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LEGISLATURE END IS NEAR

FORMAL CLOSING MAY BE DEFERRED.

Little Reconstruction Work Done, in Spite of Patriotic Talk, and More Time Is Needed if Program Is Carried Out.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

SALEM, Feb. 20.—On Friday, February 21, the thirtieth Oregon legislature is scheduled to close under the constitutional provision for a 40 days' session, but there are indications that it may be a hangover for a few days. In addition there is the remote possibility that the session may be extended by a special session to consider reconstruction problems, and there is also a possibility that the members may cause an adjournment on Saturday night, which will take it over for a few days into next week.

All of these are contingencies which will be decided by the leaders during the closing hours, which will be fast and furious closing hours if this legislature accomplishes anything like what it set out to do.

Too Much Talk, Is Plaint.

The chances for a special session are remote, but nevertheless these chances exist. There have been numerous efforts made to get somewhere on reconstruction problems; numerous suggestions have been made; numerous bills introduced; numerous orations orated, and numerous minor sized heads have grappled on numerous times, places and occasions with numerous major sized reconstruction problems. Everything has tended toward chaos, indecision and waving of the grand old flag. Everybody has talked about what they would like to do for the soldiers and everybody has done nothing; everybody has dissertated, written thesis after thesis, lobbied, paraded and shouted patriotism, but still the reconstruction problem, in all its magnitude, has flopped up to swat them in the face, when the last words were said. There has been considerable groping and parrying and thrusting and swatting back and forth; there has been this man and that man with this idea and that idea, and when the various men and ideas have come together there has been a splash, and the ideas and men have flattened.

Experts Called In.

There has been a mighty calling in of experts. Up to this time no one knew that there existed such a breed as "reconstruction experts" in the state, but they have popped up on all sides. They have experted sideways, and frontwards and backwards, but have always experted about in such a manner as to never get anywhere.

Out of the plentitude of all of this bunk seems to have arisen but one thought—and that is to issue bonds. Everyone desires to issue bonds. Everyone is obsessed with a mad belief that if there is a sufficient number of bonds issued, no matter what for, or how, or why, every living

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LEAK IN DITCH TO BE STOPPED

SETTLERS BEYOND LA PINE REPORTED TO BE PLANNING BIG IMPROVEMENT TO SECURE WATER THIS SEASON.

(From Thursday's Daily.)

For the first time in two years, the Morson ditch is to be made available for the watering of some 4000 acres beyond La Pine, according to arrangements which have been made with the owner of the irrigation system, it was learned today. A break in the ditch and a sink hole which appeared two seasons ago will be repaired by the settlers at an approximate cost of $20,000, it is understood, no charge being made for water use in exchange for the improvement.

It is believed that water will be available for use on the ranches of the vicinity during the coming irrigating season, as work is to start as soon as weather conditions permit.

Tentative plans are being considered for the organization of a district and the taking over of the entire ditch sstem, it is understood.

FREE EMPLOYMENT BUREAU STARTED

(From Friday's Daily.)

To serve country as well as city, the Bend Commercial club has established what is virtually a free employment bureau. Miss Nell Markel, manager of the club, has moved her headquarters from the O'Kane building to the city rest room, and the with the manless job, started pritask of connecting the jobless man marily for the benefit of the returning soldiers, will be made a special feature of club work.

All farmers and other employers who are in need of help or who know that they will be shortly are asked to report to Miss Markel, and the invitation to men returning from the service and in need of work to register at the club is reiterated.

SINNOTT CRITICIZES COMMITTEE'S DELAY

(From Monday's Daily.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 17.—Stirred by vigorous criticism of their dilatory tactics delivered by Congressman N. J. Sinnott of Oregon, the house committee on irrigation has decided to hold another meeting Saturday on the subject of the billion dollar reclamation bill.

"You should put this bill beyond the rhetoric stage in this congress," he said with emphasis in addressing the committee. "All you have done, gentlemen, has been to fiddle-faddle and indulge in beautiful rhetoric. What we demand, what the west demands, and what the returning soldiers are going to demand, is action. I shall hold this committee and the present national administration responsible for this do-nothing policy, and I shall see that the country finds out who has stood in the way of this much-needed legislation."

COUNTIES MAY DEMAND FUNDS

ACTION IS PLANNED BY COMMERCIAL CLUB.

Alliance with Wasco, Jefferson and Klamath Outlined—Advice on City Finances Requested by Mayor Eastes.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

A half million dollars will be asked from the state highway commission for the construction of The Dalles-California highway, if plans advocated this noon by H. H. De Armond and endorsed by the Bend Commercial club are carried out. In a letter read to the business men at their regular meeting this noon, Mr. De Armond declared that Central Oregon is being entirely ignored in the present state road program, and advised that steps be taken to secure a meeting of delegates from Wasco, Jefferson, Deschutes and Klamath counties to make a united effort to secure funds for highway construction which will benefit all four counties. Communications to the other counties concerned will be sent off at once.

Discussion on the subject was started by the receipt of letters from Representative Burdick, in which the Central Oregon legislator optimistically stated that this section would be well taken care of in the matter of road building and improvement.

Another communication read was from S. O. Correll of Baker, secretary of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers' association, which will meet in Bend in April, inquiring as to preparations made for the entertainment of the visiting stockmen. T. H. Foley, president of the club, stated that he would name a committee to make the necessary arrangements.

City Finances Discussed.

J. A. Eastes, mayor of Bend, spoke on the financial condition of the city, declaring that Bend is now $19,000 behind, that the banks are literally loaded down with city warrants and that the municipality, in fact, is virtually bankrupt. "Our credit is good, but it is in bad shape," he said. He asked that a committee be named from the Commercial club to discuss with the finance committee of the city council plans for a possible solution of the problem.

R. W. Sawyer stated that the basic reason for the city's heavy indebtedness is that valuations of property in Bend, on which taxes are levied, are at least 50 per cent too low and that until values are placed at their proper level the balance on the city books will continue to be on the wrong side of the ledger.

Bank Refuses Warrants.

C. S. Hudson, president of the First National, stated that at present the bank is carrying $9000 worth of city warrants and that absolutely no more can be taken on. He said that he would be willing to sell the entire lot at a 10 per cent. discount.

D. G. McPherson suggested a bond issue to put the city on a cash basis and asserted that one of the reasons for the big municipal shortage is that the old budget was not set at a high enough figure. "If you have to pay for improvements in discounted warrants, the city will continue to go deeper and deeper in the hole," he said.

Mayor Eastes again spoke, suggesting a $19,000 bond issue and a raising of city valuations, and his suggestion was answered by J. P. Keyes, who advocated special taxation as a way out of the difficulty.

The club voted in favor of appointing the committee asked by the Bend mayor.

CAPTAIN WOELFLEN EXPECTED FRIDAY

(From Monday's Daily.)

Captain Fred A. Woelflen, recently discharged from the army, is expected to arrive in Bend on Friday to resume his duties on The Bulletin. M. R. Matthew telephoned this morning from The Dalles to say that he had seen Captain Woelflen there last night on his way to Lewiston, Idaho, where he will visit his parents for a few days before returning to Bend. Captain Woelflen was stationed at Camp Merritt, New Jersey, when discharged.

ATHLETIC CLUB SHOWS GROWTH

BENEFITS ARE BEING REALIZED.

Special Privileges Extended to Men Returning from Service—Class Work and Indoor Baseball to Start Next Week.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Without any solicitation for memberships, the number of those belonging to the Bend Amateur Athletic club is steadily growing since the benefits offered by the organization have been learned. This was the report today of officials of the club. Special privileges are being extended to returned soldiers, sailors and marines, who are invited to make use of the club for 30 days without charge, and may then take out memberships without an initiation fee and merely on the payment of the dollar a month dues.

Beginning next Monday, a business men's gym class will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5:30 to 6:30. Any member of the club desiring to join the class phone Black 1821.

All members may place themselves in good standing by paying at least three months or more dues, dating from January 1, 1919. Dues may be paid at the club office during the business hours of the day and in the evening from 7 to 9.

The following captains have been chosen for indoor baseball: Al Leary, for Shevlin-Hixon; H. E. Allen, for Brooks-Scanlon; A. M. Pringle, for the business men, and C. S. Erskine, for the professional men. The opening game will be played between Shevlin-Hixon and Brooks-Scanlon teams Monday evening.

MILL WILL REOPEN A WEEK FROM TODAY

Fresh Opportunity for Returned Soldiers to Get Jobs Is Offered by The Shevlin-Hixon Company.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Another opportunity for returned soldiers to secure employment in Bend will be offered when The Shevlin-Hixon Company mill reopens on Monday, February 24. The entire mill has been thoroughly overhauled and will be ready for work at that time.

A change to secure greater efficiency in handling lumber is a rearrangement to permit of one sorter instead of two being used.

PROFESSIONAL MEN LEADING BOWLERS

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Standing of the Teams.

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Business Men	7	5	.583
Shevlin-Hixon	8	7	.533
Professional Men	8	7	.583
Brooks-Scanlon	3	6	.333

Playing against the Shevlin-Hixon team in the athletic club bowling tournament, the professional men's five took two out of three games and tied one by a score of 777. High score for the evening went to B. A. Stover, who chalked up 209. The tied game was later decided in favor of the professional men.

The members of the teams were as follows: Professional men, Johnson, Stover, Manning, Pringle and Horton; Shevlin-Hixon, Gillis, Kelley, Webb, Miles and Boles.

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR FOR CLUB IS HERE

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

To accept the position as athletic director of the B. A. A. C., J. L. Luckey of Portland arrived in Bend this morning and spent the day looking over the club equipment with Secretary Carroll, preparatory to starting a full program of activities the first of next week.

Mr. Luckey has had experience for several years in athletic work in the schools of Portland and in the east, as well as in the army and in various athletic clubs. While in college he was a member of the football, soccer and track teams.

STOCK OWNERS PICK OFFICERS

FOREST SERVICE SYSTEM OF CARING FOR CATTLE ADOPTED BY SISTERS-METOLIUS ASSOCIATION IN ANNUAL MEETING.

(From Monday's Daily.)

Election of officers and decision on policies to be followed out during the year constituted the business taken up by the Sisters-Metolius Livestock association at the annual meeting Saturday in Sisters. Protests were registered against the assessed valuation of cattle, claimed to be too high in comparison with other classes of property.

It was voted to accept the forest service system for salting the range, 150 salt licks having been marked by Deschutes forest officials. Reports showed that the range, having a capacity of 3200 head of cattle, with a 450-head capacity on leased land, will be sufficient to take care of the association's stock during the coming season. The association voted to put out a brand registry book, and in this connection the promise of Supervisor N. G. Jacobson of the Deschutes national forest, who with Assistant Supervisor Vincent was in attendance, was secured to prohibit running cattle whose brands are not registered with the state.

The following officers were elected: Ben Pone, president; M. W. Knickerbocker, vice president; Joe Howard, secretary; First National Bank of Bend, treasurer; Max Wurzweiler, E. B. Graham and Ellis H. Edgington, members of advisory board.

SPORTSMEN PROTEST DRAINING OF LAKE

Petitions Are Circulated in Bend Today Requesting Maintainance of Malheur Game Reserve.

(From Friday's Daily.)

Supplementing the action of the Commercial club at the last meeting of that body Wednesday noon, petitions protesting the draining of Malheur lake were being circulated in Bend today by T. W. Carlon and others. Excellent success in securing signers was reported.

The petition is as follows:

"We, the undersigned, believing that the value of Malheur lake as a federal game reserve far exceeds the doubtful agricultural value of the alkali land which would be made available by the draining of the lake, do hereby petition the legislature of the state of Oregon for the enactment of legislation having as its object the prevention of the draining of said lake, or the changing of the lake and surrounding country from its status as a reserve."

FOUR REALTY DEALS MADE PUBLIC TODAY

(From Friday's Daily.)

Realty transactions aggregating more than $6000 were announced today by G. W. Foster, all involving local properties. Mr. Foster purchased the Tom Wheeler house in Mill addition for $1250 and the C. J. Leverett home in Park addition for $3000, while L. W. Gassett bought from him a $1000 residence in Mill addition. Mr. Foster also sold to Rev. E. B. Johnson a house and lot in Park addition at a consideration of $800.

LIGHT CHARGES TO BE PROBED

COMPANY'S BOOKS ARE OPEN TO COUNCIL.

Bend Has Lowest Rates in State, Says Foley—Street Improvements and Finances Are Puzzle to the City Government.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Rates charged Bend for street lighting and the rates paid by the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co. for power by the Bend Water, Light & Power Co. will be made the subject of an investigation by the Bend city council, following a meeting of that body last night, at which T. H. Foley, manager of the power company, explained the monthly bill against the city which had been paid under protest at the previous council meeting. Mr. Foley stated that there is no comparison between rates paid by the lumber company and the city, as the power for the mill goes direct from the generators, the mill in addition to its flat rate transforming the current down from 2300 volts and paying an additional distribution cost.

He declared that electricity is supplied to the people of Bend for domestic use at less cost to consumers than in any other city in Oregon, and that the same comparison applies to curb lighting.

Councilman R. P. Minter, who had been the chief objector to the light bill, declared that the city is paying $3480 a year for 45 horsepower and that the lumber company is being charged only $3600 for 200 horsepower. He maintained that the company is receiving low rates made possible by the charges assessed against the city.

Says Bend Rates Low.

To this Mr. Foley replied that Bend was practically the only city in the northwest where rates had not been advanced during the war, and that in the face of increased cost of labor and supplies this in reality amounted to a substantial reduction. He asked that a committee be appointed to investigate the matter, offering to throw open all the power company's records for their inspection. Mr. Minter moved that such a committee be named, and Mayor Eastes selected Councilmen Minter, McPherson and Sutherland.

The evening's business was interrupted at this point to allow for the presentation of a box of cigars to Mayor Eastes, Councilman Minter tendering the smokes on behalf of the council and congratulating the mayor on the arrival of his 57th birthday.

Physician to Get Salary.

City Attorney C. S. Benson presented a five-year lease of the disposal tract, and the mayor and Recorder D. H. Peoples were instructed to sign up for the rental of the property with Joe Saravelli. Mr. Benson introduced an amendment to the health ordinance providing for the payment of $100 a year to the city physician, also an amendment to the pool hall ordinance advancing the age limit from 18 to 21, and an amendment to the circus license ordinance having as its object the increase of fees. The first two went to first reading and the third was referred to the license committee.

On the request of the city attorney, the council adopted a resolution authorizing improvement liens for the deficit of $218.18 incurred in the

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Coming Building Season Will be Record Breaker, Declare Bend Realty Men

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

That building will be more active in Bend this year than at any time in the history of the city is the belief of local real estate men and contractors. Construction of homes will be the chief feautre of the building program, it is believed, but it is also known that plans are being considered for business blocks, which will depend largely on the increase of capacity of local industries, already announced, or contemplated.

At the present time, real estate men declare, Bend faces an actual crisis in the problem of housing families who are coming here to work. Houses are spoken for weeks before being vacated, and a number of families coming here to locate and being unable to secure dwellings have left the city.

While no definite plans have been announced on this score, it is known that the construction of at least one apartment house is being considered, and that numerous houses will be built to sell and to rent. The large building program, which was halted by the entrance of the United States into the world war, will probably be resumed, it is understood, and the fact that the cost of materials is gradually dropping makes this all the more likely.

As a sidelight on the building situation in Bend, it was learned today that the mill companies are planning the erection of an emergency hospital and first aid station near the Brooks-Scanlon offices. As it is now planned, the building will be of one story, of frame construction, covering a tract of 36 by 66 feet, and containing operating and dressing rooms, a 10-bed ward, kitchen, nurses' room, dispensary, bath room, bed rooms and dining room. The cost, it is estimated, will be approximately $5000. Lee A. Thomas is the architect.

AUTHORITIES ON IRRIGATION TO BE SPEAKERS IN REDMOND

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

At a meeting of the executive committee of the Deschutes County Farm bureau final plans were completed for holding the Central Oregon irrigation school at Redmond during the week of March 3 to 8. The school last year was a success and the committee this year plans to make it bigger and better than ever. A corps of prominent speakers, authorities on their various subjects, has been secured for the event, and the Redmond Commercial club has made plans to take care of the visitors. Courses in the management of irrigated soils, irrigation practice, field demonstrations and other subjects relative to irrigation will be given during the six-day course. A new feature of the program this ear is an hour's discussion each day by the farmers of Central Oregon on the agricultural topics in which they are interested. This discussion will be led by local leaders, who are prac-

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