

THE BEND BULLETIN.

BONUS OFFER CLOSES TODAY WITH HEAVY CONTEST VOTING

**BULLETIN CANDIDATES AND THEIR FRIENDS
SHOW INCREASING INTEREST IN CONTEST
FOR PRIZES—EACH SUBSCRIPTION
DOUBLES FOR NEXT 15 DAYS.**

Miss Francis Steidl, Bend	322,500
Mrs. J. A. Eastes, Bend	319,000
Miss Mabel Bixby, Prineville	314,000
Miss Cora Bates, Bend	308,000
Mrs. Mable E. Lara, Bend	306,500
Miss Lucile Parsons, Redmond	305,000
Miss Ruth Bayley, Tumalo	297,000
Mrs. Asher Houston, Bend	155,000
Miss Edith Masten, La Pine	145,000
Miss Cosina Mueller, Bend	78,000
Miss Luella Wornstaff, R. F. D.	5,000

The absorbing topic of conversation throughout the territory covered by The Bulletin is the big subscription campaign in which The Bulletin will award a Dodge car, a bed room set and a Victrola, as prizes. The individual chances of the several candidates are being discussed and canvassed on all sides, according to the opinions and ideas of their many friends.

Everywhere the campaign is creating interest and numberless residents of practically every section of the territory are displaying an interest in some campaigner whom they would like to see win out.

With the receipt of today's returns the liberal extra vote offer has taken a tumble. The offer now existing is for double votes only, and will be the last extra offer of the campaign. This offer will close on February 8.

Under the double vote offer, no particular sum is necessary in order to obtain the extra votes. The votes will be given for each subscription received, the amount of votes being just double the schedule shown on the receipt book.

At the close of this offer the judges announced in The Bulletin of February 3, will establish a locked and sealed ballot box at The Bulletin office for the votes that are collected by the candidates in the last few days of the campaign.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

The County Court of Deschutes County, Oregon met at the Council Chamber in the O'Kane Building in Bend, on January 17th, 1917, pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Wm. D. Barnes, County Judge; L. E. Smith, Commissioner; J. H. Haner, Clerk, and S. E. Roberts, Sheriff. Commissioner Mackintosh absent.

The meeting was duly called to order by Wm. D. Barnes, County Judge, after which the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

In the Matter of Assessment Rolls and Blanks.—After discussion of this subject at length with the Assessor, W. T. Mullarkey, said assessor was directed to work out and install a bond system of assessment rolls similar to the system used in Crook County.

In the Matter of the Collection of Taxes for 1916.—It was ordered that the Sheriff proceed at once to transcribe and collect the taxes charged property in this county on the tax rolls of Crook County, and that he employ one competent deputy therefor who shall give bond as required by said Sheriff.

Justices of the Peace.—Ordered, that all justices of the peace in Deschutes County who have been duly elected, shall again qualify for such office by filing their bond and oath of office in the office of the County Clerk for this county.

Coroner's Bond.—The bond of the Coroner, Elmer Niswonger, with the National Surety Company as surety thereon, together with his oath of office were ordered approved and placed on record.

On motion the Court was adjourned to meet at 1:30 o'clock P. M. on this date.

Court re-convened at 1:30 o'clock P. M., January 17, 1917, pursuant to adjournment, members present, Wm. D. Barnes, Judge; L. E. Smith, Commissioner; J. H. Haner, Clerk; and S. E. Roberts, Sheriff.

Books, Transcripts, Office Files, Files and Furniture.—The clerk was

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LOST MEN LEAVE NOTE ON SHINGLE IN LONELY CABIN

**Party of Three, on Way to Bend,
Had One Day to Live, is Report of Stockmen.**

Somewhere in the mountains in the Suplee section, three young men from Canyon City are believed to be dead in the snows, according to word just received from Burns. Four Suplee stockmen, Walter Freeman, Ben Freeman, L. Spriggs and Jesse Allison, found a two month's old message in a cabin near Little Emigrant creek, a few days ago, which seemed to indicate the fate of the three.

On a shingle smoothed with a pocket knife, was written the following:

"Some time in November, 1916, three of us got lost in an awful storm; we have had nothing to eat for two days; we found this cabin, stayed here one night—God, we are hungry. Tomorrow we will try to go straight south. We should hit some place—one man can't go much farther. By one more day, we will be out or be goners. We have got guns, but can find nothing to shoot. We left Canyon City, Nov. 14, to walk to Bend. Our names are Jim Bennett, Paul Fisk, Ben Cutler."

As far as can be learned, none of the three has reached Bend.

MOTHER ALLEGES SON TAKEN AWAY BY OLDER WOMAN

**Mrs. Lettie Short Believed to Have
18 Years Old Charles Pratt
In Hiding.**

Complaint by his mother, a resident of this city, that 18 year old Charles Pratt has been kidnapped by Mrs. Lettie Short, a woman several years his senior, was filed with Sheriff S. E. Roberts this morning.

Mrs. Pratt said that she had not seen her son since the latter part of November. A divorce case in which Mrs. Short is sought as a party, is a feature of the affair, it is understood.

Mrs. Pratt believes that her son and Mrs. Short are in hiding somewhere, presumably in the vicinity of Prineville, on the Marker homestead. This belief is strengthened by the fact that one of the youth's sisters received a letter from him recently asking that his mail be addressed to Prineville. He is using the name of Christopher Jenkins.

Until the receipt of the letter, it was thought that the two were somewhere in the Bend vicinity, but now Sheriff Roberts has turned the case over to Sheriff Knox, of Crook County.

COUNTY BILL PASSES HOUSE

**OPPOSITION IS LED BY
BURDICK**

**Bend Representative Shows Necessity for Immediate Settlement—
Court Bill Breaks Trail for
Today's Measure.**

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

SALEM, Jan. 23.—The bill creating Deschutes County, passed the House at noon today with only 11 votes against it. The clean cut victory evidences the ability of Representative Vernon A. Forbes to rally friends to his support in the House and insures the subsequent passage of the bill in the Senate. Representative Burdick voted against the bill and vehemently appealed, without avail for its defeat.

In fairness to him, however, it should be stated that he did not lobby previously, and that his excellent speech was probably intended chiefly for local consumption in anti-division precincts where he received heavy support.

Plea Comprehensive.

W. F. King was a gratified listener, but his pleasure faded as the votes were counted. King says, however, that he will still stay on the job. George H. (Casey) Brewster, took no part, but is active in irrigation legislation.

Representative Forbes made a comprehensive plea for the bill. He dwelt on the necessity for an immediate and definite settlement and quoted figures showing the geographic and economic situation. Burdick's chief point was the desirability of leaving settlement to the courts. He brought out the allegation that 200 illegal votes had been cast for division, in Bend. His plea was especially for the farmers, whose vote, he said, was overwhelmingly anti-division in contrast to the Bend manufacturing vote.

Forbes knocked out this argument by quoting returns from Tumalo, Alfalfa and Millican precincts. The representative from Bend also dwelt on the fact that the Legislature had already passed one bill relative to Deschutes County, that fixing the terms of Circuit Court in the new county, without objections from floor or lobby.

LAWS OF INTEREST TO GROCERS SHOWN

Retailers Association Indicates Approval of Legislative Matters Pending.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)

SALEM, Or., Jan. 24.—Laws of interest to grocers are being called to the attention of the state legislature during the second annual convention of the Oregon Retail Grocers association, now on its three-day session here. The convention will also give the grocers the grocery trade's opinion of several important measures now pending.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Geo. Custer. Mayor Keyes welcomed the delegates to Salem. Governor Withycombe delivered the principal address of the day, on "The State and the Merchant."

In the afternoon the 10 cent loaf of bread was discussed and boosted by H. R. Rittman, and J. D. Meckle spoke on the pure food law.

WOMAN AND BABY ARE LOOSED FROM JAIL

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Mary Shutter, who carried her 14 month old baby to jail with her when she was sentenced to serve one month behind the bars for whipping an annoying neighbor's boy and breaking three of his ribs, was freed today. She had served the sentence. She walked out carrying her baby in her arms. Neither looked the worse for the month's rest.

GREAT YEAR FOR PINE PREDICTED

**M'CANN SAYS TIMBER
COMES INTO OWN.**

**Manager of Shevlin-Hixon Company
Sums Up Condition in Trade During
Past Year—Suggests
Different Grading.**

(From Monday's Daily.)

In a recent statement made to The Timberman, the Portland lumbermen's journal, T. A. McCann, general manager of The Shevlin-Hixon Company, of Bend, predicts that 1917 will be the greatest year for western pine in the history of the country. Mr. McCann's complete statement follows:

"I would say, in summing up conditions which surrounded the western pine trade during the past year, that it has at last come into its own and is being recognized by the trade generally as a very superior article.

"When properly handled and graded western pine lumber can be shipped anywhere throughout the east and will give satisfaction. The main trouble in the past has been that customers have been receiving a different class of lumber in western pine from different localities and got to a point where they hesitated before placing any business for western pine. They have, however, discovered that there are certain places where they can be reasonably sure of getting nice soft texture and well milled, well graded stock, and I do not think that these mills ever will suffer for orders for western pine, even though the demand for lumber is small.

Favors New Grading.

"There has been a movement on foot to grade western pine on different standards, namely to take into consideration, among its other defects, the question of texture also of establishing a grade of No. 1 western pine which, though not corresponding to the No. 1 grade of northern pine, will at least represent the higher percentage of the No. 2 stock now shipped, but which is technically laid out from the No. 1, according to the present rules; in other words, I am in favor of seeing a standard set for grades of western pine that will fit this particular wood rather than to take the grades which we have used for northern pine and try to adopt our wood to them.

Salesmen Withdrawn.

"The demand for our product the last three months has been so much in excess of our expectations that we have had to withdraw all our salesmen from the road and also had to refuse all quotations for shipments during the first 60 days of 1917.

"The car shortage has affected us quite materially and has resulted in considerable business which would naturally be placed out here being placed in other sections where the car shortage is not as acute.

Will Share Prosperity.

"However, I believe that the cry which was put up earlier in the season before the car shortage really became as bad as it now is, has affected some of the business which would have come west and could have been taken care of earlier, as the buyers figured they could not get the stock.

"My prediction for 1917 would be the greatest year for western pine in the history of the country and no more than probable for all lumber. The country is so uniformly prosperous that some of it has got to go to the lumber business, and the high prices of all commodities render absolutely necessary the high price on lumber."

HOSPITAL INMATE DIES

**E. F. Nims, Formerly of La Pine,
Leaves Widow, Also State Ward.**

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

LA PINE, Or., Jan. 24.—E. F. Nims, about 50 years old, who was taken from here to the state hospital at Pendleton less than a year ago, died Thursday. He leaves a widow, an inmate of the same institution, and a daughter, who lives here.

During the summer of 1914, a forest fire broke out near where the Nims were living upon a homestead and after working for about two days and two nights to save themselves they succumbed to the excitement and both lost their minds.

RURAL CREDITS LAW TO BE DISCUSSED

**Farmers Will Hear Points of Interest
Next Saturday at Bend Meeting
—Big Attendance Urged.**

To give a full and comprehensive discussion to portions of the Rural Credits law dealing with bonds and securities, a meeting has been called under the direction of the American Farm Finance League, to be held in the county seat of every county in the United States for next Saturday. The meeting will be held in Bend, Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p. m., in the Council Chambers of the O'Kane building, at which men informed upon the part upon which there is some question will explain them in detail.

The farmers of Deschutes county who are interested in the advancement of the Rural Credits association are urged to be present at this meeting.

THORDARSON TO HEAD SCHOOLS NEXT YEAR

**Is Re-elected for Two Years, With
Salary Increase—Bolt Is
Also Retained.**

Franklin Thordarson was re-elected city school superintendent last night, for a period of two years, at the meeting of the school board of directors. At the same time Eric Bolt was re-elected for a one year term as principal of the Bend high school.

The board voted to raise Mr. Thordarson's salary \$100 for next year, a similar advance to go into effect the year following. His present salary is \$1700 a year.

Both Mr. Thordarson and Mr. Bolt at now in their first year in office here. Elections of teachers for the Bend schools will not be held until March, it is announced, but the school heads were selected in order that they might make plans in sufficient time for the coming school year.

DEEDS ARE FILED

**Fifteen Miles Out of Lakeview Is
Given Strahora.**

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

LAKEVIEW, Jan. 18.—The deeds for the first 15 miles of the right of way of the Strahora railroad out of Lakeview have been filed with County Clerk Payne. This entire amount has been donated by the farmers living along the right of way. Not a foot of ground has been purchased. However, there are a few of the farmers who are somewhat loath to give the land. Their main complaint is that the road goes through their best land, but in case the survey is changed slightly they will give the land.

No trouble is expected in getting the necessary right of way. The terminals in Lakeview and the right of way through the town have not been taken as yet, and no action will be taken until the actual construction of the road has been begun.

Lakeview has voted \$20,000 for purchasing terminals and rights of way.

STADIG IS CONTENT TO HAVE DIVISION

**Lower Bridge Resident Who Filed
Quo Warranto Proceedings, Criticizes
Fight of Antis.**

That he will be perfectly content to live in Deschutes, instead of Crook county, was the statement yesterday afternoon of Gus Stadig, of Lower Bridge, in whose name the complaint in quo warranto, questioning the right of Deschutes county to do business as a municipal corporation, was filed. Mr. Stadig was in the city yesterday afternoon, on a brief business visit.

Mr. Stadig was not ready to back down from his previous stand, but declared that he was dissatisfied with the way in which the fight against county division has been carried on. He was of the opinion that the struggle to bring Deschutes back into Crook county is virtually lost, and stated that he would be just as loyal a citizen of the new county, as of the old.

Mr. Stadig's name appears with others from Lower Bridge, on "a petition to the county court of Deschutes County," for the establishment of a new road at Lower Bridge.

FIRE DISCUSSION GROWS IN HEAT

**QUESTION IS ARGUED
BY CLUB.**

**Bend Citizens Living in "Fool's Paradise," Declares A. G. Long—
Benham Falls and Tumalo
Resolutions Adopted.**

Fiery discussion of the fire protection needs of Bend marked the greater part of the meeting of the Commercial club, held this noon at the Wright hotel. Members of the club and of the city council argued the proposition from all sides, the chief question being whether the city wanted a volunteer or a paid department and, in either case, whether the council would take steps to provide one, and to supply the necessary building and apparatus.

Mayor Caldwell took the position that nothing less than a paid department would be satisfactory, but his argument was strongly combatted by several other speakers, chief among whom was H. J. Overturf. Mr. Overturf put it straight up to the council to answer whether it would provide the lot, the building and the apparatus for the use of the department which the people wanted.

Department Wanted.

At the close of the discussion those present voted unanimously in favor of the organization of a department and the increased city tax which the necessary expenditure would entail.

At the close of the discussion, A. G. Long, of Portland, dealer in fire-fighting apparatus, outlined the needs of the city and recommended the organization of a part pay fire department, suitable housing for equipment and the purchase of apparatus which would cost approximately \$6000.

Bend is Praised.

"You are living in a fool's paradise," he declared, "but it is only a step from this to adequate protection. When you have provided this, the next step is to apply to the board of underwriters for a new rating on property, and I predict that in four or five years you will save the cost of equipment purchased. You can't buy apparatus of me unless you are prepared to handle it and take care of it properly."

Mr. Long praised Bend, commenting on its new school building and its cluster lighting system.

Following his address, Louis Bennett, member of the city council, spoke on the same topic, assuring the club members that the council would welcome all suggestions, and urging a large attendance of the citizens of Bend at the council meeting which will be held this evening for the sole purpose of discussing the fire question.

Resolutions Passed.

Resolutions urging the termination of the contract between the United States and the State of Oregon, in regard to the Benham Falls segregation, and the throwing open of the tract to settlers, together with a recommendation to the state legislature for the passage of the bill asking \$25,000 appropriation for investigating the cause of trouble at the Tumalo irrigation reservoir, were passed. A copy of the Benham Falls resolution is to be sent to the U. S. land office, and cities and towns in Central Oregon which are interested in the matter were urged to take action similar to that of the Bend Boosters. The resolutions were introduced by Robert W. Sawyer, chairman of the irrigation committee.

County Judge Barnes, of Tumalo, was called on for his opinion in regard to the reservoir bill, and declared that this action would be the only possible way of ascertaining the leak which is now seriously hampering the efficiency of the project.

WESTERN UNION TO MOVE ON THURSDAY

Work was being rapidly pushed on the installation of instruments for the Western Union in the O'Kane building, today, and it was definitely announced that the office would be moved tomorrow evening from the Union depot to the new headquarters.