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CONFERENCE TO BE HELD MARCH 9

MEETING TO BE HELD AT SALEM

Irrigation, Drainage and Rural Credits to Be Considered—Constitutional Amendment will be Drafted for Submission to People.

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—The State Irrigation, drainage and rural credits conference authorized by the Oregon Irrigation congress will be held at the statehouse in Salem, March 9. Call for the conference has been issued by the special committee which was given the responsibility and more than half of the delegates from representative state organizations have been appointed. The conference delegates are asked to formulate a plan for state guaranty of irrigation and drainage securities and a system of state rural credits.

It is proposed to draft a constitutional amendment for submission to the people at the next general election. The conference will probably decide whether to submit enabling legislation at the general election or, later, to the legislature.

Already there is sweeping the state conviction that no more important gathering has ever been planned in Oregon. It will have the biggest and serious responsibility of a constitutional convention. The best brains and experience from all walks of life and occupations will be represented and will be called upon to produce a plan, which when enacted into law, and administered, will solve the state's great development problems of irrigation and drainage. All authorities—financiers and farmers, railroad men and organized labor—have made statements recognizing the necessity of action and supporting the fundamental character of the procedure outlined. The only doubt has been as to whether prejudices and differences can be laid aside in the common purpose to do now a big thing for Oregon.

Because of the great public interest in, and the significance of, the conference, many will probably journey to the state capital from all parts of the state to witness the proceedings, their concerns being more than if it had been a session of the Legislature which they had come to attend.

Among the delegates who have been appointed are the following: Central Oregon Development League, Chas. Wood Eberlein, Klamath Falls; O. C. Leiter, Portland; J. H. Upton, Prineville; C. B. McConnell, Burns; O. C. Young, Culver.

Oregon Irrigation Congress: J. W. Brewer, Portland; Fred N. Wallace, Tumalo; Asa B. Thomson, Echo; R. G. Callvert, Portland; John B. Bell, Eugene.

SURVEYORS PASS MILLICAN

The Strahorn surveying party is now in the Millican valley, according to reports received this morning. One section passed the Millican post office yesterday and another, the remainder of the party which started from Bend several weeks ago, is understood to have turned south from about the 21 mile post. They are reported to be following the general course of the Bend-Burns road.

C. O. I. HAS PROBABLY LOST ITS BENHAM FALLS RIGHTS

Failure to Put Water to Beneficial Use Is Presumed to be Abandonment and Right Reverts.

That the Central Oregon Irrigation Company will not be able to meet the requirements of Commissioner Tallman, of the General Land Office, in respect to the showing he requests as to water rights for the Benham Falls unit seems apparent from an inspection of the state statute under which the Benham Falls filling was made. The statute calls for beneficial use of water and where appropriated water is not used the right reverts.

Coupled with the inability of the company to complete the project within the time of extension desired it is believed that the water situation will prevent the extension from being granted. The Bend Commercial Club and the C. O. I. Co. Water Users' Association have already gone on record against the grant.

Fillings on the Benham Falls water have been made in the county records at Prineville but it is questionable now as to their standing, little or no work having been done to put the water to beneficial use.

The law bearing on this situation is as follows: Section 1, Chap. 273, Laws of 1913:

"Beneficial use shall be the basis of the measurement and limit of all rights to the use of water in this state and whenever hereafter the owner of a project and developed water right shall cease or fail to use the water appropriated for a period of five consecutive years, the right to use shall thereupon cease and such failure to use shall be conclusively presumed to be an abandonment of such water right and thereafter the water which was the subject of use under such water right shall revert to the public and become again the subject of appropriation in the manner provided by law, subject to existing priorities."

PETITIONERS ASK FOR CHANGE IN LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Plan Contemplates Separation of Young and Arnold Schools—Matter to Come Before Board Feb. 29

Petitions will be posted this week asking for changes in the boundaries of the local school district No. 12, which are planned for the purpose of making it easier of administration and to separate the interests of the two country schools, now in the district, from those of the town.

The plan, which has been frequently proposed in the past, contemplates the formation of two new districts out of district 12 territory, one containing the Young school, and one the Arnold school, and the addition to district 12 of territory to the south.

Both petitions have been signed by large numbers of the residents of the proposed new districts. At a meeting to discuss the change held at the Grange hall Monday night over 40 residents of the Young school neighborhood attended and approved the plan. The Arnold petition had been signed previously.

The petitions will be presented to the district boundary board, consisting of Judge Springer, Commissioners Overturf and Blanchard, Superintendent Myers and Treasurer Jordan, at its meeting on February 29.

PLANS MADE FOR CITY CLEAN UP

COMMITTEE TAKES UP NEW WORK

Campaign Will be Made to Beautify City—Flies Come Under Ban—To Co-operate With Ladies Library Club in Flower Show Work.

With the appointment last week by Mayor Eastes of a Civic Improvement committee, as authorized by the council, plans have been formulated for an extensive campaign for the beautification of the city and the cleaning up and keeping clean of all alleys, streets and other spots now in an unsightly condition.

One of the first matters on the committee's program is to make a general survey of the town for the purpose of listing all places which need cleaning up. When this is finished the owners, or others who may be responsible, will be urged to have the work done. If within a reasonable time no attention is paid to this request the names will be reported to the council for action under the recently enacted clean-up ordinance.

Along with the efforts to obtain a cleaner city a "Swat-the-fly" campaign is planned. Work in this line is to begin at once in order to get the jump on these pests and clean them out before they have time to multiply.

Another feature of the work will be to encourage flower and lawn planting in the residence districts. In this the committee will work in conjunction with the Ladies Library Club which holds its annual flower show in August.

As announced last week the members of the committee are: H. W. Skuse, Rev. H. C. Hartranft, R. G. White, Mrs. J. P. Keyes, Mrs. E. P. Brosterhaus, Mrs. J. E. Larson and Mrs. C. S. Hudson.

PAMPHLET TO BE MAILED.

A pamphlet containing the proposed amendments to the city charter to provide for district improvement bonding and to raise funds for the purchase of the terminal property desired by Robert E. Strahorn for the Oregon, California & Eastern railroad has been printed and will be mailed to all voters this week. The election on these measures will be held on February 28. It is expected that the Terminal committee of the Commercial Club will report at the next meeting of the club.

G. A. BRADLEY IS HELD.

G. A. Bradley, of Redmond, was bound over this afternoon in Judge J. A. Eastes' court on \$200 bonds to appear before the grand jury to answer the charge of calling for food a hog affected with an infectious disease. The hog was offered to C. A. Boyd of Bend for sale last week, but was condemned. Dr. U. C. Coe, who made an examination of the animal was the informant. Mr. Bradley was represented in the preliminary by Ross Farnham of Bend and Denton G. Burdick of Redmond. The state was represented by C. W. Erskine, deputy district attorney.

WELCOME NEW COMERS FEB. 24

GENERAL PUBLIC IS INVITED

Special Features Will be Arranged by Committee in Charge of Informal Function to be Held in Commercial Club Rooms Soon.

An opportunity for new residents to become acquainted will be afforded at the public reception to be held on the afternoon and evening of February 24 in the Commercial Club rooms under the auspices of the Commercial Club, assisted by the Library Club and the Parent-Teacher Association.

The reception will be strictly informal, according to the committee in charge, and every inducement will be given both old timers and new comers to "mix" on this occasion. The invitation to the general public of Bend and vicinity is general. The committee will exercise particular pains in decorating the Commercial Club rooms suitably for the occasion. Light refreshments will be served during the afternoon and evening. The hours of receiving will be from 2:30 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon and from 7 to 9:30 in the evening. A special musical program will be prepared for both afternoon and evening. The numbers which have been selected for entertainment are:

Afternoon Program.

Piano solo Chester Catlow
"Panamericanana"—Herbert.

Vocal solo Mrs. N. H. Bend
"Happy Days"—A. Stoelzel.

Reading Mrs. Myrtle Schlappl
Piano solo Chester Catlow

Selected.

Vocal solo Mrs. H. L. Hopkins
"O, Dry Those Tears"—

Teressa Del Reizo.

Violin solo Mrs. Iva West Ward
"Song of D'Amour"—Schmetz.

Vocal trio Parker, Fish, McLaurin
"Once Again"—Alt.

Evening Program.

Orchestra Selected

Vocal solo Mrs. Bernice H. Forrest
"Perfect Day"—Carrie Jacobs Bond.

With Orchestra Accompaniment.

Girl's Quartette Selected

Vocal solo Mrs. Florence Lunbeck-Silvia
"The Song of the Turnkey"—from

Roblin Ho od.

Violin Duet Selected

Mrs. Iva West Ward, W. J. Sprout
"Dreamy Moments"—J. Enrich Op 32

Vocal solo Mrs. Bernice H. Forrest
"Life's Garden"—Carrie Jacobs Bond

Orchestra Accompaniment.

Vocal trio Parker, Fish, McLaurin
"Sawnee River"—Foster.

Vocal selection Girl's Glee Club
"Goodbye Summer"—Frank Foster

Orchestra Selected

SEWER BEING CLEANED.

Having discovered by a recent inspection that the city sewer was badly clogged the council has had men at work for the past week removing the obstructions. In the course of the work material has been found ranging from an old umbrella to a cart load of rock. It is now planned to provide fastenings for the man holes to prevent their being raised by other than city employees, in order to prevent any further difficulties of this nature.

STEEL BOUGHT FOR BRIDGE

PRINEVILLE, Feb. 16.—2 p. m. —At a special meeting of the county court held here this morning steel for the new bridge to be built over the Deschutes at the site of the Bend Water Light & Power Co. dam was purchased by the court and a contract made with the representative of the steel company to have the bridge erected within 30 days.

TRAIN SERVICE INTERRUPTED SECOND TIME IN MONTH

Bend Without Mail Three Days Last Week—Slides and Freshet in Canyon Cause Blockade.

Again last week train service on both roads running into Bend was interrupted, the town being without mail for three days. For a portion of the time, as was the case the week before, the telegraph wires were down and all communication with the outside world was cut off.

Last week's difficulties were the aftermath of the severe storm of the preceding week, being caused by the rain and rapid melting of the winter's snows.

The last trains to arrive before the blockade began were on Thursday, the O-W. R. & N. train getting in early in the morning, and the Oregon Trunk at noon of that day. Thereafter there were no arrivals until Saturday night when the blockade was lifted. Two trains came on Sunday and on Monday there were two more, the first bringing a four day's accumulation of mail from the east.

On the O-W. line the chief difficulty was caused by the washing out of the bridge over Bakeoven creek, while the Oregon Trunk had very heavy slides to contend with.

Normal service is now restored and no further difficulty is anticipated.

FORTY-NINE PUPILS MAKE PUBLIC SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

General Average for the Last Semester Was 90 Per cent or Better—Supt. Hopkins Compiles List.

Forty nine pupils in the grammar grades of the Bend public schools were entered on the honor roll for the last semester of the school year, having received a general average of 90 per cent or better in their studies. The list of pupils who made the creditable grades, as compiled by Superintendent H. L. Hopkins, is as follows:

Eighth Grade—Coral Bates, Mildred Klein, Nellie Leslie, Clyde Rongley, Mary Vandeventer, Evelyn Clark.

Seventh Grade—Beulah Colver, Edwina Dana, Lydia Sherrer.

Sixth Grade—Hugh Kelley, Vearl Lehman, Laurence Swartz, Lester Smith, Howard Watson, Fred Shuey.

Fifth Grade—Florence Downing, Downing, Ivan Lehman, Catherine Voorhees, Donald Shanks.

Fourth Grade—Beatrice McAllister, Mary Johnston, Leo Kohfeld.

Third Grade—Amanda Anderson, Lee Brown, Sidney Hartman, Joyce Woolley, Mildred Todd.

Second Grade—Teddy Sather, Jane Ryan, David Thomas, Rosie Thomas, Emma Mueller, Grace Parton, Pierce Beach.

First Grade—Joseph Plesho, Lewis Stevens, Harry Grabler, Melvin Shenfeld, Archibald Nordeen, Philis Schlappl, Adol Nordeen, Beatrice Moffatt, Roy Lundberg, James Barkley, Noy Arthur.

STOCKMEN HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

GRAZING PERMITS ARE INCREASED

Upper Deschutes Livestock Association Plans Active Year—Small Ranchers Show Interest in Facilities Offered on the Forests.

That there will be an approximate increase of 900 head of cattle and sheep grazed on the upper Deschutes river basin within the boundaries of the Deschutes National Forest during the coming year was indicated at the annual meeting of the Upper Deschutes Livestock Association held last Saturday afternoon at the headquarters of the supervisor of the forest in Bend. Of the 900 head of cattle and horses, 500 will be grazed by farmers near the boundaries of the national forest who, heretofore, have never used the range.

At Saturday's meeting R. E. Grimes was elected president, and J. H. Stanley, secretary-treasurer, to serve for the ensuing year. The advisory board elected includes the following stockmen: R. E. Grimes, J. H. Stanley, M. S. Mayfield, S. S. Stearns and John Elder.

Expense is Small.

According to the report for the last year two range riders were employed for the Crane Prairie unit and this expense, added to the cost of salt and drift fence material, made a total cost of 72 cents per head for the 855 head handled in this way on the range last year.

The members of the Upper Deschutes Livestock Association are showing keen interest in range offered by the government and expect to take important steps this year in bettering the conditions. The coming year promises to offer to the local stock men better grazing than they have had for several years owing to the unusually heavy precipitation during the last few months which will assure plenty of grass throughout the summer months.

FORGERY IS CHARGED

Floyd Hills Is Charged by Local Authorities.

A warrant charging Floyd Hills, formerly employed by the Brooks-Seaton Lumber Company, with forgery, was sworn out in Judge J. A. Eastes' court last Friday morning. Hills is alleged to have called for S. H. Sonrud's time check on Thursday evening to which he signed Sonrud's name and cashed it.

A letter found on the street subsequent to the affair leads the officers to believe that Hills left for Silver Lake where he is supposed to have relatives. The authorities of Lake county have been authorized to arrest Hills.

K. of K.'s MEET TONIGHT.

The fifty second anniversary and roll call of the Knights of Pythias will be celebrated by the local lodge tonight in Sather's hall. Notices have been sent to all members in Bend, who have been urged to be present. Plans for a social evening have been made by the committee in charge of the affair.

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