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DIVISION SEEMS POSSIBLE NOW

SATISFACTORY LINE IS PROPOSED

East Side Voters Insurge and Overturn Work of Old Guard Committee—Meeting to Decide Question To Be Held Here Thursday.

As the result of an insurgent movement started in Prineville by men dissatisfied with the work of the hand picked committee appointed to arrange for county division with Redmond and Bend it now seems probable that division will be the main issue this fall, after all, and that the movement for the removal of the county seat to Bend will be abandoned.

At a largely attended meeting of the county seat committee on Monday a representative delegation from Prineville and the east side, appointed in Prineville after a thorough discussion of the question on Saturday, proposed a line for division satisfactory to the committee and a meeting will be held in the Commercial Club room Thursday night to give a general opportunity for discussion of the plan. Invitations to the meeting have been sent to the various east side precincts which are expected to stand with Bend in the matter.

The line proposed is practically the same as that on which it was sought to form Deschutes county two years ago with the exception that Terrebonne is left in the old county to give Prineville access to the railroad with her own line when built, the line is three miles further east in the Powell Butte country and the present south eastern part of the county is placed in the new county instead of cutting down through Hampton as was proposed two years ago.

On this line the east side representatives assure the necessary 35 per cent without difficulty and it was the almost unanimous opinion of the committee present at Monday's meeting that such a division would bring an end to the present unsatisfactory agitation.

BEAVER WORKS IN TOWN

Cuts Down Tree on Brooks Lawn and Drags It to River.

The people of this vicinity are thorough respecters of the state game laws and the protected animals are fully aware of this condition, if anything can be told from the action of a beaver almost within the city limits last week. Indeed, it was within the city limits in everything but an actual location of the boundary. Last spring H. K. Brooks had set out on the grounds in front of his house a fair sized elm and an aspen which had stood near the Pilot Butte Hotel. The grounds run down to the river and one night last week a beaver came up out of the water, cut off the aspen and investigated the elm. The aspen he carried out into the stream. Mr. Brooks is now having wire netting put around all his trees to prevent any further damage.

WOULD DIVERT TRAFFIC

Crescent Folks Want Road Built to Lane County Line.

Forty one voters of Crescent, according to The Evening Herald, of Klamath Falls, have signed a petition asking the Klamath county court to improve and construct an automobile road to the Lane county line via Odell and Crescent lakes. Copies of the petition are being circulated in Klamath Falls for signatures.

The purpose of the proposed road, which will cost about \$10,000, according to the estimates of the petitioners, is stated to be "the saving of about 70 miles to Southeastern Oregon points from the Willamette valley; the diversion of tourist travel through Klamath county, instead of via McKenzie Pass, Bend, Prineville and Silver Lake, resulting in more money spent in Klamath county, more valuable property, more taxes received and local, but not last, full hostleries instead of only a few rooms occupied only part of the time; a greater volume of business in the garages, grocers, clothing stores, sporting goods houses, recreation resorts—in fact, every business will be benefited in some way or the other."

STRAHORN TAKES REST HERE THEN LEAVES FOR KLAMATH

Returned From Burns Trip by Way of Prineville on Friday—Is Pleased With Appearance of Country

After spending four days here following his recent trip to Burns, Robert E. Strahorn, with Mrs. Strahorn and Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Hudson, left this morning for Silver Lake, Lakeview, Klamath Falls and other southern points for the purpose of inspecting the surveyed lines of the Oregon, California and Eastern. Before returning Mr. Strahorn will go into California and make a visit to Crater Lake and the country back of Grants Pass.

Returning from the Burns trip on Friday Mr. Strahorn was full of enthusiasm over the prosperous appearance of the country he had seen and expressed himself as fully satisfied with the work of the engineers. The eastern survey is now well into Harney valley, three lines having been run over Sage Hen hill in an effort to find a satisfactory approach to Burns from that angle. In Burns Mr. Strahorn met with the local railroad committee to discuss building the road into the town instead of going by a water grade to the O.-W. R. & N. terminus at Crane.

The journey back from Burns was made by way of the Crooked river valley and Prineville where Mr. Strahorn addressed the Commercial Club at its luncheon on Friday. He was greatly impressed with the possibilities of the Ochoco project.

LOCAL HATCHERY WILL HAVE MORE THAN 500,000 MINNOWS

318,000 Trout Arrive for Feeding in The Last Week—Large Shipments Expected to Arrive Soon.

Between 500,000 and 600,000 trout minnows will be available for the streams and lakes of Central Oregon when all the shipments by the State Fish and Game Commission to the Bend hatchery have been made. With the arrival of 135,000 steel head trout minnows in the state fish car Rainbow last night, and 180,000 rainbow minnows on Saturday night in charge of Tom Craig more than 300,000 minnows are now in the feeding ponds at the local hatchery. Approximately 300,000 more are expected within the next few weeks. There are also 80,000 hatched from eggs brought to the hatchery by Pearl Lynes from Odell lake.

Fishermen throughout Central Oregon report angling better than it has been in years. Fishermen who have worked the Deschutes river between Cline Falls and White Rock report big catches. Paulina and Odell lakes are becoming popular summer fishing grounds for both local and outside anglers. Big fish are being caught in both of these lakes. Catches last Sunday were reported to be big in many places in Central Oregon.

RABIES BECOMES MENACE

Farmers to Seek Relief From Dogs Believed to Be Infected.

That the rabies menace in the vicinity of Alfalfa and the Grange Hall districts of the county is becoming more dangerous every day is reported by several farmers of those localities who have been in Bend this week. Several dogs have been seen which have been thought to have the rabies. Several have been killed and it is known that rabies among canines is prevalent and is menacing the stock of that section. Fears are expressed that with the present warm weather the condition will become even worse. It is also thought that coyotes are also infected and that some of the stock has been bitten.

The farmers are going to ascertain whether some relief cannot be given through the action of county officials whereby dogs must be muzzled to prevent their biting stock or individuals.

RECRUITS ARE BACKWARD

Major Hiram U. Welch, accompanied by Sergeant Kenneth Gilbert arrived in Bend Monday night to receive enlistments to the Oregon militia for the purpose of filling the Oregon regiments now on the Mexican border up to their full strength. Up to this forenoon no recruits had appeared. Major Welch will leave for Shaniko tomorrow morning.

COMMITTEES GET WORK

The newly appointed committees of the Commercial Club were put to work at Saturday's luncheon when a number of matters presented for discussion were referred to them by President Keyes. The matter of aiding in the transfer of trout fry to arrive in the evening was referred to the transportation committee, an exhibit at the state fair to the public affairs committee and the Chapman motor tax proposal to the committee on roads.

RURAL CREDITS BILL FAVORED

DR. MACPHERSON EXPLAINS ITS TERMS

Says Farmers Interest Burden Will Be Reduced by Passage of Constitutional Amendment—Will Lessen Mortgage Foreclosures.

(Oregon Journal.)

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, July 19.—The interest burden of eight or nine per cent on Oregon's \$30,000,000 indebtedness carried by Oregon farmers would be greatly reduced by the passage of the rural credits constitutional amendment now before the people for their consideration, says Dr. Hector Macpherson of the O. A. C. bureau of organization and markets, who has taken an active part in preparing the measure for the ballot.

"If our farmers are prosperous every other legitimate business will share in that prosperity," Dr. Macpherson declares.

"In addition to the high interest rates, long and expensive freight hauls to distant markets and inflated land values have placed Oregon agriculture under almost insuperable handicaps," says Dr. Macpherson.

"It is estimated that the average Oregon farm fails to make wages for its occupants and two per cent on the investment represented.

"Oregon farmers pay interest at the rate of 8 1/2 per cent and 9 1/2 per cent on the \$30,000,000 farm indebtedness. It is the purpose of the proposed amendment to take the burden out of the farm mortgage incubus of the state and give the farmer a period of 36 years in which to pay off the mortgage. The actual rate of interest is 5 per cent. One per cent will be added to pay the principle and in 36 years the entire indebtedness, interest and all, will be wiped out.

"This means an annual saving in interest and mortgage of over three quarters of a million dollars annually. It also means an end to the perpetual worry and expense of renewing mortgages. It will greatly lessen the number of mortgage foreclosures, lost homes and blighted hopes. It will mean better equipped farms and better rural prosperity, which will be shared in by railroads, factories and stores and also by laborers in our cities.

"The system is inexpensive and perfectly safe. The borrower foots all the bills without involving the state or taxpayers in any expense or risk."

FAIR APPORTIONMENT MADE.

Announcement has been made by Secretary of State Olcott that the county fair apportionment for the state, which has been forwarded to the state treasurers totals \$46,724.75 Crook county's share is \$633.12.

PETITION ASKS OPENING

Interior Department Asked to Eliminate Crane Prairie From Reserve.

That Crane Prairie be opened to settlement and entry is the request contained in a petition now pending before the Secretary of the Interior bearing the names of a number of Portland residents. The petition is based on the claim that the prairie is not properly a part of the National forest and not suitable for reservoir purposes.

In an affidavit supporting the petition it is stated that the prairie is not suitable for reservoir purposes because of the lava formation on the east side, and various extracts are made from the report of the Deschutes survey to confirm the claim. This oil of the prairie is asserted to be suitable for agricultural purposes, while its present use for grazing is called "an indefensible economic loss, if not profitable graft for those interested."

No information is available as to the attitude of the department on the petition.

PYTHIANS TO CONVENE

A special car will carry Central Oregon Pythians to the convention of the grand lodge to be held in Portland on August 1 to 5. Over 20 Bend Knights have already signified their intention of going to Portland for the event and large numbers are expected to join the party from towns further down the line. The Bend delegation, according to announcements, will wear uniforms consisting of white hat, shirt and trousers, with blue neckties.

FIRST SODA ASH SHIPMENT MADE

14 TONS ARE SENT FROM SPRECKLES

L. D. Fox Awarded Contract For Hauling Product—Chemists Praise Alkali Lake Deposit—Valuable Gaylussite is Found.

Shipments of soda ash from the Alkali Lake in Lake county have begun, according to G. B. Milne, manager of the American Soda Products Company's interests at Spreckles. The first car load of soda ash amounting to approximately 14 tons was shipped to Lakeview on Saturday enroute to San Francisco where it will be prepared for the market.

The machinery, with which the company will soon operate on a more extensive scale is expected to arrive in Lakeview about August 1 and will be taken to Spreckles for immediate installation. With the equipment that will be used it will be possible to refine up to 60 tons daily, but at the present only 14 tons will be refined daily.

Roads Need Repairs.

Lakeview will be the point of shipment for the present, but just as soon as the roads between Bend and Lakeview are put in better shape half of all the soda ash turned out at Spreckles will come via Bend to Portland. According to Mr. Milne, who has charge of the transportation matters, the only extensive improvements needed on the Bend-Burns road is that part south of Bend to the 16-mile post. Three three ton trucks will be used for the present in handling the product between Spreckles and Lakeview, but several others will soon be added to handle the increased output.

Fox Gets Contract.

L. D. Fox, of Bend, who has gone to Lakeview, has been awarded the contract for handling all of the product over the roads. Steps have already been taken by Mr. Fox in forming a corporation with headquarters at Lakeview.

Fifteen men are now employed at Spreckles in refining the product and about as many more will be added just as soon as the machinery is ready for operation.

Chemists are Amazed.

Chemists, with some of the largest manufacturing concerns in the United States have been attracted by the analyses that have been made of the Alkali Lake deposit, and many the most remarkable of its kind anywhere to be found in the country. Large concerns which use soda ash in the manufacture of soaps, paper and glass have commended it highly for its purity.

Gaylussite, an exceedingly valuable complex of carbonate of lime and soda has been found near Alkali Lake. This deposit is said to be highly suitable for caustic soda which retails at the rate of \$200 per ton. Mr. Milne says that as soon as the American Soda Products Co. gets well along with the soda ash refinement it will take up the refinement of gaylussite.

WANT ROAD TO BEND

Burns People Will Not Flirt With Line to Crane.

(Oregon Journal.)

CRANE, Or., July 20.—W. C. Ross the Chicago railroad builder, was here again last week and made the people of Burns a proposition to build a railroad from Crane to Burns.

Mr. Ross interviewed several of the business men of Burns, they said they were in no position to accept his proposition at the present time. After the situation had been explained, Mr. Ross said he would return to Chicago and submit his proposition in writing in a concrete and definite manner, stating just what he would do, and submit it to the people of Burns before the first of next month.

What the people of Burns want is a railroad from Crane to Bend to Portland. Robert E. Strahorn, who is promoting this railroad, is expected at Burns any day, and it is hoped that while he is here he will tell the people of Burns what his plans are.

SON IS BORN.

An eight and a half pound boy was born this morning to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frodeson. Mr. Frodeson is the contractor in charge of the erection of the O'Kane building.

TRAIN KILLS MR. AND MRS. W. G. WAUGH NEAR DENVER

Bend People Were Returning by Automobile From Six Month's Tour in Colorado and Kansas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Waugh, of Bend, were instantly killed yesterday morning at Golden, Colorado, near Denver, when a train struck the automobile in which Mr. and Mrs. Waugh were riding on their return home from a six months visit in Colorado and Kansas with relatives, according to word received last night by Mrs. O. C. Cardwell. Full particulars regarding the accident have not been received.

Mr. and Mrs. Waugh have resided at their farm about seven miles east of Bend for the last seven years. Mr. Waugh is a native of Missouri and Mrs. Waugh of Iowa.

Mrs. Waugh is survived by two daughters, Mrs. O. C. Cardwell and Mrs. C. R. Lowe, of Bend and Mr. Waugh by a daughter residing in California. The remains are expected about Saturday. Funeral arrangements have not been completed.

BRONSON-HOUCK MATCH WAS BIG TREAT FOR BEND FANS

Portland Lad is Given Popular Decision Over Seattle Boy—Preliminaries Were Fast.

Muff Bronson, of Portland, and Leo Houck, of Seattle, fought to a 10 round draw Monday evening in the Hippodrome in the fastest and cleanest bout that the Bend lovers of good boxing have ever witnessed. The lads entered the ring weighing 125 pounds and were in the pink of condition.

Although the official decision was a draw, Bronson was clearly the winner of the match. According to an agreement with Houck and E. Flanagan, Bronson's manager, no decision was to be given at the end of the 10th round in event both men were on their feet. Despite this fact the ringside spectators were unanimous that the bout was Bronson's.

Failing to develop his much touted punch, and being on the defensive for the most part of the bout Houck, who was given a light margin in the odds over Bronson did not come up to their expectations. He fought a fine defensive battle with Bronson leading out in almost every round. Bronson is quick as a cat, and although there were few clean punches delivered by either man, Bronson delivered more and received less than did Houck. Bronson has a vicious punch for a light weight. He swings clean and hard, while Houck has a straight from the shoulder punch, which although not so easy to deliver, is a body shaker when it lands.

Both men are high up to the top in their class. Old fans who have witnessed hundreds of similar matches say that Bronson and Houck gave the Bend fans a treat in clean, clever boxing.

The preliminaries were fast and gave the spectators plenty of amusement. Harold Hunnell, of Bend, threw Eddie McKinley of Shaniko in two straight falls. "Speck" Wood of Bend and George Holbrook of Prineville boxed to a draw in four rounds. The fastest preliminary was between Fred Gilbert of Bend and John Doherty, of Prineville in a six round contest. The match was fast and furious. Gilbert sustained a broken hand in the engagement. Max Martin and Bill Hensley gave the spectators an exhibition of the most common holds used in wrestling. Harry Moore, who weighs better than 250 challenged Martin to a 10 minute match, agreeing to throw Martin in that time. He failed to perform the task. Kid Clemens and Kid Bosco went a fast three round bout, the decision going to Bosco.

The Shelvin-Hixon quartette, composed of Triplett, Bell, Staats and Keillogg gave several selections during the evening.

About 250 spectators were present.

DAVIS RESIGNS AS CLERK.

Dwight M. Davis, who was elected clerk of School district 12 at the election in June, has resigned his position and an election to fill the vacancy will be held early in August. Mr. Davis has been out of town since the receipt of his resignation by the board and it has not been possible to learn his reason for this action but it is understood that he is planning to leave Bend to go into business elsewhere. County Commissioner Overturf has announced himself a candidate to succeed Mr. Davis as school clerk.

X-RAY EQUIPMENT INSTALLED.

A new \$500 X-ray was installed this week in the Bend Hospital by Dr. Jan McClaren of Portland. The equipment will be adequate for all the needs of the local physicians. Additions from time to time will be made to complete the equipment.

MORE MOUNTAIN LINES RUMORED

HILL VISIT CREATES SPECULATION

Road Up Santiam From Albany Is Looked For—President of Great Northern Visits Timber Belt—Strahorn is Doubtful.

Extension of the Oregon Electric from Albany up the Santiam is rumored as a result of a visit to Eugene and a trip into the timber made by Louis W. Hill and a party of railroad officials on Saturday and Sunday. In the party with Mr. Hill were L. W. Gilman, president of the Oregon Trunk, J. L. Hannaford, president of the Northern Pacific and a number of others.

According to the Oregon Journal:

"The Hill party spent Sunday at Cascadia, in the woods east of Albany. In the mountains there are billions of feet of timber. Usually when Mr. Hill goes into Central Oregon he takes a trip to Sisters, which is approximately opposite Cascadia on the other side of the Cascades. How this vast body of timber is to be made useful is a proposition that has long been urged upon the railroads to solve.

"Whether a line into this timber to connect with the Oregon Electric is to be built or whether a line from Bend is to reach it from the other side were subjects Mr. Hill today did not discuss. He admitted that the timber should be gotten out but whether now is the time or some other time remains to be seen.

Rumors concerning the trip as collected in the Salem Statesman were as follows:

"Inasmuch as development of the timber would necessitate the building of a rail line at least part way up the river toward the summit, this is taken as indication that the route is at least being considered for a trans-Cascade line connecting with the Hill lines in Central Oregon.

"Another Portland rumor is that the Hill interests will deal with Strahorn and tie up with the Strahorn lines in Central Oregon, so far not allied with any of the big railroad groups."

Strahorn Expresses Doubt.

When Mr. Strahorn was asked about the various observations on railway construction from the Willamette valley into Central Oregon incident to Mr. Hill's visit he said: "Most of these published reports are the wildest speculations. Even if the Oregon Electric is extended from Albany up the Santiam, which I understand Mr. Hill says will not be done under existing conditions, it would only be a local project to reach the big timber holdings of the gentlemen named. The natural way to reach Central Oregon from the west is either by the Corvallis & Eastern over Minto Pass or by the Southern Pacific's N. Oregon line from Eugene. No other route compares with these. They are both controlled by the Southern Pacific, which company, I understand, will not under present conditions complete them, although it is arranging to make a short extension to reach some timber which is to be cut soon. Central Oregon must, in my opinion, for several years at least, be content with its present railway facilities with such others as may be supplied by local or entirely independent initiative and capital.

"No, I can't see anything in the suggested ownership of the Western Pacific by the Hill interests and a new Hill line through to California via Bend and the Oregon, California & Eastern. All such moves are of course possible for some time in the future. But please recollect that we have cut out a pretty big task as it is, and its success being in my estimation dependent upon the hearty co-operation of all these interests, including the Hill lines, Union Pacific, Southern Pacific, N. C. O. and Western Pacific we had better let it go at that. Of course we will always have all kinds of rumors about what this party or that party is going to do but it takes big money to build railroads and big business to operate them and the idle or irresponsible speculator would better take a rest in days like these."

INSTALL CLUSTER LIGHTS.

Five new curb cluster lights are being installed by the Bend Water Light & Power Co., on the west side of Wall street. The property owners who are making the improvements are: The Bend Co., H. C. Ellis, Mrs. Ada Johnson and G. W. Shriner.