

DESCHUTES COUNTY CREATED BEYOND RECALL

Senate Passes House Bill 135, and County Now Stands Unassailable; Action Speedily Follows Report of the Judiciary Committee; Bill Barely More Than Week Old; Governor Withycombe Ready to Endorse

"CREATING" COUNTY BECOMES A HABIT

Executive Again Congratulates Residents of New County

LABORS OF THE ANTI-DIVISIONIST LOBBY SINCE TUESDAY, UNCEASING—OPPOSITION OUTSIDE OF OLD CROOK, ALMOST NIL.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31, 2:15 P. M.—(Special.)—At 2:15 this afternoon, the House of Representatives concurred in the Senate amendment to the Deschutes county bill.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Deschutes county is created beyond possibility of recall, legal tangle or technical delay.

House Bill 135 passed the Senate this afternoon with a vote of 27 for and none against, three being absent.

There was no question to the measure in the Senate, with the exception that a slight amendment was made in regard to the emergency clause, which amendment will be adopted by the House this afternoon.

Senator Baldwin supported the bill on the floor, and previously in the hearing before the judiciary committee.

Representative Forbes has sent the following message to W. F. King and Roscoe Howard, leaders of the anti-division lobby: "County bill has passed Senate without a dissenting vote."

Representative Vernon A. Forbes introduced the bill in the House the second day of the session, and last Tuesday it passed the House with 46 favorable votes and only 11 votes opposed.

It will probably take a day for the engrossing committee to prepare the bill for final action by the Governor, but Governor Withycombe states that he will sign it the minute it reaches his desk.

"I'm getting accustomed to 'creating' Deschutes county," said the chief executive. "When I signed the proclamation doing it last month, I congratulated its citizens upon the success of their efforts, and now in signing this bill, which both recreates it and removed any possibility for further legal quibble, I congratulate Deschutes county and its citizenship again."

Since emerging from the House with its big favorable vote, House Bill 135 has been the storm center of much activity. A hard working delegation from Prineville, reinforced by Roscoe Howard, of Deschutes, and a couple of Redmond citizens, have labored unceasingly to put it to sleep.

Thursday night these anti-division lobbyists, led by W. F. King, appeared before the Senate judiciary committee and argued long and vehemently against the bill. Their success was about the same as the success of Mr. King's previous efforts in the House—namely, they had next to no success at all.

Satisfaction General. J. N. Williamson was one who sent long telegrams, and all sorts of combinations were entered into to the influence against the bill.

ceptions of a few chronic obstructionists, and those actuated by personal motives, are satisfied. It was brought out, too, that there is widespread commendation for the county court appointments made by Governor Withycombe and for the appointments of officers made by the court.

Extensive petitions and telegrams came in from the east side of the old county signed by friends of Deschutes county, urging senators to help the bill.

While, of course, the primary credit for the passage of the bill is due to Representative Forbes, those familiar with what has transpired here during the last week give great credit to Fred N. Wallace, of Tumalo, and H. H. DeArmond, of Bend, whose consistent work has proved most effective.

TWO OPERATORS WILL BE UTILIZED IN BEND

Western Union Finds Business Here Justifies Additional Help and Equipment—Hall Impressed.

Upon his return to Seattle last Friday, after spending several days in Bend installing equipment for the Western Union Telegraph company, J. Nelson, equipment man for the company, was instructed to return to Bend as soon as possible and add to the present outlay enough apparatus for two operators.

The Bend business it has been found is too heavy for one operator to handle, and as soon as the equipment is put in the two-man service will become effective. I. C. Hall, who has been in Bend for several days has been more than impressed with the town's activity and the future of the Western Union's business here.

A new window sign is being painted today on the window of the office.

BENDITES GO TO TERREBONE DRIVE

J. B. Miner is Enlisting Names of Enthusiasts Who Enjoy This Sport —To Be Held Sunday.

More than 100 Bend people will participate in the big drive next Sunday, when several thousand jackrabbits will be subdued by the invading hordes from outside points.

The drive is expected to be the biggest that has ever been held in Central Oregon, people being invited from all sections of that part of the county. The Bend invaders will leave on the morning train Sunday.

NEW CARS TO COME FOR THE O.-W. SOON

Taking the place of S. L. Wiggins, local freight and passenger agent for the O.-W. R. & N., now in the east, traveling freight and passenger agent, H. C. Oliver, is in the city, and will remain here until Saturday.

Mr. Oliver announced on his arrival that on February 15, the delivery of 1500 new steel frame box cars ordered for the O.-W. will begin arriving from the east at the rate of 20 a day, and that Bend will get a proper share of the supply.

Mr. Oliver declared that 61 per cent of the 1916 grain output of the state is still to be shipped.

LADIES' AUXILIARY TO ELECT OFFICERS

Members of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Commercial Club will meet at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon in the Council Chambers of the O'Kane building, for the purpose of electing officers for the present year.

HISTORY OF CONTEST GOES BACK TO 1914

The final decision, lacking only the formality of the governor's signature to end definitely all doubts cast upon Deschutes county's right to continue in business as a municipal corporation, is the climax of a contest lasting over four years.

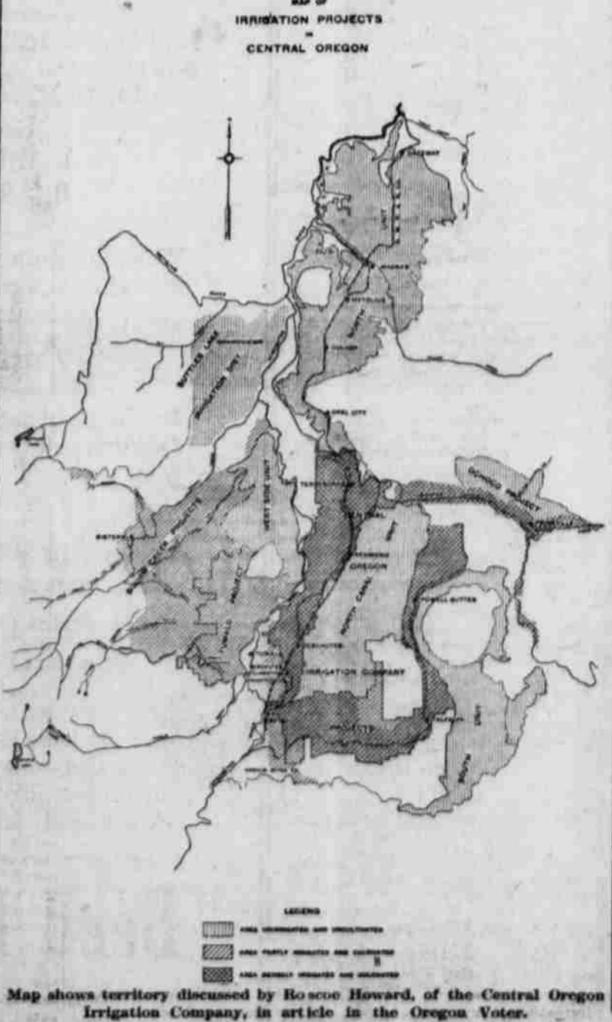
First proposed in 1914, Deschutes county failed to be separated from Crook by a bare margin of two and one-half per cent less than the 65 per cent needed to carry. Division was again proposed last summer, but excepting in the precincts where division was strongly favored, little campaigning was done preceding the November election.

Shortly after the proclamation of the new county by Governor Withycombe, came the service of papers in the quo warranto proceedings, in which the anti-division element brought suit against the county, through the name of Gus E. Stadig, of Lower Bridge.

EQUIPMENT EXPECTED SOON

Equipment for the private branch exchange switchboard for the new Pilot Butte Inn is expected to arrive here this week and will be installed by special representatives of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Company as soon as it arrives.

CENTRAL OREGON IRRIGABLE LANDS.



Map shows territory discussed by Roscoe Howard, of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, in article in the Oregon Voter.

TUMALO WAITS FOR THE ANSWER

WILL LEGISLATURE HELP OUT?

Project Settlers Look to Salem For Aid in Closing Leaks in the Reservoir—Means Development of Lands Shown Productive.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

TUMALO, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The people of Tumalo are waiting for news from Salem. While the farmer is going about caring for his stock, repairing his fences and getting his tools ready for spring work, while his wife is tending to the duties of the household, their thoughts are far away.

The Tumalo settlers, numbering 76 families, comprise one of the most progressive communities in the state. Facing conditions that seemed bound to ruin them until the state came to their aid in 1913, they still stuck to the job and in some way managed to hold body and soul together.

Money Well Spent. The \$450,000 was well and economically spent. All testimony agrees on that point, and when, in December, 1914, water from the main canal was turned into the big reservoir, which was to make possible the irrigation of a larger tract of land and the more speedy return to the state of its investment in the project, the future seemed assured.

Then in the spring the waters in the reservoir, as they slowly crept up the banks, uncovered a crack in the underlying strata of rock and began pouring away into the bowels of the earth. Sales of land to be watered from the reservoir were immediately stopped and project development came to an end.

Land is Productive. Enough has been accomplished agriculturally on the project to prove that the land, if water is brought to it, will produce crops to support families and build up homes.

Will the legislature help us? is the question of the project farmers.

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NO BOUNTIES ON RABBITS TO BE PAID

OPINION IS RENDERED BY GEO. A. BROWN.

LAW ONLY FOR CROOK

Decision Sought by H. H. DeArmond at Request of County Court—Saving of \$25,000 Will Be Effected as a Result.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

SALEM, Or., Jan. 31.—(Special.)—Deschutes county is not required to pay a bounty upon jackrabbits. An opinion to this effect has just been rendered by Attorney General George A. Brown to H. H. DeArmond, of Bend, district attorney for Deschutes county.

It is estimated that this settlement of the bounty problem which has been vexing the Deschutes county court will save the new county not less than \$25,000 during the coming year, the figures being based upon the bounty cost which is piling up in Crook county and upon the experience of Harney county.

At the last election the voters of Crook county, by a large margin, approved the bounty law. The kernel of the attorney general's opinion is that this law applies only to Crook county, as such, and that as the territory now embraced in Deschutes county is now not in Crook, its taxpayers are in no wise governed by any special legislation specifically designed for Crook county.

Inquiries Many. Since the formation of the new county its court has been besieged with inquiries concerning the rabbit bounty law. It refused to pay any bounties under the Crook county legislation until the question had been decided. At the court's request Mr. DeArmond sought the opinion from the attorney general. It substantiates the opinion already advanced by the local district attorney.

"I believe that this means a saving to Deschutes county of at least \$25,000," said Mr. DeArmond this morning.

Attorney General Decides. Following is the complete text of the attorney general's opinion: "Jan. 22, 1917.—Mr. H. H. DeArmond, District Attorney, Deschutes County, Bend, Oregon. "Dear sir: I have your favor of the 18th instant, asking my opinion

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Contestants Working Hard for Double Vote Offering

Table listing contestants and their vote counts: Miss Francis Steidl, Bend 470,000; Mrs. J. A. Eastes, Bend 465,000; Miss Mabel Bixby, Prineville 464,000; Miss Cora Bates, Bend 439,000; Mrs. Mable E. Lara, Bend 326,000; Miss Lucile Parsons, Redmond 445,000; Miss Ruth Bayley, Tumalo 427,000; Miss Edith Masten, La Pine 149,000; Miss Cosina Mueller, Bend 88,000.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The double vote offer is rapidly drawing to a close and the different contestants who are taking advantage of the extra votes are having remarkable success in their different territories. The campaign managers of the different candidates are using all their efforts in order to promote the success of their nominees and while their methods differ they are getting the results.

Prineville, the interest in the success of their representative is growing keener, as the campaign grows in age and the local candidates must look to their laurels if they keep the Dodge in Bend; in other words they must take advantage of each day left of the double votes in order to regain their standing. Only seven day left in which to obtain the double count. Promptly at the close of double votes Thursday, February 8, the judges will install the ballot box and the extra votes will be past history in this campaign.