

BEND IS FREE FROM DISEASE

HEALTH SURVEY HERE COMPLETED.

Better Disposition of Sewage is Ideal of Department—Ready Cooperation in Sanitation Program is Given by Mill Companies.

That Bend is entirely free from contagious or infectious diseases, is the report of Health Officer Dwight L. Miller, who with Chief of Police L. A. W. Nixon, acting health officer, has just completed a survey of local sanitary conditions. "As soon as the new county organization is absolutely complete, we will establish means of taking care of cases of the kind, should any arise," Dr. Miller says, "but in the meantime we must ask for the cooperation of residents, not only of Bend, but of the surrounding country as well." One of the ideals of the health department is to have proper means provided for the disposal of sewage, and thus eliminate all sources of danger.

Prevention Sought.

Bend industries, Dr. Miller and Mr. Nixon found, are more than ready to act on any suggestions given them. The survey was started on the complaint of residents along the river, that the waters of the stream were being contaminated by sewage and refuse. The two big mill plants were visited, and ready cooperation was offered.

At the Brooks-Seanlon Lumber Co. plant, men are now at work repairing the septic tank, and constructing a new one, while The Shevlin-Hixon Company is taking similar steps. Carl A. Johnson, of the latter company, went over the works in person, with the inspectors, and declared that the company is not only glad to have suggestions, but is ready to spend any amount of money needed to make health conditions ideal.

Particular attention is being paid by the health authorities to the sewage problem to insure the prevention of such diseases as cholera and typhoid fever, where the chief carrier of infection is water.

TWO MILITIA UNITS ARE MUSTERED OUT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—It is announced that the following additional militia units ordered from their stations, have been mustered out: Troop A, cavalry; Battery A, Oregon field artillery; and Troop B, cavalry; Company A, Washington signal corps.

QUAKE 7,000 MILES AWAY IS RECORDED

CLEVELAND, Jan. 30.—The St. Ignatius seismograph registered the most severe earthquake in two years, at 10 o'clock last night. It lasted until 11:35. Father Odenbach said that the quake was 7000 miles distant.

GRANGE TO ENTERTAIN

There will be a card party and picnic at the Grange Hall, Friday, February 2. The proceeds will go toward repairing the hall. Everybody is invited. Ladies, bring a pie.

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JOY IS BROUGHT TO RUNAWAY BOY

LAD IS PROTEGE OF FOUR SALESMEN.

Ten-Year-Old Tom Madoc Decides Awarding of Contract, Then is Purchased Complete New Outfit of Clothes.

Great joy was brought yesterday afternoon to the heart of a small boy and almost as much to four representatives of Portland stationery houses, who played the part of good Samaritans to the youngster. The boy was 10-year-old Tom Madoc, who ran away from his home in Bend, two weeks ago and was brought back yesterday and his benefactors were A. C. Barnekoff, A. V. Wells, A. W. Miles and N. B. Chapman.

The party started when the boy, sitting in the county court room was asked to decide which of the four salesmen should receive the contract for furnishing supplies of a certain kind to the county, their bids having been identical. Drawing names out of a hat, Tom awarded the contract to Mr. Wells, the Erwin-Hodson man.

It was then that the attention of the four was drawn to the boy's shoes, nearly worn out and at least three sizes too large for him. With the permission of Sheriff Roberts, they took the youngster through the Bend stores and not only fitted him out with shoes, but with a complete new supply of clothes, including changes. Then they decided that his hair needed trimming, but their money was no good when it came to buying a haircut. The Metropolitan barber shop donated that.

A bath at the Pilot Butte hotel, in which the four took turns in scrubbing their protege until he was positively spotless, completed the celebration.

To say that Tom was highly elated, would be putting it mildly and this morning, he insisted on displaying his new finery before he was taken by Mr. Roberts to be returned to his foster parents.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT REACHES 960 PUPILS

Sixty-Four Registered Since the Opening of the Second Semester—Rooms Show Good Record.

(From Monday's Daily.) There are 960 pupils in the Bend public schools according to the latest census enumeration taken today by Superintendent Franklin Thordarson, the first that has been made since the second semester opened. Forty-eight new pupils have registered in the grades and 16 in the high school in the last week.

During the last four weeks the teachers whose pupils have had a percentage of attendance ranking as high as 98 per cent are: Mrs. Carden, Miss Richardson, Mrs. Catlow, Mrs. Davidson, Miss Stella Pattison, Miss Nellie Pattison, Miss Hanks, Miss Wilkins, Miss O'Neil, Miss Wersdorf and Mr. Thompson.

Hill Buys Road.

The rumor is again abroad of the sale of the N.-C.-O. to the Hill system. The report comes from San Francisco and the statement is made that the news is authentic. With the proposed Straborn line, the N.-C.-O. and the Western Pacific, the Hill people would have an outlet in San Francisco.—Lake County Examiner.

COLLINS-HOWELL ARE ACQUITTED

JUDGE T. E. J. DUFFY IS REVERSED.

Opinion Holds Defendants Took No Part in Action of E. Rea Norris Against Elda Bell, on Ill-Fated Auto Excursion.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 30.—(Special.)—The supreme court this morning sustained the appeal of the defendants in the case of the State of Oregon vs. Ethel Howell and John Collins, indicted September 14, 1915, by the grand jury of Crook county, and charged with having been party to the crime against Elda Bell, for which E. Reo Norris was later convicted at The Dalles, in September, 1915.

Judge T. E. J. Duffy is reversed, according to the opinion of the court, for not having sustained the motion of the defendants' attorneys to direct the jury to return a verdict of acquittal.

Resume of Case Given.

The court, in giving its opinion, recites the history of the indictment, indicating that while Howell and Collins participated in the ill-fated auto excursion to The Dalles, nothing in the evidence to show that they ever influenced Elda Bell in any way which could be interpreted as criminal solicitation, within the meaning of the statute.

Dates Back to 1915.

The charge of which Mrs. Howell and John Collins have been acquitted dates back to July 9, 1915, when, according to a statement in the brief of the appellants, Rea Norris, one of the defendants convicted on a separate statutory charge, invited Ethel Howell to take a trip to The Dalles and engaged Collins to take them on the trip. On their way to The Dalles, they stopped at Tumalo, and Norris directed Collins to go to the home of Elda Bell, the prosecuting witness in the case, stating that he wanted to collect some money. The girl, it is stated, was not known by either Mrs. Howell or Collins. Miss Bell paid Norris \$25 and asked him where he was going. Norris said he was going to The Dalles, whereupon the girl asked to be permitted to accompany them. The girl's father was present and made no objection to her taking the trip. When only a short way from Tumalo, Norris directed Collins, who was driving the car, to turn back as the girl wanted to return home, whereupon Collins did as directed, but after turning the car about and starting to return, the girl stated that she had changed her mind and would go on, and Collins was advised to proceed toward The Dalles.

IMPROVEMENT IN FOREST PLANNED

GREATER DEGREE OF SANITATION AND COMFORT AT CAMPING PLACES TO BE OBJECT OF LOCAL FORESTRY OFFICE.

To introduce a greater degree of comfort and sanitation at the camping places on the Deschutes national forest, visited each year by thousands, will be the endeavor of the forest service, Supervisor W. G. Hastings announced this morning. Mr. Hastings has filed a report with the district office in Portland, asking for funds with which to carry out these improvements.

While there are approximately 100 such camping grounds on the forest, the work will have to be done gradually, and Mrs. Hastings' plans for the coming season embrace only seven of the most frequented spots, the outlets of Odell and Crescent lakes, and points along the Metolius. In addition to general sanitation, camps fireplaces will be built, tables and seats constructed, and signs giving instructions to campers posted. The forestry department's policy in this regard was put into action last year, but Mr. Hastings feels that the work can now be done much more efficiently.

P.-T. ASSOCIATION MEETS FEB. 6

The meeting of the Parent-Teachers' Association, to have been held tomorrow afternoon, has been postponed until a week from tomorrow at the Reid school. The subject will be "Stories."

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Shearings

Plan Co-Operative Shipment. At the annual meeting of the county agricultural council a committee was chosen, known as the community stock car committee, with C. F. Hoskins as chairman, and W. H. Ogg, J. M. Melvin and R. A. Blanchard ex-officio, composing the committee. This committee has been especially active and have investigated the plan of operation of several other co-operative stock shipments in other parts of this country. They are now ready to make the first shipment to Portland, and hope to get it started in about a week or ten days, sending out Saturday, February 3, if possible.—Redmond Spokesman.

Organizing District. There will appear in The Leader, of next Friday, a petition signed by 24 landholders within the Silver Lake unit of the Silver Lake Irrigation project, notifying the County Court of the County of Lake, State of Oregon, that a petition to organize an irrigation district will be presented to the court at 10 a. m., Wednesday, March 7.—Silver Lake Leader.

How Water is Divided. Many statements have been appearing in the press of the state, some of which have copied, giving views upon the water adjudication of the Chewaucan river. In all of these articles the status of the upland or individual users has not been considered; in fact all articles have treated the matter as though there were only two parties to the suit in question. As a matter of fact there are a number of comparatively small land owners who are vitally interested in the water question as well as the two big companies involved. Again only a very few really understand just what Daly's decision was in the case. Approximately Daly's decision was this: All the low marsh land which comprises the most of the ZX ranch were given 3.9 acre feet and all lands lying at a little higher level were given a varying amount from 4.4 to 4.8 acre feet according to the slope of the land. The irrigating season on the ZX and on a few other tracts begins January 1 and ends July 15 and on most of the other land begins March 1 and ends August 31, under this decision. No water is reserved for irrigation on what is known as the segregation.—Chewaucan Press.

New Editor Re-considers. The weather has been much milder the past week than it was the first few days we were here, and we have about concluded that Oregon weather was not so badly misrepresented after all. A little snow fell Saturday evening and Sunday morning, otherwise there has been fair and warm weather during the week.—La Pine Inter-Mountain.

Service Improved. We are now informed through the local telephone exchange that subscribers, have free use of 85 phones, located in the Lamonta, Agency Plains, Madras, Metolius section, as well as Haystack. With this service, Madras and the residents of the surrounding country, who are on the lines will have one of the best systems for service in Eastern Oregon.—Madras Pioneer.

Will Build Industry. The 640-acre homestead law should greatly build up the stock industry in this country if the homesteader will only hold his land and get it stocked. It is to be hoped those who take advantage of this law will not sell out to those who are striving after large holdings.—Deschutes Valley Tribune.

Much Smoke; No Fire. All of our neighbors thought we had a fire Wednesday when someone touched off the crude oil that collects from the exhaust at the pumping plant. No harm done, but enough smoke for a dozen fires.—Jefferson County Record.

Pastor Transferred. Catholics residing in this vicinity will be interested in an item appearing in the Lake County Examiner stating that Rev. Father Murphy has received word from Bishop O'Reilly, of Baker, that he has been transferred to that place as pastor of the Cathedral. Father Murphy will not leave until his successor arrives.—Fort Rock Times.

Want High Bounty. An effort is being made in southern Klamath county to have the county court place a \$10 bounty on coyotes. Petitions are being circulated and generally signed. Rabies are becoming prevalent and stockmen and ranchers are demanding that something be done to rid the country of the coyote.—Crescent News.

Catholic. Masses on Sunday, 7:30 a. m. and 10 a. m. Mass on Saturday, 8:30 a. m., followed by religious instruction for children.

Christian Science. Christian Science services are held in Sathers hall every Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

FOOT OF SNOW FALLS IN 24 HOURS TIME. That snow in the vicinity of Crescent and Big River is two feet deep, is the word received this afternoon by Forest Supervisor Hastings. More than half of the snow fell during the last 24 hours.

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