

## IRRIGATION MEN NOW IN SESSION

### MANY DELEGATES IN ATTENDANCE

Central Oregon Representatives Organize to Protect Local Interests—Jones Bill Will Be Indorsed—Brewer to Head Committee.

(Portland Telegram, Dec. 28)

Men from every section of the state where irrigation is a vital subject gathered in the Imperial hotel today to attend the fifth Oregon Irrigation Congress. The sessions will cover three days. The question about which most of the discussion will center is that of federal guarantee of approved projects as distinguished from state aid to the irrigators.

J. W. Brewer, formerly of Redmond, now of Portland will be named chairman of the resolutions committee this afternoon. It is conceded. This is the most important appointive position in the power of the congress to bestow, as the tangible work of the convention will practically take the form of endorsement of the bill of Senator Jones, of Washington, now pending before congress, which provides for the federal guarantee. It is believed that the federal aid measure will be opposed but that its opponents will be in the minority at the Portland meeting.

Brewer's Election Conceded. The session this morning adjourned early to give the delegates an opportunity to indicate their choice for chairman of the resolutions committee. At noon it was considered certain that Mr. Brewer would be selected. He has served at previous sessions of the congress in the same capacity, but had asked to be relieved this year.

As another meeting of the irrigationists of the state will be held before the next session of the legislature, it is not believed that matters of state legislation will occupy much of the time of the meeting this week. The convention will close with a banquet at the Chamber of Commerce Thursday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

As soon as President Thompson had opened the congress at 10 o'clock this morning, Mayor H. R. Albee welcomed the delegates in the name of the city, stating his appreciation of the value of the further development of the irrigable area of the state to local commercial interests, and emphasizing the work being laboriously done by the pioneers of irrigation in the state.

Colt Pledges Chamber's Aid. President C. C. Colt, of the Chamber of Commerce, extended a welcome from the business interests of Portland, saying that "irrigation should receive the serious consideration of both state and federal governments," and that "when you have made up your minds what is the

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## LA PINE OBJECTS TO ROAD ON WEST SIDE

Asks State Highway Engineer to Hear Their Objections—Want Present Road Improved.

SALEM, Dec. 27.—State Highway Engineer Cantine has received from the La Pine Commercial Club resolutions requesting that before definite plans are settled for the expenditure of the \$20,000 available for road work between Bend and the Klamath county line a committee of La Pine citizens be heard by him. They further ask Cantine to go over the proposed routes with them. The resolutions allege that "certain citizens of Bend are urging the choice of a west side route and the building of a new hard surfaced road from Bend as far southward" as the money will pay for it. It is also stated that the proposed west side route is inferior to the present east side route, that the money would be spent to greater advantage repairing the present road and that construction should begin at Lava Butte and work both ways.

The communication was brought to the attention of Governor Withcombe, who replied by requesting Mr. Cantine to make personal investigation of all the facts in the case. "All the Highway Commission wants," said the Governor, "is to get the most for our money." He pointed out, however, that it was against the Commission's policy to spend money for temporary work.

## EARNINGS INCREASE

Oregon Trunk Shows Big Gains in Two Departments.

Unusual gains in freight and passenger earnings are reported by the Oregon Trunk in its latest statement covering the month of October, due to the heavy traffic caused by the mill building at Bend. The Oregon Journal reports this increase of business as follows:

"Both freight and passenger business on the Oregon Trunk railroad made big gains during October, indicating that there was a good movement of crops and increased travel into the interior. The total earnings of this road for October were \$27,722 compared with \$20,009 for October, 1914, a gain of \$7,713 or 28 per cent. For the four months of the fiscal year its earnings aggregate \$79,712 as against \$64,581 from July to October inclusive, of 1914, a gain of \$15,231 or 19 per cent. Freight earnings for this road record a gain for October of \$5939, over the corresponding month of 1914 and passenger earnings an increase of \$1641 by the same comparison. For the four months of the fiscal year, compared with the previous fiscal year, there is shown a gain of \$13,876 in freight earnings, or over 38 per cent, and \$1535 in passenger earnings, a gain of nearly 9 per cent.

## SNOW ORDINANCE PASSED.

At an adjourned meeting of the city council held Monday morning an ordinance was passed requiring the removal of snow and ice from sidewalks in the city fire limits within 12 hours after a storm. The ordinance is printed in full elsewhere in this paper.

## T. L. SHEVLIN DIES THIS MORNING

Pneumonia Takes Man Looked Upon as Cause of Bend's Present Prosperity—Illness Began Christmas Day—Plans of Shevlin-Hixon Company will be Carried Out, According to Officials

Thomas L. Shevlin, president of The Shevlin-Hixon Company, died this morning in Minneapolis. Taken sick on Christmas day, pneumonia developed rapidly and this morning at 5 o'clock the end came. The funeral will be held in Minneapolis on Friday.

Only 32 years old, Mr. Shevlin was one of the commanding figures in the American lumber industry, a position gained since his graduation from college eight years ago. As president of the various Shevlin companies he had lumber interests in various parts of the country, consisting of mills in Ontario, Minnesota, Montana, Idaho, and the plant now under construction in Bend, and large timber acreage in many sections.

In Central Oregon, Shevlin companies own over 200,000 acres of pine, including the holdings of the Fremont Land Company, the Deschutes Timber Company and the Rogers timber near Bend, the last two tracts having been acquired this year. To mill this timber a plant is now building at Bend, operation of which is to begin early next year.

According to local officials of The Shevlin-Hixon Company, Mr. Shevlin's death will cause no change in the immediate plans of the company for the development of its local timber resources. Construction will proceed and the plant put in operation as soon as possible.

## News Shocks Town.

The news of the death of the man who is looked upon as the chief cause of Bend's present prosperity came as a distinct shock to all who heard it. Mr. Shevlin visited Bend only two weeks ago, having spent Thursday, December 16, here for the purpose of inspecting the work at the Shevlin-Hixon plant. To his friends and associates in the company work, although informed of his illness by messages earlier in the week, the news seemed unbelievable.

Mr. Shevlin was in perfect health when here and a recent medical inspection, made when he took out a large insurance policy on his life, resulted in a report by the examining physicians that he was the "most perfect risk in the United States."

## Was Born in 1883.

Thomas L. Shevlin was born in March, 1883, the son of Thomas H. and Alice (Hall) Shevlin. He was graduated from Yale in 1906. In February, 1909, he was married to Miss Elizabeth Sherley, who, with their two children, Elizabeth and Thomas, survive him. Other members of the family who are still living are two sisters, Mrs. David Tenney and Mrs. George Beckwith, and an uncle, E. C. Shevlin of Portland. T. A. McCann, who will have charge of the Shevlin-Hixon plant, is a cousin.

In college "Tom" Shevlin, as he has always been known, made an enduring name for himself as end, and for one year captain, of the Yale football eleven. It was his boast that no gains were ever made around

his end, a fact only too well appreciated by opposing teams. He was also a point winner for Yale on the track team in the hammer throwing event.

## Famous Football Coach.

Since leaving college Mr. Shevlin has made himself felt as a football coach, having been called upon by Yale teams for assistance more than once when the coaches in charge were making failures of the work. Under his last minute instruction Yale once held Harvard to a scoreless tie, a virtual victory, and only this last fall, when defeat at the hands of all comers had been Yale's portion, the "Human dynamo" was able to produce a victory over Princeton, a five to two favorite.

Immediately on leaving college in 1906, Mr. Shevlin came to Bend and with this as his headquarters spent six months in the timber with "Mike" Kelley, an old Shevlin employee. This was his first business experience and, according to a close friend, it created in him an interest in this locality which has always placed it foremost in his thought.

On his father's death in 1912 Mr. Shevlin came into active management of the estate's large timber interests. Going into business hard, as he went into a foot ball game and everything else he undertook, he dominated all with whom he came in contact, and yet created in all a feeling of affection and respect for his character and ability.

## CALLED TO MINNEAPOLIS.

T. A. McCann, superintendent of The Shevlin-Hixon Company, left this afternoon on a special train for Fallbridge enroute to Minneapolis where he has been called on account of the death of Thomas L. Shevlin. Mr. McCann was accompanied by Dr. J. C. Vandeventer and Robert D. Moore. At Fallbridge Mr. McCann will join Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shevlin of Portland. Mr. McCann left Bend in a critical condition, suffering from an incipient attack of pneumonia. Dr. Vandeventer will attend him on the journey.

## SMITH-YOUNG WEDDING

Well Known Bend Couple Wedded This Morning.

The marriage of Miss Angeline Young and Harold E. Smith was solemnized this morning at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Young in Westoria. Only the immediate relatives of the bride and groom were present. Rev. H. C. Hartman of the Presbyterian church performed the ceremony.

The bride is well known in Bend and for the last few months has been teaching school at Wasco. Mr. Smith is in the government forest service, stationed at Pine Mountain. They will spend their honeymoon at the Pine Mountain ranger station.

## MORE THAN \$3,000 HAS BEEN RAISED FOR GYMNASIUM

Brick Building and Swimming Pool are Considered—Meeting to Be Held Next Week.

More than \$3,000 worth of stock has been subscribed for the proposed Bend gymnasium. A meeting is to be held next week for the purpose of perfecting the final details for the purchase of a site and to consider the type of building to be erected.

Considerable interest is being shown among the subscribers to stock as to what the character of the building shall be. There is a desire upon the part of many to install a swimming pool and to erect a brick building of a more permanent character than a frame structure would be. Those details will be given consideration at the meeting at which all who have subscribed to stock will be asked to attend.

In addition to the list published in The Bulletin last week the following have subscribed to stock this week: Jos. D. Innes, \$10; Earl Johnson, \$10; Claude Kelley, \$10; J. J. Sullivan, \$10; J. P. Keyes, \$20; C. J. Catlow, \$10; L. Doonar, \$10; Fred Estes, \$10; A. M. Lara, \$10; George F. Hoever, \$10; Dr. U. C. Coe, \$10; Theo. Morton, \$10; George S. Young, \$10; J. J. Cunningham, \$10; Central Oregon Plumbing & Heating Company, \$20.

## STRAHORN SURVEY BEGINS

Engineers Arrive to Choose Route From Bend to Burns.

Surveys for the Oregon, California & Eastern, or Strahorn road, from Bend to Burns, are to begin at once, according to an understanding current in Bend this week. J. B. Bywater, who will head the survey, arrived in town early this week and has since been making arrangements for the party while awaiting the arrival of other members and equipment to be used by them.

Mr. Bywater was unwilling to be interviewed on the work of the party. It is understood, however, that other members arrived this morning and that as soon as their equipment comes in, work will begin. This afternoon the party is making a trip out into the High Desert country beyond Sand Springs.

Mrs. Bywater, who has been here with her husband, returns tomorrow to Ritchville, Washington, where she is teaching school.

## HIGH SCHOOL REMODELED.

Rooms on the main floor of the high school building are being remodeled this week to accommodate the new commercial department to be put in when the second semester of the public schools open the latter part of January. The new department will be under the direction of F. S. Francis of Portland.

## TIMES ISSUES FOLDER.

The Bulletin has received a copy of a folder containing 20 views of northern Lake county issued by the Fort Rock Times. The views illustrate the varied resources of the region and are neatly printed on a bristol board folder which opens conveniently for display.

## HEARING HERE ON JANUARY 17

### SETTLERS VS. C. O. I. COMPANY

Public Service Commission Will Listen to Both Sides—Company's Answer to Complaint Says Associations Purpose to "Raise Hell."

(Special to The Bulletin.)

SALEM, Dec. 28.—The Public Service Commission today announced the date of hearing in the complaint of the C. O. I. Water Users' Association against the Central Oregon Irrigation Company. It will be held in Bend, commencing at 9:30 a. m., on Monday, January 17.

The original complaint in this action was filed with the Commission November 13. Its allegations, briefly, include the following:

That the canals of the C. O. I. Company are insufficient to supply water to all the lands according to the contracted amounts. That the present flume is worn out and likely to fall at any time, with great loss and hardship to settlers. That the settlers are to take over the project in 1917 the Company has no intention to spend money in upkeep of ditches and flume which others soon are to inherit. That much of amounts collected in maintenance fees, instead of being put back in the project, are dissipated in high salaries and unproductive overhead expenses. That access to the banks of the Company is refused settlers.

The complaint winds up by asking the Commission to compel the Company to keep its system in good shape and to spend its income for maintenance fees for this purpose, to "end that the settlers in 1917 will have turned over to them a project of value."

## Would "Raise Hell."

On November 18 was filed the answer of the Company, which is written evidently with intent to be facetious. It sets forth, in effect, that the sole purpose of the Water Users' Association is to "raise Hell." At least, it uses these words, "the ostensible purpose and object of said plaintiff as exhibited by its acts and utterances seems to be to raise that particular brand of climate where-with it shall not be tempered or quenched by all the waters of the Deschutes river without their waste or seepage."

The Company then denies most of the allegations set forth by the Association, and further contends that the Public Service Commission has no authority to interfere in the premises. Under this head, it holds, in effect, that the Company is the agent of the state in conducting this irrigation enterprise, and is subject only to Land Board, and to that only so far as its contracts with the State and Nation make it liable.

The Company states further that

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