

WATER SHORT; FARMERS TO TAKE ACTION

RANCHERS OF TUMALO
MAY ORGANIZE.

TO DRAW UP PETITION

Late Crops Suffer This Season—Rotation of Water Necessary—Storage Reservoir Thought Feasible—Advice Given.

General dissatisfaction among the holders of water rights on the Tumalo Irrigation Project, due to the shortage this season of water was the principal cause for a general meeting of the settlers last night at Tumalo for the purpose of discussing what measures should be taken to relieve the situation another year.

Following a brief resume of the situation it was determined that steps should be taken at once to ascertain whether the settlers will organize an irrigation district under the state law, and a committee consisting of John Marsh, chairman; C. P. Becker, R. G. Sammons, Ben Piercy and A. J. Harter was appointed to draft the petition for the formation of an irrigation district to be circulated among the land holders for future election.

Whether the vote to take steps toward the organization of an irrigation district on the Tumalo Project was representative of the opinion of all the settlers could not be determined, but it was indicated by short talks made by various settlers that radical measures were needed to better the water supply situation for another year. There has been considerable contention among the project settlers over the question of the water rights they hold. Many of them hold rights, known as the preferred contracts and others the ordinary contracts. The former were issued at the time the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company was formed, and subsequently surrendered to the state when the project development came under the state of Oregon. Later contracts were issued by the state.

Owing to the increased acreage with no greater supply of water than last season it has been necessary to adopt a system of water rotation. According to some of the farmers this has been detrimental to the late crops.

In considering what shall be done the project farmers called upon irrigation law experts to speak before the meeting, among whom were Jay H. Upton, of Prineville, president of the Oregon Irrigation Congress and H. H. Armond, of Bend, who is versed in irrigation law and has had considerable experience in the organization of irrigation districts. Mr. Upton outlined the methods of procedure preliminary to organization, and advised the settlers that the organization of an irrigation district was the ideal arrangement. A similar opinion was advanced by Mr. De Armond.

Three or more steps appear to the settlers to better the water supply situation on the project, provided they organize the proposed district. One provides for repairing the Tumalo reservoir so that it will store water. The second provides for use of water from the proposed Benham Falls reservoir, in event the government develops it. The third measure provides for storage of water at Crane prairie. It was brought out that the natural flow of the Deschutes or Tumalo creek river will not provide sufficient water for the project irrigation purposes and that winter storage is necessary to carry the farmers through the dry season of the summer months.

It is expected that a petition will be drawn at an early date to be circulated among the settlers of the project, which if signed by a sufficient number will subsequently bring the matter to an election for final determination.

BUYS POTATO SPRAYER.

Members of a farm bureau in Delaware purchased cooperatively a four row 12-nozzle potato sprayer.

STATE OFFER APPROVED BY BUSINESS MEN

BEND-REDMOND ROAD
WORK ENDORSED.

STATE TO GIVE \$175,000

County's Share to Be Grading at Cost of \$60,000—Judge Barnes Replies to Attacks on Road Program.

As the result of correspondence carried on by the roads committee of the Bend Commercial club, the committee has received an offer from the State Highway commission offering to lay a macadam surfacing on that portion of The Dalles-California highway lying between Bend and Redmond, at a cost of approximately \$175,000. If the county will grade this stretch of road in preparation, at an estimated cost of \$60,000. This was the report made today at the weekly meeting of the Commercial club by H. J. Overturf, chairman of the roads committee, and on his motion the business men's organization went on record as urging the county court to accept the proposition.

Road Program Definite.

Judge Barnes spoke at length in answer to a question appearing in a local weekly paper inquiring "what has become of the county road program?" and stated that the Court is already employing a force of men on one county road, and that as soon as this has been completed, other improvements, including the Alfalfa, and the Grange Hall road, will be undertaken. He said that a full year's work has been planned and will be under way as rapidly as labor conditions will permit.

Judge Barnes mentioned also a statement made by Mr. Overturf at a previous club meeting, in which the county court was asserted to have no definite road program. Judge Barnes declared that he believed such a statement to have been ill-considered, as Mr. Overturf was one of a committee of seven, which earlier in the year had mapped out the program which the court is now starting on.

In explaining the reason why the county had not put in a bid for construction on The Dalles-California highway within the county, Judge Barnes stated that this could not have been done without sidetracking other road work, and that he had virtual assurance of a better bid than that formerly filed with the state commission, to be presented at the next time that estimates are called for.

FOREST BLAZE BELIEVED SET

FIRE IN SWAMP WELLS COUNTY FIFTH IN TWO WEEKS—CREW OF 18 WORKS SUNDAY TO CONTROL FLAMES.

Fire believed to be of incendiary origin kept a combined force of Brooks-Seanlon employees and forest service men busy in the Swamp Wells section all day yesterday, and was not under control until 10:30 o'clock last night. Supervisor Jacobson reported this morning. The fire is the fifth to break out in the Swamp Wells country in two weeks, and it is this that leads to the belief that the blaze was not the result of accident.

CONTRACT IS LET FOR CEMENT WORK

The contract for construction of cement walks and curbs on the street improvements recently authorized by the city council, has been sub-let by Joe Rock, the general contractor, to Frank Miller. Mr. Rock announced on Wednesday.



PLACES ALL FILLED IN COUNTY SCHOOLS

Surplus of Instructors Reported by Superintendent—Institute to Be September 10, 11 and 12.

In place of the scarcity of instructors for the schools of Deschutes county, Superintendent J. Alton Thompson now has a surplus, he stated on Tuesday. Every position is filled, and a number of capable teachers who came in from the east without first signing contracts, are on the waiting list.

According to present plans, some of the county schools may start on September 1, although it is possible that this may be changed to the fifteenth so as to allow for teachers' institute on September 10, 11, and 12, Mr. Thompson says. A feature of the institute will be a discussion of the new text books, and special work in physical instruction, to prepare the teachers of the county to give their classes work in callisthenics.

LIST OF STOLEN ARTICLES GROWS

More Than \$300 Worth Taken from Boxes at Postoffice—Boy Culprit, Goes to Juvenile Court.

More than \$300 worth of merchandise of various kinds was taken from the Bend postoffice by 12 year old Lyle West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rene West, of this city, it was revealed yesterday afternoon in the investigation conducted by postal inspector E. C. Clement. In addition a number of letters taken by the boy from boxes at the postoffice, were discovered.

Practically all the losses have been made good, although there remain a few articles to be traced, and Mr. Clement is remaining over today in an endeavor to wind up the matter. Most of the thefts were committed during the first two weeks of August. The problem of properly disciplining the youthful offender was turned over to the juvenile court.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM Central Oregon Banker-Farmer Mixer

Program Starts at 1:30 P. M.
Musical Selection by Orchestra.
Some of the Speakers and Their Subjects Are:

"Silos and Silage Feeding"
E. B. FITTS
Dairying Specialist, O. A. C.

"Sunflowers as a Silage Crop"
J. L. PARBERRY
Sisters, Oregon

"Concerning Purebred Livestock"
O. M. PLUMMER
Mgr. Pacific International Livestock Show

"Growing Potatoes"
JOHN LARSON
Portland Seed Co.

"Irrigation Methods"
H. E. KOONS
Deschutes County Agricultural Agent

"Cooperative Ranging of Sheep"
R. A. WARD
First National Bank of Bend

Address
B. F. IRVINE
Oregon Journal

A good musical program will be given thruout the afternoon AND OTHER PROMINENT SPEAKERS WILL BE HEARD

This program is held under the auspices of the Deschutes County Farm Bureau, the First National Bank of Bend, the Central Oregon Bank, the First National Bank of Redmond, the Redmond National Bank, the La Pine State Bank, the First National Bank of Prineville and the Crook County Bank.

IT'S PURPOSE

Better Farming—Better Business—Better Living

CONTRACT LET FOR DRILLING AT DAM SITE

JOHN A. PERRY PICKED
BY CUPPER.

TO START WORK SOON

Geologists Leave Bend, but Samples Taken Out by Drillers Will Be Sent to U. S. Experts as Work Progresses.

Early activity in the matter of taking extensive soundings at the Benham Falls reservoir site was indicated Tuesday when John A. Perry of this city received a contract from the state engineer authorizing him to proceed with drilling as the final test in the investigation of the water holding properties of the proposed storage reservoir. Mr. Perry stated on Tuesday that he expected to start work with a crew of five men by September 3. According to plans outlined by the state engineer and by the geologists who have been conducting preliminary investigations, seven holes will be sunk in the vicinity of the dam site, the deepest of these to go approximately 300 feet. These, Mr. Perry states, will keep the crew busy for from four to five weeks, and if favorable results are secured, other holes, of less depth, will be sunk at various points above the proposed dam location. If this is done, the entire contract will extend over at least two months.

Experienced Men Chosen.

A churn drill is to be used, and samples of the rock taken out at various depths will be sent to Professor W. O. Crosby, head of the geological experts, who, with his son, I. B. Crosby, left Tuesday for American Falls, Idaho.

The results obtained in taking soundings will largely determine whether or not a recommendation will be made by the geologists to the U. S. reclamation service for construction of a storage reservoir to impound water from the Deschutes sufficient to irrigate at least 100,000 acres, as nothing has been found in the investigations conducted to date to indicate that such construction would not be entirely feasible.

\$10,000 IS ASKED IN DAMAGE SUIT

IMPROPER TREATMENT OF FRACTURE ALLEGED BY LOGGER IN COMPLAINT AGAINST DR. G. L. COUSINEAU.

Alleging improper treatment of injuries received on March 27 of the present year, John Payne, logger, has filed suit through the law firm of DeArmond & Erskine against Dr. G. L. Cousineau, asking damages in the sum of \$10,000.

The complaint specifies that the plaintiff's injuries consisted of a fracture of a bone in the right forearm and a fracture of the right thigh bone, and alleges that the bones were adjusted in such a manner by the defendant as to result in shortening of the leg one and one-quarter inches, and causing the wrist of the injured arm to be permanently stiffened.

A. J. Moore is attorney for the defendant.

GARBAGE SCATTERED ON ROAD, COMPLAINT

Complaints that garbage is being scattered along the road on the Tumalo grade by at least one rancher hauling city waste for pig feed, were lodged with the Bend police Wednesday. It is probable that the case may be turned over to the county officials.

CONVICT IS CAPTURED NEAR BEND

WAS ROBBED BY HIS
COMRADES.

Injured and Deprived of Gun and Money by Southwick Brothers, Escaped Murderer Suffered for Days Until Captured.

Trapped by deputies who had awaited his coming at the Tumalo Creek bridge near the fish hatchery west of Bend, D. C. Brichoux, escaped convict from the state penitentiary at Salem, was taken into custody shortly before 1 o'clock yesterday. He offered no resistance whatever, although a desperate struggle had been expected, as Brichoux had been serving a life sentence for murder, and was known to be a determined criminal. The arrest was made by a posse composed of Willard Houston, Frank R. Prince, Paul Hosmer, and Horace Turner.

For days Brichoux has been endeavoring to make his escape from this section, but was prevented by injuries recently received, and went to the bridge Wednesday to meet Mrs. M. Keeney, of this city, in order to read a letter addressed to Ed. Staples of Baker, asking for help. Mrs. Keeney however, informed the officials of the proposed meeting and the deputies were stationed about the bridge in readiness. She was accompanied by Sheriff S. E. Roberts and State Parole officer L. H. Compton, of Salem, to within a short distance of the creek, when the officers made a detour to cut off escape in case their man should not be completely surrounded.

Denies Identity.

As Brichoux approached the creek, it was noted that he was walking with the assistance of two canes, and was apparently in an enfeebled condition. For a moment, he stopped at the creek, kneeling to drink, and at the instant, he was covered by Deputies Turner, Hosmer, and Houston, while the fourth member of the posse, Frank R. Prince, secured the prisoner. At first, the man attempted to prove that he and Brichoux were two different individuals, but a picture of the convict produced by the State parole officer, effectually established his identity. He was lodged in the county jail, and Mr. Compton is now awaiting instructions from Salem regarding his return to the state institution.

Chance had inflicted a heavy punishment on Brichoux during his period of hiding, for four days ago he had fallen from a cliff, dislodging a heavy rock which rolled over both legs, bruising both severely and inflicting a deep cut in the left limb. Shortly after this, Edward Southwick, also an escaped convict, and Southwick's younger brother, who had aided in their escape, plotted to murder their comrade, Brichoux says, but allowed him to live after depriving him of his gun and provisions, and \$110 in cash.

FORESTS GET ARMY TRUCKS

TWO MACHINES, ALMOST NEW, TO BE USED IN FIRE PREVENTION AND ROAD WORK ON DESCHUTES AND FREMONT.

Two army trucks, almost new, of two tons capacity each, arrived in Bend Thursday from Camp Lewis, one to be used by the Deschutes national forest, the other by the Fremont forest. They will be chiefly utilized in carrying supplies for fire protection and road construction.