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ASSESSOR ENDS 1917 ESTIMATE

COUNTY PROPERTY IS SET AT \$5,086,030.

Public Utilities Values Still to Be Turned in by State—Livestock and Lumber Values Reach a High Amount.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Exclusive of the estimates yet to be placed on public utilities, the values of which are to be fixed by the State Tax Commission, property in Deschutes county is worth \$5,086,030 according to the report made by County Assessor W. T. Mullarkey to the County Board of Equalization, in session daily this week. On a rough estimate derived from Crook county public utilities assessments two years ago, Mr. Mullarkey believes that this year will reach around a half million, and is of the opinion that the total assessments for the county will be at least this much in excess of last year's valuation. An accurate comparison, however, will be impossible, as Deschutes county was a part of Crook a year ago.

General divisions of Mr. Mullarkey's report this year show the following items: Personal property, \$984,140; lands, \$2,243,175; city realty, \$498,715.

Much Land Tillable.

In the division of lands, the cultivated area in the county totals 45,646 acres, and is valued at \$502,310, or an average of \$10.33 per acre. Land suited for agricultural purposes, but uncultivated, amounts to 79,968 acres, with a value of \$338,315, non-tillable land covering an area of 125,183 acres, is assessed at \$190,950, while timber land, extending over 244,042 acres, is valued at \$1,634,035.

Under the classification of personal property, the following items are found: Machinery, \$200,880; merchandise, \$233,580, and autos \$92,125. Horses are numbered at 2982, with a total valuation of \$97,629, or \$32.73 per head. Cattle are valued at \$23.98 a head, which with 6716 enumerated, gives \$155,049. Eight thousand, four hundred and eleven head of sheep in the county are valued at \$4.01 a head, or \$33,795, and swine at \$5.62 a head are assessed at an aggregate of \$2756.

New Tracts Taxed.

As an oddity in values, it was noted that dogs were assessed at an average of \$11.15, while cultivated land is rated at only \$10.33 per acre.

Large tracts of land on which taxes were never before paid, were listed this year by Deschutes county's first assessor, 59,720 acres, representing a valuation of \$105,280, appearing for the first time on the tax rolls. The greater part of this was composed of homesteads on which final proof was made, while the remainder represented land brought into the taxable class by the closing of contracts with the state for acreage under the Tumalo, or C. O. I. projects.

Few Complaints Made.

While entire valuations for Deschutes county property reach \$5,086,030, the appraisements have been made practically on a 50 per cent basis, indicating that the wealth of the county is approximately double the amount.

The session of the county's first equalization board, composed of County Judge W. D. Barnes, Clerk J. H. Hanor and Assessor Mullarkey, is proving an uneventful one so far, practically no complaints having been filed with the exception of a few claiming faulty classification of the lands. Only small sums are involved in any of the complaints.

REORGANIZE DITCH LINE.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Organization of the McCallister District Improvement Company will take place next Saturday at 2 o'clock at the Plainview school house. The new body plans to put the old ditch line in shape so that it will carry sufficient water to the large number of farms now using it. A preliminary meeting was held last Saturday by the promoters of the company.

GRASS FED STEERS SHIPPED FROM BEND

Three Carloads of Cattle, First of the Season, are in Good Shape when Brought in Off Range.

(From Monday's Daily.)

The first grass fed steers to be sent out from Bend this season, were shipped yesterday to the Portland markets, three carloads making up the entire consignment. The cattle were in excellent conditions, and were in ideal shape for range fed stock.

Two cars were sent out from the Glasgow ranch near La Pine, while one car was sent by G. O. Gerking, of Tumalo.

HIGHWAY REPORT IS GIVEN CLUB

COUNTY COMMISSIONER SMITH TELS BOOSTERS OF WORK BEING DONE—COUNTY EXHIBIT IN PORTLAND DISCUSSED.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Interest at the weekly meeting of the Bend Commercial club at the Pilot House Inn this noon centered about the report of County Commissioner L. E. Smith, on the La Pine-Bend highway improvement. Mr. Smith assuring the club members that everything is being done under the direction of State Highway Engineer Nunn, and that work will begin in dead earnest as soon as an auto truck and trailer ordered for the hauling of cinders arrive. He stated that the same plan would be followed as that adopted at Redmond, laying the cinders on the dust and waiting for the first rain to supply moisture for binding.

The matter of securing government funds for sinking an experiment artesian well in this section was reopened, letters being read from Congressman N. J. Sinnott and Senator Charles McNary, promising their aid. The club authorized investigation to determine the best location in Central Oregon for such a well.

The club discussed the question of a county exhibit at the Manufacturers' and Land Products show in Portland in November, and President DeWent was requested to appoint a committee to confer with a similar group from the Redmond Commercial club to consider the advisability of taking such a step.

County Agriculturalist Ward, succeeding R. A. Blanchard, spoke for a few moments to the boosters, outlining the work to be followed for the next year, and declaring that he intended as far as possible to carry out the program mapped out by Mr. Blanchard.

RED CROSS WILL PROVIDE \$1,000

BEND CHAPTER TO CONTRIBUTE TO UNIVERSITY OF OREGON HOSPITAL UNIT—SUMPTER RELIEF FUND GETS \$50.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The Bend chapter of the American Red Cross will assist in equipping the hospital unit to be sent to France by the University of Oregon by contributing \$1000 to the \$40,000 fund needed. This action was decided on at a meeting of the officers of the local chapter held last night. The donation will be paid from the 25 per cent of the proceeds of the recent Red Cross drive which the local chapter retains. A donation of \$50 to the Sumpter relief fund was also voted.

Authority to establish auxiliaries at Brooks-Scanlon Camp 1 and at Tumalo was voted and the petition of Madras to form a branch was granted. The meeting for organization at Madras is expected to be held on Tuesday and a representative of the Bend chapter will be in attendance.

Arrangements are also being made to push the work of forming auxiliaries all over the county, it being planned to send speakers to meetings wherever they can be arranged.

DRAFTED MEN GIVEN NOTICE

DISTRICT BOARD RETURNS PARTIAL REPORT, NAMING MEN WHO GO TO AMERICAN LAKE SEPTEMBER 19.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Notices to 15 men who will constitute the 40 per cent of the first draft in Deschutes county to leave for American Lake on September 19 were mailed last night by the local conscription board. In addition to the 15, notices were also issued to five substitutes who will be called on in case any of the 15 regularly called should for any reason fail to appear. The call is based on a certified list compiled by the district draft board last Saturday.

Those who are included in the September 19 division are given in their order, as follows, the five substitutes appearing at the last of the list: Chester E. Moore, Bend; Lyle M. Richardson, Bend; Ralph J. Byland, Bend; John W. Garrison, Deschutes; Loren A. Campbell, Lower Bridge; Frank O. Gray, Bend; Lester Vaughn, Bend; Galen Johnson, Bend; Gerald Eastham, Bend; Arthur P. Cook, Bend; Frank G. Olson, Redmond; Elbert E. Cook, Bend; Ernest F. Peterson, Imperial; Bert L. Rogers, Bend; Ralph T. Cooper, Bend; William W. Wheeler, Redmond; Chester A. Brown, Redmond; John H. Johnson, Millican; Ben H. Norris, Bend; Horace K. Cooke, Millican.

Twelve more are certified to by the district board as part of the second 40 per cent to go from Deschutes county. In the order designated, they are: Alphonse W. Aya, La Pine; Henry N. Fowler, Bend; Lewis S. Allen, Sisters; Hugh P. Crow, Hampton; George H. Barclay, Tumalo; Charles E. Axtell, Bend; Edward J. Peterman, Bend; N. Peterman, Bend; Charles A. Nickell, Bend; Homer C. Grogan, Sisters; Lynn Wilson, Sisters; Herbert S. McKinney, Millican.

SALES ARE MADE IN THE TUMALO SECTION

(From Thursday's Daily.)

Another sale in the Tumalo district was announced today in the transfer by R. M. Smith of his 80 acres of irrigated land, now in crops, to Lewis W. Adams. The consideration was not given. Mr. Inman, of Kenwood, purchased a 40-acre tract in the Tumalo section. Both sales were handled by J. B. Miner.

Presidio is Last Word in Intensive Life, says Bulletin Man in Letter

How the time of the candidates for commissions at Presidio is packed to the limit and how life in training camp is absolutely the last word in intensiveness, is told in a letter received today from Fred A. Woodlen, former news editor of The Bulletin. Mr. Woodlen writes as follows:

Time is the principal element entering into the composition of this letter as there is a gun to clean, several assignments to read and study, signals to learn.

It may be said that the commander of our company gave us a six mile hike with complete pack, weighing approximately 50 pounds, exclusive of rifle. In addition to this, today from 5 o'clock on we have had three hours of company drill, one hour of stiff physical drill, several conferences and plenty of other details that keep all the men of the camp going.

Never in my life have I lived so intensively. This is the statement of, I believe, 1524 men who make up the muster roll of the camp. The life is intensive from 5:15 in the morning, when the men rise for reveille, until taps are sounded at 10 o'clock in the evening.

Men, who were here during the first camp say that the second camp has it all over the first on the point of speed and efficiency. The men, for the most part are older and more experienced and it is a rare thing to find a man with as little experience as myself in military tactics. The captain of the company stated today

DOWNING MAKES BIG REALTY BUY

GETS UNSOLD LOTS IN HASTINGS AND LARCH ADDITIONS, WITH APARTMENT HOUSE AND SEVERAL OTHER BUILDINGS.

(From Friday's Daily.)

That interest in the local realty market is becoming keener than ever is manifested in the purchase by William P. Downing from S. Murasaki of the remainder of the unsold lots in Hastings and Larch addition, together with a 24-room apartment house, one five-room cottage, a store building and two medium sized dwellings. The consideration involved in the transaction was not learned, but it is understood that the values represented will total \$20,000.

The lots are 50 in number, but will not be thrown on the market. Mr. Downing states, believing that there is a growing demand especially among the mill employes, for houses which can be had at medium rentals, he will start within a short time the construction of a number of small cottages on his now vacant property. The cost represented will be a minimum of \$1000 per dwelling.

SISTERS RECEIVES FARM LOAN CHARTER

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The Sisters National Farm Loan Association has just received its charter and has opened an office at Cloverdale. Officers of the new company are Arthur Templeton, president; A. E. Peterson, secretary and treasurer, and Frank J. Burling, John W. Gotter, B. C. Cline, C. A. Burnside and W. F. Fryrear, directors. Although organized some time back, the association could not do business until officially recognized.

GRANGE PICKS SPEAKERS.

Speakers for the county harvest festival to be held October 5 under the auspices of the Bend Grange have been picked by the committee. Those on the program will be C. S. Hudson, R. P. Minter, R. A. Blanchard, C. E. Spence. The committee composed of E. E. Butler, C. M. Bragg and Lee Nickerson met Friday with Julius Peterson, Fred Reynolds and R. A. Ward to arrange a premium list. This, however, has not yet been completed. Neither has the domestic science speaker been decided upon.

BEND WATER SUPPLY BEYOND CRITICISM

State Board of Health Analyzes the Water and Finds Neither Gas Nor Colon Bacilli.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

That the Bend water supply is absolutely above criticism, is the report received by Manager T. H. Foley, of the Bend Water, Light & Power Co., from the State Board of Health, the report resulting from an analysis of a sample of average city water.

Neither gas nor colon bacilli were found, and only a minimum of organic matter was noted.

WOMEN READY TO REGISTER

CARDS ARE RECEIVED, AND DEFENSE COUNCIL OF BEND APPOINTS WOMEN TO DISTRIBUTE BLANKS.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Committees to handle the distribution of cards for women's registration day on September 15 were picked last night at the meeting of the Bend branch of the Women's Committee of the Council of National Defense, in the Presbyterian church. The cards have been received by the local chairman, Mrs. C. P. Niswonger, and are now in the hands of her assistants. They will be sent out several days previous to the registration which will be handled at designated polling places by regulation boards. District chairmen appointed last night are Mrs. A. Neff, country east of town; Mrs. E. D. Gilson, Kenwood; Mrs. J. P. Reynolds, Park Addition; Mrs. H. M. Greiner, Weistoria; Mrs. C. P. Niswonger, Bend proper.

The cards have places where the registrar marks her profession or other accomplishments, gives age, experience, education, time pledged for volunteer service and personal equipment. Requests may be made for special training in any branch. Other information of value which may be drawn upon in case women are needed to fill vacancies left by the absence of men at the front may also be recorded.

SIGN CONTRACT FOR CITY BONDS

BEND COUNCIL RATIFIES AGREEMENT WITH LUMBERMEN'S TRUST CO.—PREFERENCE FOR CINDER ROAD IS SHOWN.

To ratify the contract authorized the night before between the city of Bend and the Lumbermen's Trust Co., of Portland, to make possible the issuing of Bancroft bonds to finance the improvement of Newport avenue to the city limits, the city council held a second meeting this week with Carlos C. Close, of the trust company, approved a contract with the company and witnessed the signing by Mayor S. C. Caldwell and Recorder H. C. Ellis.

The contract is only for the bonding of the Newport avenue district, and allows the trust company a three per cent commission for arranging all preliminaries, and for guaranteeing a bid of par at any time the bonds are put on the market. The city holds an option under the contract to have similar work done on subsequent bond issues, at two and one-half per cent. The option holds for only six months, although the council was offered the opportunity of making it for a year.

Discussion at the meeting was limited to the Newport improvement, and the council, hardly with exception, were of the opinion that a cinder surfacing would be the most advisable.

City officials present were Mayor S. C. Caldwell, Recorder Ellis, City Engineer Robert B. Gould and Councilmen John Steid, Louis Bennett, A. Edwards, C. V. Silves and Clyde M. McKay.

FEDERAL LOANS COMING NEARER

U. S. APPRAISOR WILL BE HERE SOON.

Farm Loans Asked by Deschutes County Ranchers to Be Given Final Inspection—Total Is Now Over \$125,000.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

After considerable delay, farmers in Deschutes county and other parts of Central Oregon, who have organized to take advantage of the Federal Farm Loan act, see actual results ahead as indicated by a letter received by Judge H. C. Ellis from the Spokane Farm Loan Bank, in which it is stated that a government inspector will soon be here to pass on applications made for federal money.

The appraiser is now working through Malheur county, but will come to Bend immediately afterward, and devote his attention to local conditions until the applications made by the various farm loan organizations are cleaned up. At present all applications have been passed on locally, but the recommendation of the inspector will determine definitely just which are to be granted, and whether or not any are to be cut down from the amounts asked. Not only the security offered will be considered, but also whether the applicant's reasons for wishing to secure government aid are in accordance with the public policy which prompted the enactment of the law.

Four farm loan associations in Deschutes county, one composed of farmers near Bend, one including Sisters ranchers, one in Millican valley and one in the Redmond vicinity, have applications for loans of government funds which will run over \$125,000.

FARMER RUN DOWN BY MOTOR TRUCK

T. R. Perry Sustains Wrenched Arm and Broken Ribs—Says Auto Speeding Dangerously.

(From Monday's Daily.)
Partially recovering from injuries received last week when his wagon was run down by one of the Wray auto trucks, T. R. Perry, a rancher living a mile out of Bend, is able to be about again, but is still suffering considerably as the result of the accident. A badly wrenched arm and three broken ribs were the chief injuries sustained.

The collision occurred at the corner of Greenwood and Third, shortly after 7 o'clock Friday night. The stage was speeding, according to Perry, and was not on the right side of the road.

WILL EXAMINE FOR CERTIFIED TUBERS

O. A. C. Professor Will Go Over Land Entered in Production of High Grade Potato Seed.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

The second inspection of potato fields in the Deschutes Valley will be made by Prof. J. E. Larson, of the State Agricultural college, on September 17, and much interest is being exhibited by the potato growers of this section of the state in this work. Already 83 acres have been entered in certification work, and it is expected that at the close of the inspection 100 acres of potatoes will qualify as certified seed.

The necessity of producing potato seed with a substantial guarantee behind them has long been realized by the county agricultural agent of Crook and Deschutes counties, and this work is at all times given first consideration by Mr. R. A. Ward, county agriculturalist.

The Deschutes Valley potatoes have already topped the market as seed potatoes, and at the close of the present season these potatoes will be in greater demand than before. Indications are that the Deschutes Valley will become the potato seed producing section of the Pacific Northwest.