.

The lands remaining in the Paulina Forest will be added to the Deschutes and Fremont National Forests and will be administered from Bend and Lakeview respectively.

COL. MORROW IN BEND.

Col. J. J. Morrow, who has been in charge of the government engineering work on the Columbia river, with Minor, A. T. Huggins, E. J. Brazg and C. H. Davis, Jr., of Portland spent Tuesday night in Bend, leaving early this morning for Klamath Falls by automobile.

STOVER ELECTED CASHIER.

Byron A. Stover was elected assistant cashier of the First National Bank at a meeting of the directors of the bank this morning. Mr. Stover came to Bend a year ago and has been connected with the bank since last fall, recognition of his ability bringing rapid promotion. At the same meeting it was decided to make application to the Comptroller of the Currency for an increase in both the capital and surplus of the bank.

BEND HOSPITAL TO OPEN AUG. 1

DRS. COE AND FERRELL BELIEVES THEM GOOD ROAD MATERIAL

Modern Institution Will Accommodate 30 Patients—To Care for Injuries at Shevlin-Hixon Mill and Camps—Employ Two Trained Nurses

The new Bend Hospital, under the direction of Doctors U. C. Coe and B. Ferrell, will be opened about August 1 and when the residence formerly occupied by W. E. Guerin is remodeled, the institution will have a capacity of 30 patients.

The interior of the structure has been reconstructed and will be modern and up-to-date in every particular in order to give the best possible service to patients. It will have 12 rooms, of which six will be private rooms, two wards, stock rooms, operating room, dining room, kitchen and spacious sun room which will provide for sunshine and serve as a rest room for convalescents.

Overlooking the river with the mountains as a vista, the hospital is ideally situated and the broad porch facing the west will offer pleasant views for those able to enjoy outdoor air.

Within the next few months the building will be heated with hot and cold water and Doctors Coe and Ferrell now contemplate the erection of a heating plant to supply this comfort.

In order to care for injured employees of The Shevlin-Hixon Company a contract has been signed by this company under the terms of which all injuries to men in its employ demanding hospital attention will be accommodated in the new institution. Speedy means of transporting men from the mill and camps where injuries occur to the hospital will be taken to insure immediate treatment. First aid methods in the various camps will be carried on efficiently under instructions to facilitate operations and care upon the arrival of injured ones at the hospital.

Operating Room Modern. The operating room will be modern in every detail to afford patients the best attention through scientific means. It will be finished in white enameled wood work and the floor will be cemented with every measure taken to insure sanitation and cleanliness during operations.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Donovan, graduates of the Bellevue Hospital in New York, and recently of Iowa, will arrive soon to assist Doctors Coe and Ferrell as trained nurses. Both Mr. and Mrs. Donovan are experienced nurses, having served in the profession for several years.

"From time to time as conditions warrant, we expect to make additions and such remodeling as will render our work most effective," said Doctor Coe. "In order to give the best possible service and offer every convenience and comfort to patients. The interior will soon be completed and much of the furniture has already arrived for installation."

Prior to opening Doctors Coe and

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BOARD LIKES LOCAL CINDERS

BELIEVES THEM GOOD ROAD MATERIAL

S. Benson and Party Spend Sunday Here on Trip Over Highways—May Recommend State Money for the Lava Butte Roads.

(The Oregonian, July 20, 1915.)

Enthusiastic over the possibility of building good roads with the volcanic cinders found in this section, the advisory board of the State Highway Commission, consisting of S. Benson, Leslie Butler and J. H. Albert, accompanied by State Highway Engineer Cantine, left here early this morning on their return to Portland. They expect to reach The Dalles tonight. With them were A. A. Rosenthal, of the Portland Press Club, and Clark Williams, of The Oregonian.

The advantages of these cinders as a road material was first pointed out to the members of the board during their stop at Klamath Falls, but it was not until they reached Bend that they found streets and roads on which they had been used, the material having been put on here in the summer of 1914.

During their stay the members of the party made a careful inspection of the roads so treated and visited the pit on the side of Pilot Butte, near town, from which the cinders are obtained. As a result of their examination, including one cindered street which has recently been oiled as an experiment, the board and Mr. Cantine were agreed that a seemingly desirable material had been found to solve the question of road building in this section.

The party arrived in Bend Sunday, coming by way of La Pine and Crescent, where they spent Saturday night on their way through from Klamath Falls and Crater Lake. A delegation from Bend, including County Commissioner Overturf and Manager Wallace of the Tualuma project, met them at Lava Butte, about ten miles from town, where another deposit of cinders exists.

Later in the day Commissioner Blanchard came over from Prineville and an informal discussion of the needs of the Crater Lake route followed. From Bend the party expected to go to Culver to meet officers of Jefferson county court and Commissioners Blanchard and Overturf, of Crook county, and if possible, County Judge Springer, who is living on his Jefferson county farm.

From Culver the itinerary called for stops in Sherman and Wasco counties.

Newspaper reports of the proposed \$10,000 bond issue for a system of state highways as outlined by the board on their trip through the Willamette and Rogue River valleys preceded them here and pledges of support were received from all with whom the members of the party talked. For several of the party the trip to Crater Lake was the first and their delight in the wonderful spectacle was unbounded.

As a result of the visit of the board to this section and their study

of the possibilities of volcanic cinders as a road material it is expected that some recommendation will be made by them for the expenditure of state funds on the Lava Butte road next year. The members of the board unanimously agreed that it was the weak spot in the road to Crater lake and accordingly needed attention.

The board was met at Klamath Falls on Friday by a delegation from Bend consisting of Robert B. Gould, M. L. Merritt, D. M. Davis, Earl B. Houston and R. W. Sawyer, A. J. Kroenert giving the use of his car for the trip.

BRIDGE OPENING IS DELAYED BY NON ARRIVAL OF MATERIAL

Rails Will be Laid by August 1 and Structure in Use Soon After—Mill Supplies Arrive in Bend.

Delay in the arrival of material will make it impossible to run the first trains over the new bridge to the Shevlin-Hixon mill by next Monday, as was recently thought possible. Rails will be laid by August 1, however, without fail and the bridge opened within a few days after.

Completion of the dam for the logging pond has also been delayed recently by the discovery of the existence of different conditions in the river bed on the east side from those on the west side. On the east side work it was found necessary to go one and a half feet lower for the foundation than on the other side, which has held the work back.

At the mill site everything is in readiness for the beginning of construction of the mill, which now waits on the arrival of the builder. Already there have been delivered on the ground three carloads of cement, a car of lime, 250,000 brick and four carloads of lumber for the main floors of the saw mill. A contract has been let locally for 100,000 feet of lumber for the mill.

On the logging road the survey work has been done for six miles and three miles of the road have been graded.

BIG WOOL DEAL CLOSED

Eisman Brothers, Boston, Buy 240,000 Pound Lot.

Of the 250,000 pounds of wool put up at auction June 25 at the store rooms of the United Warehouse Company, offers for which were rejected by sellers, 240,000 pounds have been sold this week to Eisman Brothers of Boston, shipment being made from Bend Tuesday afternoon. The remaining 10,000 pounds will be stored in the warehouse awaiting the arrival of buyers this week, representing eastern and coast firms.

Those represented in the sale were Pat. Mike and Dan Angland, O'Keefe Brothers, Jack O'Keefe and Barry Ahrend. The sale was made in the vicinity of Lakeview.

According to A. M. Pringle, manager of the United Warehouse Company, the price paid by the Eisman Brothers ranged between 19 and 29 cents.

ARGUMENTS ARE FILED.

The argument on behalf of the Bend Water Light & Power Co., in the matter of pending electrical franchise was filed with City Recorder Ellis on Monday. The franchise and the opposing arguments will now be printed for distribution among the voters. The election takes place on Monday, August 9.

CRATER CREEK TO AID TUMALO

LOAN FOR PURPOSE IS AUTHORIZED

At Meeting Yesterday State Land Board Takes Action Which Will Result in Completion of Diversion Which Began Last Year.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

SALEM, July 20.—At its meeting today the State Land Board authorized the loan of not to exceed \$5,000 on improved lands in the Tualuma project with vested water rights. Individual applications will be acted upon at once. Loans will be made on a basis of not to exceed \$10 per acre. Governor Withycombe, who is enthusiastic concerning the project since his recent visit, strongly urged this action, expressing great confidence in the value of the lands and their desirability as security.

This means that the settlers who will get the loans will pay the money in at once on their Tualuma contracts. Then, in turn it will be expended for finishing the work of diverting the water of Crater creek into Tualuma creek. With this additional water Tualuma creek, despite the abnormally light flow this year, due to little snow fall, will not only be able to care for all irrigated lands, but also will supply an excess which can be used in filling the reservoir and in mending the leaks which have delayed the completion of that portion of the project.

Equipment and supplies to do the Crater creek work are already on hand. Probably more than three quarters of the \$5,000 will be spent in labor, assuring much employment. The work probably will take about six weeks and will begin promptly. The flow of Crater creek is about 200 second feet. The present abnormally light flow of Tualuma creek is about 120 feet. The combined flow of 180 second feet, would fill the reservoir in about 60 days, if it could be used for that purpose.

Delays have been experienced in mending leaks in the floor of the reservoir, due to lack of water with which to work over them. With the increased flow now assured, engineers say that there is every reason to believe that the leaks can be mended satisfactorily, and enough water secured thereafter easily to fill the reservoir for the next irrigation season.

In its official notice to Manager Wallace the Board states that settlers must file individual applications, each to be approved by M. E. Brink, of Prineville, the Board's attorney for Crook county.

WINNER LEAVES FOR FAIR.

Marie Brosterhous, the winner of the First National Bank's trip to the San Francisco fair, leaves today with Judge and Mrs. T. E. J. Duffy, of Prineville, for the exposition. The prize of \$150 was offered by the bank last year for the pupil in the Bend schools who, in the year to come, showed the best record in scholarship and earning capacity. Miss Brosterhous won the prize by conscientious work in school and in earning money by baking and selling bread.

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