

# THE BEND BULLETIN.

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## WEATHER MAKES LITTLE DELAY

### WORK PROGRESSES AT BOTH MILLS

**Non-Delivery of Material Troubles—Work Begun on Brooks Burner—Shevlin Plant Ready for Whistle to Blow—Logs are Coming In.**

Although somewhat delayed and interfered with by the extremely cold weather and unusual amount of snow for the past two weeks, operations at the Brooks-Scanlon and Shevlin-Hixon saw mills have proceeded, as large crews as possible being worked on the various features of construction yet remaining to be completed.

At both plants a few men have been laid off, as much on account of non-arrival of material as anything else. As soon as the weather gets back to normal again they will be put back at work. The delay, however, will make necessary putting off for a few weeks the opening of the two mills beyond the dates formerly set. The present expectation is that the Shevlin mill will begin to saw about March 1 and the Brooks mill a few weeks later.

In spite of the snow work has been continued on the siding at the Brooks plant, and the dry shed which is finished, has been painted. The company office, toward the river from the dry shed, is nearing completion. According to present plans it will be ready for occupancy in about two weeks. It is a frame building containing a large brick vault. George Ingemann has had the contract for the building.

The dry kilns, four in number, will be situated toward the mill from the office. Carl A. Lohman, who built the Shevlin-Hixon kilns, has the contract for these and will begin work as soon as the weather permits. Brick work on the burner and power house also waits warmer weather. A small brick oil house was built last week.

Other construction now going on includes the building of a round house for the logging engine and the erection of the burner. This last is being done by Wm. Bros. Boiler & Manufacturing Co., of Minneapolis, which erected the Shevlin burner and smoke stacks. R. A. Nelson has the contract for the brick work.

Work on the planer is suspended waiting the arrival of joists.

Machinery is coming in, one carload of structural iron having arrived yesterday along with two carloads of saw mill machinery.

The logging road is all graded and ties laid. Steel is laid for four miles out. No logs have been hauled in yet but crews are at work falling and bucking logs.

**At the Shevlin Plant.**  
On the opposite side of the river the Shevlin mill is all ready for the whistle to blow, according to J. P. Dion of Dion & Horskotte, who is building the plant, while work in the

power house is done except for putting in a few valves. The dry kilns are also practically completed.

Non-delivery of material is causing delays here as on the Brooks plant, work on the dry shed roof, which is two thirds completed now being stopped waiting for rafters to come in. The stacker is also waiting for posts. The unstacker is finished.

In the sash and door factory the machinery is being put in place.

The water tower, holding 46,000 gallons, is finished except for putting the cover on.

The first logs were dumped into the river recently and 31 train loads have now been brought in. For the time being this work is being delayed because of the ice in the log pond.

To provide for its employees the company has just built a boarding house on the river bank above the railroad bridge. This will be run by the W. F. Rogers Company, Frank Jennings being in charge. This company also runs the woods camps.

## CHAS. A. ERSKINE APPOINTED MANAGER OF COMMERCIAL CLUB

**Local Attorney Succeeds H. H. De Armond Who Resigned Recently—Pledges Best Endeavor to Serve Commercial Club Well.**

Charles W. Erskine was elected manager of the Commercial Club by the directors at a meeting held on Friday afternoon. The election was announced to the club at its luncheon on Saturday. He succeeds H. H. De Armond, who resigned recently in order to devote more time to personal affairs.

Mr. Erskine is an attorney by profession being a graduate of the Willamette University Law School. He attended Willamette University and the University of Oregon, playing on the foot ball team at both institutions. In December he captained a local team in two games with Prineville.

On coming to Bend about three years ago Mr. Erskine was associated with V. A. Forbes in his law office and later managed the Bend Insurance agency. He was calendar clerk of the last house of representatives and has recently been appointed assistant district attorney by District Attorney Wirtz.

Following the announcement on Saturday Mr. Erskine expressed his thanks for the honor and pledged his best endeavor to serve the club well.

## ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

**City Marshal S. E. Roberts Seeks Nomination for Sheriff.**

S. E. Roberts has announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for sheriff of Crook county at the primaries to be held in May, being the second Bend man to come out for county office. So far as is known no other candidates have yet made themselves known.

Mr. Roberts is at present city marshal of Bend, a position he has held for five years. Before coming to Bend he was city marshal of Prairie City for two years. He is a native Oregonian, having been born in Wasco county, and has lived in Bend for six years.

## JURISDICTION QUESTION IS UP

### C. O. I. CO. GETS WRIT OF PROHIBITION

**Water Users' Complaint Not Heard by Utility Commission on Monday—Supreme Court to Decide Whether Company Comes under Law**

(Special to The Bulletin.)  
SALEM, Jan. 17.—The C. O. I. Water Users' Association will have no opportunity to air their alleged grievances before the State Public Utilities Commission unless the Supreme Court specifically rules that Carey Act projects properly come under the jurisdiction of the Commission.

Last Saturday the Central Oregon Irrigation Company filed with the Supreme Court an application for a writ of prohibition, stopping the Public Service Commission from the hearing which was to have been held in Bend today, and requesting a permanent injunction. Acting upon this application the court temporarily has restrained the Commission from proceeding with the case, pending a hearing which will be held before it on February third.

The C. O. I. Company bases its application for a permanent injunction on the allegation that the Commission has no jurisdiction in the case, because a Carey Act company is acting as an agent of the state. Attorney General Brown will appear for the Commission and will attempt to show cause why the injunction should not become permanent.

It is clear, apparently, that irrigation corporations other than those operating under the Carey Act would undoubtedly be under the jurisdiction of the Commission. Under the Carey Act, however, with its contracts involving co-operation of State and company, those well informed here believe serious doubts exist as to the Commission's powers.

## GOVERNOR GRANTS REQUISITION

SALEM, Jan. 18.—J. F. Blanchard of Prineville, and Theodore Aune, of Bend, were granted a requisition today by Gov. Withycombe upon the Governor of Tennessee, making them the state's agents for the return of John Steiner and Frank Taylor. Both are wanted in Crook county. They are charged with having passed checks in Bend.

## REGARDS IT UNFAVORABLY.

(Oregon Journal.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Senator Lane has been advised by the post-office department that it does not regard favorably the petition presented by the senator for increase of mail service from two to three times a week between Prineville and Fife, 76 miles, as the cost is now \$4800 a year, and it is assumed that another delivery would add \$2400 to the cost. The department promises an investigation, however, by a local inspector.

## COMPANIES TO COME TO TERMS

### UTILITIES ENGINEER IS SUCCESSFUL

**Representative of Public Service Commission Persuades Pioneer and Deschutes Mutual Telephone Companies to Agree on Service.**

Pleading, cajoling, arguing but never threatening, E. T. Busselle, an engineer from the State Public Service Commission, meeting with representatives of the Pioneer and the Mutual telephone companies on Monday night accomplished a great deal toward settling differences between the two companies in the matter of better and cheaper toll service between Redmond and Bend.

As proposed by Mr. Busselle the arrangement to be made calls for the construction by the Pioneer company of a metallic circuit from Bend to Tumalo and by the Deschutes Mutual of a similar line to Tumalo from Redmond. The lines, meeting at Tumalo, will be independent of the exchange there, providing through service between Bend and Redmond. For this a charge will be made subscribers on each line of 10 cents, which will be divided equally between the two companies. A higher charge will be made to non-subscribers.

## Unweave Tangle.

More than once in the course of the evening it seemed as though Mr. Busselle was working in a hopeless cause and that it would be necessary to have a formal complaint to the commission filed and the case fought through. He never gave up, however, and when the meeting adjourned, an hour after midnight, the tentative agreement had been reached to be put up to the governing bodies of the two companies for ratification. Inasmuch as prominent officials of both companies were present Monday night and gave their own assent to the proposition, it is expected that no difficulty will be experienced in getting the approval of the others.

Mr. Busselle came in to make a preliminary study of the situation for the committee of the commercial club appointed last month. At that time representatives of the Deschutes Mutual were seeking for an entry into Bend with the idea of putting in a second exchange here. Objection to this was made at the club luncheon when it was first proposed and the committee was appointed to see if some other arrangements could not be worked out.

Aside from members of the committee and a number of citizens there were present on Monday night W. F. King and J. P. Pope, representing the Pioneer Company and J. J. El-

linger, C. H. Miller and H. J. Harris, representing the Deschutes Mutual. County Judge Springer also attended the meeting and J. A. Riggs, Allen Willcoxon, G. L. Brazee and J. L. Gibson of Powell Butte.

## ECLIPSE TONIGHT.

There will be a partial eclipse of the moon tonight visible in Bend. The moon will enter the penumbra about 10 o'clock and the shadow about 11:50. At 12:35 the middle of the eclipse will be on. The eclipse will be over about 3:10. The next eclipse will be one of the sun on February 3.

## BIG INCREASE IN SCHOOL ENROLLMENT IS EXPECTED

**New Semester Opens Monday—Two More Teachers Added—Registration May Reach 550 Pupils Soon**

Preparations are being made to accommodate about 50 beginners in the Bend public schools next Monday when the second semester of the school term opens. A survey of the recent census of school district No. 12 reveals that there are approximately 50 children eligible to enter school.

At a meeting of the board of directors this week Miss Mildred Mersdorf and Miss Grace Vandeventer were elected grade teachers, but the grades they will teach has not been determined. F. S. Francis of Portland, recently elected head of the commercial department of the high school, will arrive this week to make arrangements for opening of the courses next Monday.

Superintendent H. L. Hopkins believes that the enrollment in the schools will reach 550 pupils by March 1. The congested conditions in the schools has made it necessary to fit up one of the bungalows near the high school where classes will be held. The school authorities are expecting a big influx soon after March 1 and are beginning to consider accommodations for this expected increase in the school population.

## STRAHORN SURVEY BEGUN

**Chief Engineer Bogue Now in Field With Large Party.**

Actual work on the survey for the Strahorn line out of Bend was begun this week when Mr. Strahorn's chief engineer, N. H. Bogue, arrived with a crew and started into the field. There are 14 men in the party. They are working south and east of town in the vicinity of the McNaught mill. Work will be carried on east to the junction point in the Milliean valley and from there on toward Burns or south toward Lakeview, depending on the depth of the snow and the condition of the weather. Another party is now working northward in the vicinity of Paisley.

The work of the survey is made difficult at the present time because of the inclement weather. It is understood, however, that Mr. Strahorn is anxious to complete the work as soon as possible in order to proceed with the next steps in his plan and has, therefore, put the crew into the field at this time.

## NEW BRIDGE TO BE BUILT HERE

### COUNTY COURT WILL DO WORK

**To Be Located at B. W. L. & P. Co. Dam—Plans Call for 80 Foot Street Which City Will Improve—Property Owners Donate.**

An adequate steel bridge connecting the east and west sides of the Deschutes at Bend and in a suitable location, where it will serve a large portion of the people, will be built by the county as soon as possible. Promises that this will be done were made by Judge Springer and Commissioner Overturn on Monday.

The site selected is the present bridge of the Bend Water Light & Power Co., over its dam above the power plant. This is now a private bridge but has been maintained by the company for the benefit of the people since its construction several years ago. It is generally agreed that it is used more than any other bridge in town and the recent platting of a large acreage on its west end as well as the development of the whole west side section will greatly increase the use in the near future.

Plans under consideration by the power company look to increasing the height of the dam to give a greater head for power production. The new bridge will be over the dam and a few feet higher than the present bridge. A permanent easement for the structure will be given by the company.

Right of way for the bridge approach on the east side will also be given by the power company and other land necessary for the connection with Wall street has been promised. Of this the largest parcel will be donated by the new owners of the Pilot Butte hotel property for the purpose of squaring up their lot and giving a street direct to the river.

As planned the street to the bridge will be 80 feet in width conforming to Greenwood avenue, of which it will be practically an extension, and to Kimbark avenue. The city will improve the street on the east side making the maximum grade not over five per cent, and the county will make the necessary approach on the west side.

Plans for the bridge and connecting street have been worked out by Deputy County Surveyor Robert B. Gould. When in town on Monday Judge Springer went over the ground and gave his approval to the proposition.

## HANSON-STRAND.

Edward Hanson, a homesteader of Imperial, and Rosie May Strand were united in marriage at the home of Rev. H. C. Hartranft January 12, 1916 at eight thirty p. m. They will reside on the claim of the groom at Imperial.

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