

PLAN BIG CHANGE IN PHONE SYSTEM

CABLES TO REPLACE OPEN WIRING.

Renovation at Cost of \$15,000 To Start This Week—Will Take Care of Population Increase for Next Five Years.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) A complete renovation of the Bend telephone system will be under way before the end of the week, according to Manager J. L. Galtner, of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company branch here. All material necessary has been received, and a force of 10 men has arrived and will later be augmented to 20 or 25.

Stringing of approximately two miles of cable, to replace the open wiring system now in vogue, is the change which will go into effect, and which is to be rushed to completion as rapidly as possible. Weather permitting, it is thought that the cable may all be put in place in about two months. Cable boxes at intervals along the line will be used as distribution points.

In addition to the installation of cables, a number of new poles will have to be placed to allow for the extension of the system. The cost of the entire change will approximate \$15,000, Mr. Galtner states.

The rapid growth of Bend is one of the chief factors necessitating the improvement, the local manager says. With the present system of open wiring, the capacity for telephone communication within the city has virtually reached its limit, and with the installation of the cable system, the increase of business for the next five years will be taken care of.

This will not mean that the party line will be eliminated, for those desiring this kind of service may retain it, but all telephone subscribers desiring exclusive wires, will be able to obtain them.

BEND ABOUT READY FOR A PERMANENT FEDERAL BUILDING

(Oregon Journal.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 25.—Bend, Oregon, collected just \$721.88 less in the last year in postal receipts than is required to come inside the standard fixed by the treasury department as a minimum amount that should be collected before a new postoffice is erected.

The difference is so small that Senator Lane, who has been inquiring into the question of a public building for Bend, probably will ask the postoffice committee of the senate to consider the claims of the Eastern Oregon town, if the public buildings bill pending in the house comes over to the senate.

Assistant Secretary Newton, of the treasury department, in charge of public buildings, says it is not deemed advisable to erect buildings in towns of less than \$15,000 postal receipts. Bend, for the year ending with September, reported \$14,278.12. If the fiscal year ending with June were taken as the basis, the receipts shown would be only \$12,435.

Mr. Newton goes on to say that the government is paying \$600 a year rental for postoffice quarters there, and if a public building were erected the cost of maintenance would be from \$3000 to \$4000 a year. Further, he says, the rental now received by some citizen would be taken away, land purchased for the site would be taken out of taxation, and probably the public would be no better served than it is now.

In the pending omnibus buildings bill the standards proposed by the treasury department as to postal receipts are repeatedly violated. Postal receipts, alone, would not keep Bend out of the bill, but it is an unwritten rule that only one building shall be appropriated for in the same congressional district, and Hood River is already provided for in the Second Oregon district, making it improbable that another town could "get in," and if another did, Klamath Falls is thought to have the first call.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR WOODMEN CAMP

Institution of Branch Here Will Probably Be Delayed Until Second Week in January.

(From Saturday's Daily Bulletin.)

Election of officers for Bend Camp, No. 316, Woodmen of the World, which is to be instituted here in January, was held last night, and it is expected that the officers named will continue after the institution has actually taken place. Although originally listed for this month, it is now thought probable that the ceremonies ushering in the new camp will not be held until January 12, because of the intervening of the holidays.

The new officers are as follows: past consul commander, Joseph T. Beesley; consul commander, Clyde M. McKay; advisor, Lieutenant, James B. Anderson; clerk, Edgar D. Gilson; banker, Samuel C. Caldwell; escort, Louis Bennett; watchman, Marshal Macklin; sentry, Nolan H. Gilbert; managers, Frank Inabnit, Nicholas P. Smith and J. A. Eastes; physicians, Dr. Dwight F. Miller and Dr. G. L. Cousineau. The managers are elected for six, 12 and 18 months, in the order named.

BOYS GIVEN CHANCE TO GO TO WEST POINT

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Congressman Nick Sinnott has at his disposal appointment of two cadets to the U. S. Military Academy at West Point. He has decided to fill both of these one the basis of district-wide competitive examinations. This will afford to the boys of Eastern Oregon the best opportunity ever presented to them to enter West Point.

In order to make this opportunity as full and free as possible, the congressman has arranged to have the examination held under the charge of the U. S. Civil Service commission simultaneously in the following eight cities: Klamath Falls, Ontario, Baker, Pendleton, Lakeview, Bend, La Grande, and The Dalles, on February 1, 1917. This is the latest feasible date before the official examination at Vancouver Barracks, March 29, 1917.

Every eligible boy, desiring to take the examination should report to the local civil service secretary at the postoffice, in the above cities at 9 o'clock a. m., February 1, and also if possible inform Congressman Sinnott at Washington that he intends to enter the competition.

The two candidates who receive the highest grades in this competitive examination will be designated by Congressman Sinnott as principals; the next two alternates, and those ranking fifth and sixth in percentage will be designated as second alternates.

Any young man is eligible to enter the competition, who is now and has been since December 1, 1916, an actual resident of the Second Congressional District of Oregon, provided that on June 14, 1917, the date of entrance to the Academy, he is not under 17 nor over 22 years of age.

The examination, which will be the same in every city, will be written in form, and will embrace the following subjects: Algebra, English Composition and English Literature, History, Geography, Plane Geometry, English Grammar.

Usually there is but one vacancy at a time for each district at West Point. The increase in number of cadets makes two at this time, furnishes to the boys of Eastern Oregon the best opportunity to get in the Academy ever offered to them, with several weeks in which to prepare. Anyone thinking of entering the contest can get full information about the Military Academy and sample questions by writing to Congressman N. J. Sinnott, House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

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BEND CHRISTMAS WAS IDEAL ONE

NEEDY IN THE CITY TAKEN CARE OF.

Postal Clerks Rushed in Morning by Waiting Line Stretching Across the Street—Community Celebration a Success.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

With the most typical of Christmas weather prevailing, Bend spent an ideal Christmas yesterday, for not a family in the city was neglected by Santa. The holiday spirit reigned supreme, and through Sunday and Monday morning, members of a special committee toured through the outskirts of Bend in autos, and saw to it that not one was without material for a bountiful Christmas dinner. Nearly 30 homes were visited, and left happier by virtue of these visits.

For the postoffice force there was no layoff in the morning, and so large was the amount of matter to be handled, and so numerous the crowd waiting to receive gifts through Uncle Sam's aid that a line which lasted for an hour and a half stretched from the general delivery window, well across the street. At the package window the number of waiters was not so great.

Appropriate services were held in the churches of the city Sunday, Christmas programs being given by the Sunday schools.

With a carpet of snow under foot, hundreds of Bend people, a majority of them children, took part in the municipal Christmas celebration Saturday night on Wall street. Colored lights strung on a living tree, furnished illumination for the scene, and a short but excellent program was given, with City School Superintendent Thordarson presiding.

A choir of children, under the direction of Mrs. C. V. Silvis, sang Christmas songs, and two addresses typical of the season were given by Father Luke Sheehan, of the Catholic church, and Rev. W. C. Stewart, of the Methodist church, while Rev. J. L. Peringer, of the Baptist church, led the assemblage in the Lord's prayer.

Father Sheehan praised the spirit of Bend citizens, which had made the municipal celebration possible, and declared that it would prove a tie which would bind the people of the city closer together than ever before. Rev. Stewart's talk consisted chiefly of a Christmas story, emphasizing that it is the spirit of giving and of doing things, more than anything else which perpetuates Christmas and makes it worth while. At the conclusion of the program, a real Santa Claus distributed gifts to the children, and not one of the little folks was left out. In fact, so bountiful was the supply that much was left over to be distributed among needy families of the city.

Early cold snaps, storms and sleet, snow and slush, cause coughs and colds. Foley's Honey and Tar acts quickly, cuts the phlegm, opens air passages, allays irritation, heals inflammation and enables the sufferer to breathe easily and naturally so that sleep is not disturbed by hacking cough.—Adv.

FORMULATE PLANS FOR MONSTER U. S. DREADNAUGHT

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26.—No subject to be taken up by congress, with the exception of the tariff, will be watched with greater interest than the attempt of certain patriots to lead the United States into building a behemoth battleship bigger than anything dreamed of before.

At the last session of congress Senator B. R. Tillman introduced a resolution to the effect that the committee on naval affairs be instructed to investigate just how big a man-of-war could be built.

Senator Tillman had inserted in the senate documents the plan for a colossal ship as made up by Commander Moffett, of the United States navy.

Commander Moffett is in charge of the United States Naval Training Academy at Lake Bluff, Illinois, and it was at that place that he formulated these daring plans, which have won the support of many naval experts and excited such widespread popular and technical interest.

The great, but seldom mentioned, advantage of the large ship as compared with the smaller is as a gun platform, especially at high speed and in a rough sea. At eighteen knots in a moderate sea the 16,000 ton ship can hardly fire her turret guns, and she rolls and pitches to such an extent that her chances of hitting are small. The 27,000-ton ship is under the same conditions and even at higher speed comparatively steady and her guns can be fired more effectively. But the 60,000-ton ship will hardly know she is at sea, and while her 27-ton rivals are trying to get the range and fire on the roll she will be as steady as a church and as regularly making salvo hits.

This, the first real super-dreadnaught, would have approximately the following dimensions: Length over all, feet 995; Beam, feet 105; Draft, feet 32; Speed, maximum, knots 35-36; Endurance at maximum speed 72 hours; Battery—Ten 18-inch B. L. R., sixteen 6-inch R. F. G., anti-aircraft guns, anti-submarine guns, saluting battery, etc.; four submerged torpedo tubes.

TO GIVE RARE SEEDS

Sinnott Has Limited Supply for Constituents.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Congressman N. J. Sinnott has received notice from the Department of Agriculture that he has been allowed a limited number of packages of alfalfa, field pea, millet, Sudan Grass and white clover seed.

Because of the very limited supply on hand this year the rule has been made that only one package of the seeds can be sent to a person. Those wishing a package of the seeds should write to Congressman Sinnott for the same at once, before the supply is exhausted. The seed will be mailed directly from the department's warehouse, and will be accompanied by a circular giving full instructions for culture of the crop. The department has also decided that no seed will be sent out later than March 1.

There has been great difficulty in securing some of the seeds this year, and for that reason only, the following number of packages could be allotted to the Second District of Oregon.

Seventy 4-pound packages Kansas grown alfalfa seed; 200 4-pound packages of improved variety field pea; 50 4-pound packages of Kurst millet seed; 100 1-pound packages of Sudan grass seed; 40 2-pound packages of white sweet clover seed.

Requests will be transmitted to the department by Congressman Sinnott in the order in which they are received. It will be a case of "first come, first served," as long as the supply lasts.

MAY ADD TO RANGE BY 150,000 ACRES

\$20,000 Will Be Spent on Deschutes Forest, if Available, Says Supervisor Hastings.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Plans for the improvement of the range on the Deschutes National forest, to allow for the grazing of 3,000 more head of cattle, or from 12,000 to 15,000 head of sheep in excess of the present range capacity, are being formulated by Forest Supervisor Hastings, contingent on the securing of \$20,000 for his territory through a congressional appropriation. A blanket forestry appropriation to cover a number of national forests, is expected to come up at the next session of the House and Senate.

Development work, Mr. Hastings states, would extend over 10 years, and fully half of the amount in question would be spent in well drilling, 10 wells being needed to water stock which now have no chance to graze on approximately 150,000 acres in the north end of Fort Rock valley, and in the Pine Mountain section. Building of trails and driveways, and installation of salt troughs, would constitute the remainder of the work.

Mr. Hastings says that there would be no doubt as to the feasibility of finding water, although none of the artesian wells would be a gusher, judging from other wells found in the section.

BEND MAN IS ROBBED OF \$120 IN PORTLAND

(From Tuesday's Daily)

(Special to The Daily Bulletin) PORTLAND, Dec. 26.—George S. Park, of Bend, lost \$120 at the Winchester hotel last night. His "leg was pulled." He had six \$20 gold pieces in a purse fastened to his leg, when he went to sleep. When he awoke the money was gone.

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CHRISTMAS CHOSEN FOR MARRIAGE DAY

Rev. W. C. Stewart Officiates at Quiet Afternoon Ceremony at the Home of J. C. Slack.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Deschutes county's first Christmas wedding was held yesterday afternoon in this city, when Rev. W. C. Stewart, of the Methodist church, united in marriage Miss Lulu Slack and H. B. Ray, both of Bend, at the home of the bride's father, J. C. Slack. Although the wedding was the first ceremony of the kind here since the formation of the new county, the license was secured in Prineville.

The marriage was a quiet home affair, only immediate relatives of the bride and groom being present. The bride was charmingly attired in white, and carried a large bouquet of white chrysanthemums. Decorations were typically of the Christmas spirit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray will remain in Bend for the balance of the week, after which they will leave for California to spend a short visit before going to Lincoln, Nebraska, to make their home.

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