

Withycombe Scores C. O. I. Co. Before Desert Land Board

(From Thursday's Daily.)
 (From the Evening Telegram.)
 SALEM, Or., Dec. 26.—Pronouncing the Central Oregon Irrigation company "culpable" for the manner in which it has handled its project near Bend, Governor Withycombe, at a meeting of the state desert land board today, urged that the project be converted into an irrigation district composed of settlers as soon as possible. The governor's reprimand of the company for its methods came immediately after the board had decided to add Congress for an extension of 25 years on the contract between the government and the state on the project, and promised a spirited defense of the company by its attorney, Jesse Dierker, of Portland.

"With all due respect to Mr. Dierker and his enterprise, I desire to enter a protest," said the governor, in part. "I have been reading the report of the public service commission in regard to the company's operation, and I find that it is culpable and that many of the adverse comments against it are warranted."

"I find that Eugene Howard, manager of the company, has drawn \$500 a month, but on that he has been returned to \$200. I also find that he received a commission on sales of land and that he was a member of the Oregon company which was in the building of the company. He would the company in 1911 and I find that the company has been operating since that time. The time has come when the project should be turned into an irrigation district composed of settlers and on a legitimate basis."

Company Picked Up Again.
 "The company, when it embarked on this project, picked up a check

that it could not drop," said Attorney Stearns in defending the company. "It had not enough money to handle it. To handle it required a man of ability not only in construction work, but to make land sales and if you do not believe that just watch your Tambo project. The company has poured more than \$1,500,000 into the project, and while it has cost other projects 25 per cent to make sales, it has only cost our company 15 per cent. This money has not come from maintenance, for the company has put more money into the project than it has derived from maintenance. It will come from no property of the settlers, and in view of this, I consider this phase of the situation none of their business."

Telegrams were read from the Redmond Commercial club and other communications urging an extension of the government's contract and they also favored the conversion of the project into an irrigation district.

While the company's equities will be recognized under such a scheme, the settlers would have a controlling voice in the management of the project.

The contracts which the board decided to add Congress for extending its term approximately 25,000 acres of land, and since have it necessary to reclaim it. The members of the board were unanimous for an extension, however it would protect water rights and also that they would not interfere with forming an irrigation district. For years the company has clashed with settlers and the engineer, and the formation of the district would dispose of all present vexing questions, it contended. This question will likely come up for settlement after the extension is granted on the contract.

SCHOOL CENSUS IS COMPLETED

1916 REGISTRATION NEARLY DOUBLED.

1,253 of School Age Found in District, and Educational Facilities Insufficient—District Budget Will Get Lift.

(From Saturday's Daily Bulletin.)
 After working since November 25 on an enumeration of the children of school age in the district, H. J. Overturf, of the board of school directors, announced this morning official figures showing a total of 1,253 between the ages of four and 20. Of these, 648 were boys, and 605 were of the opposite sex. A few listed as of school age were married.

These figures compare strikingly with those furnished in the school census of last year, when a total of 530 was recorded, and even more of a contrast is furnished when the total of 1914 is noted, 461. Boys were in the majority in 1915 with 279 as against 271 girls, a slightly different proportion having been noted in 1914, when 277 boys and 254 girls were enumerated. Before 1914, no records are available.

Of the 1,253 this year, more than 1,100 are actually within the city limits, Mr. Overturf says. A considerable number who are not included in the school registration could be forced by law to attend classes, but the only drawback is the fact that the present list of actual pupils in the Bend schools exceeds accommodations to the utmost.

An encouraging feature of the census is in the fact that it will aid materially in the budget compiled this fall. At that time it was estimated that those of school age in the district would aggregate 1,100, but as for each individual of school age, the district draws \$16 from the state and county levy, the increase to 1,253 will mean an additional \$1,580 to the district's credit.

Figures as to the total population of the city, adult as well as those of school age, have not been completed, but Mr. Overturf is confident that when this is done, the result will run over 5,000, according to present indications.

SHE ANSWERED NAPOLEON.

And Her Brave Reply Subdued the Angry Conqueror.

Napoleon, the rough and ruthless conqueror, considered women as of no importance in national affairs, and he was always resentful of their interference. But in at least one instance of record, as a recent writer has pointed out, it was otherwise.

When, after the battle of Jena, Napoleon entered Weimar he proceeded to the palace of the duke to make it his headquarters. The fighting and plundering in the town were not yet over when toward evening, he entered the hall. As he did so the duchess, who had been waiting in her apartment, appeared at the top of the great staircase to greet him.

"Who are you?" he demanded roughly, in surprise.

"I am the Duchess of Weimar," she replied, with dignity.

"I pity you," he cried fiercely. "I am going to crush your husband!"

The next morning when they met again he inquired, with brusque displeasure:

"Madame, how could your husband be so mad as to make war against me?"

"Your majesty would have despised him if he had not," was the reply.

"How so?" asked Napoleon.

"My husband has been in the service of the king of Prussia toward of thirty years," replied the Duchess. "Surely it was not at the moment that the king had so mighty an enemy as your majesty to contend against that the duke could abandon him."

An answer at once so spirited, noble and tactful softened even Napoleon's arrogance. In the conversation that followed the duchess was able to secure promises of consideration for the duke and relief for the townspeople. At the close of it the conqueror said to her:

"Madame, you are more worthy of respect than any woman I have known. You have saved your husband. I pardon him, but remember it is wholly on your account. As for him, he is a bad case!"

That was merely Napoleon's opinion. The duke, at any rate, was properly appreciative of his duchess, for when the document that secured the independence of Weimar was brought to him by a French general he refused to take it into his hands, but said simply, "Give it to my wife, the emperor intended it for her." — Youth's Companion.

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FIRST SUIT FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT IN NEWEST COUNTY

(From Thursday's Daily.)
 The first case in Deschutes county to be filed in circuit court, was begun late yesterday afternoon by Vernon A. Forbes, when he placed on record with County Clerk Hanser a suit brought by J. E. Bogus & Co., of LaPine, against Mr. and Mrs. Edward Emblem. The suit is for the recovery, and judgment is asked for \$198.25, alleged to be due on the purchase price of goods sold by the plaintiff.

No definite time has been set for the holding of circuit court in Deschutes county, but at the coming session of the legislature a bill will be introduced allowing for two terms a year. The Deschutes court will, of course, be under Judge Duff's jurisdiction.

FARMERS PLANNING TRIP TO CORVALLIS FOR COMING MONTH

(From Thursday's Daily.)
 County Agriculturist R. A. Blanchard has arranged for an excursion to Corvallis for the farmers of Crook county to take advantage of the Farmers' Week there. The special sleeper will leave on the regular evening train January 1, going straight through to Corvallis and returning to central Oregon again on Sunday morning. The car will be parked at the station at Corvallis and will be used every night in lieu of hotels, which will probably be crowded at the time.

Special rates of one and one-third fare will prevail, passengers purchasing full one way fare and presenting the receipt for the return privilege. Mr. Blanchard hopes to get at least 25 people who will make the trip. In this event it will cost each passenger one dollar for the car per day. Arrangements have been made with the Redmond Bank of Commerce, the First National Bank of Bend and the First National Bank of Prineville to receive deposits of \$4.50 from the excursionists. This money must be deposited by December 28, Thursday evening, in order to insure the use of the special car.

See Edwards for paper baggage.—Adv.

Look ahead for Christmas, for that Victrola, at Reed & Horton.—Adv.

PLAN IMPROVEMENTS FOR LOCAL HOSPITAL

(From Friday's Daily Bulletin.)
 That a complete steam heating plant is to be installed in the Bend Surgical hospital, purchased a few days ago by Dr. J. C. Vandevort and Dr. R. L. Edwards from Henry Lindner, was the statement last night of Dr. Vandevort. Miss Anetta Bloodgett, graduate nurse, arrived in Bend last night to join her sister, Miss Marie Bloodgett, in the management of the hospital.

CITY APPOINTMENTS WILL BE MADE SOON

(From Friday's Daily Bulletin.)
 Announcement of appointments of new city officers will not be made until the new city council holds its first open session January 2, was the statement this morning of Mayor-elect R. C. Caldwell. He intimated, however, that changes would not be radical. A closed meeting of the new council members was held last night for the purpose of discussing general plans for the coming year.

TOLLS WILL BE LOWERED AFTER JANUARY 1, 1917

(From Saturday's Daily Bulletin.)
 Shortly after January 1 the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company will announce the new toll rates which will be effective for the Central Oregon territory.

The rates will be as follows: Bend to Prineville, one minute initial time 25 cents and 10 cents for each additional minute; Bend to Culver, Lamonta, Madras and Metolius, 25 cents for first minute and 10 cents for each additional minute; Bend to

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Powell Butte 15 cents for first minute and five cents for each additional minute; Bend to Redmond 15 cents for first minute and five cents for each additional minute. The charges will remain the same for calls from Bend to Tamsala, Sisters and La Pine.

At Prineville the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company will merge with the Pilot Butte Telephone company, giving single rates for Prineville the same as in Bend.

These changes greatly reduce the present toll charges. Under the present conditions the rate from Bend to Prineville is 50 cents for the first minute and also the minimum charge. Proportional reductions are made to other points as well.

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