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## \$100,000 RANCH IS ON MARKET

### BIG JOHNSTON TRACT TO BE SUBDIVIDED.

More Than 20 Families Will Be Placed on Irrigated Land, Declares J. B. Miner—Increase in Alfalfa Production Sought.

(From Friday's Daily.) Marking the passing of another of the big estates of Central Oregon was the announcement made today by J. B. Miner, local realty operator, that he has secured the Johnston stock ranch for subdivision and sale in 40, 80 and 120 acre tracts. Every square foot of the big farm is irrigated, and Mr. Miner believes that every bit of it will be disposed of within the next two weeks. When marketed, the sale of the tracts will represent a transaction of more than \$100,000.

The Johnston property is generally known as the first irrigated ranch of any size in Central Oregon. Some 15 years ago the land was secured by J. O. Johnston and became the home ranch of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co., of which Mr. Johnston was president, and which was the predecessor of the Central Oregon Irrigation company. As a result of the original ownership of the ranch, the main ditch of the C. O. I. Co. runs past one side of the 1280-acre tract. For the last four years the property has been under the management of George Jones for the Johnston estate. It is 16 miles northeast of Bend.

Many to Find Homes. Where formerly the two sections of irrigated land, offering opportunity for intensive cultivation, has afforded a home for only one or two families, from 20 to 25 homes will now be built there, according to Mr. Miner's plans. During his work in Central Oregon he has subdivided several large tracts and is a firm believer in the doctrine that 80 acres under irrigation will give the average farmer all he can tend to, and will at the same time afford him an excellent living.

The Johnston ranch is in the heart of a section which has become famous for its alfalfa crops, and nearby ranchers report cutting four tons to the acre during the past season. Following experiments made by the county agriculturist, the big tract now being cut up has been liberally sprinkled with sulphur to aid in the raising of a bumper hay crop.

Mr. Miner has made arrangements with the First National Bank of Bend, according to which that institution will sell alfalfa seed on time to settlers, and will also send R. A. Ward, agricultural specialist, to give advice to any who may require it in regard to the most scientific methods of cultivation.

## STOCKMEN ELECT AT ANNUAL GATHERING

Northern Lake County Range Is Doubled in Capacity—Beeves and Breeding Stock Segregated.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) Returning from attending the annual meeting of the Northern Lake County Stockmen's association, N. G. Jacobson, supervisor of the Deschutes national forest, reported this morning the election of A. B. Myers, president; W. E. McCullom, vice president; and R. L. Noel, secretary of the organization. The La Pine State bank was chosen as treasurer, while Harry Crampton, Charles Knight, Sam Olmstead and George Hoffman were named members of the advisory board.

With a range doubled in capacity, the members of the stock association will make use of three wells during the coming season, it was decided, one to furnish water supply for beeves, while the other two will be available only for breeding stock.

Mr. Jacobson stated that the ground in the Fort Rock country is so thoroughly saturated with moisture it cannot possibly dry out during the coming season, and in consequence, abundant grass and hay is assured. Roads, he said, are practically bottomless.

## BEND SCHOOLS ARE CROWDED

LARGE NUMBER OF PUPILS ENTERING GRADES CAUSES CONGESTION—275 NOW REGISTERED IN HIGH SCHOOL.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) With every seat occupied, and in some rooms with two in a seat, the Bend schools began the second semester yesterday and will now continue until the latter part of June, the late date of closing being necessary to make up time lost during the influenza epidemic.

New pupils entering the lowest grade numbered 48, the total being divided between the Reid school, with 20, the Central, with 14, and the Kenwood, with 14. Others in higher grades, especially the third and fourth, who had not returned following the end of the epidemic, and who have now entered the grade in which they started at the beginning of the year, account for the unusual congestion.

A notable feature of the semester is the inauguration of the junior high school plan, by which the seventh and eighth grade pupils are transferred to the high school building, to the joy of the pupils of these grades and the disgust of the senior high students, who feel that their dignity is encroached upon by the admission of the lower grade pupils. With this addition the high school numbers 275 students.

## INCOME TAX MEN TO BE IN BEND MARCH 3

(From Thursday's Daily.) Because of urgent requests from taxpayers throughout the state for aid in preparing income tax returns, Milton A. Miller, internal revenue collector, has been authorized to assign special officers for this work. He states in a letter to The Bulletin received this morning. Two employees of the revenue service will be at the court house here from March 3 to 6, inclusive. They will also be at the Redmond hotel on March 7.

The treasury department has extended the time for filing income tax returns to March 15, 1919, and anyone not thoroughly familiar with the provisions of the income tax law and their obligation thereunder should at once make inquiry of the above mentioned officers or write the revenue office, as this will be the last opportunity to do so in connection with the filing of returns of income for the year 1918 prior to the date of filing.

As soon as possible after March 15 an extensive "drive" will be made, taking in the entire state, and heavy penalties will attach where persons liable to tax have failed to disclose their liability and make return on or before March 15th, 1919.

## WILL VOTE ON SCHOOL BONDS

(From Monday's Daily.) The voters in School District No. 1 will soon be called on to vote a bond issue of approximately \$25,000 for the construction of a new school building in Kenwood, according to present plans of the school board. Plans for a one-story, eight-room building with an auditorium which can be divided to make two more rooms are now under consideration by the board. Preliminary sketches by Lee A. Thomas were studied at a meeting last week and on Tuesday night it is expected that final plans will be agreed upon.

The plan is to use brick in the construction and to heat the rooms by steam. An effort will be made to have the building finished in time for use by the schools on the opening day next September. It will be located on the school site where the temporary schools in Kenwood are now placed.

The tremendous growth in the school population, together with the large increases expected next year, make a new building to care for the lower grades necessary as soon as possible.

## BIG YEAR FOR STATE CERTAIN

CONDITIONS IDEAL IN NORTHWEST.

Bumper Crops Assured Everywhere, Says Oregon Trunk Official—Resumption of Operations by Mills Favorable Indication.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) That the crop outlook for Central Oregon, and in fact for the entire northwest, is the best in the farming history of the territory lying west of the Rockies is the declaration of J. T. Hardy, general freight and passenger agent for the Oregon Trunk, who is in Bend on one of his regular trips to this section. An unusually large acreage has been sown to wheat as a result of the government guarantee, and there is so much moisture in the ground, in addition to the snow still unmelted and falling, that only a record crop is possible, Mr. Hardy states.

He finds another important influence for prosperity in the condition of the lumber industry, and declares that the mill employers of the northwest are doing much to solve the unemployment problem. "Under rush orders resulting from war conditions, the mills have been running without a halt for two years, and shortly after the signing of the armistice a large majority of them had to shut down for from one to four weeks for repairs," he said. "Now they are rapidly resuming operations, and many men who have been idle are now finding work. This is of particular importance in the western part of the state, where the unemployment situation has been much more serious than in this section."

## CAPTAIN WOELFLEN RETURNS TO BEND

(From Wednesday's Daily.) After service in the army of a year and a half, Captain Fred A. Woelflen of the 13th infantry returned to Bend last night, having recently received his discharge at Camp Merritt, New Jersey. Captain Woelflen attended the second officers' training camp at the Presidio, winning a commission as first lieutenant, later being promoted to the rank of captain.

While still in the service he purchased an interest in The Bulletin and will now make his home in Bend. Captain Woelflen was a member of The Bulletin staff when he entered training camp in 1917.

## ACCOUNTANT IS HURT BY PRINEVILLE AUTO

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Max Crandall, expert accountant, who has been working on the city books, was run down by an auto in Prineville according to word received this morning by Judge H. C. Ellis. Although not seriously injured, Mr. Crandall will not be able to return to Bend for several days.

## WOMEN TAKE CHARGE OF B. A. A. C. MUSIC

(From Tuesday's Daily.) That the women's committee of the Bend Amateur Athletic club will have charge of the musical features in connection with the weekly club socials was the announcement made today by the club directors.

## WILL IMPROVE MANY STREETS

BIG PROGRAM MAPPED OUT FOR BEND.

Council Provides for \$40,000 Bond Issue to Start Work—Only Well Populated District to Be Considered.

(From Tuesday's Daily.) That street improvement will be emphasized by the Bend city government this spring and summer was evidenced yesterday afternoon when the city council, in special session, went on record as favoring the grading and cindering of more than four miles of streets, with construction of cement walks on at least one side of the improved streets. The financial problem connected with such an improvement program was disposed of when Mayor Eastes and Recorder D. H. Peoples were authorized to contract with the Lumbermen's Trust Co. of Portland for the sale of \$40,000 worth of 6 per cent. bonds at par, under the Hancock act. Eighty per cent. of city warrants issued to contractors, the trust company, through its representative, Carlos Close, agreed to take at a 1 1/2 per cent. discount.

The entire improvements contemplated during the coming season will cost between \$150,000 and \$200,000, it is estimated, but these, Mayor Eastes insists, shall be streets which are well built up. "There are plenty of streets in the more thickly settled portions of the city which need improvement and need it badly without going into the sparsely populated sections of the town with improvements this year," he declared today.

According to the plans tentatively outlined, the first work will be done on Newport avenue, Highland boulevard, Tumalo avenue and Broadway, making a roughly circular drive in the center of the city, which will cross the river twice. Other sections which are under consideration are Deschutes addition, Welstoria and parts of Greenwood, Irving, Hawthorn, Greeley and Franklin, lying on this side of the railroad.

Aside from the fact that the improvements outlined will make possible much easier travel and communication within the city, it will practically assure the establishment of a free mail delivery, it is pointed out.

No arrangements have been made as yet in connection with the proposed \$150,000 bond issue to wipe out the city's warrant indebtedness, but the members of the municipal government have been assured that such an issue can be floated on practically the same terms as the improvement bonds.

## UNION REFUSES TO ACCEPT RESIGNATION

(From Monday's Daily.) By a unanimous vote the Timberworkers local, in special session, refused yesterday to accept the resignation of Ray Canterbury, secretary of the organization. Mr. Canterbury's resignation was submitted the week before but in view of the action taken by the union will not result in the election of a new man to fill the position.

Other business transacted at yesterday's meeting was the endorsing of annual reports on the financial condition of the union.

## \$5,000 READY FOR HATCHERY

MORE MONEY AVAILABLE FOR USE AT TUMALO PLANT, REPORTS W. C. BIRDSALL—EGGS TO BE BROUGHT IN SOON.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) That \$5,000 is now available for further work on the Tumalo hatchery was the information received last night by W. O. Hadley, deputy game warden, in a long distance call from W. C. Birdsall, who has been in Portland and Salem the last few days.

The hatchery proper is practically completed and the additional money appropriated by the legislature will make possible the construction of a house for the superintendent of the hatchery. This position is to be filled by Pearl Lynes, now at Elk Lake gathering trout eggs which are to be brought to Tumalo in the near future.

## NEW COUNTY AGENT IS WELL QUALIFIED

Lester J. Bell, Recently Discharged from Aviation Service, Has Had Much Experience as Expert.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

The Deschutes County Farm bureau has secured the services of Lester J. Bell as assistant agricultural agent. Mr. Bell has been appointed by the federal government and has taken up his duties in the county agent's office. He is a graduate of the Kansas Agricultural college and has lately been in charge of one of the live stock departments on the large Montana ranch of Day & Hanson of Spokane. He has just left the U. S. aviation corps, and has had a great deal of experience flying as a student aviator.

Mr. Bell will have charge of the county agent's office and will take care of the wants of callers. He will also look after much of the correspondence and the exchange department of the Farm Bureau News.

## ALFALFA BOY GIVEN CROSS

(From Saturday's Daily.) A 25-year-old veteran of the world war possessing the coveted croix de guerre awarded for gallantry in action in Belleau wood, Ralph Ferry, U. S. marine corps, son of William Ferry of Alfalfa, was in Bend today returning to his home. He enlisted in August, 1917, and after transferring to a unit listed for immediate overseas service, saw action in the Verdun sector, at Chateau Thierry, Belleau wood and Soissons.

It was during an early morning attack at Soissons that a high explosive shell burst at the feet of the young marine, wounding him in the ankle and hip and making treatment in a Paris military hospital necessary for the next eight months. "I felt as if I would never stop going up when that shell burst, but finally I came down and had enough strength left to crawl out of the way of the advancing artillery," Ferry said in describing his last fight.

His decoration for valor was awarded when as a member of a special detail he aided in capturing three German machine gun nests in the face of a withering fire, going three days without food while cut off from his command. In this encounter, as well as at Chateau Thierry, where all but eight of his company were killed, he passed through without a scratch. Of the rest of the survivors one is still a helpless invalid and of the others the best that could be said is that they are able to walk.

Among the more pleasant memories connected with his service overseas was the part played by the fraternal organizations which held their meetings behind the lines almost within sound of the big guns. A member of the Knights of Pythias and the Odd Fellows, the young marine found life on the battle front made easier by reason of his affiliation with these orders.

## REDMOND CLUB FAVORS BONDS

ROAD IMPROVEMENT IS ADVOCATED.

Bend Commercial Organization to Take Up Matter—Business Men Asked to Underwrite \$1000 for Exposition Buildings.

(From Wednesday's Daily.) Urging the issuing of county bonds to raise funds to match state appropriations to finance the construction of roads in Deschutes county, a delegation from the Redmond Commercial club, headed by J. R. Thorne, president of the club, were guests of the Bend Commercial club at the weekly meeting at the Pilot Butte Inn this noon. The suggestion of a bond issue was made by M. A. Lynch, who spoke after the subject of road improvements had been introduced by Mr. Thorne.

The Redmond club president stated that rumors have been current recently to the effect that Crook county interests are at work to change the route of the state highway in such a manner as to leave out Bend, Redmond and Tumalo. He was assured by President T. H. Foley of the Bend Commercial club, however, that such a change, even if contemplated, would be impossible. Acting on the suggestion made by Mr. Lynch, Mr. Foley announced that he would appoint a committee to work with the Redmond club and any other interested organizations in the county in regard to a county road bond issue.

Stock Industry Boosted.

Advocating the support of the people of Bend in the movement of the Pacific International Livestock Exposition association to secure \$200,000 for the erection of an exhibition pavilion in Portland, C. S. Hudson, county chairman, declared that such an exposition would be of the utmost importance in developing the livestock industry, one of the two great resources of Deschutes county. Better stock, the affording of a market for high grade animals and for farm products will result from the annual Portland exposition, he predicted, and in closing moved that the club appoint a committee to underwrite \$1000 of the \$5000 which he intends to raise as Deschutes county's share.

E. P. Mahaffey, speaking on the same subject, showed that the stock and lumber industries in Central Oregon are closely connected, as the land logged-off by the mill companies affords excellent range. "The money spent for livestock buildings in Portland would be a business proposition, not a donation," he said.

Club to Aid Exposition.

President Foley stated that the program connected with the raising of funds seemed a constructive one, and R. A. Ward, former county agriculturist, predicted that with the development of the stock industry Deschutes county will become an ideal breeding ground and that an exposition will make possible the sale of high grade breeding stock at fancy prices.

The motion for the appointment of an underwriting committee was passed without opposition. Two thousand dollars has already been provided for, each of the local banks agreeing to underwrite half of this amount.

City Bonds Opposed.

Reporting for the county valuation committee, R. W. Sawyer said that the committee had not yet finished its work but would do so and make a report before the assessing work for the year was begun.

Mr. Sawyer also reported that the joint committee appointed to consider the financial condition of the city was divided on the question as to whether to issue bonds or vote a special tax and wished the subject discussed by the bodies represented by the committee. He also outlined a plan which, as he put it, "would at least leave the city no worse off than it had been during the past year and avoid the issuance of bonds for the payment of running expenses." This matter will be discussed further at the next meeting of the club.

## Livestock Exposition Building



The new home of the Pacific International Livestock exposition, to be held November 15-22, at Portland, is to be one of the largest and most complete institutions of its kind in the world. The plans contemplate a stadium, judging rings and sections for all kinds of stock, covering in all seven and one-half acres. Stockmen throughout the northwest are now raising \$250,000 for the erection of this structure. The Oregon legislature has appropriated \$25,000 for the annual premium list of this show. The livestock exhibition is now in its ninth year and draws the breeders and dairymen from California, Oregon, Montana, Idaho, Washington and British Columbia. The housing of the show in adequate quarters means the recognition of the value of the livestock industry of the northwest.