

WILL BEND BOND FOR ROAD? STRAHORN ASKS QUESTION; PEOPLE MUST GIVE ANSWER

CONDITION MADE FOR SUMMER START.

\$100,000 REQUIRED

Road Builder Tells Citizens He Will Guarantee Construction of 40 Miles of Road From Here, Expending \$800,000.

(From Tuesday's Daily)

Will Bend bond itself for \$100,000 to insure immediate construction of the Strahorn road into the Fort Rock valley?

That question was put up to the city council, directors of the Commercial Club and other citizens by Robert E. Strahorn at a meeting held in the council room yesterday afternoon.

If Bend will put up \$100,000, Mr. Strahorn said he will guarantee to begin construction at once and carry it for 40 miles, or over the hill into the Fort Rock valley.

The \$100,000 would not be a donation. For it the city would receive, according to Mr. Strahorn's outline yesterday, a security entitling it to a proportional part of the earnings of the company.

\$800,000 to Be Spent.

This security, in the form of a bond, or some other instrument, would be negotiable and could be sold any time, the price to be received for it depending on the value put on it by investors at the time. If it were held by the city it would constantly share in the company's earnings.

The cost of the 40 miles of construction would be about \$800,000, of which a considerable portion would be spent in Bend.

Railroad shops which will be built here when the railroad is constructed and the road itself will give employment to a number of men, estimated at from 50 to 200.

Strahorn Explains.

In presenting the proposition to the meeting, Mr. Strahorn said that he had always expected to secure 25 to 30 per cent of the cost of the road, in addition to the terminals and right of way, from the communities benefited. Klamath Falls had put up \$300,000 and a fair share from Bend would be \$100,000. He said that he was not arguing that Bend should do this, but simply explaining that if Bend were sufficiently interested to do it, he would guarantee immediate construction.

Following questions from those present, designed to bring out all phases of the proposition, Floyd Dement, as president of the Commercial club, appointed a committee to consider the matter and to canvass the business interests of the town to learn their attitude. The committee, consisting of C. S. Hudson, D. E. Hunter, J. P. Keyes, J. N. Hunter and A. J. Kroenert, is expected to make a report at the meeting of the Commercial club on Wednesday.

WOULD-BE ALASKANS PESTER D. L. WIGGINS

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

If you want to go to Alaska, don't go to the Brooks-Seanlon Lumber Co. office, for the subject is taboo there. This was the declaration of D. L. Wiggins, in charge of the downtown office of the company. In proof of his remark, Mr. Wiggins last night put up a neat sign in red ink on the front door of his office warning applicants that the Brooks-Seanlon Co. knows nothing about the north country.

"Some wag started the report that we were hiring men for an Alaska job," he explained, "and yesterday we were absolutely swamped with men seeking a free trip north. I came back at noon and the office was filled with them, and I was forced to put up a sign in self defense, for the men refused to believe me when I told them I knew nothing of Alaska."

The office was comparatively free from prospective "sour doughs" this afternoon, Mr. Wiggins reported.

SHEEP IMPRISONED BY HEAVY STORMS; SUPPLIES ARE SENT

Adam Kotsman to Leave Tomorrow to Aid His Sons With Flock on Pine Mountain Ridge.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Five hundred head of sheep in charge of Charles and John Kotsman are marooned in the deep snow on Pine Mountain ridge, and are rapidly running short of food, it was reported at the office of the Deschutes national forest this morning.

M. W. Mathieson has left Bend with a truck load of supplies, and Adam Kotsman expects to leave Bend tomorrow morning to aid his sons in caring for their woolly charges.

It may be found necessary to build sheds to shelter the sheep, V. V. Harpham, assistant forest supervisor, announced today.

BOND ISSUE IS VITAL QUESTION

BEND RESIDENTS DEEPLY INTERESTED IN RAILROAD POSSIBILITY—VOTING CHANCE IS OFFERED BY BULLETIN.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Will the \$100,000 bond issue to insure Strahorn construction this summer, be passed?

This was the uppermost in the minds of most Bend residents this morning, and incidentally the chief topic of conversation throughout the business district. Knots of men gathered on the streets and in shops discussing the advantages to Bend of the proposed move, and wondering what action would be taken in the matter.

To give everyone in Bend a chance to register his opinion on the bond issue, The Bulletin is printing on this page, a coupon simplified ballot.

If you have an opinion on the question, either favorable, or unfavorable, cut out the coupon, mark an "X" after "yes" or "no," according to your attitude on the subject, and mail or bring it to The Bulletin. Ballots should be signed, to insure against duplication.

ELKS' CHARTER LOOMS NEARER

PETITION BY LOCAL LODGE MEN TURNED OVER TO DISTRICT DEPUTY BRADLEY FOR HIS APPROVAL.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

That the work undertaken by local Elks to secure a charter for the members of the antlered herd here is progressing most satisfactorily is the report of Vernon A. Forbes, who was instrumental in compiling much of the data sent to the grand officers of the order, with the charter petition a few weeks ago.

Mr. Forbes has received word that the matter has now been turned over to the district deputy, C. O. Bradley, of Portland, and apparently no objections have been made to date, Mr. Forbes states.

Mr. Bradley's recommendation, it is understood, will be sufficient to warrant a dispensation being issued. No charter can be granted until the national convention in June.

JOHNSON HEADS ATHLETIC CLUB

BUILDING COMMITTEE REPORTS.

Bend Amateur Athletic Club, as a Permanent Organization, Now Prepares to Carry Gymnasium to Completion.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The Bend Amateur Athletic club got on a working basis last night as a permanent organization, with the adoption of the constitution and by-laws submitted by the committee elected at the last meeting and the election of officers for the ensuing year.

Carl A. Johnson, cashier of The Shevlin-Hixon Company, and for several years intimately interested in the building up of a large and active membership of the Bemidji Amateur Athletic club, of Bemidji, Minnesota, was elected president without opposition. Other officers elected were Fred A. Woolflen, vice president; board of directors, H. E. Allen, director for one year, T. H. Foley, director for two years, and E. H. Stoehr, director for three years. The secretary and treasurer will be appointed by the board of directors at the first meeting of the board.

Building Committee Reports.

In order to obtain opinions from the members present the building committee, through Lee A. Thomas, architect, submitted a tentative report upon the progress of the work that has been accomplished to date. According to the preliminary figures submitted, the gymnasium building, 70 feet by 114 feet, will cost approximately \$2,500. In so far as there has been such a great demand by the members for a swimming tank, figures were submitted to show a partial approximate cost for this feature. Exclusive of the heating features necessary to complete the tank Mr. Thomas estimates that the pool will cost about \$4000, and as to the heating and plumbing, the committee will be prepared to submit an approximate figure at the next regular meeting next Monday night at the Emblem club.

As the present plan provides, the building will virtually be a three-story structure. In the basement will be the swimming pool, 60 by 20 feet, locker rooms, boiler room, bowling alley and kitchen. The main floor will accommodate the gymnasium, 70 feet square, with walls 40 feet high and a balcony. That entertainments may be properly cared for, a stage 20 feet wide and 20 feet deep with dressing rooms, has been included in the plans. On the second floor in the front of the building will be three club rooms to be used for billiard rooms, lounging rooms and library, so arranged and partitioned that they may be thrown into one large room.

D. E. Hunter Thanked.

Deeming it the proper time to express his appreciation, the club unanimously voted The Bend Company and D. E. Hunter, its manager, its expression of thanks and appreciation for the gift that that company made of property upon which the gymnasium is to be constructed.

BEND ELECTION LAW SIMPLIFIED

DEPARTURE IS MADE FROM STATUTE.

Council Shortens Time for Initiative and Referendum, to Facilitate Passage of City Funding Bond Ordinance.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Instead of being governed by the cumbersome statutory provisions regulating the invoking of initiative or referendum, Bend now has a system all its own. A charter amendment providing for the change was passed last night under an emergency clause by the city council in special session, on special request from Keeler Bros., of Denver, in connection with the \$16,000 city funding bond issue, in return for which the Denver firm is to take up the city's warrant indebtedness.

The chief change made is that 10 days instead of 60 is required for preliminaries in the holding of an initiative or referendum election, the time being shortened to allow the bond issue to be authorized as soon as possible. It is also pointed out that the new provisions will be of considerable aid in case of an election to authorize a \$100,000 bond issue to insure the commencement of construction on the Strahorn railway from Bend.

Would Alter Seal.

The communication from Keeler Bros., in which the recommendation was made, also asked that the city change its official seal, so as to read "Deschutes county" instead of Crook county.

Other matters considered by the council consisted of business left over from the previous meeting. The ordinance regulating license fees for pool and billiard rooms, on a graduated scale, was passed, the new dog muzzling ordinance was officially approved, and the ordinance providing a \$5 license fee instead of the \$2 fee hitherto levied for boxing and wrestling exhibitions, was passed.

City Engineer Robert B. Gould was authorized to begin work on plans, specifications and estimates of cost for the construction of sewer lateral No. 30.

All members of the council were present.

LYCEUM REACHES END

Musical Entertainment, as the Final Number, Draws Good House.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Appearing in a varied program at the Grand Theatre last night, the Brewer Musical Entertainers closed the lyceum season in Bend. Despite other entertainments offered at the same time, a good crowd attended, and enjoyed the vocal and instrumental numbers given by Mrs. Brewer and her two daughters. The instrumental program consisted of violin, clarinet, piano and trombone selections.

The entertainment was given under the auspices of the Bend high school.

REMAINDER OF INN BLOCK TAKEN OVER

Property 110 by 210 Feet Will Be Put Into Tennis Courts for Use of the Guests.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Making her first visit to Bend to attend the opening of the Pilot Butte Inn on Saturday night, Mrs. Lester R. Brooks, whose son, Philip R. Brooks, owns the hotel, has been so impressed with the location and future possibilities of the town that she has insisted that the remainder of the block on which the hotel is situated be acquired. She has therefore purchased the lot from H. J. Overturf and will give it to her son in connection with the successful inauguration of his hotel enterprise.

The property which Mrs. Brooks is buying lies on Wall street beyond the present inn property and has a considerable grade down from the street. It is Mrs. Brooks' intention to park it and build tennis courts for the use of guests of the hotel. Other portions of the lot in the rear of the inn are now being put in shape for lawns and gardens.

The new lot is 110x210 feet in size and gives the hotel a complete block for expansion.

SNOW CUTS OFF SUPPLY OF FOOD

AUTOISTS HAVE THRILLING EXPERIENCE IN TRYING TO TAKE PROVISIONS TO CONNELLY BY FOX BUTTE ROAD.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Cut off by heavy snow from the usual supply of provisions from Bend, the residents of Connelly, in the Fort Rock section, are rapidly running short of food, it was reported here today. A relief expedition comprising three auto loads of supplies in charge of George Stoke, M. W. Mathieson, Jim Dunn, F. D. Freestone, Sam Dixon and Joe and Charles Anderson, attempted to reach the town via the Fox Butte road but were unable to make any headway through the deep drifts.

Stalled near Fox Butte, the party sent Charles Anderson ahead to endeavor to find a way for them to get through, but he returned the next morning, both heels frozen, and no suggestions to offer. Late at night, when several miles from camp, he had attempted to seek shelter in the huge mail box of Frank L. Watkins, a homesteader in the section, but was too large to gain entrance.

STRAHORN NOTES WEST'S ADVANCE

THE RAILROAD BUILDER CELEBRATES THE ANNIVERSARY OF FIGHT WITH INDIANS DURING THE SIOUX WAR.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

While Robert E. Strahorn was speaking at the Pilot Butte Inn Saturday night on the occasion of the formal opening of the new hotel, few realized that he was celebrating the anniversary of one of the most thrilling episodes in his career. The story leaked out last night just before the road builder took his departure from Bend.

Forty-one years ago, on St. Patrick's day, Mr. Strahorn, as a newspaper correspondent, rode with a company of 47 soldiers during the Sioux war, to surprise an Indian village. After riding and marching 48 hours, the surprise was effected, but another party supposed to have come up from the other side, failed to fight it out for themselves, surrounded by 300 warriors.

Mr. Strahorn was in the thick of the fray. "General Crook used to say that I was better with a rifle than with a pen," he remarked, "and it was lucky for me that this was so, for every man was needed that day."

"I cannot help contrasting the hardships which we endured in those days, with the development of today. When the army was on the Yellowstone, we were 500 miles from the nearest army post and the only railroad across the continent was the Union Pacific. Everything was wilderness, and the hardships we underwent were typical of the period."

BOND ISSUE IS FAVORED BY PEOPLE

PLAN FINDS FAVOR, IS CENSUS SHOWING.

URGE CONSTRUCTION

Faith in Future Declared Keynote of Situation—A Few Oppose From Business Standpoint—Many See Klamath Menace.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

That a majority of Bend people would be in favor of a \$100,000 city bond issue to insure the beginning of construction on the Strahorn line from Bend this summer, was shown by a canvass taken today of men in various walks of life. A number were uncertain, and stated that they would have to be shown where the good to be gained would counterbalance the expenditure, but those absolutely against the proposition were comparatively few. "We can't afford to let Klamath Falls get ahead of Bend in this" was the chief argument advanced for the voting of the bond issue.

The members of the Commercial club committee, A. J. Kroenert, J. P. Keyes, J. N. Hunter, C. S. Hudson and Dr. D. E. Hunter, were by no means unanimous.

Committee Splits.

A. J. Kroenert, of the Bend Flour Mills, declared that his vote would be favorable. "Bend's former experience in railroad construction matters has been that we derived little benefit from the money spent in construction," he said. "This has been because we were at the tail end of construction, with some other city gaining the profit. If the line is built from Klamath Falls, the same will hold true, but if Bend is at the head end of construction, this city will have an immediate advantage from the railroad payroll, and with the added railway service, will become a center for jobbing establishments. The improvements incident to railroad construction will more than take care of the interest on the bonds."

Dr. D. E. Hunter, president of the Central Oregon Bank, was unwilling to be quoted. "Because of the large interests with which I am connected, both the Central Oregon Bank, and the Bend Co., I feel that it would be improper for me to make any statement until I have consulted with our stockholders," he said.

J. N. Hunter, of Hunter & Staats Realty Co., was undecided as to whether or not the bond issue would be advisable, and declared that he would have to give the matter more thorough investigation before rendering a decision.

C. S. Hudson, president of the First National Bank, was not ready to make any statement.

F. Dement, president of the Commercial club, considered the question too weighty to give an opinion before further investigation, and the same view was taken by Barney O'Donnell, of O'Donnell Bros.

"I'm for the bonds. I'd be for them if the issue was \$300,000 instead of \$100,000," said A. M. Pringle, of the United Warehouse Co.

Dr. B. Ferrell intimated that he would be against the bonds, acting on the principle of "when in doubt, vote no."

Anton Aune pledged his support to the issue. "It's all right, I think," he said.

A. L. French was enthusiastic. "I'm mightily in favor of it. Let's get all the improvements we can," was his statement.

S. L. Wiggins, local agent for the O.-W. R. & N., favored the construction of the Strahorn line. "If assurance can be given that construction will be carried through, I'm for the bond issue," he said.

F. T. Parker, of The Bend Water, Light & Power Co., could see no room for argument. He favored the bond issue as a direct means for good in the community.

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Do You Favor or Oppose the Strahorn Bond Issue?

In order to get at the public sentiment in respect to the proposed Strahorn bond issue of \$100,000 to insure the beginning of construction this summer, there is printed below a coupon vote which every voter is urged to clip and send to The Bulletin with his choice marked. Please sign your ballot and send to The Bulletin at once.

Strahorn \$100,000 Bond Issue
YES NO
MARK (X) CROSS AFTER SIDE VOTED FOR
Signed
Question