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COUNTY VALUES DECLARED LOW

BUSINESS MEN HEAR COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Increase of 50 Per Cent. in Valuations Recommended—Assessor Wants Even More—Action on Report Is Deferred.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

That assessed valuations in Deschutes county on real estate, buildings, merchandise and timber range from 11 to 48 per cent. was the report today of a committee appointed by the Commercial club to investigate valuations. Livestock, according to H. J. Overturf, member of the committee, is assessed at a much higher relative valuation than the other classes of property which were covered in the statement of H. W. Sawyer.

The committee's recommendations, made to the Commercial club in regular session at the Pilot Butte Inn this noon, advised that the law providing that the county may receive a share of taxes on stock from other counties, pastured in Deschutes, be taken full advantage of, that an effort be made to assess money, notes and accounts, of which only a small proportion are now taxed, and that valuations be increased 50 per cent. in such a manner that the proportionate discrepancy between the estimated values of different classes of property be as nearly as possible eliminated.

W. T. Mollarky, county assessor, expressed his thanks to the committee for its work, declared that it would be of considerable assistance to him, but advocated an even greater increase in valuations than that which had been recommended.

L. A. Hunt of Lower Heidge, from which section the request prompting the investigation originally came, thanked the club for the interest shown in the assessment question.

The report of the committee was laid over for more definite action until the next meeting.

At the opening of the club luncheon, the Hawaiian troubadours, playing at the Liberty theater, appeared through courtesy of Manager Ward Coble and gave several excellent vocal and instrumental selections. A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Coble by the club.

FOSTER SHORTHORNS' PEDIGREES TRACED

Cattle Recently Purchased by Tumalo Farmers Descended from Famous British Herds.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Pedigrees of Shorthorn cattle purchased recently by the farmers of the Tumalo section from the Foster herd at Powell Butte trace back to four famous English and Scotch strains, declares R. A. Ward. On the request of E. P. Mahaffey and the new owners of the stock, Mr. Ward and Fred N. Wallace of Tumalo have branded and numbered the cattle. Mr. Ward also tracing the pedigrees back through 10 generations.

He found that the Foster Shorthorns are descended from the Amos Crookshanks herd, the first and greatest strain of Scotch Shorthorns, and from the English herds of the Earl of Duffie, Robert Collings and Renick & Bell, pioneer breeders.

The blood of these famous herds is somewhat attenuated in the Foster cattle, Mr. Ward admits, but he declares that under proper handling and careful mating many of the characteristics can be developed for which the ancestors of the newly purchased Shorthorns were famous.

COURT DISMISSES DAN HEISING CASE

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Judge J. A. Eastes today dismissed the case of the state vs. Dan Heising, Metollus rancher, who, under the complaint brought by District Game Warden George Tonkin, was alleged to have had deer meat in his possession. The court held that there was insufficient evidence to warrant a hearing.

NINE BILLS TO BE VOTED UPON

IMPORTANT QUESTIONS TO BE DECIDED.

State Guarantee of Irrigation District Bond Interest Vitrally Concerns the People of Central Oregon.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

SALEM, March 20.—Nine measures will be voted upon by the people at the special referendum election scheduled for June 3. No other measures may go on the ballot at that time under the wording of the act providing for calling the special election.

Among them are measures of great moment to Central Oregon. The provision for the state guaranteeing the payment of interest on drainage and irrigation bonds is one of these and the other is the reconstruction bond measure which provides for public building improvements as well as \$2,000,000 for irrigation and about \$750,000 for land settlement. In the building program is a provision for a \$37,500 armory for Bend.

Bills Are Listed.

The bills which will be voted on at the special election are as follows:

Senate Joint Resolution, No. 25.—Amending article XI of the constitution of the state of Oregon, by adding section 7-a, providing for the issuance of not exceeding \$5,000,000 in reconstruction bonds of the state of Oregon.

House Joint Resolution, No. 32.—For the addition to the constitution of the state of Oregon of article 11-b providing funds for the payment of the state of interest, for a period not exceeding five years, on bonds issued by drainage and irrigation districts.

Senate Joint Resolution, No. 11.—Amending section 16 of article XI of the constitution of the state of Oregon, increasing the limitation by taxes by counties for roads.

House Joint Resolution, No. 20.—Amending section 3 of article XIV of the constitution of the state of Oregon as to the location of public institutions of the state, and excepting from the former constitutional provisions, an industrial and reconstruction hospital.

House Joint Resolution, No. 31.—Amending sections 1 and 8 of article V of the constitution of the state of Oregon, and providing for a lieutenant governor.

Senate Bill No. 226.—Authorizing the issuance of reconstruction bonds of the state, conferring certain powers on the state board of control, providing for the use of funds derived from the reconstruction bonds in the construction of state and public buildings, the supervision of such work, promoting land settlement, land reclamation and providing employment.

Senate Bill No. 269.—Providing state financial aid to honorably discharged soldiers, sailors or marines, enlisted or inducted into the service from the state of Oregon, who desire to pursue a course of study in the institutions of higher learning in the state of Oregon.

Senate Bill No. 283.—Being an act to levy annually a tax of one mill on the dollar on all taxable property in the state for market road purposes, providing for a distribution thereof and containing other provisions.

House Bill No. 147.—Providing for the construction of a highway to be known as the Roosevelt Coast Military highway, appropriating \$2,500,000 contingent on the United States appropriating a like sum for the construction of said highway and providing for the issuance of bonds by the state of Oregon and containing other provisions.

Irrigation Measure Up.

The section of the reconstruction bond issues which relate to irrigation and drainage, and which in itself materially affects Central Oregon, is as follows:

Section 9.—At such time after the taking effect of this act as such state board of control may deem advisable, said board shall issue and sell not to exceed \$2,000,000 in amount of said reconstruction bonds, for use in the reclamation of lands in the state of Oregon, by way of irrigation, drainage or other improvements, but only by cooperating with the fed-

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ODD FELLOWS WILL KEEP ANNIVERSARY

Eight Lodges Will Gather Here in April, Marking Hundredth Birthday of Great Order.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

The 100th anniversary of Odd-fellowship will be celebrated in Bend Saturday, April 26, by eight lodges participating—Redmond, Terrebonne, Madras, Culver, Maupin, Tumalo and Prineville. In the forenoon the visiting delegations, including the Rebekah lodges, will be given an auto ride seeing Bend. In the afternoon public ritualistic ceremonies will be conducted by Grand Secretary E. E. Sharon of Portland. A banquet and elaborate program begins at 6 o'clock, followed by degree work on a class of candidates. A number of the grand officers will be present, besides other distinguished guests.

OVER \$17,000 IN TAXES PAID

AVERAGE OF \$1600 A DAY COMING INTO SHERIFF'S OFFICE—ACCOUNTANT PRAISES CONDITION OF BOOKS.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Deschutes county taxes are coming in at an average rate of \$1600 a day, and up to this morning \$17,042.28 had already been taken in. Chief Deputy Sheriff August Anderson reported today. The total receipts yesterday were \$3000. The entire taxes for the year amounted to \$291,432.88 and of this amount half must be paid in by April 5 if taxpayers are to avoid adding interest to the amounts due from them.

An unusually large number of full payments is being made, Mr. Anderson says, many property owners in Deschutes county apparently preferring to discharge their obligations at one time rather than to take advantage of the law allowing liquidation of tax obligations in two installments. That the county is generally increasing in prosperity is evidenced, he says, by the fact that a much more ready response is being made by taxpayers than was the case last year.

Max Crandall, expert accountant, who is going over the county's books, complimented the sheriff's office this morning on the efficiency of its book-keeping. He declared that records in this department of the county administration are in first class condition and are the best of any books he has gone over this year.

PLEADS GUILTY TO STATUTORY CHARGE

Fred Lucas, Held to Grand Jury, Is Released on Bond—Jack Hayes to Plead Tomorrow.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

On an additional charge, that of contributing to the delinquency of a minor, as well as on the original complaint alleging a statutory offense, Fred Lucas pleaded guilty in Justice court yesterday evening and was held to the grand jury under bonds totalling \$2000. Bondsmen were found this noon. Jack Hayes, arrested yesterday on a complaint sworn to by Harry Riley, asked for further time, and the case was continued by Judge J. A. Eastes until tomorrow.

It is understood that a number of other cases of a similar character are being investigated by the authorities and that other charges may be preferred as a result.

SILO CONSTRUCTION TO BE EXPLAINED IN COMING ISSUE

Because of the unusual press of work resulting from the wool growers' convention here this week, the article on silo construction planned for this issue could not be completed by R. A. Ward, who is writing the series. It will appear in the next issue of The Weekly Bulletin.

HAYSTACK RANCHERS WILL FIGHT BONDS

Injunction Suit Will Be Answer to \$5,000,000 Bond Election in the North Unit, Says Attorney.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

That ranchers of the Haystack District Improvement Co. will in the near future file injunction proceedings to restrain the North Unit irrigation district from including the lands of the company, about 2000 acres in all, in the assessment under the new \$5,000,000 bond issue was the declaration this morning of W. P. Myers, attorney for the company.

The bond election, which was held Monday, carried by a majority of 137, it was learned here today. It is the second election of the kind held in the district, the first, which carried, being invalidated because of defective procedure. The district comprises approximately 100,000 acres, all privately owned, and much of it now under cultivation.

BANK OBSERVES 10TH BIRTHDAY

FIRST NATIONAL'S GROWTH FROM MODEST BEGINNING PARALLELS PROGRESS MADE BY CITY AND COUNTRY.

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

With an enviable record of aiding in the development of livestock and agricultural interests in Central Oregon, the Bend First National bank celebrated its 10th birthday today. During the time which has elapsed since the founding of the institution the bank has been under the same management, and four of the original five directors—C. S. Hudson, president; H. C. Ellis, Dr. U. C. Coe and E. A. Sather, vice president—are still serving in that capacity. Guy McReynolds, just elected as the fifth member of the board, came to the bank six weeks after it started in business and has worked up from messenger to his present position of cashier.

At the outset the First National had resources of \$40,000, and from this beginning it has increased to more than \$1,000,000. During its history it has seen Bend advance from a village of 500 to a city of over 6000 population. In its policy of service the institution has recently added to its list of officers by choosing R. A. Ward, formerly county agricultural agent, as vice president. L. M. Foss became a vice president approximately a year ago.

The bank will entertain its employees tonight at a dinner to be given at the Pilot Butte Inn.

LOGGING ROAD TO START NEXT WEEK

(From Wednesday's Daily.)

Contractors in charge of the seven-mile extension of The Sheylin-Hixon Company logging road have arrived in Bend and expect to start work next week. Two carloads of machinery to be used on the job have just been received.

THREE ARRESTED ON STATUTORY CHARGES

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Charged with the commission of a statutory offense, Harry R. Riley of this city was placed under arrest today, waived preliminary examination and was bound over to the grand jury by Justice of the Peace J. A. Eastes. His bond was set at \$3000. The complaint prompting the arrest was signed by Mrs. Etta J. Hiatt and mentions a 16-year-old girl in connection with the charge.

As a development of the case, Fred Lucas and Jack Hayes of Bend were arrested on complaints signed by Riley, in which he alleges improper relations with his wife.

TO MAKE DISPLAY OF WOOL GRADING WORK

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

A series of specimens of wool, showing the results of grading, is being prepared by R. A. Ward and will soon be placed on display at the First National bank. Mr. Ward offers to grade samples of wool for any sheepman interested.

BEND MAN IS GIVEN HONOR

GEORGE JONES HEADS WOOL GROWERS.

R. A. Ward Chosen as Secretary—Resolutions Seeking Upbuilding of the Industry Are Passed at Banquet.

(From Tuesday's Daily.)

Reporting on the election of officers for the Central Oregon Wool Growers' association, directors elected yesterday afternoon announced the selection of George Jones of Bend as president, and R. A. Ward, also of this city, as secretary, at the banquet given for the visiting sheepmen by the Commercial club at the Pilot Butte Inn last night. Forty-five were in attendance at the banquet. In addition to the officers selected, the board of directors includes Tom Cronin and Dennis O'Callahan of Bend, C. F. Hoskins of Lower Bridge, George Blakely of Condon and J. W. Williamson of Prineville.

Crystallizing the policies of the association for the coming year, resolutions introduced by a committee headed by Mr. Jones were adopted, aiming at the introduction of better blood in Central Oregon flocks, seeking the liberal enforcement of the stray law, deploring government interference hampering the growth of the industry and seeking more thorough co-operation with the forest service we adopted. The association went on record as endorsing the Pacific International Livestock exposition in Portland, and urged that everything possible be done to aid in its development, commended the work of the National Woolgrowers' association and of the president and secretary of that organization, H. J. Hagenbarth and S. W. McClure, and advised the attendance of all sheepmen at the annual Salt Lake ram sale as a means of securing sires to improve the quality of stock in this district.

Brand Book Wanted.

The forest service was asked to compile a brand book, containing wool marks of all members of the Central Oregon association, a copy to be placed in the hands of each member. The association also passed a resolution requesting that the service protect the wool growing interests by keeping cattle and horses off the sheep range. A matter which the forest officials have been agitating for some time—absolute enforcement of the stray laws to prevent loss to sheepmen—was taken up and endorsed. Hereafter, anyone retaining strays and not following the letter of the law in endeavoring to restore them to the owner will be prosecuted vigorously by the association.

To protect not only wool growers but every individual purchasing textiles, a resolution was passed urging the federal government, by act of congress, to require the stamping of all cloth with the percentage of wool and shoddy contained.

Commercial Club Thanked.

A vote of thanks was extended to the Bend Commercial club for the entertainment extended the members of the association.

Speakers during the evening were F. A. Clark of Portland, Rescos Howard of Deschutes, J. N. Burgess of Pendleton, E. P. Mahaffey of the Central Oregon bank, C. S. Hudson of the First National bank of Bend and J. H. Zimmerman of Portland.

In the latter part of the afternoon yesterday, C. S. Hudson spoke on the subject of "Financing the Sheepman," declaring that there is no longer any shortage of money for financing the wool growers, and enumerating the different elements to be taken into consideration by a banker in making a loan of this kind. He also appealed to the sheepmen to seek a return of the old wool sale plan, maintaining that even if their wool is not disposed of in this way they still have the opportunity of taking advantage of warehouse facilities in Portland.

May Invite State Association.

J. N. Burgess of Pendleton advised an amalgamation with the Oregon Wool Growers' association, and suggested that the members of that or-

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IRRIGATION'S NEEDS NOTED

MANY HELPFUL LAWS ENACTED.

Guarantee of Interest for Irrigation Bonds and Provision for Aid on Tumalo Project of Great Interest.

(Special to The Bulletin.)

SALEM, March 19.—Never before has the legislature been inclined to look with such favor on reclamation and reconstruction projects as the recent one, in the opinion of State Engineer Percy A. Cupper who has prepared a digest of the irrigation and reclamation laws, including the drainage statutes enacted by the state legislature.

With a slight introduction touching upon the road building program, Mr. Cupper has digested the irrigation and reclamation laws enacted at the session as follows:

"The session of the Oregon legislature which has just closed outlined a big reconstruction program and provided the funds for carrying it into effect. A bill providing for the issuance of \$10,000,000 for road construction was passed and as this bill carried an emergency clause it is not subject to referendum.

"Another statute was enacted providing for the levying of a one mill state tax on all taxable property in the state for the reconstruction of market roads. Under this statute the counties are required to provide a substantial and equal amount for this work and the expenditure of the funds is under the direction of the state highway commission.

Roads Only Part of Program.

In order to pay the interest on the bonds for road construction, and to provide additional funds for carrying out the road program, the auto license fees were considerably increased and at the same time they were exempt from general taxation in order that the entire tax on automobiles might be utilized in road construction.

These road measures were considered only indirectly as a part of the reconstruction program and the special constitutional amendment and statute are submitted to the people for their approval, providing for the issuance of \$5,000,000 of reconstruction bonds and the statute which is also to be approved by the people provides how funds arising from these bonds shall be expended.

Nearly two and one-half million is to be expended in the construction of public buildings. Two millions is to be expended on reclamation work and the remainder on land settlement.

Federal Aid Expected.

It is probable that the reclamation fund will be expended in cooperation with the federal government on a dollar for dollar basis.

"Of great importance to future reclamation in this state is the constitutional amendment providing for the guaranty of interest on irrigation and drainage bonds the first five years after their issuance. On account of heavy discount on drainage and irrigation bonds this class of reclamation bonds have been under a severe handicap, which it is believed will be largely removed, if the interest on bonds is guaranteed for the first five years.

"A number of other statutes, very important to reclamation, were enacted at the last legislature. Among these is the statute providing that irrigation districts may accept a part of the land of any land owner within the district as an offset against the reclamation charge on the remainder of his land. This will probably serve as a very convenient method of cooperating with the federal government, as it will make it possible to put large areas of land in the hands of an irrigation district without direct cost by the district, which the district may turn over to the federal government for land settlement or other similar purposes.

Bond Certification Important.

"Another statute was enacted providing for the certification of drainage district bonds in the same manner as irrigation district bonds are now certified.

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