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## PRIZES OFFERED FOR POTATOES

### BEND MERCHANTS PUT UP CASH.

Montelle Coe Originates Idea for Benefitting Spud Crop of This Section—Contest to Test the Actual Productivity.

Potatoes have come to be one of Central Oregon's most important agricultural productions. For the benefit of the farmers who raise them, and for the secondary benefit of the communities whose prosperity in a large measure depends upon the prosperity of those farmers, anything which will tend to increase the local potato yield and improve its quality will be vastly important.

With these thoughts in mind Montelle Coe, of Bend, has organized a plan for a potato contest to be held this summer, and already has enlisted in the movement the active cooperation of a number of Bend merchants.

Briefly, it is planned to offer worth-while cash prizes to farmers, who produce better potatoes. The purpose is to make the contest a real test of the actual productivity of the various fields whose owners will compete. Therefore the awards will be based upon the tubers produced from a given number of representative hills. The entire contents of each hill, just as they come from the ground, will be considered.

In this way, it is believed, the actual representative yield of any field will be used as a basis for judgment. The plan of making awards upon a selected number of prize potatoes has been found unsatisfactory and often unfair, for often the prize goes to the farmer who has devoted the most time to culling over his entire crop.

While plans are as yet only tentative, awards probably will be based upon the following schedule:  
Yield, 45 per cent; uniformity, 15 per cent; quality, 15 per cent; smoothness, 10 per cent; freedom from disease, 15 per cent.

There probably will be a first and second prize, and if sufficient funds are available they will be awarded for probably three of the most popular varieties of potatoes.

Mr. Coe has gone over the proposed plan with County Agriculturist Blanchard, who is heartily in accord with his plans and will co-operate fully.

Already Bend merchants have pledged \$100.00 in cash to be used for prize money. Mr. Coe has scarcely started his campaign for funds, however, and expects to raise at least \$300.00 before he completes his soliciting. Everywhere, he reports, he meets with approval and co-operation.

For the present plans will be in charge of Mr. Coe and Mr. Blanchard. Probably when the time for judging comes an O. A. C. expert will be secured to make the awards. Below is printed a draft of tentative rules, which probably will be revised extensively but which will suffice to bring out suggestions at this time. Next week more complete data and further information regarding the project will be published.

### RULES OF CONTEST

Rule 1.—The amount of potatoes entered in this contest shall comprise all of the potatoes in seven hills.

Rule 2.—A hill shall be defined as the amount of potatoes produced from one set only.

Rule 3.—The potatoes must be of one variety clearly defined.

Rule 4.—The potatoes shall be lifted at a time in October appointed by the judges, in the presence of their representatives who will record the weight of the potatoes and place them in sealed sacks.

Rule 5.—The prize will be awarded later at a designated time and place according to the following:

Score Card.	
Yield	45
Uniformity	15
Quality	15
Smoothness	10
Freedom from Disease	15

Per Cent 100

Rule 6.—All entries must be made by April 1, on blanks furnished by the judges, and the same person may make one entry for each variety grown.

Rule 7.—An entry of \$1.00 will be charged for each variety entered to cover expense of supervising the digging and judging. Any surplus of entrance money will be added to the prize.

Rule 8.—The grower shall himself select seven hills after digging 25. No hills will be weighed separately till the seven have been chosen.

Rule 9.—No entry will be allowed more than 42 minutes for lifting and selecting potatoes. The grower shall have previously marked with stakes 25 of the most promising hills.

## FORBES FOR SPEAKER SAYS PORTLAND PAPER

Record of Bend Legislator Makes Him Likely Candidate for Leadership.

(From Tuesday's Daily)  
(Portland Telegram.)

It is whispered in political circles that Vernon A. Forbes, the veteran member of the house, may succeed Stanfield two years hence.

Forbes is a resident of Bend and a lawyer by profession. He first saw legislative service in the 1913 session, and distinguished himself as a ready and able debater. He returned to the 1915 legislature as an organizer as well as a floor leader, heading during the session what was known as the "cow county juggernaut." Perhaps he was at his best as a legislator during the recent session.

His counsel and aid was eagerly sought by all interested in the passage of legislation, and he piloted through the house many meritorious, constructive bills—among them the certificate of public necessity bill, the boom bill, and the scientific law covering the subject to notifying delinquent taxpayers. Should he seek re-election to the house, and enter the field for the speakership, he would be a formidable candidate, and, generally, it is conceded that he would be entitled to the honor.

## KLAMATH TERMINAL FUND LACKS \$10,000

(From Tuesday's Daily)  
(Klamath Herald.)

There is yet to be raised for the Strahorn railroad terminal fund approximately \$10,000 clear, according to Captain J. W. Siemens, who is in charge of the raising of this money.

"That is the way the fund stands now if one or two parties who have promised to contribute large amounts do not fail to give them," said Captain Siemens.

"We are getting a little along daily, but the progress is not entirely satisfactory, to insure the starting of work on March 1. Of course, right now the weather is hindering us slightly, as it is difficult to get into the country, and understand, however, that a committee is working in the country and is getting results.

"I received today a contribution of \$10, which came totally unsolicited, from Winnick Bros., general merchants, of Fort Klamath."

W. J. Long, representative of the Spitzer-Rorick bonding house of Toledo, Ohio, is here in the interests of his company, whose bid for the \$300,000 construction bonds was accepted by the city some time ago.

He is meeting with the city council while here, and the details for the completion of the sale of the bonds are being worked out. The city officials hope to wind up this phase of the railroad work in the near future.

## MISS HISLOP LEAVES THE BEND SCHOOLS

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Miss Joanna Hislop, who has been teaching the seventh and eighth grades in the Bend schools, in conjunction with Miss Downs, has been obliged to resign her position and return to Lebanon to care for her aged father, who is left alone since the recent death of her brother. For the present, at least, Mrs. J. C. Vandeventer will substitute in her place.

## JOURNAL ATTACK BRANDED FALSE

### "ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS," IS FORBES' ANSWER TO CHARGE THAT HE TOOK POLK-MARION BRIDGE BILL.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Now the Oregon Journal has added bill rustling to the catalogue of sins in which Vernon A. Forbes is listed as the horrible example. That the representative from Central Oregon purloined the measure providing for a joint Marion-Polk county bridge, is the latest accusation of the Portland paper, to which Mr. Forbes returned a brief rejoinder of "bunk" this morning.

"You can say for me," he added, "that the charge is ridiculous and false. I did not even attend the final committee meeting, at which the bill was discussed.

"The measure may have been mislaid, it may have been taken by some one interested in seeing that it is not carried out, or it may have been really lost. I don't know what the answer is, unless the Journal figures that it's always open season on me," said Mr. Forbes.

## WILL IMPROVE BEND HATCHERY

### COMMISSION FAVORS BETTERMENT.

Local Establishment Important to Sportsmen, as it Supplies Fishing Needs of Big Deschutes Territory.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Rumors that the state fish hatchery here might not be operated this summer are entirely unfounded. Moreover, instead of being discontinued the local hatchery will probably be increased in size.

In a letter received this morning from Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden, Mr. Shoemaker says he has been in communication with Superintendent of Hatcheries Clanton, who is now at Bonneville, and Mr. Clanton reports his intention of recommending to the Fish and Game Commission at its next meeting that the Bend hatchery be enlarged. Members of the commission already have expressed approval of the proposed betterments.

"Mr. Clanton tells me," writes Mr. Shoemaker, "that he expects the enlargement of the Bend hatchery, but what amount of money will be spent he is unable to state at this time, until the matter has been gone over with the commission."

The Bend hatchery, is recognized as one of the most important in the state, from the standpoint of service, inasmuch as it supplies the needs of the entire Deschutes country which is recognized as one of the greatest sportsmen's pleasure grounds in the state.

### GLEE CLUB TO SING.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

At the high school dedication exercises next Friday evening the Bend High School Glee club will make its initial appearance. The members are Margaret Thompson, Marie Brostehouse, Rose Spier, Birdie Ragsdale, Mildred Klein, Dorothy Miller, Mabel Spier, Mary Linster and Nellie Leslie. Florence Gilson is the accompanist, and Mrs. F. Thordarson the director.

## Wool Grading Value Shown In Madras to Many Farmers

(Staff Correspondence.)

MADRAS, Or., March 1.—To teach the wool growers of Central Oregon the value of a working knowledge of the market grades and classes of wool, and to demonstrate the benefits to be obtained through better methods of preparing wool for the market, was the mission of J. F. Wilson, assistant in wool investigation in the U. S. Department of Animal Husbandry, and Oran M. Nelson, assistant professor in the Department of Animal Husbandry of the Oregon Agricultural College, in charge of the government and college wool demonstration car, which was sidetracked here yesterday. D. E. Clark, of Portland, livestock agent for the O.-W. R. & N., was in charge of traffic details.

That the object of the demonstration was fulfilled was evidenced by the keen interest displayed by the ranchers who thronged the car during the entire morning, and again in the afternoon after a series of movie films had been shown in the Madras hall, depicting the various stages in the grazing and finishing of mutton sheep, and the evolution of worsted fabrics from grease wool. Both of the lecturers declared that they felt well repaid for their efforts, while Mr. Clark stated that, although in one of two instances larger crowds had gathered, at no time since the car had been on the O.-W. tracks had a larger number of people who were vitally interested in the subject of wool handling, been present.

The importance of grading fleeces before marketing, in order that the grower may know just what he has to offer, and that he may be in a position to demand top prices, was the text of Mr. Wilson's demonstration lecture. Six range Rambouillet sheep were among the exhibits in the car, and he showed that one animal might have from two to four different grades of wool on various parts of the body. The differing degrees of fineness of these, he said, made them adapted for different kinds of fabrics, at varying prices. Half, three-eighths, and quarter blood

## BONDING BILL FAVORED HERE

### COMMERCIAL CLUB UNANIMOUSLY ENDORSES PROPOSITION— COMMITTEE WILL AID IN THE CAMPAIGN.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

With a full attendance that crowded to capacity the dining room of the Pilot Butte Inn, the Commercial club, at its meeting this noon, went on record in favor of the state road bonding plan.

At the request of President Dement, who presided, Vernon A. Forbes, just back from the legislature, briefly described the bond issue plan and what it meant to the state in general and this territory in particular. Thereafter, through a resolution, the club unanimously went on record as approving the bond issue and pledged its active support towards its passage at the June 4th election. The road committee was instructed to take up the matter of co-operating in any campaign which may be inaugurated.

J. A. Eastes told of the progress made with the proposed gymnasium building, stating that he believed the organizers were about ready to incorporate and put the proposition upon a business footing. The Commercial club directors are to discuss the possible advisability of seeking a co-operative arrangement between the club and the gymnasium organizers for club quarters in the building.

Manager Overturf read a letter from Redmond, asking the appointment of a committee of three Bend men to co-operate with a like committee from Redmond to discuss county road development of best mutual interest. President Dement has not announced his appointments.

G. P. Putnam said a few words, especially dwelling upon the record of Mr. Forbes in the legislature, which he said was most praiseworthy.

### HAS POTATO BOOK.

The Bend Public Library has received a copy of "The Potato Book," by Grubb and Guilford. Mr. Grubb is known as "the potato king" of Colorado, and the book has information of value to all interested in the potato industry.

## BEND FLOUR MILL HAS NEW PRODUCT

Mixed Molasses Stock Feed Being Put Out for the First Time in Central Oregon.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

For the first time in the history of the state, as far as is known, mixed molasses stock feed is being put out in a mill east of Portland, and A. J. Kroenert, of the Bend flour mill, where the product is being manufactured, stated yesterday that 100 tons of various kinds of stock food of this kind is now ready for sale.

The ability of the plant to handle this product has necessitated many improvements at the mill, but Mr. Kroenert now feels that he has a thoroughly up-to-date equipment, complete in all respects.

A stock raiser, for putting the last touches on meat animals desired to bring a fancy price in the market, is one of the specialties being turned out, and will make it possible, Mr. Kroenert says, for stockmen to put their steers and other meat animals in the best of condition before sending them to the big markets.

## WHERE WILL SPLIT PRECINCT VOTERS VOTE NEXT JUNE?

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

SALEM, Feb. 29.—(Special.)—Where and how are voters in the Deschutes county portion of "split precincts" to vote at the special election on June 4th?

That question has been raised here, and to settle it the Secretary of State has asked the Attorney General for an opinion. So far as his records are concerned he wants to know what official voting precinct these "splitters" should be recorded in.

The state election laws provide that county courts may establish election precincts at the December meeting. It does not appear legally possible to establish them at any other time. So the old Crook county voting precincts will remain in effect for both the old and the new county for the coming special election, but just what is to become of the split precincts is the problem.

As the law stands they are entitled to only one voting place each and to one ballot box, it is held. Clearly the residents of Deschutes county should not vote at the Crook county polling place, and yet, apparently, the Deschutes court is powerless to establish the Deschutes portion of the split precinct as a separate precinct until next December. It is expected that the Attorney General will advise a way out of the small difficulty.

## PHONE COMPANY HEAVY SPENDER

### LOCAL EXCHANGE FASTEST GROWING IN STATE—MATERIALS HAVE COST MUCH.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The actual expenditures in improving the local system of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company during the last two months have been approximately \$25,000, according to Manager J. L. Gaither, under whose active supervision the Bend service has become of the very first class.

The construction crew, which has numbered about 25 men on an average during the last sixty days, has about completed its heavy work.

Exceptional difficulties have been encountered in the local improvement work because of the scarcity and high price of materials required. It is stated that most of the material now used costs at least 100 per cent more than it did two years ago. For instance, iron wire which formerly cost \$5.20 per hundred pounds, now costs \$9.55 for the same amount. Lead covered cable, and copper wire, both of which enter heavily into the improvements made here, have more than doubled in price during the last 24 months.

However, despite the excessive cost the improvements have been made as rapidly as possible, the company evidently feeling that the local exchange, which is said to be the fastest growing one in the state, deserving special recognition and aid.

Bend now has 406 telephones. According to Mr. Gaither, there is good reason to expect that the next six months will see 200 new phones added to this list.

## LOCAL ADVANCE IN FOOD SLOW

### BEND IS BETTER OFF THAN THE EAST.

Potatoes, Pork, Veal and Mutton Among Few Commodities to Show Radical Gain Over the Prices Quoted Last Year.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

With the prices of foodstuffs in the eastern states mounting to such heights as to necessitate special federal action, Bend residents, although paying higher for edibles than a year ago, are comparatively well treated in this respect, local merchants aver. No change has been noted in the cost of bread, and eggs are selling at 35 cents, practically five cents lower than last year. In other lines, while quotations are in no ways exorbitant, dealers predict that prices during the next six months at least, have no chance of lowering.

Potatoes are Precious.

Potatoes are showing the only radical advance in groceries and have mounted more than 100 per cent, until now they are being retailed at \$4 a hundred. Although this is the retail price, one Bend grocer received an offer of the same figure for his entire stock, from a California wholesaler, but refused, preferring to keep his supply of tubers for home consumption.

Flour is well in advance of last year's prices, both wholesale and retail, and brands which 12 months ago retailed for \$1.40 now bring \$2.20 a sack, and wholesale quotations on brands put out by the Bend Flour Mills, will average \$8.15 a barrel. A. J. Kroenert, of the flour company, states that in spite of this, flour is relatively the cheapest commodity on the market today, when the advance of other staples is considered.

Root Vegetables High.

Little change is noted in the price of cereals, although the grocers are paying more, and the same holds true of condensed milk. Fresh milk has shown no change, although the cost of producing has advanced.

Cabbages, onions, and all root crops, are nearly out of sight, and will presently become totally so, but seasonal scarcity is the chief cause for this. Beans have made a 50 per cent gain over the ten cent price of 1916, and butter at 45 cents, is five cents ahead of last year's mark.

In household supplies, dealers say, a big advance has been made in the price of brooms, the price being 40 cents apiece in 1916, and 65 cents each now.

Tea and coffee have advanced all the way from two to eight cents a pound, and canned goods, of all sorts, are five cents higher than a year ago, with prospects of a heavy gain next fall.

Beef Changes Little.

Changes in meat prices embody the most radical and the most conservative advances of any general classification of the entire food list. Steaks selling formerly at from 17 to 22 cents a pound, are now purchased at from 18 to 24 cents, and beef roasts show a straight two-cent jump. Pork which sold last year at 16 cents, now runs from 22 to 27 cents, and practically the same quotations are given on mutton, which a year ago could be bought for 16 and 17 cents. Veal is hardly to be had at any price.

## SETTLERS TO DISCUSS DISTRICTING PLANS

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

J. J. Ellinger, of Redmond, secretary of the committee of water users which is looking into ways and means of establishing irrigation districts on the C. O. I. segregation, announces that the following meetings have been arranged to discuss the matter:

Albion, March 8, 10 a. m.  
Bend, March 8, 1 p. m.  
Powell Butte, March 9, 10 a. m.  
Redmond, March 9, 1 p. m.

It is stated that Claud McCollough, a Portland attorney who has been interesting himself in the questions involved, will be present at the meetings.

### IS OVERRULED.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Judge Duffey yesterday overruled the deurrer filed by attorneys for Deschutes county in the quo warranto proceedings instituted against the new county. Ten days is given to answer. It is understood that there is strong likelihood of the entire case being dropped shortly.

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