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PACIFIC STATES TAKES CONTROL

PIONEER TELEPHONE CO SELLS OUT

Transaction Completed Yesterday at Prineville—Lines to be Inspected With View to Improvement—New Concern Took Possession

The Pacific States Telephone & Telegraph Company yesterday purchased the interests of the Pioneer Telephone & Telegraph Company. The transaction was consummated through W. D. DeVarney, a representative of the former company and the officials of the Pioneer company at Prineville. The consideration is not known. The Pacific States company took immediate possession of the system.

It is understood that the Pacific States Company will at once make an extensive inspection of the lines in Crook and Jefferson counties with the view to learning local conditions and to ascertain what improvements are needed to bring the system up to par with other portions of the company's plant. It is understood that the latest equipment will be installed in the exchanges, and that the lines will be improved.

Mr. DeVarney will be in Bend tomorrow and will then take up matters of local concern to the new company. It has not been learned where the headquarters for the Crook and Jefferson county system will be.

The Pioneer Telephone & Telegraph Company was organized in 1904 and has been operating lines between Prineville, Madras, Paulina and Redmond; Redmond and Bend; Bend, La Pine, Tumalo and Sisters. Its principal owners have been Dr. C. S. Edwards, W. F. King and Geo. Noble of Prineville.

Makes Complaint Unnecessary.

As a result of this sale it is expected that it will be unnecessary for further steps to be taken toward obtaining a reduction of rates between Bend and the Powell Buttes country and cheaper exchange service between here and Redmond. The matter has been in process of adjustment between the Pioneer company and the Deschutes company following a meeting with a representative of the Public Service Commission last winter.

Because of the slowness with which the two companies have been proceeding County Commissioner Overturf brought the matter up at the recent meeting of the county court and was authorized to file a complaint to the commission at once. This would have been done today had not the sale been made. Mr. Overturf is now advised by Mr. DeVarney that a complete readjustment of rates and service will be put into effect as soon as possible by the new company.

WOOL SALE DATES SET

June 23 Named for Bend—Clips Reported Normal.

June 23 has been set as the date upon which the wool sales will be held this year in Bend. The sale will be held at the United Warehouse and all the sheep men in Central Oregon who are making deliveries to Bend for future shipment are expected to be here.

Shearing and lambing are now in full blast in the sheep raising section of Central Oregon, and reports are that the clip is equal to that of last year despite the extremely hard winter.

That the sheep men will receive top notch prices this year for the product is indicated by the prices that are now being quoted. It is expected that Central Oregon wool will bring as high as 25 cents per pound.

FOREST FIRE BREAKS OUT.

Approximately 30 acres of ground upon which there was some standing timber, was burned over last Wednesday in the vicinity of Sand Spring half way between Fort Rock and Bend. A large part of the territory was in the Deschutes National Forest. A force of men was summoned and the fire extinguished before a great deal of damage was done.

TO BUILD PILOT BUTTE ROAD.

A 40 foot cinder road with a seven per cent grade will be built to the top of Pilot Butte. The work, which is in line with the plan held by W. D. Cheney, of the Bend Park Company, will be begun this week under the direction of E. O. Clark of the Bend Contracting Company. The road will not be completed at once, but will be built as the cinders from the butte are taken out. The plan which Mr. Cheney has is to have the road start from the west base circling the butte one and one half times before reaching the top.

BIRTHS.

Wednesday evening to Mr. and Mrs. Montelle Coe, a son.
This afternoon to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Strain, a daughter.
Thursday to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Jacob, an eight and a half pound boy.

COMMERCIAL CLUB PLANS INVITATION TO LUMBER MEN

Will Try to Get Next Convention to Meet Here—Mail Delivery Matter Waits Action on Street Names.

An invitation will be given by the Commercial Club to the Oregon branch of the Western Pine Manufacturers Association to hold its next meeting in Bend, according to a vote passed at the meeting of the club on Saturday. A committee consisting of C. S. Short, H. A. Miller and F. D. Becker was appointed to consider the matter and send the invitation.

On behalf of the mail delivery committee H. C. EHR reported that matters were at a standstill waiting on the settlement of the plan to rename the city streets which is in the hands of the council and the city engineer. County Commissioner Overturf reported that the county court had appropriated \$1000 for road work in this section and that work on the Powell Butte and Tumalo roads would begin soon.

A large number signified their intention of going to the joint meeting in Prineville Monday night. Vice-president Floyd Dement presided in the absence of President Keyes. The luncheon was held at the American Bakery.

TWO FORGERS PLEAD GUILTY; WORK TO RETURN MONEY

A. Floyd Hills Will Face Trial—Wahner Held on Burglary Charge—Myer Case Dismissed.

After entering a plea of guilty to the charge of forgery in the circuit court this week, Frank Taylor and John Steiner, who passed bad checks on several local merchants in December, to which were signed the name of George Millican, were sentenced to terms of two to five years and were paroled. They will be put under the supervision of county commissioner J. F. Blanchard, on whose ranch they will work. The parole is conditional upon their refunding the money to the merchants.

C. Floyd Hills will be held for trial at the current session of the district court on two counts brought by the grand jury. Hills is charged with forging a check made payable to S. Sonrud by the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company.

R. C. Wahner will also face trial charged with burglary. The case against Ole Myer, charged with making false affidavit for the purchase of alcohol was dismissed, no true bill having been returned.

STEEL FLUME GOES OUT

About 64 Feet on Main Tumalo Canal Breaks Down.

Over \$1000 damage was done on Friday when four sections of steel flume on the main canal on the Tumalo project broke. In all 64 feet of flume went out, necessitating the purchase of new flume and a week's work on repairs. The break was caused by a slipping of the supports on an inclined ledge which had been "slopped up" by recent rains.

Manager Wallace, of the project spent Saturday in Portland purchasing new flume and has since had a crew making repairs. About \$200 worth of damage was done to roads in the neighborhood by the flood waters released from the canal by the break.

WETMORE IN PORTLAND.

(The Oregonian.)
R. W. Wetmore, of Minneapolis, secretary and treasurer of the Shevlin-Hixon Company, of Bend, Oregon, was in Portland yesterday on business connected with his interests in the state. Mr. Wetmore made his headquarters at the Benson while here. He left in the evening for Spokane. In addition to being connected with the Shevlin-Hixon Company, Mr. Wetmore has large mine and timber holdings in the Bend district.

WILKINS SAYS LAW IS POPULAR

COMPENSATION LAW SUCCESSFUL

Auditor For Industrial Accident Commission, Here This Week, Finds Great Activity—Many Firms Now Under Law in Oregon.

"The Workmen's Compensation Law is becoming more popular in Oregon every day and is here to stay," said Harold A. Wilkins, auditor for the State Industrial Accident Commission, who arrived in Bend on Monday for a 10 day's stay, during which time he will check up the various firms subject to the law. "Owing to the financial success of the law and the recent decision of the Oregon Supreme Court establishing its constitutionality, there have been a large number of applications to secure the protection of the law received from employers who formerly rejected its provisions.

"Up to March 1 the Commission has been operating for 20 months and during that time has collected from all sources something over \$1,000,000. All of that money, exclusive of the surplus on hand, has been paid out in benefits to injured workmen and their dependents with only a cost of slightly over eight per cent for administration. Some \$300 claims have been received during this time, including 108 fatal injuries, and of this number only four claims have been appealed to the courts. Not only was there sufficient money in the fund to pay these claims, but in two months out of the last ten (July and February) there was on hand a surplus of 30 per cent which under the law gave both employers and workmen these months exempt, furnishing them the same protection as in other months, free of cost.

"This large amount of money has sustained a large number of families during their misfortunes, and at the same time saved the employers of the state from many expensive damage suits. The money, instead of being spent to prevent the recovery of damages, has gone where it should go, to the injured man and his family.

"The law automatically covers all kinds of construction work and all factories, mills and shops where machinery is used, unless the employer file a rejection within ten days after they begin operations. There are some 6500 firms in Oregon under the law, and increasing every day, particularly here in Bend, where the construction work for the last eight months has undoubtedly been the most active of any city in the state. Other lines of business such as stores, transfer, teaming, farming, etc., can come under the law by application, and it is significant of the progress of the law that the Commission has already received applications from something over 150 farmers to protect their men."

TO OBSERVE MOTHER'S DAY

Churches of Bend Prepare Special Services for the Occasion.

The name of Mother will be extolled in the pulpit of every church in Bend next Sunday upon the occasion of annual Mother's Day. Special services have been arranged with special music in observance of the occasion. In several of the churches flowers to be worn in honor of Mother will be given those attending the services.

Mother's Day throughout the country is one of the most widely observed days on the calendar, and due consideration is expected in Bend.

GREAT FALLS MAN ARRESTED

FORGERY CHARGE IS PREFERRED

Willard E. Gilbert, Formerly of Portland, Taken in Custody by Burns Detective Agency—\$163 Draft Passed on Conrad Banking Co.

Charged with forging a draft to the amount of \$163 on the Conrad Banking Co., of Great Falls, Montana, Willard E. Gilbert, alias W. E. Warren, of Minneapolis, was arrested Tuesday morning in the lobby of the Wright Hotel by an agent of the W. J. Burns Detective Agency, upon information of F. S. Alkus, of the company's district office in Portland.

On May 2 Gilbert is alleged to have deposited a forged check in the Great Falls bank upon which he checked a sum almost equal to the draft and departed from the city. He was traced from Great Falls to Spokane, from Spokane to The Dalles and thence to Bend. The alleged forger has been in Bend for several days, and has been registered at the Wright Hotel, enjoying splendid accommodations and living in fine style. Just yesterday he applied to F. Dement, of the Bend Hardware Co., for a position, and was about to be employed when information concerning him was received. His employment was being postponed awaiting further information.

It is said that Gilbert has a record, but the Burns agent was not in a position to divulge just what the character of the operations of former years are.

Crime is Acknowledged.

When taken in custody yesterday morning Gilbert offered no resistance and admitted to the Burns agent that he was the man wanted for the alleged Great Falls crime. It is said that he will not fight extradition, in company with the Burns agent and chief of police L. A. W. Nixon, Gilbert was taken to Prineville Tuesday afternoon where he will be held awaiting the arrival of police authorities from Great Falls where he will be taken to face the charges preferred against him.

Gilbert is a married man, his wife residing in Falls City, Oregon. Previous to his residence in Falls City he lived in Portland.

Rather an unusual incident in connection with Gilbert's apprehension occurred yesterday when G. A. McGinn, a traveling salesman, came into the Bend Hardware Company. Mr. McGinn, who says that he resided in Gilbert's neighborhood in Portland some years ago called the alleged forger by his right name, but Gilbert, under an assumed name, disclaimed the correct name stating that he was W. E. Warren, of Minneapolis.

TO RUN NIGHTS.

Operation of the Brooks-Scanlon mill on a two shift basis will begin on Monday night, May 15. The mill has been running one shift since April 24. This is expected to give employment to about 75 additional men.

IMPROVE RAILROAD YARDS.

A crew of men is engaged this week in clearing the railroad yards preparatory to halibasting which will probably begin within the next two weeks. The local railroad yards have never been halibasted and considerable work will be done on them this summer.

GUS CHRISTENSEN INJURED.

Gus Christensen, an employee of The Shevlin-Hixon Company, broke his left leg last Friday at the logging camps while he was working in the skidder. He was taken to the Bend Hospital where the bones were set.

FREIGHT OFFICE MOVED.

Owing to the congestion at the depot it has been necessary to move the freight offices of the Oregon Trunk and O-W. R. & N. railroads to rooms in the warehouse building.

FORBES RECEIVES INDORSEMENT FROM BEND VOTERS

Over 150 Citizens Sign Resolutions Assertive That Statements of Burdick Supporters are False.

Over 150 voters have signed resolutions in the past few days denouncing as false statements, reported to have been made by supporters of Denton G. Burdick, candidate for the Republican nomination for representative, to the effect that large numbers of Bend voters were not in favor of the candidacy of Vernon A. Forbes for the nomination.

According to the resolutions the citizens of Bend are unanimous in their support of Mr. Forbes and the signers declare themselves to be in favor of Mr. Forbes, as against Burdick, signing the statement for the purpose of eliminating the impression left that the citizens of Bend were opposed to Mr. Forbes.

The resolutions conclude "We believe Mr. Forbes to be the most capable man now running for the office of representative from Crook county, and believe that by virtue of his experience in this line, that he is in a position to accomplish more good for the benefit of the district than any other Crook county candidate."

LAKEVIEW PLANS TO VOTE BONDS FOR STRAHORN ROADS

Commercial Club Appoints Committee to Place Matter Before Council—Property Desired, \$18,000.

(Lakeview County Examiner.)

A special meeting of the Lakeview Commercial Club was called for Monday evening for the purpose of taking action on securing the right of way and terminals through Lakeview for the Oregon, California and Eastern Railroad, projected by Robert E. Strahorn, and from the sentiment expressed by those present action will be immediately taken.

Due to the fact that both the president and vice president of the organization were absent, W. H. Shirk was unanimously selected to act as president pro-tem. Mr. Shirk stated that the object of the meeting was to lay out some course for securing the right of way and terminals, and that all present were entitled to express themselves, whether members of the club or not.

H. M. Nolte, a member of the right of way committee appointed some time ago, reported that an approximate estimate placed the value of the lands desired in Lakeview at \$18,000. It was then decided to ask the City Council to place before the people of the town an amendment to the charter providing for the voting of bonds for the buying of the desired lands. This was carried unanimously and D. J. Wilcox was consequently appointed to place the matter before the City Council.

CO-OPERATION MENTIONED FREQUENTLY AT PRINEVILLE

Every Speaker Present Has Chance at It—County Seat Club's Hospitality Overflows on Monday.

Prineville put one over Monday night.

The county seat commercial club entertaining the clubs from the rest of the county, outdid itself in hospitality and entertainment, setting a mark for future gatherings which it will be hard for competing clubs to reach. The occasion was the second meeting of the county commercial bodies called to discuss co-operation in the movement initiated by the Redmond club several weeks ago.

There can be no doubt but that co-operation was discussed, as were a few other things, some of the speakers having in mind the benefits to be derived from co-operation and some the primaries to be held next week. On the formative side, if a guest may be so ungracious as to criticize, the meeting was nothing, but as a piece of hospitality it was everything.

The meeting was held in the Commercial Club building, where two long tables and a number of smaller ones accommodated the 200 and more guests from Terrebonne, Redmond, Sisters, Bend, La Pine, Powell Butte and elsewhere. During the meal there was music by a good orchestra, songs, including a double quartette offering that was very well done, and finally a three round game between two boys from the Crook county high school.

In the speechmaking that followed, co-operation, as suggested above, came in for a good deal of discussion being mentioned at least once by each speaker. Other subjects brought out were irrigation, roads, schools, markets and the farmer, but co-operation easily led.

At the close of the evening it was voted that presidents of the Bend, Redmond and Prineville clubs appoint a member of a program committee for the next meeting, which is to be held in Bend.

MUCH RAIL TALK AT COUNTY SEAT

PRINEVILLE WORKING FOR ROAD

Journal Says it May be Under Construction in June—Sale of Bonds is Authorized and Other Steps Taken by The City Council.

(Crook County Journal.)

Prineville's railroad will be under construction, barring accidents, during the month of June.

The sale of the \$100,000 bond issue was authorized at the meeting of the council on Tuesday evening and a number of important steps taken. The bids for the bonds will be opened in the council chambers on the evening of June 6, and present indications are that they will be sold at par or above at that time.

Tentative offers have been made in fact to make the council feel that the sale is going to be completed without delay.

During the next ten days engineers from both the Oregon Trunk and O-W. main roads will decide in conjunction with an engineer furnished by the city, just where the road shall be located with reference to the north and south sides of Crooked river.

While surveys have been made on both sides of the stream, the council is undecided which is the better route for the road, and a contract which exists between the city and the main line roads, will give the city the advantage of the best engineering talent on the coast.

The council also empowered Mayor Stewart acting in conjunction with the recorder, to enter into a contract with these main line roads, for the steel and rolling stock to equip the line. This may not be done for thirty days, yet negotiations are under way, and a contract of some kind may be entered into during the current month, that will care for this feature of the construction and equipment.

The matter of selecting an engineer to make the permanent survey and care for the interests of the city during the construction of the road was left with a committee of councilmen, of which J. B. Shipp is chairman. This committee will decide upon who the council should select for this task, and draw a contract that will be submitted to the council at a meeting that will be held during the month which will perhaps be signed. This contract will be binding only upon the condition of the successful sale of the bonds.

Under this plan, the moment the bonds are sold, the engineer will be in a position to start the permanent survey and from this moment, the matter of Prineville's railroad will be determined only by the length of time required to construct the road. The council, while making no open statement at this meeting, will ask for bids, it is said, for the grading and construction of the road immediately upon the sale of the bonds.

In this event, the lowest and best bidder will be awarded the contract. In event of the failure of satisfactory bids, the city will perhaps build the road themselves.

Mayor Stewart was authorized to select from the council and citizens a group of men who will meet with Redmond business men soon, to confer with these people about terminals and other important matters.

Carpenter Bros. & Chamberlain of Bend were present and submitted an offer to supply ties for the new road. This matter was not acted upon.

The right of way for the road is to be secured for the city by a committee of business men, Councilman Wallace stated.

The work in connection with the railroad matter was handled by councilman Wallace, who demonstrated his ability and interest in the matter in the numerous resolutions and other matters that were handled ably and rapidly.

Mr. Wallace and Mayor Stewart have the matter well in hand, and they have the united support of every member of the council in all of the matters in relation to the road.

The citizens are indeed fortunate in having a council of the ability of these men.

SHEVLIN-HIXON BOWLEERS WIN.

The Shevlin-Hixon Company bowlers made a clean sweep last Saturday night on the Carmody alleys against the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company team, taking two games of ten pins and one game of seven pins. The scores were: ten pins—Shevlin-Hixon 719 and 738; Brooks-Scanlon, 695, 524; seven pins, Shevlin-Hixon, 274, Brooks-Scanlon, 261.



FREIGHTING SOUTH FROM BEND
A form of activity to be supplanted by the Strahorn railroads.