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SHEVLIN MILL BE COMPLETED JAN. 1

MANY BUILDINGS NEAR COMPLETION

Work is Rushed on Dry Shed and Kiln—Logging Crews Increased—Structures Begin to Rise Rapidly at Brooks-Scanlon Sawmill.

The Shevlin-Hixon Company's saw mill will be completed and ready for sawing by January 1, according to J. P. Dion, of Dion & Horakotte, who is in charge of the construction of the plant. The finishing touches are now being made on the interior of the building. The machinery is practically all in place. The exterior of the building has been painted and the interior white washed throughout.

The steel burner, 148 feet high and 34 feet in diameter will be completed this week, as will the boiler room. The concrete foundations for the machinery in the power house have been set and the installing of pumps, turbines and engines is now going on.

Work commenced today on raising the 632x124 foot dry shed across the railroad tracks from the sash and door factory. With a large crew of men at work this building will be rushed to its completion.

Machinery for the sash and door factory has begun to arrive in carload lots and as soon as a sufficient amount is on the ground machinists will begin installing it.

Roof has been placed over six of the 20 kilns of the dry kiln. All the piling has been placed, amounting in all to approximately 130,000 running feet. This structure when completed will be 200 feet long and 104 feet wide and will be the largest dry kiln in the world.

Platforms at the dry kiln and planer are being laid to handle the lumber that will be loaded and unloaded at these buildings.

A crew of men will begin work this week on putting together the big automatic stacks and unstacker to be used in handling the lumber from the piles to and from the cars.

The logging crew has been increased to 50 men and it is expected that this number will be increased to 125 men within a few weeks. A four-line skidder is being tried out and is proving an efficient machine in handling logs. Carpenters are working on housing accommodations for men in the woods.

At the Brooks-Scanlon Company's plant a big crew of men is engaged in raising the frame for the 240x96 foot dry shed north of the saw mill. A crew of men is engaged in laying the foundation for the brick power house west of the mill to be 84 feet long and 49 feet wide. The grading for the spur from the main line of the railroad is almost completed. The machinery for the machine shop has all been installed. The machinery

for the mill is expected to arrive within two weeks. Painters will begin this week painting the exterior and white washing the interior of the mill.

GOVERNOR REFUSES TO EXTEND C. O. I. CONTRACTS

No Action Will be Taken Until Settlers Have Opportunity to State Their Case.

(Portland Telegram.)
SALEM, Dec. 10.—At a meeting of the Desert Land Board this morning Jesse Stearns and Roscoe Howard, counsel and manager of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, respectively, sought extension of contracts with the state covering lists Nos. 6 and 19, embracing about 100,000 acres of land in their Carey Act projects in Central Oregon. Governor Withycombe and State Engineer Lewis objected to granting such extension until the settlers had been given an opportunity to be heard.

"I think Mr. Lewis' objection is well taken," said Governor Withycombe. "I think that, technically, the settlers may have no direct interest, but they have a strong moral interest. Their future depends on it. Before we take any further action I think the settlers ought to be heard. Heretofore we have heard only one side, but hereafter I intend to do what I can to see that the other side is heard."

Mr. Lewis said: "This extension amounts virtually to a new contract. Before we take any action I think the settlers should be heard, because there may be safeguards that should be inserted."

After this discussion the company officials did not press the point and on motion of Mr. Kay, the meeting adjourned with the understanding that no extension of contracts would be granted until the settlers had first been given full opportunity to state their case.

As matters stand, the contract between the State and the Company covering these two lists expired October 17, 1915. The Company sought to have it renewed so as to coincide in dates with the contract now existing between the state and the United States; on list 6 that expires February 13, 1918, and on list 19 on October 17, 1920. The Company contends that the present contract with the state even if not renewed continues to run by implication. This theory of implication, apparently, chiefly is based on the provision of the present contract that the project is to be turned over to the settlers in June, 1917; the Company holds that the provision carries the implication that the entire contract holds until that date.

TO GIVE ILLUSTRATED LECTURE

An illustrated stereopticon lecture, dealing with the principal current events of the world, will be given tonight at the Methodist church at 8:20 under the auspices of the Bend high school. The lecture is one of a series to be conducted under the direction of the Extension Division of the University of Oregon which provides for a large number of high schools of the state. The course has been made possible through the generosity of W. L. Cobb, president of the Central Oregon Bank. There will be no admission charge.

PLANS MADE FOR UNITED ACTION

REDMOND MEETING IS WELL ATTENDED

Central Oregon Irrigationists Gather on Saturday to Pass Resolutions and Prepare for Coming Congress—Jones Bill Endorsed.

In order to agree on a course of action at the coming Irrigation Congress which will give this section the standing its importance and interest in irrigation matters deserve, a meeting was held at Redmond on Saturday attended by over 75 delegates from Crook and Jefferson counties. As a result of the gathering Central Oregon irrigationists will go to Portland as a united body and will work together there on an agreed program.

The chief business transacted on Saturday was the passage of resolutions touching on irrigation matters, both of special and of general interest. The Jones bill was heartily endorsed and the Oregon irrigation congress urged to send a committee to Washington to work for its passage. The state congress was also urged to take steps to bring about a better understanding of the district irrigation plan as contrasted with the Carey act, and to see to the dissemination in western Oregon of information concerning the irrigation questions of eastern Oregon, in order that state measures touching them might be more favorably received.

Other Resolutions.
Other resolutions provided for education concerning irrigation district bonds, for an amendment to the state constitution permitting the state to underwrite such bonds, urging a large attendance at the coming congress from Central Oregon, providing for organized procedure at the congress and urging the Department of the Interior not to extend the Benham Falls unit contract.

Because the Jefferson county delegates feared the release of the Benham Falls unit might affect the North unit, which is to be watered by storage at Benham falls, they were at first inclined to oppose the resolution relating to the extension of the contract, but after the matter had been explained they joined in voting for the resolution.

Bend delegates at the meeting were H. H. De Armond, G. S. Young, C. E. Short, T. H. Foley and R. W. Sawyer.

The resolutions committee consisted of L. A. Hunt, Lower Bridge; L. E. Smith, Redmond; H. W. Gard, Madras; M. M. Davenport, Culver; H. J. Chenoweth, Grandview; J. B. Bell, Prineville and R. W. Sawyer of Bend.

The resolutions in full were as follows:

Whereas, Owing to the present status of irrigation bonds through the failure of Carey Act projects the ir-

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CHECK ARTISTS MAKE BIG HAUL

BEND MERCHANTS ARE VICTIMS

Bogus Paper to Amount of \$215 is Passed Monday—Names of George Millican and Sam Roebacher are Used—Forgers in Vicinity.

Eight prominent Bend business men were victimized late Monday afternoon to the total amount of \$215.25 by check artists who called at their places of business after banking hours with checks to which the names of George Millican and Sam Roebacher, of Millican, were signed. Of the eight checks presented, seven bore Mr. Millican's name. They ranged in various amounts from \$13 to \$41.

The merchants, who were victims of the forgers, believe that there were three persons operating in Bend for a short time Monday afternoon, as each one says that the checks were presented between four and six o'clock. One merchant says that he cashed two of the Millican checks and one of them was presented by a woman. The merchants also say that the persons who passed the checks were well acquainted with conditions in and about Bend and particularly with Mr. Millican. This fact leads the merchants to believe that the men have been residents in the vicinity of Millican. In view of this situation several of the merchants, who honored the checks, left this morning with deputy sheriff Theodore Aune for the Millican country to obtain evidence on the matter. Mr. Millican, the merchants say, has been purchasing a considerable amount of hay from homesteaders in the vicinity of his ranch, and it is believed that somebody has been working on his signature with some of the checks given in payment for the hay.

All the merchants say that their suspicions with regard to Mr. Millican's signature were not aroused, as the signatures to the bogus checks were, to their knowledge, identical with Mr. Millican's. The forgeries were detected at the First National Bank when the first bad check came in. It was ascertained at once that the checks were not genuine and they were not honored. During the morning hours eight of these bad checks were presented for payment.

Upon comparing notes last night all the merchants came to the conclusion that there were at least two and possibly three men engaged in the work, and that they have been in and about Bend and are well acquainted with Mr. Millican. They have accurate descriptions of the men. Almost all of them say that a small amount of merchandise was purchased for which the checks were presented in payment. It was also found that the writing bore evidence that two persons did the signing of

the checks and used common names as payees. The checks were all written with pencil.

Immediately upon finding that the checks were bogus an effort was made to ascertain whether men answering the description of the forgers had left Bend by train, but trainmen say that they have not seen any one of such description.

STEPS TAKEN TO BUILD GYMNASIUM FOR BEND

Plans Considered at Meeting Held Monday Night—Would be For General Purposes.

Steps toward the erection of a gymnasium for Bend were taken on Monday evening at a meeting attended by a large number of businessmen, ministers and teachers, at which ways and means were discussed to erect such a building.

The need of a structure, which may be used for athletic, social and semi-public gatherings, was brought out, and it was the opinion of all who attended that a structure of this kind built in a centrally located place in town would prove invaluable.

The plan outlined provides for a 70x100 foot one story frame building, with a floor space sufficient to accommodate basket ball, handball, a moderate amount of gymnasium equipment, showers and a stage for use on the occasion of public meetings, church functions or any other affair at which the people of the town may have need of handling a large number of people.

At Monday night's meeting a building committee consisting of D. E. Hunter, chairman, Carl Johnson and Superintendent H. L. Hopkins was appointed to ascertain the cost of a structure of the type desired. James A. Eastes, chairman, A. L. French and P. C. Garrison were selected as a committee to look into the matter of a suitable site and to ascertain the cost of an area suitable for the structure. B. A. Stover was elected chairman and will have charge of the movement.

Just what course will be chosen after preliminary details are cared for have not been definitely determined, but the most feasible course, it is thought, will be to incorporate for a certain sum and to issue shares, the shares to be of a par value of \$10.

Another meeting will be held tomorrow night at which the building and site committees will report. It is expected that plans of organization will then be considered.

STRAHORN HERE WEDNESDAY

Robert E. Strahorn was in town for a short time Wednesday afternoon on his way back to Portland from Burns and points in Idaho where he has recently been visiting. He reports enthusiasm for the new railroad as running high in Burns, where he attended a banquet Tuesday night.

A possible route, Mr. Strahorn said to bring the new line directly into Burns, had been worked out, and the citizens of the town were offering to increase their subscription to the road if this were followed.

Mr. Strahorn left for Portland on the evening train. His next trip into the interior will be made from Bend.

BURNS IS READY TO RAISE ANTE

WILL PAY \$150,000 TO SIT IN

Strahorn Sees Possibility of Placing Interior Town on Main Line of Oregon, California & Eastern—Met Citizens There Last Week.

(The Oregonian, Dec. 10.)

Robert E. Strahorn, president of the Oregon, California & Eastern Railway, returned yesterday from a tour of Eastern and Central Oregon, which included a visit to Burns where he discussed with leading citizens tentative plans for including Burns on the main line of the network of railways that Mr. Strahorn proposes to build in the state's interior.

To demonstrate their interest and their good faith in the project the people of Burns and surrounding territory, who already had promised to subscribe \$100,000 to the enterprise, agreed to raise this sum to \$125,000 or \$150,000 providing the road can be built through their town.

If, as now seems probable, the O-W-R & N. company ends its line now being built westward from Vale, at Crane Creek Gap instead of pushing it on to Arden, as first proposed, it is possible that the route of Mr. Strahorn's new line can be changed to include Burns on the main line.

O-W-R & N. Not Likely to Extend.
Mr. Strahorn also covered much territory in the eastern part of the state and in Southern Idaho. He traveled most of the time by automobile and reports the roads at some places in bad condition.

He reached Burns on Tuesday and on the evening of the same day met a big group of citizens there. They discussed the possibilities of meeting the desires of the Burns people to become a part of the interior railroad system.

"It seems to be settled now that the Oregon Short Line—or the O-W-R & N. Company—will not extend its new road west of Crane Creek Gap," said Mr. Strahorn upon his return yesterday.

"It seems clear to me that if we are to have any eastern connection for our road we will have to extend the Oregon, California & Eastern farther than we originally intended. \$125,000 Subscription Proposed.

"Our original programme would leave Burns about 25 miles north of the main line. This, naturally, has been very disappointing to the Burns people and has occasioned a number of conferences. The people of Burns in their eagerness to have the road built through that city have expressed a willingness to increase their proposed subscription to the new road from \$100,000 to \$125,000 or \$150,000, if they could thus be practically assured of being placed on the main line.

Mr. Strahorn was much encouraged.

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