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EIGHT HOUR DAY IN MILLS ORDER BEGINS TOMORROW

Government Official Issues Instructions to Lumber Manufacturers--Bend Plants Receive no Official Message From War Department, but Express Willingness to Assist Government--Object is to Stabilize the Lumber Industries

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 28.—Beginning tomorrow the eight hour day will be effective in every lumber mill and camp in Oregon and Washington. Colonel Disque told the Lumbermen's Protective association at a conference here this morning. This is one of the features of the government's control of the fir and spruce industries. The shorter day has been granted partly in appreciation of the efforts of the Loyal Legion and partly to stabilize the industry by eliminating the rush of employes of the pine and fir mills to those of the spruce manufacturers.

Two Portland mills have been taken over by federal authorities and will be put at work finishing airplane parts. This action followed the authorization of Colonel Disque to command any spruce lumber or mills. The Protective Association passed a resolution expressing confidence in Disque and pledging support of the government program. Colonel Disque announced that he does not believe it will ever be necessary for the government to take over the spruce and fir mills. February spruce shipments this year were the greatest ever made and the prospects are for a big increase.

After viewing the above dispatch from Portland, the local managements of both the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company and The Shevlin-Hixon Company stated that they had not received any direct order from the government to run on an eight hour basis but that it was evident an order was in effect to do so and accordingly they would start an eight hour day March 1, the wage question to be left to a conference with Colonel Disque, as it is understood that he has established a certain basis upon which to work and they would un-

doubtedly be acquainted with it in the next few days.

They expressed their desire to support the government's program in every detail and have confidence in Colonel Disque's judgment that this was the proper solution for the hours of labor at this time and that he would have the proper solution for the wages.

The mills will start at 8 and run until 12 o'clock, starting again at 1 and running until 5 o'clock.

When asked if possible to ever run three shifts, it was stated that sawmills could under no consideration run three eight-hour shifts due to the nature of the machinery and the necessity for repairs between shifts.

COUNTY CLERK'S FEES SHOW LARGE GAINS

(From Friday's Daily.)
Fees collected by the county clerk's office for the month of February have shown an increase of about \$120 over the previous year. Figures prepared today by Miss Eleanor Whitmore, deputy clerk, are as follows:

	1918	1917
Recording	\$274.25	\$168.26
Circuit court	92.50	45.90
Probate court	5.00	42.50
Marriage licenses..	12.00	9.00
	\$383.75	\$264.76

WILL CALL FOR GOODS FOR RED CROSS SHOP

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Persons having goods to contribute to the Red Cross Superfluity Shop to be opened in Bend next week, who are unable to bring them in to headquarters should telephone Mrs. H. K. Brooks and she will arrange to have them called for.

SITUATION IS ENTIRELY AIRED

NEGOTIATIONS FOR TAKING OVER MAINTENANCE BY DISTRICT DISCUSSED—FIRST STEP ACCOMPLISHED WITH BOARD'S ACCEPTANCE.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 28.—(Special to The Bulletin.)—Numerous phases of the situation as to the Central Oregon Irrigation Company's project were aired at Tuesday's meeting of the Desert Land Board, when representatives of the new irrigation district and the C. O. I. company met to enlighten the board as to approving the district plan. In a nutshell the district plan was approved with the understanding that Attorney Claude C. McColloch for the district, and Jesse Stearns for the company, would get together as to the future of the saleable acres still held by the company.

The company desires that these acres be maintained by the district ferred that it gave some leeway over district is willing to maintain what it can, it does not wish to be encumbered with the necessity of maintaining acreage for which it has not the water, to be detrimental to the interests of those already holding water rights and acreage under the district.

Suggest Picking Board.

Discussion disclosed the fact that the company admits it probably will not be allowed to sell any more lands than the government will patent and any more lands than there is water to irrigate. Consequently, after eight years of difficulty, it is likely that the settlers and the company will get together on some such basis. The suggestion was advanced that a board of disinterested engineers be named to determine the capacity of the canals on the project and thus ascertain how many acres could be sold safely so there would be a guarantee of their being furnished water. But the idea of a board of engineers carried with it the idea of heavy expense and this feature all parties shied away from immediately. The company was anxious to get a peep at Archibold's report on the capacity. This report was made for the government. It is understood, and a copy of it is in the possession of State Engineer Lewis. He stated the copy was furnished him confidentially, and he refused to divulge what the report contained as to the capacity of the canal, although an intimation was offered that it gave some leeway over the present margin. The time that would be consumed in securing permission from the government to look into this report was taken as a barrier to basing the capacity of the canals on that report, although permission to secure data from it for this particular use may still be secured, now that the matter has been turned over to representatives of the company and the project for an agreement.

Has Different View.

Stearns said for the company, during the discussion, that the State Engineer had decided that all the water available was in use on lands already under irrigation, but he stated that the company took a different view of the matter. "In event the view of Mr. Lewis is correct and we should turn this maintenance problem over to the district, the company would be bottled up and could sell no more lands. We have no desire to indefinitely continue the operation of the system. But the Carey act contemplated that the company should have possessory rights until the reclamation lien is worked out." State Engineer Lewis submitted to the board his plan for a comprehensive development of all the lands in the Central Oregon country, by adding 100,000 acres to the irrigable area, building a dam at Benham Falls and entering into arrangements with the North Unit and other sections to irrigate the whole mammoth project through one system.

Suggestion Visionary.

Attorney McColloch, for the settlers, stated that no doubt much merit lay in the suggestion of Mr. Lewis, but that it was visionary at the present time, although he believed it to be a vision which would come true, possibly in the near future. But, he stated, he was inclined to the belief that the settlers who had formed the district would be timid about buying up all the unsold lands of the company and depend on recouping themselves by selling to the North Unit project. Mr. McColloch pointed out that the Central Oregon Irrigation Company now has three interests left in Central Oregon. One of these is the reclamation lien on lands sold; another is in the unsold lands in the project, and the third the equity in the un-

finished North Canal. He stated that the thing to be done was for the company to withdraw as to the end of the maintenance end of the project, sell its lands as fast as water could be secured for them, and to let the property in the North Canal take care of itself, declaring that as the district developed it would develop the value of the work on the North Canal and make it that much more saleable for the company.

Governor Makes Suggestion.

Governor Withycombe suggested the naming of a consulting board of engineers to determine the capacity of the canal system so that the company and the district could reach some definite agreement as to the handling of the unsold lands. This, as stated, was discussed at length, but finally abandoned from the standpoint of expense.

Another question that arose, but which remained unsettled, was that of the \$6 an acre alleged to be due to the company because of a difference in the early maintenance contracts. Some of these were for maintenance at 30 cents an acre and some at \$1 an acre. The company believes it should be reimbursed at the rate of \$6 an acre for those contracts which had the advantage of the better rate, but this was a question left undecided.

Attorney McColloch pointed out, in this regard, that it is a generally settled conviction now in Central Oregon that maintenance on the project cannot be furnished for less than \$1 an acre and that this will probably be the fixed price under the present district plan.

Must Submit Decision.

Under the final decision, in which the board approved the district plan, it is understood that any agreement was reached between Mr. McColloch, for the settlers, and Mr. Stearns, for the company, will in itself be submitted to the board for its approval, and from the attitude taken by the board today, if such an agreement can be reached the board will promptly ratify it.

The general expression of opinion at the meeting was to the effect that there is a better feeling existing among the settlers on the project at this time than there has been for years in the past, and that the adjustment practically reached at the meeting settles most questions which have been sore spots in the Deschutes valley almost since irrigation started there.

WARNING IS SENT TO PROPERTY OWNERS

(From Saturday's Daily.)
Notices were sent out today by Chief of Police, L. A. W. Nixon, ordering about 50 property owners to clean up their premises. The spring housecleaning campaign is aimed principally at alleys littered with boxes behind store buildings. Ash and rubbish heaps are also numerous.

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RYE NOW INCLUDED IN SUBSTITUTE LIST

(From Thursday's Daily.)
So long as the supply of rolled rye flakes put out by the Bend mill lasts, they may be used as a substitute for flour. This is the latest order received by County Food Administrator H. C. Hartranft. Hitherto rye has not been included in the list of substitutes on account of its scarcity. However, because there are so few substitutes for wheat flour in this section, an exception has been made to the order.

DANCE BRINGS \$50 FOR READING ROOM

(From Thursday's Daily.)
Approximately \$50 was realized from the Library Club dance given last night in the Hippodrome for the benefit of the city reading room. The refreshment table, at which coffee and sandwiches were served, proved a popular attraction. A good-sized crowd turned out to the dance.

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