

THE BEND BULLETIN.

DIES WHEN SIX MILES FROM HOME

FOREST GUARD FOUND BY ED. MAHN.

DATE OF DEATH SET

J. Russell Christenson Reached End of Endurance on December 27, Decides Coroner's Jury—The Funeral to Be Tomorrow.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Within six miles of his own cabin, in the Crescent vicinity, which he left on Christmas morning, J. Russell Christenson, forest guard in the Deschutes national forest service, was found Saturday afternoon by Ranger Ed. Mann. Christenson had been dead for at least two weeks, the verdict of the coroner's jury, which sat on the case last night in Crescent being that the end had come on or about December 27, as the result of cold and hunger. The first word received here after the body was found came in the form of a telephone message to Supervisor Hastings, yesterday afternoon, and another call came in this afternoon. According to statements made in La Pine this afternoon by V. V. Harpham and Ed. Mann, reports have been rife in the Crescent territory that Christenson had met with foul play, the theory having been prompted by the fact that poils of considerable value had accumulated at his cabin. The rumor was effectually disproved, however, at the inquest.

Death Came Quietly.

Woodsmen in the Crescent country say that it would have been impossible for Christenson to have covered the distance which his tracks showed, in less than a week's time. Although he had evidently been lost for the first few days of his absence from home, the last two days he had been traveling by compass, almost in a direct line for his cabin, and would have reached there had he been able to live through another day. The end came peacefully, there being no evidence of a struggle.

That he had undergone great hardships was shown by the condition of his hands, which had been badly frozen. It is thought that they had been frostbitten several times, and thawed out before they became useless.

Barely Missed Station.

While for a time it had been believed that the forest guard must have lost his mind, this theory has been abandoned on a final report of the rescue party. The fact that he had finally struck on the right trail home, is adduced as proof of this. He showed no sign of having suffered from snow blindness.

The cause of the tragedy is explained by the fact that Christenson crossed a divide in seeking his way home, which was in reality one which leads to the headwaters of the Umpqua river. When 35 miles from his cabin, he apparently realized his error, and set out for home, taking the ranger trail on his return. By a bare 200 yards, he missed the Marsh ranger station.

Work was especially difficult for the members of the rescue party, owing to the fact that much of Christenson's way led over heavily crusted snow, making tracking almost impossible. His approximate location was fixed Friday night, and Ranger Mann, who with Assistant Supervisor V. V. Harpham, was sent out from Bend to relieve the rescuers who had worked steadily for nearly a week, was the first to see the body.

Rescue Party Praised.

According to all estimates which can be made, the forest guard passed away at least a week before the service was notified, his trapping partner having sought alone for several days before sending in word to Crescent.

Forest Supervisor Hastings spoke highly today of the work done by his men, and stated that he felt satisfied that everything possible had been done under the circumstances.

Funeral services are to be held at 4 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at

Fremont, Christenson having relatives there and at Fort Rock. The forest guard was nearly 26 years of age, having passed his 25th birthday last March. He was born in Seattle, but had spent a large part of his life in Central Oregon. He was unmarried.

BULLETIN NAMED OFFICIAL PAPER

COUNTY COURT SELECTS IN RECOGNITION OF LARGE CIRCULATION—DESCHUTES AND CROOK COURTS TO MEET.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

As one of the important items of business at the adjourned annual session of the Deschutes county court, The Bend Bulletin was designated as the official county paper, this afternoon. The selection of The Bulletin comes as a recognition of this publication possessing larger weekly circulation than any news medium in the county.

Arrangements for a joint session of the Deschutes and Crook county courts were authorized, to discuss property issues arising out of the recent formation of Deschutes county out of a portion of old Crook. Sheriff Roberts was authorized to arrange for the collection of taxes, and for the transcribing of the Crook county tax roll at Prineville, now included in the new county.

It was decided to use the Crook county system of assessing. Petitions were received from Redmond and from Sisters, each community wishing to have its annual fair designated as the official county fair. According to the law, a county fair may only be designated by a county fair board, appointed on the recommendation of agricultural associations, and because of the non-existence of such a board, no action could be taken.

Bids were asked for the furnishing of record books for the various county offices and for the transcribing of records from the books at Prineville.

BROWN CO. BUYS EASTES' TRACT

TRANSACTION INVOLVES \$10,000—LOTS WILL BE PUT ON MARKET AND IMPROVEMENTS TO FOLLOW SOON.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The Brown Company, real estate dealers of Portland, today purchased approximately 160 acres of land, lying just north and contiguous to Aubrey Heights, from Jas. A. Eastes, of Bend. The deal is said to involve about \$10,000. The transaction was consummated through William L. Graham, president of the Brown Company.

To Develop Property.

With the transfer of his holdings to the Brown Company, marks the early development of the property, which will be platted and subdivided into residence lots and placed on the market as soon as the preliminary details can be settled. As expressed by Mr. Graham this morning, it is the intention of the Brown Company to make quick sales on a small margin, so that the property may pass into the hands of owners at an early date.

Of the 160 acres, only 40 acres will be opened for sale immediately, other parts later to be placed on the market. As soon as this is done, the Brown Company will make a considerable amount of improvements in the way of laying out streets and sidewalks.

It will be the intention of the Brown Company to be active in Portland in placing the property on the market and will probably have local sales agency connections. "The purchase of the property today from Mr. Eastes, marks another field of activity for the Brown Company, in Bend," said Mr. Graham this morning. "We intend to develop our newly acquired holdings to be the most desirable residence property in Bend. We believe that the location is ideal and will become one of the most popular districts in your city." The Brown Company has had the sale of Orozola Addition.

MORE POWER FOR BEND IS PLANNED

EXPENDITURES TO BE BIG, SAYS MILLER.

Dr. Elwood Lyon Predicts 70,000 Population for Bend—Club Acts On Recommendations Made By The Bulletin.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Expensive improvements, including the construction of a new power unit, and large additions to water and electrical distribution systems, are to be commenced in the near future, the work on the new unit to be begun by summer, are definitely planned by the Bend Water, Light & Power Co., according to the statement of Kempster B. Miller, chief engineer for the company, who spoke this noon at the weekly Commercial Club luncheon.

Relations Pleasant.

"We are pleased with the steady growth of Bend, which has actually taxed the resources of the company," he declared. "We are in the game to stay, and the improvements to be made are to keep up with the future development of the city. We are prepared to spend a great deal of money here."

Mr. Miller stated after the luncheon that he could not definitely announce at the present time the exact amount of this expenditure.

In answer to Mr. Miller's expressed wish for a continuation of friendly relations between the company and the people of Bend, President Floyd Dement, of the club, assured him that no other results could follow from a continuation of the company's present policy. Hugh O'Kane also spoke, praising the class of service given by the company.

Bend Highly Praised.

Dr. Elwood Lyon, evangelist, who is conducting union revival services at the Presbyterian church, met with hearty applause when he declared that Bend's population in 1920 would reach 25,000, and that within a few years it should amount to from 50,000 to 70,000. He asserted that Bend

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BEND FIVE TO BE ALL STARS

THREE O. A. C. MEN ARE LISTED.

Reed Will Take Charge of Coaching Local Quintet for Season, Which May Open Here Next Week—Practice Tomorrow.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Bend is going to have a speedy basketball team in action within the next week, if the interest in the twice-a-week turnouts can be counted on for results. More than two full teams were out for fast workouts Monday evening, and even more men are looked for Thursday evening.

Old heads are enlisted in the game, and only a small amount of preliminary practice work will be necessary to whip the five into form to meet other aggregations of Central Oregon.

Fast Men Enlist.

Coaching of the local five will probably be under the direction of N. F. Reed, who, while attending the Oregon Agricultural College, was one of the fastest forwards that college has ever had. Reed played on the O. A. C. quintet in 1905, '06 and '07, and during 1908 and '09 he was called to Dallas, Oregon, to make a tour of the United States with the whirlwind Oregon basketball team, of that place, which went as far east as Buffalo, New York, and played for the basketball championship of the country.

The local five will have a valuable man in Mervin Horton, either guard or forward. Horton is also an O. A. C. player, playing both guard and forward positions from 1908 to 1911. In 1910 he captained the O. A. C. five and was chosen all-Northwest guard. Horton has been ill for two weeks and unable so far to get out for practice.

Shorty Foster to Play.

At center, Bend will have "Shorty" Foster, the third O. A. C. grad. Foster is a giant, is six feet five inches tall, speedy, and is also very anxious to play with the Bend team, as he expressed it yesterday. He is willing to make the trip to Bend

twice a week from his ranch near Redmond to get into action. Foster also played at O. A. C. in 1906 and 1907.

Other fast men who have been disporting themselves about the Hippodrome floor for the last two weeks are Hans Nelson, who is looking up for one of the fast guards. Nelson has had several years basketball experience at Burns, with the high school and town teams. Roy Kizer, who played on the fast Medford five, is out for a guard position and his work in practice shows him to be a clever and fast man on the floor. Jimmy Clifford, who played at left end on the local football team last fall, is equally apt in handling the passes with the leather sphere as he is the pigskin. Jackson, Stover, Symons, Ward and John Sather are among the other likely candidates who have been out for positions. It is expected that a game will be scheduled with Prineville for some time next week.

RESERVOIR BETTERMENT IS PROBABLE

LAND BOARD TO ASK FOR \$25,000.00.

GOVERNOR IS ACTIVE

Legislature Will Be Asked for Appropriation—Two Engineers May Be Selected to Conduct Examination Into Defects.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Oregon's economy legislature will be asked to appropriate \$25,000 to conduct a thorough examination into the defects of the reservoir of the Tumalo Irrigation project and make the necessary improvements that will safeguard the reservoir properly.

At an informal meeting of the Desert Land Board yesterday, the question of the "leaky" reservoir was resuscitated, and matters concerning the defects were being whispered around the room, when Governor Withycombe brought the matter to a head, saying: "Too much whispering. Let's speak out and get to the bottom of the matter." That broke the chilly atmosphere.

O. Laurgaard, under whose supervision the dam was constructed, reported that it would probably necessitate the expenditure of \$25,000 to put the reservoir in condition to hold water to a sufficient amount to irrigate the lands of the project.

Governor Manifests Interest.

"Then let's ask for what is actually needed," spoke up Governor Withycombe, who had manifested considerable interest in the discussion. "Certainly, such a request is justifiable to put a four hundred and fifty thousand dollar project on its feet."

Hesitancy in asking an economy legislature to appropriate the required amount was felt by Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott and State Engineer John H. Lewis, but State Treasurer Thomas B. Kay, and Attorney General George N. Brown by the circuit courts, as in the Daily decision, the reason for its operation and existence cease.

Before the Desert Land Board, C. H. Bell, speaking for the Portland Irrigation company, stated that if the appeal is successful the project will be completed.

The Land Board refused to release the company from the bond it had given for the completion of the project, and furthermore, made it clear that if the appeal was defeated, the bond would not be released until the settlers, who have invested with the company, are absolutely made whole. The board was unanimous in declaring that the settlers must be cared for.

Attorneys Present.

State Senator Conrad Olson, representing 20 settlers, was present and declared himself well satisfied with the decision of the board. For the irrigation company, C. E. S. Wood appeared, together with Judge Webster, of Portland. Mr. Wood, who was one of the company attorneys in the trial before Judge Daly, said that he was sure an appeal would be successful and that he was willing to handle it practically as a charity case.

"The case should have been referred back to the Water Board," said Mr. Wood, in discussing the situation before the Land Board. "Piling up an \$1,800 transcript was inexcusable."

The general feeling here is that the success of the appeal is very probable, as Judge Daly's grant of all of the water of the Chewaucan river to the cattle company, amounting to about four second feet per acre, is out of all proportion to normal duty. The importance of the precedent with rights as now adjudicated, is also a factor in determining the state's desire to have an appeal made.

If adequate water rights are secured by the appeal the Desert Land Board will ask the Federal government for an extension of the contract on the Paisley project, which expires on September 11, 1917.

FIRE PROTECTION WANT IS SHOWN

COUNCIL AUTHORIZES DRAFT OF FIRE ESCAPE ORDINANCE—SIDEWALK ORDINANCE WILL COME UP SOON.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Better fire protection for Bend was the keynote last night at the meeting of the City Council, held in the O'Kane building, City Attorney Benson being instructed to draft an ordinance to be presented at the next session, providing for fire escapes for moving picture theaters and other buildings frequented by the public.

In addition to this, Mayor S. C. Caldwell instructed Recorder H. C. Ellis, following the adjournment of the council, to enter into negotiations with an applicant whose letter has been on file since the first of the year, who would be willing to make his headquarters at all hours of the day and night at the city fire station, in case the council should direct the erection of such a building. The possibility of inducing The Shelvlin-Hixon Company to install a fire alarm, is being considered unofficially.

In order to bring the warrant list up to date, which is to be turned over to Keeler Bros., of Denver, secured by bonds, placing the city's finances on a cash basis, warrants were authorized in payment of the \$2,500 owed on the city rock crusher. Payment of \$400 for a city dump grounds, purchased from the Bend Company, was ordered made in the same way.

Improvement of residence property was foreshadowed in the ordinance which City Attorney Benson was authorized to draw up, to provide for the serving of notices for the construction of sidewalks.

SALARY IS SET FOR PROSECUTOR

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

SALEM, Or., Jan. 17.—Deschutes county delegates today introduced a bill in the lower house of the legislature, making the salary of the district attorney \$1500 annually.

Representative Tichenor introduced a bill for the protection of ex-convicts, prohibiting the publishing of convicts' records orally or in writing, and forbidding the making of statements designed to prevent the ex-convict from obtaining employment, the extortion of money, or threatening of extortion. The penalty for violation is \$100, and six months' imprisonment.

The House indefinitely postponed action on the Lewis bill, prohibiting whites from marrying negroes, Chinese, or Kanakas. A concurrent resolution was adopted directing the ways and means committee to present all appropriation bills within 30 days. Representative Anderson presented a measure simplifying the present state loan law in the interest of strictly local concerns. He declared that the bill was intended to promote the organization and growth of such institutions.

The Senate passed the House bill appropriating \$25,000 to pay legislative session expenses. Representative Stott's House joint memorial was passed, petitioning President Wilson to use his office to create national sentiment against the civil service 45 year age limit.

Candidates Hustle For Votes Despite Cold Snap

All Candidates Making Steady Gains Over Last Showing—Ladies and Their Friends are Working Hard to Win the Handsome Dodge 1917 Car.

LIST OF THE CANDIDATES:

Miss Francis Steidl, Bend	160,000
Mrs. Mable E. Lara, Bend	159,000
Miss Mabel Bixby, Prineville	157,000
Miss Cora Bates, Bend	155,000
Mrs. J. A. Eastes, Bend	154,000
Miss Ruth Bayley, Tumalo	153,000
Mrs. Asher Houston, Bend	150,000
Miss Lucile Parsons, Redmond	145,000
Miss Edith Masten, La Pine	140,000
Miss Cosina Mueller, Bend	76,000
Miss Luella Wornstaff, R. F. D.	5,000
Mrs. Tom A. Vedder, Lower Bridge	5,000

With only one week of the extra offer to run, the candidates are taking an added interest and the results are very pleasing. All the candidates are grabbing votes, while the mercury is hovering around zero.

The offer which is running now, is the largest of the campaign and will positively close at the close of business Wednesday evening, January 24. It will not be repeated or extended. The next offer is a double offer and will be the last offer of the campaign. The different candidates all deserve special mention, and in the near future will receive the reward for their efforts. A few days and some one of the above list will be the proud owner of a handsome 1917 Dodge car. Who will it be?

All the candidates in the race are familiar with the vote schedule and the extra offers, and from now to the finish rapid voting for the different candidates may be expected in the effort to win the Dodge. The first offer for extra votes has still about ten days to run, and the candidates are all impressed with the importance of getting all the extra votes possible on this offer. The offer will

not be extended or repeated.

Closing Rules.

At this time a word in regard to the closing rules of the contest will not be out of place.

Promptly at the close of the next extra vote offer, the judges, who will be selected in the near future, will place a ballot box in The Bulletin office. The box will be locked and sealed by them and the key will remain in their possession. From the time the box is placed in the office until the close of the campaign, on February 12, all votes obtained by the contestants will be placed in the ballot box and at the close of the campaign these, together with all earlier votes obtained, will be canvassed by the judges and the prizes awarded.

All returns on the last week's results will be handled by the candidates personally, so one connected with the management of the campaign or from the office of The Bulletin giving any assistance or having any knowledge of the comparative standing of the contestants, except as shown on the last published record of their standing.