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PLANS MADE FOR MANY BUILDINGS

MUCH BRICK ALREADY SPOKEN FOR

A. H. Horn Looks For Busy Season Has Bought New Machine For Local Yard Which Will Increase Capacity—Begin Work May 1.

That the coming summer will see the biggest demand for brick and other building materials ever known in Bend, is the opinion of A. H. Horn of the Bend Brick & Lumber Co., who returned last week from Michigan, where he spent the winter.

"Already," Mr. Horn said, in talking with a representative of The Bulletin, "half of my next season's output of brick is spoken for, and it is certain that there will be several notable additions to the business buildings of Bend." Mr. Horn did not feel at liberty to give the names of those who were planning business buildings. He said, however, that there were at present five structures under consideration, as well as an addition to a building now in use.

To meet the demand which will be made by this construction, in addition to the large amount of house building which is anticipated to provide for the workers at the new mills, Mr. Horn bought, while in the east, a new soft mud brick machine, of the largest size made. Only 20 of these are in operation in the United States today. The machine has a daily capacity of 60,000 bricks. It will arrive and be set up in time for the opening of the season's work.

Work at the company's brick yard about two miles west of town, will begin about May 1, according to Mr. Horn, although if weather conditions are satisfactory he may start in a few weeks earlier. In the meantime he will entirely remodel the yard to provide for the increased capacity. From 30 to 35 men were employed at the yard last summer. This year a few more will have to be added. This winter there has been little done beyond getting in a supply of wood for the summer run, 300 cords being on hand with 200 yet to be hauled in.

TO FACE GRAND JURY

Hills Bound Over to Answer Charge of Forgery.

Floyd Hills, charged with forgery, was bound over by Judge Eastes last Friday to the grand jury to answer a forgery charge, alleged to have been committed on February 9. Hills is charged with calling for the pay roll check of R. Sunrud, employed by the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company, which he endorsed and cashed. Hills was apprehended by police authorities in Portland last week as he was calling for his baggage. He was returned to Bend by Sheriff E. B. Knox, and being unable to furnish \$500 bonds was taken to Prineville where he will be held to await the session of the grand jury.

INSPECTION OF TUMALO MADE BY LEWIS ON RECENT TRIP

State Engineer Inspects Project and Takes Up Road Matter When Here Friday—Dubuis With Him.

To inspect the Tumalo project and to get in touch with affairs here in connection with the state's expenditure of road money in the coming spring, State Engineer John H. Lewis spent Friday in this section. John Dubuis, of Mr. Lewis' office, arrived on Thursday and accompanied him on his trip.

The greater part of the day was spent at Tumalo. Returning to Bend with F. N. Wallace and W. D. Barnes of Tumalo, in the afternoon the party went over the new saw mills. Mr. Lewis left on the night train. He found the project in good shape.

So far as road matters were concerned Mr. Lewis said that all questions would be settled when his representative came in, in about a month to lay out the work. W. P. Vandeventer, who was one of the resolutions committee of the La Pine Commercial Club, explained La Pine's position and was assured that when the time came all routes would be taken into consideration, before a final selection was made.

Mr. Dubuis will probably be located in this section this summer to re-check seepage losses on the C. O. I. Co. project and also to collect figures on the Tumalo project.

LAND BOARD ASKS FOR MORSON EXTENSION GRANT

Interest of the 241 Purchasers of Options Involved Influences Members in Seeking to Aid Project.

SALEM, Feb. 21.—The Desert Land Board at its meeting last week considered a statement from J. E. Morson of the La Pine Irrigation project, and after consideration again urged the Department of the Interior to grant Morson's request for an extension of contract.

The lengthy communication to the Department contained the following paragraph, which sets forth what is probably the most important consideration involved, in the eyes of the members of the Board:

"In urging favorable action on this matter, your petitioners have given due consideration to the welfare of the State at large and more especially to that of the 241 purchasers of options which Mr. Dixon's (the Department's special agent) report shows represents a full contract price of \$444,744.94, of which \$206,077.42 was paid and covered an area of 17,597.36 acres."

No objections to the extension sought have been filed with the Board, and many settlers have earnestly recommended it on the ground that through such extension lay their only hope of getting the watered land for which they have paid, in the medium of options.

ROADS BEING REPAIRED.

A crew of men has been engaged for the last several days in grading Wall street between Kentucky and Washington streets and between Wall and Front street on Kentucky street. Sidewalks are being built between the Lawrence building and the corner of Wall and Kentucky streets. A considerable amount of repair work on the roads will be done in various places about town.

VOTE ON AMENDMENTS MONDAY

One Authorizes Bond Issue of \$30,000 to Purchase Property for Terminals of Strahorn Road—Other Would Permit District Bonding for Improvement of City's Street and Sewer Systems

HOW THE PROPERTY WILL BE USED

"The intention is to use this for a right of way through the city, necessary tracks for passenger and freight terminals, passenger and freight stations, shops sufficient to handle the business for such an important terminal as Bend should be, fuel storage and loading facilities, roundhouse, stockyards, and for other strictly railway purposes."

ROBT. E. STRAHORN

The question of voting \$30,000 in bonds with which to purchase terminal property in Bend desired by Robert E. Strahorn for the Oregon, California & Eastern railroad will come before the voters at a special election to be held on Monday. At the same time the voters will pass on the question of amending the city charter to permit bonding for the improvement of roads and sewers by districts. No bond issue is involved in the latter question.

The Commercial Club committee, appointed last fall to arrange for the acquisition of the terminal property, reported at the club luncheon last Saturday. As stated in its report the committee, on its appointment, conferred with Mr. Strahorn to learn just what property he wanted and has since obtained options on the greater part of this. The bonds which will be voted on Monday are to take up these options.

The lands desired by Mr. Strahorn parallel the Oregon trunk right of way on the east extending through Center addition from the southern boundary of the town. A considerable portion, owned by W. D. Cheney and the Bend Park Co., Mr. Cheney is giving outright.

The use to which Mr. Strahorn intends to put the property is indicated in the statement from the railroad builder, printed above.

Campaign Committee Appointed. At Saturday's meeting a committee to campaign for the passage of the bonds was appointed, consisting of J. A. Eastes, H. H. De Armond, C. E. Short, R. M. Smith, W. L. O'Donnell. The following appeal for support of the measure has been prepared by the committee and was approved by the directors of the club at a meeting held this noon.

"On next Monday, February 28th, you will be called upon to vote upon two important measures, upon the success of both of which largely depends the future prosperity of our city.

"The first, and most important, is an amendment to the City Charter authorizing the issuance of bonds against the city for the purchase of rights of way, easements, terminals and other real property to aid in the building and construction of the Oregon, California & Eastern Railroad.

"The building of this railroad system will place Bend in a position to become the greatest inland city of Oregon, for it will be the headquarters of the system, with the attend-

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FORMER SEATTLE REALTY OPERATOR HERE ON SATURDAY

C. D. Hillman and Party Pass Through Town on Way to Inspect Lands in Interior.

C. D. Hillman, a former Seattle real estate operator, now living in Pasadena, California, passed through Bend Saturday on his way to the interior to inspect several large tracts of real estate which he contemplated buying. With him were Kay McKay, J. L. D. Morrison, Frank Readman and Frank Johnson, of the wagon road grant land company.

Mr. Hillman, in conversation, said that he expected to make large investments in Central Oregon real estate in the next few months. He was looking particularly, he said, for big cheap cattle ranches and might possibly purchase the remaining holdings of the road grant land company. The Strahorn railroad enterprise was one of the things that drew his attention to this section.

Before coming here Mr. Hillman purchased some 22,000 acres of Central Oregon land, according to the Oregon Journal. The Journal report said:

"The lands lie in Crook, Harney and Lake counties, and were bought at an average price of \$15 an acre. About 13,000 acres were procured from the Hiram Goddard estate, 4500 acres from Clark Thompson of Cascade Locks and the remainder from Kay McKay of Seattle. It is reported that Hillman has over \$1,000,000 to invest in Oregon lands."

The party left for Brookings early Saturday afternoon, John Collins driving the car.

SPRING TRAINING BEGINS

High School Base Ball and Track Teams Start Work.

Base ball and track candidates of the Bend high school were called out this week to begin spring practice. With the arrival of new equipment, and a place selected for work in Park addition, teams will be organized under the direction of Prof. R. G. White.

As yet nothing of a definite character has been done regarding a base ball schedule, but it is expected that games will be arranged with various high schools throughout Central Oregon during the spring months.

Efforts are being made to obtain a man to handle the track work, in order to give the aspirants for track honors the best training for the meet to be held at Redmond in May.

REPUBLICAN LEAD LIGHT.

SALEM, Feb. 21.—In the registration figures thus far filed with the Secretary of State, Crook county shows up with only 156 registrations of which 75 are Republicans and 79 Democrats. This establishes Crook county as having a higher percentage of Democrats than any other county in the state except Baker, at least so far as present figures indicate. The total state registration to date is 46,463, of which 30,982 are Republicans and 11,600 Democrats. The percentage of Republicans to the total registration is over 66 per cent.

REDMOND SPOKESMAN SOLD.

The Redmond Spokesman has changed hands, according to an announcement in last week's issue. The new owner is W. M. Pettigrew, who was formerly in the newspaper business in the east. Mr. Pettigrew has been in this section about a year, living with relatives at Powell Butte.

OFFICIALS NOT ALL IN FAVOR

OPINIONS DIFFER ON PROPOSED LAWS

Bulletin Obtains Statements From State Officers Giving Their Views on Irrigation and Drainage Measures to Be Considered Soon.

What do the chief officials of the State of Oregon think about the proposed legislation for state aid to irrigation, drainage and rural credits? With a view to answering that question The Bulletin requested statements from the five members of the Desert Land Board. As these big questions will be discussed at the conference at Salem commencing on March 9, it is interesting to know the opinions of the five most important elective officials of the state, and especially in this irrigated country.

Governor Withycombe favors rural credits but is doubtful as to the economic wisdom or immediate desirability of state backing for irrigation and drainage districts. However, if the electorate approves workable and conservative bills, he will support them.

Attorney General Brown says he is favorable to a statute for state aid, assuming the required constitutional amendment first carries, provided "it is safe and based upon sound business principles."

Secretary of State Olcott alone refuses to express an opinion. He prefers to remain non-committal at this time.

State Treasurer Kay is flatly opposed to state aid for irrigation or drainage districts, declaring it is poor business and that as matters stand such action is entirely uncalculated.

State Engineer Lewis is earnestly supporting the plan for state aid to irrigation and drainage development. He especially favors co-operation with Federal organization and division of the financial guarantee of bonds between State and Nation.

The Governor's Statement.

Governor Withycombe's statement follows:

"I entertain considerable doubt as to whether the State should assume financial responsibility for bonds involving irrigation and drainage work. Development along this line is vitally desirable, but I am not yet convinced that the entire commonwealth should back local projects, which, if commercially feasible, should be able to finance themselves on their own security.

"However, if the constitution is amended to permit such state guarantee, and an equitable and safe plan is approved by the legislature, such would receive my support.

"Rural credits would be a wonderful boon to agricultural Oregon—the backbone of the state—and if a conservative and workable plan is evolved I shall support it enthusiastically."

Attorney General Brown's Views.

George M. Brown, the Attorney General, gave The Bulletin the following expression of his stand.

"In answer to your question as to

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