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STRAHORN SAYS WORK ADVANCES

TALKS TO COMMERCIAL CLUB SATURDAY

All Details Will be Collected by October or November—Urges Right of Way Work Here—Club Discusses Rock Crusher Purchase

Encouraging progress in the preliminary work of the Oregon, California & Eastern was reported by Robert E. Strahorn at the Commercial Club luncheon on Saturday. By October or November, according to Mr. Strahorn, the details will be sufficiently in hand to enable a full presentation of them to be made for the purpose of obtaining the necessary support. Besides listening to Mr. Strahorn's talk the club heard a discussion of the proposed purchase of a rock crusher by the city and an announcement of standing committee assignments.

Mr. Strahorn spoke informally, expressing his pleasure in finding things coming "our way" as they were at the present time, not merely in connection with the railroad but in other matters. As an example he cited the rainfall which had been experienced this year and ventured the hope that it meant a change of climate which would insure crops on some of the present uncultivated land.

Rails Bring Wheat.

In coming from The Dalles, Mr. Strahorn said, they had passed through an almost continuous wheat field which was there because of the proximity of the railroad. It was an object lesson, for if you went back from the railroad there was no wheat or in other words, to make it worth while to raise wheat the farmer must be near enough to the railroad to get transportation. "I believe," Mr. Strahorn said, "that grain can be raised in the interior country if we can furnish transportation."

At present Bend is attracting more attention than ever before. People are coming to study the land and to look things over with a view to investment. For this, said Mr. Strahorn, the railroad project is largely responsible. People are coming to him daily for advice and information on Central Oregon.

Reporting on the railroad work, Mr. Strahorn said that it was necessarily progressing slowly because of the time it takes to get properly ready to build. Once ready the building can be done quickly. The surveying is being well done and the location work is finished from Bend to the Harney valley and from Bend to Lakeview with the exception of 20 miles. The Klamath Falls line finished from Silver Lake to within about 20 miles of Klamath Falls and within 60 days the field work will be complete. Then will come the assembling of figures and estimates so that "by October or November the whole project will be on paper read for the judgment of those who know."

In closing Mr. Strahorn pointed out that Bend had a great deal to do toward getting right of way and hoped that an active campaign would be carried on.

Rock Crusher Argued.

The matter of the rock crusher was brought up by J. H. Overturf who cited the county's unsatisfactory experience with a crusher recently bought from the same company. He urged that the city go slowly in the matter and try out various methods of paving rather than to buy a crusher at this time. Councilman Steidl said that the crusher was a necessity, it having been discovered that the cinders were of no permanent value. The matter was referred to the newly appointed committee on roads and highways.

The standing committees, as announced by President Keyes, are as follows:

Entertainment.—E. M. Laramie, chairman, H. W. Skuse, F. D. Beck, A. L. French, Carl Johnson, J. Rhodes.

Public Affairs.—Floyd Dement, chairman, T. H. Foley, C. S. Hudson, D. E. Hunter, W. L. Cobb, L. Rudow, John Steidl.

Irrigation.—R. W. Sawyer, chairman, V. A. Forbes, Chas. Short, George H. M. Abbott.

Traffic.—A. J. Kroenert, chairman, C. Egan, J. H. Corbett, T. A. McAnna, H. C. Ellis.

Industries.—H. H. De Armond, chairman, Hugh O'Kane, F. W. Sullivan, H. E. Allen, Dr. B. Ferrell, A. Miller, J. E. Larson.

Membership.—D. M. Davis, chair-

man, A. M. Pringle, C. V. Silvis, H. E. Baker, C. L. Mannheim, G. M. Raymond.

Roads and Highways.—H. J. Overturf, chairman, J. A. Eastes, R. B. Gould, R. M. Smith, Clyde McKay.

OTHER PAPERS CONFIRM BEND CLAIMS AS TO EVENTS

Redmond Spokesman and Crook County Journal Have Articles Bearing Out Local Contentions.

(Because they so largely confirm the Bend claims as to the events which preceded her action on the county seat the two following articles are reprinted from the Redmond Spokesman and the Crook County Journal respectively.—The Editor.)

From The Spokesman.

Petitions were duly filed by Bend in the proposal to remove the county seat from Prineville to Bend. Naturally the papers of the two towns look at the matter from divergent angles.

The motion to strive for removal made at a Bend meeting was voted "Aye" in an "Unanimous and enthusiastic roar," says The Bulletin. Redmond comes in for a certain criticism on account of an apparent change of front at periods during the negotiations and we must confess such was the case to some extent.

Without a complete analysis of the situation Redmond's first impulse was to save her territory and high school district intact, and to do this seemed to indicate a dividing line nine miles east of the city. Later investigation showed the injustice of this, as it would leave the old county with but little more than two million dollars assessable wealth and would carry double that amount into the proposed new county. Also, if Prineville built her proposed new line of railway more than half of its mileage would be in the new county.

Nobody in this section wanted county division at this time, but they felt that if Bend wanted it they were willing to make a fairly equitable division along the lines of assessable wealth, and as a line east and west running near Deschutes and Tumalo seemed to fill the bill, the proposition was made to Bend to adopt this line, but this was rejected and the fight is on.

From The Journal.

The fight for the removal of the county seat from Prineville to Bend is on.

The facts that lead up to this condition of affairs are many, and it is the popular thing just now to lay the blame on the other fellow. It seems that everyone is trying to use the condition to the advantage of his favorite candidate, and the conditions seem to warrant the prediction that the public will have some of this kind of business, and the fellow who attempts to make partisan politics out of a condition where a community is effected, will be crushed in the melee.

This is no time for quibbling and petty politics. Prineville as a community faces an organized town and community, and its success or failure rests on united and undivided action.

The Journal is in a position to have some ideas as to what caused the present state of affairs, as ye editor having been an envoy to the city of the enemy, under sealed orders, as it were, from the committee which held the fate of Prineville in their grasp, for which he has been both praised and cursed heartily and in this connection will add, that the matter on which he was instructed was the only one considered in talking with the Bend committee, and that the interests or the name of no candidate were mentioned at this time or at any other time in connection with this all-important subject, and further that the Journal or its editor is placing anything or any candidate ahead of the all-important county seat removal matter at this time, is either woefully ignorant of facts and conditions or a malicious liar.

What might have been done, what could have been done and what we consider the best settlement of these matters is not to be considered or as much as mentioned now.

RECRUITING OFFICER COMING.

Major Hiram U. Welch, Oregon Militia recruiting officer, will arrive here next Tuesday and remain three days for the purpose of accepting recruits for the Oregon National Guard now on the border. Able bodied men, between the ages of 18 and 45 are wanted but those having relatives depending on them for support will not be accepted. The wages of the soldier are from \$15 to \$45 a month, with all clothing, rations and medical attendance furnished free.

COLORED MAN DISCHARGED.

A jury in Judge Eastes' court yesterday afternoon found Charles Alexander not guilty of a charge of assault based on a shaking up which he gave a boy on Saturday. Alexander, who is a colored man, is said to have been taunted by the boy, whereby provoking his action. The jury recommended that a reprimand be given Alexander by the court.

FARRELL SEES MILL AND TOWN

O.-W.R.&N. PRESIDENT LEAVES FOR PORTLAND HERE LAST WEEK

Enjoys Fishing and Studies Growth of Town—Says Bend Should Have Great Increase in Population—Impressed by Saw Mills Here

On an outing with his family and for the purpose of familiarizing himself with the recent development of this section President J. D. Farrell of the O.-W. R. & N. spent the greater part of last week in Bend and vicinity. For two days the party was at "Aye" in an "Unanimous and enthusiastic roar," says The Bulletin. and the rest of the time was devoted to inspection of the mills, to rides about town and into the country. In the party were Mr. and Mrs. Farrell and their two children and Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Shevlin, of Portland, and their son.

In an interview given to a representative of The Bulletin Mr. Farrell said that his visit here at this time had no especial significance, and that there was nothing for him to say on railroad matters which would be of interest to the public. He talked quite freely, however, on the growth which Bend was experiencing, indicating by his remarks that he had taken more than a passing interest in Bend's development.

As was to be expected, the two saw mills had made the biggest impression on the visitor and he continually referred to them, to their size, the smoothness of operation, the pay rolls—amounting to a million dollars a year—and Bend's fortune in having them here and in the charge of the men they were.

Besides the mills, Mr. Farrell spoke of the substantial character of the new O'Kane building, which he had been over, and of the value to the town of such structures as the two bank buildings and other business blocks. To his mind there was nothing of a boom nature developing here while the town had every reason to expect a continuous increase in population for some time to come.

Mr. Farrell left on Saturday by auto for Burns and Crane, the new Harney county terminal of his company's lines which have just been built into Central Oregon from the east. The rest of the party returned to Portland.

FAIR PLANS PROGRESS.

Considerable progress has been made in the past week toward working out the plans for the new fair association.

More subscriptions have been received and steps toward incorporation have been taken. Everywhere, according to Charles Carroll, who is active in promoting the idea, it has met with favor and pledges of support have been freely given. A meeting in the interest of the association will be held on Friday at 8 o'clock in the Commercial Club room and all are invited to attend.

FOUNDRY NEARLY DONE.

The new brick foundry building for the Hufschmidt-Dugan Iron Works is expected to be completed this week. A second pattern maker has been employed and work will be turned out next week.

GOVERNOR HERE LAST THURSDAY

LEAVES FOR PORTLAND AT ONCE

State Executive, With Members of Land Board, Returns From Inspection of Drainage Project and Nitrates Deposit—Others Visit

On the last leg of an inspection tour which had carried them well over eastern and central Oregon Governor Withycombe and a party of state officials and other prominent men arrived here Thursday afternoon. At this point the party broke up, Governor Withycombe and Attorney General Brown leaving on the night train for Portland and the others spending the night here before proceeding to an inspection of the Tumalo project and on to Portland by auto.

Besides the governor and the attorney general the party included Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott, Treasurer Thomas B. Kay, Assistant State Engineer Percy Cupper, ex-Governor Hawley, of Idaho, Thomas W. Cole, president of the State Bank of West Pullman, Chicago, R. P. Henderson, of the Cole Motor Co. of Indianapolis, C. H. McConnell, of Burns, and Harry Wilson of the American Nitrates Co.

Governor Withycombe had many words of appreciation of the appearance of the cultivated fields near Bend, the clover and alfalfa looking especially well to him after his long ride across the homestead country. The party which visited the Tumalo was greatly pleased with the condition of the project. They also visited the saw mills here the night before and were much impressed by them, both Mr. Kay and Mr. Olcott saying that they had no idea of the size of the plants.

Main Object is Inspection.

The main object of the trip was for the inspection of the Harney county drainage projects and the nitrate deposits in the Succor creek and Wagontire districts. The latter are of importance to Bend as it is understood that shipments of the product will be made through here as soon as production begins, which is expected to be in the near future.

This phase of the trip was described in a recent issue of the Oregon Journal as follows:

During the trip the members of the board visited and inspected the holdings of the American Nitrate company at Succor creek, Buzzard canyon, Rawhide canyon and Wagon Tire mountain. The company has acquired by location under the federal act more than 6000 acres of land containing potassium and nitrate deposits and is now engaged in the installation of reduction plants for handling the output of these holdings. The company expects to begin the shipment of nitrates and potassium within the next two months, in a small way, preliminary to a more extensive output during the coming year.

ARNOLD COMPANY ELECTS.

At the meeting of the stockholders in the Arnold Irrigation Company, held on Saturday, the following were elected directors for the coming year: E. P. Brosthorus, Charles Sipehen, A. C. Armstrong, A. Powell and Glenn Slack. Other officers are to be elected by the directors. It was reported at the meeting that all stockholders were receiving plenty of water this year.

STUCCO IS SHIPPED.

Stucco for the new Mutzig building at the corner of Wall and Oregon street will be shipped at once from the factory at Auburn, Washington, according to Mr. Mutzig. Work on the foundation will be resumed on Monday.

ROBERT E. STRAHORN ARRIVES TO BEGIN TRIP OVER INTERIOR

Mrs. Strahorn Accompanies Him—Party Left for Burns Yesterday and Will Go To Klamath Later.

On the beginning of his long expected trip over the lines of the proposed Oregon, California & Eastern, Robert E. Strahorn arrived in Bend on Friday evening, coming overland from The Dalles. With him were Mrs. Strahorn, who accompanies him on his travels whenever possible, and James Boone, the son of a friend of Mr. Strahorn's in Caldwell, Idaho, and a recent graduate of the Yale Law School.

Mrs. Strahorn, who is the author of "Fifteen Thousand Miles by Stage," has visited Bend once before, the occasion being Mr. Strahorn's first trip to Bend in September, 1914, when he came in with W. D. Cheney and first became interested in the possibility of building railroads into the interior. Her book is the record of a number of years of travel with her husband over the western states and among its many illustrations are several Bend scenes.

After spending three days here Mr. and Mrs. Strahorn, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hudson, left yesterday for Burns to inspect the surveys for the Oregon, California & Eastern into the Harney valley. They will return by way of the Crooked River country and Prineville and then take a new start, this time going to Lakeview, Klamath Falls and Crater lake.

GILMAN HERE FOR DAY

President of Oregon Trunk Brings In Party of G. N. Officials.

President L. C. Gilman, of the Oregon Trunk, with a party of officials spent Tuesday here, taking account of the growth of the town and the saw mill developments. The greater part of the forenoon was spent at the mills and in the afternoon they went out into the hills to inspect the logging operations.

Besides President Gilman those in the party were W. P. Kenney, of Seattle, vice president of the Great Northern, M. J. Costello, of Seattle, assistant traffic manager, and C. K. Pretty of Portland, general agent, of the Great Northern and W. D. Skinner and J. T. Hardy of the Oregon Trunk.

TO HOLD PICNIC.

A Scandinavian picnic will be given by the Sons of Norway next Sunday at Pickett island, Tumalo. Entertainment is planned in the way of tugs of war, foot races and Norwegian folk games. Refreshments will be served on the grounds at reasonable prices. An invitation is extended to all to attend. Those who wish may arrange for transportation at Thorson's store.

TO OPEN BIDS.

Bids for the construction of the addition to the Bend Steam Laundry will be opened on Saturday. E. H. Keane, the architect of this addition, has also prepared the plans for the Bend Hardware Co. warehouse, which will be a two story brick building 50x70 in size. The foundation and concrete floor of the warehouse are already finished.

SHALL CITY BUY A ROCK CRUSHER

QUESTION IS ARGUED BY COUNCIL

Machinery Salesman, Out for a Sale Causes Split in Council—Some in Favor of Purchase—Mayor Eastes Refuses to Sign Contract

A road machinery salesman who was looking for a commission on a sale blew into town last week and before he paid his hotel bill and bought a ticket to the next prospect town, he created in the city government what should at least be called a rift. At the same time he gave the town something to talk about and to take sides upon, a condition which had not existed since the controversy was on as to whether Bond or Wall street should be improved as an approach to the mills.

Now when you are looking for a commission on a sale you must first make the sale and before you can do that you must find someone to make it to. Mr. Salesman realized the facts, and selecting a rock crusher as the article for sale and the city as the purchaser, approached the mayor on the subject. Mayor Eastes told him that the matter would be up to the council and that if Mr. Salesman could get the council sufficiently interested to hold a meeting his proposition would be considered.

Apparently he did so, for the meeting was held.

Being unadvertised the meeting was not attended by any others besides the city officials so that no verbatim report of the proceedings is available. Diligent inquiry, however, discloses the following as about what happened.

To begin with Mr. Salesman addressed the council explaining that he was hopeful that it would buy a rock crusher for the city. He gave all the reasons in favor of rock crushers and offered terms of payment extending over several years. The price was to be \$2,500. When he had finished, the argument began. It lasted three hours in the meeting and the greater part of Saturday outside.

Three councilmen, Silvis, Caldwell, and Steidl, were in favor of the purchase. Brotherous was opposed and so was Mayor Eastes. On a motion to make the purchase the three voted "Yes" and the one "No" and the motion was declared carried. Mr. Salesman had visions of getting what he came after and produced a contract for signature by the Mayor.

At this point it is believed that the proper thing to say is, "And then they clinched," and so they did, figuratively speaking. But the mayor was obstinate and Mr. Salesman had to content himself with the signatures of the councilmen who voted in favor of the purchase. Whether or not that binds the city is not known, but it is understood that it does not do so.

This is the rift. And also the topic of conversation universally enjoyed on Saturday.

RAILROAD MEN HERE

Union Pacific Colonization Agents Make Tour of Country.

R. A. Smith, colonization and industrial agent of the Union Pacific, and Isaiah Wheeler, assistant colonization agent, were in Bend on Wednesday on a tour of Central Oregon, coming here from Crane where they took part in the celebration incident to the opening of the railroad to that point. With them was Chas. E. Brooks, assistant superintendent of the U. P. at Nampa, Idaho.

After inspecting the town the party spent Thursday on the Tumalo project, going from there to the Ochoco. In Portland, after his visit here, Mr. Smith is reported to have said that the Ochoco project was one of the finest he had ever seen. He also reported that the people in the Hampton valley and other dry farming districts were making progress.

RAINFALL IS HEAVY.

July is carrying out the year's record for unusual weather, the rain fall for the month, all of which occurred Saturday night, Sunday and Monday, being ahead of all previous records. Over an inch of rain fell in the period beginning Saturday night and ending Sunday afternoon, and on Monday morning there were showers bringing .99 inches. The rain has served to keep the roads in good condition and to benefit growing crops.



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