

THE BEND BULLETIN.

SHIMA OUT OF POWELL BUTTE POTATO FARM

GEORGE BURTT GETS INTEREST

ATTACK CAUSES ACT

Brother of Potato Buyer Says Central Oregon Ranchers Needless Alarmed—Lower Bridge Property Acquired.

That George L. Burtt, one of the biggest potato buyers on the Pacific coast has taken over the interest formerly acquired by George Shima in a recently transferred tract of 13,352 acres of land lying between Powell Butte and Prineville, was the statement made Monday by H. H. Burtt, brother of the potato buyer, who with H. H. Urdahl, of Portland, is in the city on real estate business. Opposition which developed in Central Oregon to Japanese ownership of land, caused Mr. Shima to withdraw, Mr. Burtt, who was formerly a Redmond resident, stated.

The Portland real estate man, who was instrumental in drawing the attention of George L. Burtt to the possibilities for potato culture in Central Oregon, denied that there had ever been any intention of colonization by Japanese. Mr. Shima, he said, had not owned a controlling interest in the land, and has never been an advocate of colonization. "He was hurt by the way in which his intentions had been misunderstood, and was unwilling to go on with the venture," Mr. Burtt declared. "The farmers of Central Oregon were needlessly alarmed."

Water Need Told. As the deal now stands, Portland and San Francisco capital are tied up in the big tract of potato land, and will prove of valuable assistance to the cause of Central Oregon agriculture in pushing through the Bonham Falls project, as water must be had, Mr. Burtt stated. He mentioned in addition, that he has a contract for the subdivision and sale of the land, and expects that at the end of five years virtually all of it will have been marketed. In addition to this contract, he is closing the deal for the purchase, by the Urdahl Investment Co., of Portland, of the C. F. Hoskins 800 acre ranch at Lower Bridge, which includes a 600 acre water right. The consideration is not made public.

"On none of this land will Japanese labor be employed," Mr. Burtt said, "except in case of a most unusual emergency. For instance, with hundreds or thousands of acres in potatoes, and an early winter, such as came this year, labor of any nationality would have to be shipped in for a few weeks, to save the crop. There would be no colonization by Orientals, however."

The production of Netted Gems, both for the market, and for seed to supply a big demand in California, will be featured on both the properties in which the Burtt's are interested.

FIRE DEPARTMENT COMPLETES UNION

Meeting in adjourned session Tuesday night, members of the Bend Fire Department completed the organization of a union, elected officers, and took the oath of membership. A. E. Stevens was chosen president, John Taylor, vice-president; Claude Smith, secretary-treasurer; O. K. Hudson, guide; R. H. Loven, guard, and J. Swift, Claude Smith, and O. K. Hudson members of the Entertainment committee. Other charter members are: I. E. Palen, George Stokoe, Clyde Stokoe, M. L. Henderson, Lee Stevens, H. F. Turner, Fred Ellensburg, Tom Carlson, E. Hess, and Harry Reingold. W. H. Hudson and T. H. Foley were elected as life members.

As a remembrance of the Christmas season, President Stevens will entertain the union at a banquet to be given Monday night at the firehouse.

TUMALO VOTE IS SATURDAY

PROPOSED CHANGE TO IRRIGATION DISTRICT TO BE DECIDED BY BALLOT — DIRECTORS WILL BE PICKED.

Whether or not an irrigation district is to be organized from the Tumalo Irrigation project, will be decided on Saturday, December 20, when the election set by the Deschutes county court is to be held. At the same time, providing the election carries, three directors will be chosen. Seven candidates for these positions have appeared, and voters may pick from a list including Emil Anderson, R. H. Bayley, Ray Gerkling, A. J. Gonnason, A. J. Harter, R. G. Sammons, and George Sandel.

Because of the large number of names which appeared on the petition which was presented to the county court when the matter of district organization first came up, the leaders in the movement have little doubt of the success of the election.

SIX MILE TRIP TAKES 2 DAYS

WOMAN AND CHILD WAIT HOURS IN SNOW WHILE HUSBAND WALKS TO BEND FOR RELIEF.

Just now city life appeals to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Lindley, for after a six mile trip into Bend which took over 22 hours, they are enjoying a few days of rest before returning to their home on the Red Rock road. The story of their journey into Bend is one of the tales of hardships which are being told this week as side-lights on Central Oregon's record storm.

When the big snow fell, the Lindleys were caught without provisions of any kind, and after going hungry all day Thursday, and Friday morning, they started out at noon Friday, in the hope that they might be able to drive to Bend. Three miles from home, their wagon was stuck fast in the snow, after team and driver had bucked the drifts for nine hours, and Mr. Lindley set off on foot, leaving his wife and baby in the wagon.

At midnight he reached Bend, and an hour and a half later, accompanied by L. B. Kennedy, of the Depot Feed Yards, and a four horse team, started back for the point where he had left his wife and child. The family reached Bend at 10:30 o'clock Saturday morning.

RED CROSS TOTAL COMES TO \$2,546.50

Final reports from the last collectors in the Red Cross membership drive were received in Bend Tuesday, and a statement by the chairman of the central committee for Deschutes and Jefferson county gives the grand total as \$2,546.50. Of this amount, \$1,754.50 was turned in by Deschutes, and \$792 by Jefferson. Half of the amount raised goes to division headquarters in Seattle, the remainder being retained by the chapter.

The totals given include subscriptions from The Shevlin-Hixon employees of \$443, in addition to amounts previously credited to them.

SCHOOLS CLOSE FOR ONE WEEK VACATION

One week's vacation will be allowed pupils in the Bend schools for the Christmas season, it was announced today. The last session of night school will be this evening, while day school will close after tomorrow's classes. Work will commence on the usual schedule on the morning of Monday, December 29.

PROGRESS SEEN ON C. O. I. LANDS

BIG INCREASE NOTED IN ALFALFA

Value of Farms Set at \$4,307,431—Population on Project Shows Gain of 304 Over the Preceding Year.

If anyone has the impression that the land under cultivation and the people on the Central Oregon Irrigation project are not making progress it will be well for those persons to glean some rather astonishing facts from the recent census report of people, livestock and cultivated land compiled by the employees of the company and just completed.

There are 5,116 more acres under cultivation in the project this year than last year, the present area being 22,965 acres. In addition to this land there are 1,593 acres not under cultivation while in 1918 there were 2,400 acres not cultivated.

Alfalfa Tops List. Of the cultivated crops on the project the acreage to alfalfa tops the

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CONDITIONS IN EUROPE GOOD

MINISTER TELLS OF LONG TRIP

Little Evidence of Bolshevism Seen by Father Sheehan—Countries Recovering From Effects of the War.

After a four months' absence from Bend, the greater part of which time he spent in Ireland, and on a trip to Rome where he was given a public audience by the Pope, Father Luke Sheehan, of the Bend Catholic church returned to this city Tuesday. He had been delayed for weeks in securing return passage to America, because of the crowded condition of ships making the western voyage across the Atlantic. Father Sheehan, who is head of the American mission attached to the Irish province of the Franciscan order, made the trip primarily to be present at the triennial election in Dublin of superiors of the order. He spent six weeks in Dublin and Cork, the

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NOT ENOUGH WATER ON C. O. I. PROJECT, SAY RESOLUTIONS

Outlining conditions as seen by the water users on the C. O. I. project, resolutions which were passed yesterday by the Bend Commercial club, protesting the sale of water by the company to the Lone Pine Irrigation district, are indicative of the stand taken by the settlers on the project. The complete resolutions are as follows:

RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the Central Oregon Irrigation Company has applied to the State Desert Land Board for permission to sell water to the settlers or land owners within what is known as the Lone Pine Irrigation District, situated in Crook county, Oregon, on the North side of the Crooked river, such application being for permission to sell several hundred acres of water rights to such settlers and land owners, said Lone Pine Irrigation District being located outside the limits of the Carey Act Segregations of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, and,

WHEREAS, the settlers within the Central Oregon Irrigation District, which is wholly within the segregations of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, are protesting against the sale of any more water or water rights by the Central Oregon Irrigation Company and particularly against the sale of any water or water rights to the settlers or land owners within the said Lone Pine Irrigation District.

THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED, by the Bend Commercial club, in regular meeting assembled, that it protest and oppose the sale of such water or water rights to the settlers and land owners of the Lone Pine Irrigation District for the following reasons:

1. That the Central Oregon Irrigation District has been organized within the segregations of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company and comprise all of the land sold by the Central Oregon Irrigation Company under its system of canals, ditches and flumes and comprising approximately 43,000 acres.
2. That the irrigation system of the said Central Oregon Irrigation Company, consisting of canals, ditches and flumes, are not of sufficient capacity or efficiency to properly irrigate all of said 43,000 acres of land if water were demanded for the same.
3. That during the year 1919 and past years, this club is informed that not to exceed 25,000 acres of said land have demanded and used water from the system of the said Irrigation Company and that there are approximately 18,000 acres of sold lands within the district that are entitled, upon demand, to water for irrigation purposes, but which have not thus far demanded or been supplied with water for irrigation or otherwise and that if all of the land entitled to be supplied with water through said system of canals, ditches and flumes were to demand water as per their contracts or for the proper irrigation of crops that the present system of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company would not be sufficient to supply them with sufficient water for such purposes.
4. That if the Desert Land Board were to permit the sale of the water for said Lone Pine Irrigation District as aforesaid it would work serious injury to the farmers and settlers now residing within the Central Oregon Irrigation District in that it would render them short of water for irrigation to the extent of the amount sold and consequently reduce the productivity of their farms.
5. That this club is informed that it required practically the full capacity of said system during the season of 1919 to irrigate the said 25,000 acres, even though there were approximately 18,000 acres of sold land within the District that was not supplied with water and that the canal system is not of sufficient capacity to carry the said water desired for the Lone Pine Irrigation District.
6. That lands to the Lone Pine Irrigation District are situated approximately 30 miles from the head-gate or intake of the irrigation system and a very heavy seepage and transmission loss results from the carrying of water from the head-gates to the land.
7. That the settlers and land owners within the said Central Oregon Irrigation District are entitled to all of the water that the system of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company will carry or supply under its present size and efficiency.
8. That the Company proposes to cancel certain lands within the present segregation, which are entitled to water under the present system, in order to sell to lands outside the segregation, which has the tendency to render it impossible to properly settle the lands within the segregations with settlers who would improve the same, thereby tending to keep the community sparsely populated and allowing portions which ought to be irrigated to remain arid and waste, injuring the settlers who have already purchased and improved their property adjacent to the lands which might be cancelled. This would work an injury on the community and City of Bend by rendering it impossible to settle the lands near this community.

Be it further RESOLVED, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to each member of the State Desert Land Board prior to the 23rd day of December, the date set for the hearing on the application of the company.

RAISE IS DUE IN GAS PRICE

SPECIAL STANDARD DEMANDED BY STATE LAW FOR OREGON RESPONSIBLE, SAYS OIL COMPANY AGENT.

Because under the state law, gasoline of a special grade must be furnished for sale in Oregon, Bend motorists will soon face an advance in the price of gas, now sold at 25 cents a gallon, according to W. R. Speck, local manager for the Standard Oil Co. Just what this advance will be, Mr. Speck has not yet been advised, but rumors are current that it will amount to four cents a gallon. Under the existing statute, gas marketed in Oregon must give a Baume gravity test of 56, while in other states in the union a 54 degree standard is used. This is one reason, Mr. Speck points out, that the supply in Oregon ran short at various times during the year, general stocks of gasoline being unavailable for distribution in this state. Not only this, he declares, but the product used elsewhere in the United States has been found to be just as efficient as the grade demanded in Oregon.

"Gravity is a poor measure of the quality of gasoline," Mr. Speck said, in mentioning the proposed price raise. "The accepted standard for measurement of quality is the boiling point, and even in aviation, where the quality of gas used must be beyond question, there is no thought of a gravity test."

"The executive authorities in Oregon appreciate the difficulty of the situation created by the law in question, and are endeavoring to devise some means of relieving the public from the law's burdensome results until the next legislative session. In this they will have the full cooperation of the oil companies."

NAME OFFICERS IN COMMANDERY

L. A. W. NIXON HEADS TEMPLARS — CHRISTMAS SERVICE TO BE HELD ON MORNING OF DECEMBER 25.

Following election and installation of officers by Pilgrim Commandery, Knights Templar, L. A. W. Nixon heads the order in Bend, taking the position as Eminent Commander. Others installed are as follows: W. D. Barnes, Generalissimo; J. D. Davidson, Captain-General; Senior Warden, J. Alton Thompson; Junior Warden, J. C. Rhodes; Excellent Prelate, W. T. Mullarky; Treasurer, A. F. Larson; Recorder, Clyde M. Mally; Standard Bearer, Hugh Braden; Sword Bearer, W. R. Speck; Warden, Dr. R. W. Hendershott; Sentinel, Otto Lempke; Captain of the Guards, F. E. Studebaker; Guards, H. C. Ellis and Dr. J. C. Vandeventer.

Following the installation, a social hour was enjoyed, with dancing and refreshments. In accordance with their annual custom, the Knights will attend special Christmas services to be held in the Masonic hall at 9 o'clock on the morning of December 25.

\$100 CERTIFICATES RECEIVED IN BEND

War Savings Securities, Including 1920 Stamp Issue Sent to Postoffice.

Acting Postmaster W. H. Hudson, yesterday received \$1,000 worth of War Savings certificates, of \$100 each, and a further supply can be readily obtained from Portland if the securities prove a popular form of investment here, he says. In addition to these, \$4,180 worth of the 1920 War Savings Stamps arrived at the post office. The new stamps are red and bear the likeness of George Washington.

PROTEST SALE OF RIGHTS BY C. O. I. COMPANY

CANALS OVERTAXED NOW, CLAIMED

CONTRACT NEAR END

Settlers Will Seek to Oust Company, and Will Fight Petition to Advance Rates Charged For Maintenance.

Returning from Salem where he appeared before the Desert Land board to protest the sale of any more water rights by the C. O. I. Company, H. H. DeArmond, attorney for the C. O. I. district, reported on Monday that the last sale of 360 acres made by the company, was allowed, but that no more will be permitted until the district has had an opportunity formally to present its claims. On December 23, a hearing will be granted, at which time the arguments as to the company's right to sell water for the Lone Pine district, for from 1600 to 2400 acres, outside the C. O. I. segregation, will be presented. The attorneys for the settlers in the C. O. I. district will contend that the canal capacities are being overtaxed in serving 25,000 acres already disposed of, to say nothing of 20,000 acres more still in the segregation.

Seek to Oust Company.

While in Salem and Portland, Mr. DeArmond also went into the plans of procedure for an action to oust the company, and turn its holdings over to the district. The contentions of the settlers are that the contract between the company and the Desert Land board will expire in 1920, and that the company has failed to fulfill the terms of its contract, in not reclaiming all of the segregation and in failure to deliver water in some instances according to agreement. It will be further set forth that the company is unable to make good on its contract, and that hence the company holdings should be transferred to the settlers. It is probable that the district will start either condemnation or ejectment proceedings, Mr. DeArmond said.

With Harrison Allen of Portland, retained as special counsel, Mr. DeArmond will appear before the Public Service commission early in the year in the matter of the C. O. I. company's petition for an advance in maintenance fees from 80 cents and \$1 per acre, to \$2. The right to alter the original rates will be questioned on the ground of private contracts with the settlers, and on the contention that a maintenance rate is not a service charge, and hence not within the jurisdiction of the commission.

WOULD INTEREST MOVIE PRODUCERS

With the aim of furthering the scope of the moving picture producing industry in Central Oregon, W. C. Birdsall, manager of the Pilot Butte Inn, has ordered a number of albums containing the finest scenic views in this part of the state. The albums are to be sent to representative movie men in New York, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and Boston, and will be accompanied by an invitation asking that experts be sent to this city to investigate the natural resources offered here for the film business.

RABBITS, SNOWBOUND, CLUBBED TO DEATH

Without poison or guns, ranchers in the Tumalo section have killed large numbers of jack rabbits, according to reports received here today. The "jacks," huddled together for warmth, were easily snowbound and clubbed to death while the snow was deep, 61 inches in some places, being killed in this way. With the coming of the thaw, a number of poison is being mixed and distributed as quickly as possible.