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## POWELL BUTTE IS EYE OPENER

### SCANLON SAYS HE NEVER KNEW IT

Thought Deschutes Country Was Worthless from Agricultural Stand Point But Now Takes It All Back—Lumberman Sees Big Future

"Honestly, I never thought this Deschutes country was worth a continental so far as agriculture was concerned, but Sunday I went out over the Powell Butte section, and it's the finest I've ever seen. I never had any idea you could raise such things here. I knew the timber was here, of course, but I thought that was all. Why, it was wonderful.

"All the way out I've been telling Ed Christian that he ought to buy this piece of land or that. I showed him some at Powell River and Sater said 'Let's get some of this logged off stuff from the company,' and Ed said 'What would I do with that' but when he saw that Powell Butte land he was more enthusiastic than I was."

This was what a representative of the Bulletin ran into when he tried to get M. J. Scanlon, of the Brooks-Scanlon Company to talk about business conditions and the prospects for the lumber trade and how the company's local plant was performing, a few hours before Mr. Scanlon left on his return to Minneapolis Monday night. Mr. Scanlon would say a few words about business or lumber and then he would switch back to whole paragraphs about local agricultural conditions, and how he could hardly believe what he had seen and had never before even imagined it possible in this country.

#### Will Experiment Here.

Incidentally, and of the utmost importance and interest locally, Mr. Scanlon said that he had been so impressed that he had told the company's logging superintendent that whenever he had enough logs ahead and could spare the time, to clear 100 acres of the logged off land and see what could be done with alfalfa on it.

Between these bursts of enthusiasm for the agricultural future of this section Mr. Scanlon said some very optimistic things in respect to the lumber business and the coming prospects of Bend.

"Right now," Mr. Scanlon said, "there is nothing west of the mountains that is anything like the prosperity which all sections to the east are enjoying. It is true that every man who wants work can get it today but people are not making money in the west as fast as they are in the east."

"A little hardship has been caused by the crop failure in some parts of the middle west, but there will be just as much realized from what is left as there would have been if the rust had not struck in. It will not be so evenly divided, that is all. Of course, that makes a difference with the railroads, but general conditions are fine."

Asked about the lumber business, Mr. Scanlon said that it was improving but that prices were not yet what they should be. "The five years after the end of the war, though," said Mr. Scanlon, "I expect to be the most prosperous the lumber business has ever known. The price at home," he continued, "is based on what we have to ship abroad and there will be quantities of lumber shipped abroad when the war is over."

"There is nothing to say about our plant," said Mr. Scanlon, "which has not already been said. We have been running pretty close for men and shall need more in a few weeks when the box factory starts up, but we have been fortunate in not having any such shortage as other sections have experienced."

"I don't think the town of Bend realizes even yet what it has in these two plants. The combined pay roll will soon be \$125,000 a month and I expect to see Bend the very best town in the whole state. There won't be anything to beat it, but that Powell Butte country is certainly fine, and I understand there is a lot more around here that I didn't get to see."

Mr. Scanlon came in on Thursday on one of his periodic visits. With him were E. M. Christian and G. F. Howarth, of Minneapolis, who have charge of insurance matters for the Brooks interests. They left Monday night.

#### BRICK YARD CLOSES.

After the biggest run since putting in their plant the Bend Brick & Lumber Co., will close their plant this week for the season. The whole output of the yard is sold or contracted for. A small crew will be kept to finish burning the remaining kilns.

#### M. W. A. TO BANQUET.

Closing up a big membership campaign, the Modern Woodmen will hold a banquet next Tuesday evening in Sather's Hall after a short business session. The campaign for new members has been successful and the banquet will be held to celebrate the event.

## INTERESTING TALKS PLANNED ON EDUCATIONAL MATTERS

Parent-Teacher Association and Library to Co-Operate—Study and Reading Course to Supplement

An unusually interesting and instructive series of talks dealing with educational matters which have a bearing on the home and school training of the children of Bend is being planned by the Bend Parent-Teacher Association in co-operation with the local library.

The course is not yet sufficiently planned to make a definite announcement of all its details but the tentative arrangements contemplate a series of talks dealing with the local problems as seen by local residents and, supplementing them, a number of talks of exceptional merit and value from out of town people. The talks will be supplemented also by volunteer study circles arranged by the library.

Tentative suggestions of subject matter for the talks and study are: Talks on Bend schools, primary, grammar and high, with demonstrations of actual work by pupils.

Problem of the girl as applying to Bend.

The boy problem in Bend.

"Habit," based on James' chapter on that subject in his "Talks to Teachers."

Relation of parents to schools and school work.

Books in the home. Based on Field's "Fingerposts to Children's Reading."

Reading for older boys and girls. Based on Larned's "Familiar Talk about Books" in his "Books, Culture and Character."

Gary system; would it apply to Bend?

Vacation; its use and abuse.

## LARSON & CO'S STORE IS BIG CREDIT TO THIS CITY

Opening Last Saturday Attended by Many People—Stock is of Highest Quality—Beautifully Arranged.

Larson & Co.'s new jewelry store on Oregon street, the opening of which was held last Saturday, exceeded the expectations of the many visitors who attended it. Exclamations of surprise and words of congratulations were offered to A. F. Larson, whose store would do credit to a town many times the size of Bend.

In every respect the store presents a substantial and pleasing appearance. The stock is complete and strictly up to date and comprises goods that meet every demand of patrons of such an establishment. In the selection of his elaborate stock Mr. Larson has borne in mind the purchasers of moderate priced goods as well as the purchaser of more expensive goods. The stock is tastefully arranged, giving ample display from the cases and shelves to customers. The show windows are attractively arranged and give an excellent view for the passerby.

Mr. Larson is very enthusiastic about Bend and its future and this fact led him to establish here with his splendid stock.

## BOOKS BEING AUDITED

C. O. I. Co. Records are at Last Opened to Permit Examination.

The chief object sought by the settlers on the C. O. I. Co. project in their complaint to the Public Service Commission and in previous appeals to the Desert Land Board, that the books of the company be audited to discover how maintenance fees were being spent, is now being realized. Robert F. Hisinger, auditor of the commission, has been in Deschutes for over a week working on the books and collecting material for a report to the commission.

As a result of this investigation, in which it is understood that the company is giving all desired assistance, the report of the commission on its recent investigations of other features of the system is expected to be delayed. At the hearing Attorney Jesse Stearns took the position that the books would not be opened to the commission unless all the directors assented.

## PETTY THIEVES ABROAD.

Auto owners who leave their machines standing in the streets have been the victims of thieves recently. E. P. Brostehous having had a number of inner tubes stolen and a wind shield having been taken from another machine. Chief of Police Nison warns all auto owners against leaving personal property in their machines.

## NEW HOTEL TO START SOON.

Construction of the new Pilot Butte Hotel will begin at once, according to messages received in Bend this week from Phillip Brooks. Reports have been current to the effect that the various Pilot Butte hotel announcements were merely intended to keep away other prospective builders, but now Mr. Brooks has come forward with a statement to the effect that he has promised the people of Bend the hotel and will begin construction at once.

## RURAL CREDITS LAW TO BENEFIT

### SO SAYS PROMINENT BEND BANKER

C. S. Hudson, Who Attended Hearing in Portland Last Week, Outlines Act and Points out Manner in Which It Will Aid the Farmer

That the new Federal rural credit law has unlocked for possibilities for the development of Central Oregon is the belief of C. S. Hudson, president of the First National Bank, who returned on Saturday from a two day visit in Portland where he attended the hearings on the location of the western land bank.

"The operation of the law is quite simple," Mr. Hudson said, in talking with a representative of the Bulletin this week. "Any 10 or more farmers may form a rural credit association and send an application for loans to the bank of their district. The total applied for must be at least \$20,000 and the lands offered as security must have the approval of a committee from the association."

Security is Examined. "When the bank receives the application it sends an inspector to look up the security and one of its departments examines the title. If the title is good and the inspector agrees with the local committee in approving the security the loans are made. On the security of the mortgage given by the farmer the bank issues bonds for sale to investors and as these bonds are non-taxable they should be sought after by investors so that plenty of funds should be available from their sale to make more loans. The original capital of the banks will all be put up by the United States. This bond feature, however, is not of especial interest to the farmer who is borrowing from the bank. I speak of it to show how the details are worked out."

"The thing that interests the farmer is the question of interest on the money he has borrowed. That, by the terms of the law, may not be over six per cent and repayment of the principal may be made in small installments covering as long as 30 years so that annually the farmer will pay out on account of his loan, both principal and interest, no more and often less than the banks must charge him, under the present system, for interest alone."

#### Saving is \$700,000.

"The saving which will be possible to Oregon farmers alone if they change their loans over to the new bank, when it is in operation, is estimated to be as much as \$700,000 annually."

"To the Central Oregon farmer or ranchman the benefit will come in making it possible for him to obtain a loan on his farm and use it to buy cattle which he can keep until calves are born. As it is now he gets a loan for three to six months to buy feeders and when the note is due has to sell the stock, so that his only or chief profit is what he got for his hay by feeding it to the cattle."

"Another benefit will come in having a value placed on the farm by the act of getting the loan. Loans may not be more than 50 per cent of the value of the land but when a loan is made a man can point to it and say that it shows what his land is worth. Today, since it is almost impossible to get loans on the security of the real estate, it cannot be said what the property is worth."

According to Mr. Hudson, it is yet impossible to say where the bank will be located. It may be in Spokane, or Portland or Sacramento.

## DYER'S WHEAT YIELDS WELL.

Ten acres of wheat that will go from 40 to 50 bushels to the acre is the record being made this year by Howard C. Dyer, of the Millikan valley. Mr. Dyer is in town today with samples of his crop and his statements as to it are confirmed by P. B. Johnson and A. J. Kroenert. Mr. Dyer's wheat is spring sown, being the Early Baart variety. The straw is long and the heads are full and the kernels plump and well developed.

## BURGLARS VISIT MADRAS.

Madrass was visited by burglars on Friday of last week, the safe being removed from the Campbell meat market and carried away from the town, where it was blown open and its contents taken. Quite a sum of money is reported to have been found. The two men who are suspected of having committed the crime were traced to Bend where the trail was lost. It is supposed that if they are still in this vicinity an effort to carry on their work will be made here.

## PRINEVILLE VOTES BONDS.

At the special election held in Prineville on Monday a bond issue of \$100,000 was voted for the purpose of building a railroad line out to the main line of the Oregon Trunk connecting at some point between Terrebonne and Redmond. The vote was 355 to 1. The Prineville council meets tonight to take further steps toward construction.

## SCHOOLS SHOW RECORD GROWTH

### ENROLLMENT REACHES 650 PUPILS

Five New Teachers Will be Employed to Handle Big Increase—Changes Made in High School Curriculum—Housing is a Big Problem.

The Bend public schools were deluged with pupils on Monday. Showing an increase of more than 100 pupils over the greatest number that enrolled in the grammar grades last year, or a total of 555, and an increase of almost 50 per cent or a total of 95 in the high school, the public schools reached the high water mark in attendance with the opening of the school term on Monday morning. The phenomenal growth experienced in the school has caused a congestion such as never before experienced in Bend.

The teaching corps this year will be increased from 14 to 19 teachers, the additions all being made in the grades. Two new teachers were employed the second day and by a rearrangement of the classes, later to be housed in store rooms and buildings about town, it will be necessary to employ three other teachers in town. The board has communicated with three applicants and it is expected that they will be here for the opening of the second week. On the action of the board as to the handling of pupils living near the logging camps rests whether a fourth teacher will be needed. If suitable transportation can be arranged the children will be conveyed to town to school.

One important change has been made in the high school curriculum, the Commercial course being made a four year course. The course for the four years, with two electives for each year to be chosen, is as follows: first year, English, business correspondence, penmanship and spelling; second year, commercial arithmetic and commercial law; third year, economics, bookkeeping, shorthand and typewriting; fourth year, shorthand, typewriting and civics.

High school pupils desiring to enter the teaching profession will now be offered advance work in teacher's training in the senior year. Elementary work has been given before this year. The advanced work will include observation and teaching practice for which certificates will be given without examination.

The teaching corps of the public schools comprises the following: Superintendent, E. Thordarson, principal of the high school, Eric Bolt, Helen Mann, Mabel Lorence, Inez Penn, F. S. Francis, Margaret Downs, Lillian Cooper, Mrs. Ivy Davidson, Alice Johnston, Ruth Estenson, L. Mae Ritchey, Alice Blackford, Nora Livingston, Alice Rasmussen, Mildred Mersdorf, Hazel Thorson, Stella Pattison, Nellie Pattison, Grace Case, Gertrude Hanks and Bertha Wilkins. At last night's meeting of the board there were elected Sadie McGee and Mrs. Anna V. Dorris. The board last night also considered new teaching quarters and will probably arrange for the use of one of the churches and also build a temporary school house in Kenwood.

## BEND WATER PURE.

The drinking water of the City of Bend is not to blame for the recent epidemic of sickness among the children of the town according to an analysis of the city water made by the state board of health for the Bend Water Light & Power Co. The results of the test as reported to Manager Foley show that the water in the city mains is free from typhoid germs and otherwise pure. Mr. Foley will have tests made monthly hereafter.

## OFFICE FORCES TO PLAY.

The Brooks-Scanlon-Shevlin-Hixon office force ball game to decide the championship, which was to have been played on Sunday, was necessarily postponed but will be played next Sunday at 2:30. The proceeds of the game will be used for the benefit of the new gymnasium and athletic club.

## REBEKAHS TO MEET.

The district convention of the Rebekah lodge will be held in Bend on the afternoon of September 23 in Sather's hall. The lodges to be represented will be Prineville, Redmond and Bend. Many members from each of the lodges are expected to attend.

## LANGLEY FINDS CAR.

The automobile stolen from Roscoe Langley, of Silverton, by a number of convicts who escaped from the state penitentiary has been found at the bottom of a canyon near Canyonville. Mr. Langley visited Bend a few weeks ago in his search for the stolen car.

## BOOKS CLOSE OCT. 7.

According to registration officer Chas. W. Erskine, the registration books close on October 7. He says that registration has been slow since the May primaries and urges voters to sign up as early as possible.

## MILL CREW MADE FAST TIME IN SATURDAY'S FIRE DRILL

One Half Minute From Time Whistle Blew Water Was in Action on the Buildings.

From the time the whistle at The Shevlin-Hixon Company's saw mill blew at 25 minutes after 10 o'clock on Saturday morning for the first fire drill, signalling all the employees in the saw mill, sorting shed, stacker and unstacker to respond, it took just one half a minute until water was playing in three big streams on the buildings supposed to be on fire.

Without previous warning to the mill employees the whistle blew one long and six short blasts denoting a fire in the stacker, unstacker and dry kiln system of the plant. Just as if the men had been trained they responded and went directly to the hydrants and hose sheds. The office force with the chemical was on the job in one minute, the saw mill crew pulled a hose cart to the top of the hill and was at the scene of the fire in one and three fourths minutes. Within three and a half minutes after the whistle sounded, four streams of water and a chemical were playing on the theoretical blaze.

According to Knute Nelson, foreman of the mill, who superintended Saturday's drill, fire drills will be held only on Saturday mornings.

## NEW COUNTY AGRICULTURIST ARRIVES IN REDMOND SOON

R. A. Blanchard, of Great Falls, Montana, Will Fill Lovett's Place—Is Graduate of O. A. C.

R. A. Blanchard of Great Falls, Montana, has been secured to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of County Agricultural Agent, A. E. Lovett. Mr. Blanchard is well qualified for the position, having served in a similar capacity in Cascade county, Montana, since 1914.

His work there was along very similar lines to that carried on by Mr. Lovett in this county; organization for marketing and other purposes; field demonstrations with crop varieties and cultural practices both in dry land and irrigated districts; pest and rodent control, etc. He has in Montana with an enviable reputation of accomplishment and bettering of agricultural and rural social conditions in Cascade county.

Mr. Blanchard is a graduate of the Oregon Agricultural College and has had a large amount of practical farming experience, both before and after his college course. All of his summer vacations while in college were spent working on ranches in Eastern Oregon. At college he was entirely self supporting and yet found time to engage in numerous student activities. He served as Student Body President his senior year and also as manager of the Men's Dormitory.

He is married and has one child. Mrs. Blanchard, also a former O. A. C. student is a native of Wheeler county. It is expected Mr. Blanchard will arrive September 15th and be located at Redmond.

## TOURIST TRAVEL HEAVY

In Three Months 1,500 Stop at Brookings' Ranch.

Between June 1 and August 31, approximately 1,500 tourists traveling north and south through Central Oregon via the Bend-Burns route were fed and lodged at the Brookings ranch, 75 miles southeast of Bend, according to Mrs. Horace Brookings, who was in Bend last week. That the number of tourists who made the Bend-Burns road their route, considerably exceeds 1,500 was remarked by Mrs. Brookings, who said that many on that road did not stop at their place. Mrs. Brookings said that the tourist travel, according to her observation was considerably heavier than last year, and a large percentage of the people said that Crater Lake was their objective.

## FAIR ASSOCIATION ELECTS

New Bend Organization Chooses Officers and Directors.

More than 40 of the stock holders of the Bend Fair & Track Association met last night in the Commercial Club room to elect officers and transact other business of the association. The officers chosen are: president, C. W. Thornthwaite; vice president, A. L. French; secretary and treasurer, A. Whinnant and directors, C. M. McKay, John Steidl, Charles Boyd, J. N. Hunter and J. H. Stanley.

The directors are expected to meet today and arrange for the purchase of grounds and consider other plans. President Thornthwaite asks that the farmers of this section begin now to save exhibits for the coming fair in order that a suitable showing may be made.

## GYMNASIUM IS NOW ASSURED

### BEND COMPANY GIVES PROPERTY

Mill Companies Make Liberal Donations for Employees—Structure to Cost Between \$10,000 and \$12,000—Membership to be Large.

With more than \$3,000 in sight, and with many of the obstacles which confronted the gymnasium committee either met or put aside, and with promises of financial support and co-operation from quarters not previously known, the early commencement of construction of a gymnasium for Bend to cost between \$10,000 and \$12,000 and the subsequent organization of an amateur athletic club, whose membership it is expected to exceed 400 is assured.

#### Donations are Liberal.

At a meeting last Thursday night at the office of the Bend Company, ideas and proffered tumbled in in bunches. The first and one of the most significant of these was the announcement by The Bend Company, through Manager D. E. Hunter, that it would donate property, centrally located and of suitable proportions upon which to erect the gymnasium. The proffered lot is located on Ohio street on the south end of the water tower block. The property is within easy access of men located in the heart of the town and for mill employees, who will make up an appreciable percentage of the membership. One thousand dollars, previously announced as the donation of The Shevlin-Hixon Company and the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co., was re-assured at Thursday evening's meeting.

Carl A. Johnson, member of the house committee, announced that after a whirlwind campaign among the mill employees during the last week approximately 200 men were lined up for membership with dues paid for a half year making a total sum of \$1,000. In addition it was stated that the mill employees would contribute their labor toward many of the details of construction such as wiring, plumbing and that arrangements were in progress whereby plans and specifications would be prepared by Fred Horskotte, of Spokane, who planned the Shevlin-Hixon plant. Just as soon as sketches, showing what is desired by the members, are prepared and forwarded to Mr. Horskotte, he will draw plans later to be submitted for the house committee's approval.

#### Building to be Large.

According to the tentative plans, reading rooms will be set aside for the employees of both the lumber companies. For this accommodation they have made their appropriation. The room will also serve as lounging quarters and if the plans of the committee work out as suggested at a meeting of the house committee on Saturday evening, steps will be taken to have the Public Library suitably housed in the gymnasium building. On the second floor, situated in the front of the building, will be billiard rooms and smoking rooms for the members. The main gymnasium floor will be 70x70 allowing adequate space for any sort of indoor sport.

#### To Rush Building.

Depending upon how speedily these preliminary details can be perfected hinges the time when construction will commence. As these details are now being rushed with all possible speed, and with funds being collected without difficulty, it is expected that excavation for the basement will begin within the next two weeks, and barring delays the structure should be ready for the club sometime during the latter part of December.

According to B. A. Stover, chairman of the finance committee, approximately \$1,600 has already been collected among the subscribers who signed up last December. Collections he reports, are coming in favorably man of the finance committee, and reports, are coming in favorably. In a few days thermometers will be placed on the standards at Wall and Oregon and Bond and Oregon to show increases in the fund as they come in.

A membership campaign to enlist the employees of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company will be started this week under the direction of H. E. Allen. It is expected that the membership list will be boosted considerably through this campaign.

#### FOOT BALL GAME WANTED.

N. F. Reed, of Bend, is in receipt of a letter this week from M. A. Biggs, manager of the Burns foot ball team, asking that a game be pulled off in Burns between a Bend eleven and Burns during the Harney County Fair on October 6. A \$200 guarantee has been offered for the game. Local fans are considering the offer.

#### O'CONNOR BUYS SHEEP.

Dennis O'Connor, of Silver Lake, has purchased 1,200 head of sheep from A. L. Mackintosh. Mr. O'Connor expects to winter his sheep in the vicinity of Bend.