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STOCK DIE OF NEW DISEASE

HIGH DESERT LOSSES ARE HEAVY

**Cattle Between One and Eight Months Subject to Infection—
Calf Diphtheria Suspected—
Aid is Asked.**

Cattle on the high desert are dying in large numbers from a mysterious malady which has so far resisted diagnosis and treatment alike, according to reports coming in from stockmen. One rancher has lost 40 head, 23 belonging to another stockman were victims of the disease, and other losses will probably bring the total close to 100.

The disease, in some respects, is similar to blackleg, attacking calves from one to eight months old, and apparently is highly contagious. The infected animal has a watery discharge from the nostrils, froths at the mouth, and in the evening lies down, twitches spasmodically, and is dead. Post mortem examinations show a discoloration of the flesh of the legs and under the jaw, but the swelling characteristic of blackleg, is absent.

R. A. Ward, to whom reports have been made, believes that the disease may possibly be calf diphtheria, but as no specimens of the mucous tissues of the throat or nasal passage of the animals have been examined, he does not give this opinion as in any sense final.

In an endeavor to secure diagnosis and directions for effective treatment, he has written to Dr. B. F. Simms, veterinarian at the Oregon Agricultural college, and to State Veterinarian, Dr. W. H. Lytle, asking that they visit this locality as quickly as possible, in order to make a thorough inspection of infected livestock.

AVERY IS REPORTED ENGAGED BY COUNTY

**O. A. C. Announces Appointment,
Then Intimates Possible Hitch
in Proceedings.**

Apparently confirming the selection by the Deschutes County Farm Bureau, of H. G. Avery, of Jerome, Idaho, as County Agriculturalist here, the following, under an O. A. C. date line, is reprinted from The Oregonian:

"H. G. Avery, county agent for Jerome county, Idaho, has been appointed county agent for Deschutes county, Oregon.

"Mr. Avery has had three years' successful experience in Idaho, being recognized as one of the most capable agents in the state. He formerly lived on a Kansas stock farm and attended the Kansas Agricultural college."

The same announcement was received by The Bulletin from the Assistant Leader of county agents, at Corvallis, but was followed by a wire requesting that the story be held, indicating a possible hitch in the plans for securing Mr. Avery.

LEGION DANCE IS POPULAR AFFAIR

**Post Entertains With Informal
Party at Gymnasium—Quadrille
is Novel Feature.**

Percy A. Stevens Post, American Legion, staged another popular social affair Friday when the members of the service men's organization entertained with an informal dancing party at the B. A. C. gymnasium. Decorations were carried out with bunting and flags, and bugle calls were used in announcing each number.

A feature of the evening was the quadrille, and seven sets went through the figures of the old time "square dance." C. H. Stephens was caller for this special number.

A dice game which was well patronized during the evening, was the means of selling several hundred Red Cross seals.

FARMERS URGED TO INSPECT DITCHES

**Possibility of Contamination of
Water Supply Noted by County
Health Officer.**

While a smaller number of rabbits has been killed as the result of the poisoning campaign than had been expected, there is danger that the bodies of some of the rodents may be washed into the irrigation ditches contaminating the water supply of many farmers, Dr. R. W. Hendershott, County Health Officer, states. He urges that ditches be carefully inspected to avoid the possibility of diseases such as are caused by impure water.

BIG VOTE FOR NEW DISTRICT

**OVERWHELMING MAJORITY
GIVEN FOR ORGANIZATION OF
SETTLERS WITHIN THE TU-
MALO PROJECT.**

By an overwhelming majority, the election at Tumalo Saturday for the organization of an irrigation district within the boundaries of the Tumalo project, carried Saturday 55 favorable ballots being cast against six against the formation of a district. The vote was canvassed Monday morning by the county court.

As directors of the new organization, R. H. Bayley, Emil Anderson, and A. J. Gonnason were chosen.

BEND COUNCIL IN FAVOR OF A NEW BRIDGE

Need for a new bridge across the Deschutes river, at the site of the old footbridge, whether such a structure should be for foot or wagon traffic, the cost of construction, and how the necessary funds might be raised, constituted the main points of an issue introduced Friday, at the city council meeting by Mayor J. A. Eastes. The mayor pointed out that the city had no funds available and that it would be necessary either to find some interested citizens who would take city warrants payable in 1921, or to vote a bond issue.

City Engineer Gould, called on for an estimate as to the cost of a wagon bridge, stated that by using rock fill on the approaches, and putting in a wooden structure 160 feet in length and 20 feet wide, a total expenditure of approximately \$4,000 would be involved. He advised, however, that a footbridge be thrown across the river to be used until the city is financially able to put in a concrete arch bridge, which would mean a cost of between \$25,000 and \$30,000. Mayor Eastes contended that a wagon bridge is an absolute necessity at the present time, and Councilman E. L. Payne declared that the people on the west side of the river are entitled to some consideration, and that they should be given a bridge which will serve the city for at least 10 years. He urged, however, that whatever type is constructed, that it be built high enough to permit of the passage of skiffs and canoes.

Favor Wagon Bridge.
Councilmen Mugee, Sutherland, and Benson all favored a wagon bridge. Councilman McPherson had no convictions, but pointed out that if a real need exists, it should be met at once, while Councilman Rhodes, although undecided, leaned slightly toward the footbridge plan.

The most telling argument produced in favor of a wagon bridge was that of Fire Chief Carlson, who suggested that the degree of fire protection offered west siders would be greatly increased if this short cut across the river could be made.

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THAWS HOLD UP TRAIN SERVICE

CONSTANT SLIDES OF ROCK BLOCK TRACK

**Freight Takes Three Days in Mak-
ing Trip From The Dalles to
Bend—Passenger Trains Con-
tinue Despite Obstacles.**

Until the thaw comes to an end, or until the moisture now in the form of snow and slush on the hillsides has drained away, a schedule varying from three to six hours late may be expected in passenger service on the Oregon Trunk and the O. W. R. & N. is the statement of Freight and Passenger Agent P. E. Studebaker. Small slides are causing the trouble, and while not a sufficiently large amount of earth and rocks is being let down onto the tracks to cause an entire cessation of train service, there is enough to cause infinite vexation to the trainmen working on the run.

Sixteen hours by no means an uncommon time for the trip from Portland to Bend, and between Fallbridge and the end of the Oregon Trunk line, trains are frequently halted twenty or more times while boulders are cleared off the tracks, or are forced to stop while damage done to the low hanging parts of the locomotive's machinery, is repaired. This last is the cause of a much greater loss of time than the mere removing of obstructions.

On the O. W. side of the canyon, the snow is well melted off, but it was over these tracks that one of the longest trips on record was made, when a freight took three days in making the distance from The Dalles to Bend, arriving here yesterday. Passenger trains on the O. W. crossing the Oregon Trunk tracks as far south as North Junction.

On the hills above the Oregon Trunk in the Deschutes Valley, much snow still remains, but it constitutes no unusual menace, Mr. Studebaker says, unless a heavy rain should come aiding the melting snow to produce real landslides.

RATIFICATION OF TREATY FAVORED

Ratification of the peace treaty and league of nations covenant, without reservations, is apparently preferred in Bend, for out of nine votes cast on the question during the last few days, four express themselves as being for this method of settling the treaty dilemma. Three favored ratification, but only with all the Lodge reservations, one was for compromise on the reservations and immediate ratification, and one was against ratification in any form.

OREGON INDUSTRIES MAKING HEADWAY IN TRADE OF STATE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 23.—Two years and a half ago 50 enterprising business men organized to promote the marketing of Oregon-made goods. Today there are 250 Oregon manufacturers who are interested in the organization known as the Associated Industries.

"Many people do not understand the purpose of the associated industries," said A. G. Clark, manager of the organization, this morning at his headquarters in the Oregon Building. "Some think we are discriminating against industries outside of Portland. We are not. Our membership could not have grown as it has within the last 2 years if this were true. We are anxious to encompass all Oregon industries in our organization."

"In our campaign to educate the people of Oregon to take a greater interest in home production, we have received the hearty co-operation of the press of the state and every aggressive organization of business

NON-RESIDENCE DISQUALIFIES

TRIP TO WASHINGTON IS IN VAIN

**J. W. Moore Not Eligible for Post-
Mastership, Rules Civil Service
Commission—Appointment
Not Yet Made.**

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—J. W. Moore, of Bend, has been here for the past few days trying to get the post office department to reverse the ruling that he is ineligible to become postmaster at Bend, Oregon because he was not a resident of Bend when the vacancy occurred. The department has refused to change the ruling.

Mr. Moore resigned as postmaster at Redmond to take the examination for the same position at Bend. He passed the examination, but found that non-residence barred him. The other candidate, W. H. Hudson, it is understood here, failed in his examination.

W. H. Hudson, Acting Postmaster in Bend, denied emphatically the statement in the Washington dispatch rumored that he had failed to pass his examination. "I have received my ratings from the Civil Service commission," he said, "and while I see no reason for making them public, they are higher than are required as passing grades by the civil service. I believe that other candidates have also received ratings, but have no knowledge of what these might be."

Mr. Hudson stated that he had no information as yet as to the outcome of the race for the postmastership, other than that contained in the United Press dispatch from Washington reporting the disqualification of Mr. Moore.

FAREWELL PARTY GIVEN MINISTER

**Automobile Presented to Father
Sharkey on Eve of Departure
For Roseburg.**

Members of St. Francis church, more than 125 in number, gathered at the Emblem club Sunday night to give a farewell reception in honor of Father Adrian Sharkey, on the eve of his departure for Roseburg, in which city he will head the Catholic church. The affair was given as an entire surprise to Father Sharkey, and as a feature of the evening came the presentation of an order for an automobile.

An informal musical program was given, after which refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

IRRIGATIONISTS TO CONVENE JANUARY 8

**Unusually Large Attendance Ex-
pected Because of Special Leg-
islative Session Following.**

Because of the fact that the 1920 Oregon Irrigation Congress is to be held on January 8, 9, and 10, just prior to the date set by Governor Ocott for the convening of a special session of the Oregon legislature, a much larger crowd will attend the meeting in Portland than could ordinarily be expected in the year following a legislative session. Fred N. Wallace, secretary of the Congress, states that an exceptionally good program of speakers is promised by O. C. Leiter, chairman of the program committee.

Mr. Wallace hopes that there will be an unusually large representation of Central Oregon ranchers.

THAW HAMPERS RABBIT KILLERS

**RODENTS EASILY DIG THROUGH
SNOW TO CUSTOMARY FEED,
AND IGNORE RATION OF
POISONED ALFALFA.**

That the rapid thawing of snow has seriously hampered plans for the wholesale poisoning of jackrabbits in Deschutes county is indicated by reports coming in from various farming sections, where it has been found that the "jacks" are ignoring the carefully prepared rations of strychnine-soaked alfalfa leaves, and are instead subsisting on grasses, roots, and winter grains.

The first cold night following the thaw, resulting in a slight crust of the snow, proved ideal for rabbit poisoning, and hundreds of the destructive rodents were killed at that time, but since then the poisoning campaign has had but little effect. It is explained that the rodents can now easily dig through the snow to the ground, gaining access to their customary food.

A freeze of two or three nights duration would enable ranchers to work havoc among the rabbits, it is declared.

FIREMEN HOLD BIG BANQUET

**ENGINEER LEE STEVENS HOST
AT AFFAIR GIVEN AT FIRE-
HOUSE—FOOD SURPLUS
GIVEN TO THE RED CROSS.**

Members of the Bend Fire Department enjoyed an elaborate Christmas banquet given Monday night at the firehouse by Engineer Lee Stevens, president of the firemen's union, 27 of the department, with other guests being present. Musical entertainment was furnished by Wilson George, who gave several vocal and instrumental numbers, and by the Firemen's orchestra. A talk from Mayor J. A. Eastes featured the program of addresses for the evening. Several tables of cards were played after the banquet broke up, and during the entire affair not a single alarm sounded.

Preparations were made on so generous a scale that when the banquet was concluded, it was found that a considerable surplus of provisions remained. These were turned over to the Red Cross today for distribution among needy families of Bend.

TRACTOR SENT TO WORK TUMALO ROAD

After working in conjunction with the McLaughlin tractor in clearing the La Pine road, the big caterpillar rented to the state and county, by Oskar Huber, highway contractor, was ordered to work on the Bend to Tumalo road by the county court Thursday. The entire road was opened in 10 hours.

COUNTY BUDGET MAY GAIN \$12000

STATE TAX ADVANCE RESPONSIBLE

**Special Items Causing Advance Not
to be Considered as Affected by
Six Per Cent Limitation,
Court Decides.**

Deschutes county's budget will in all probability be approximately \$12,000 greater than at first announced, as the result of an unexpected advance of \$22,000 in the state tax, it was indicated by County Judge W. D. Barnes and Commissioner C. H. Miller, who were in session Tuesday afternoon to determine the exact revision of the estimate of county expenses for the coming year. This will mean a total which is expected to reach approximately \$146,000.

In drawing up the budget originally submitted to the people, the court had figured on an increase of \$2,000, the amount allowed by the six per cent statutory limitation, and when the final report from Salem was received, it was thought at first that the greatly increased figure would mean a drastic paring of estimates for county expenses. Today, however, it was determined that the additions to the amount due the state were the result of specially voted appropriations, such as the market road tax, and soldiers' and sailors' aid, and that as these apparently did not figure in the six per cent advance allowed by law over last year, the county would not necessarily be held to the \$134,314 estimate originally proposed, which just came within the six per cent limitation.

As the county budget had already allowed for a \$1,000 advance in the state tax, and had included a one mill market road tax, the latter item amounting to between \$8,000 and \$9,000, the members of the court, in considering the situation, stated tentatively that the county government would be justified in adding \$12,000, in round numbers, to the budget. On this basis, it is thought, there will be little radical change necessary from any of the items already virtually decided on.

MANAGERS CHOSEN BY THE RED CROSS

**Election of Officers Will be Held
at Meeting of Board on Friday
Afternoon.**

A new board of managers for the Bend chapter of the American Red Cross was elected Sunday afternoon at a meeting of the chapter held in the county court rooms, and officers for the year of 1920 will be picked at a board meeting to be held at 5 o'clock Friday afternoon.

The members of the new board of managers include Carl A. Johnson, Clyde M. McKay, J. F. Keyes, L. M. Foss, J. C. Rhodes, R. W. Sawyer, J. A. Eastes, Rev. J. Edgar Purdy, Mrs. Max Canning, S. W. Moore, F. N. Wallace, Mrs. C. S. Hudson, Father Luke Sheehan, T. H. Foley, Mrs. E. P. Mahaffey, J. D. Donovan, H. A. Miller, Mrs. J. M. Lawrence, Mrs. H. Richards, and Mrs. V. A. Forbes.

CUTTING TREES IN PARK IS FORBIDDEN

Complaints that boys have been cutting fir seedlings to be used as Christmas trees, the tract in Tumalo canyon which constitutes a part of the proposed Tom Shevlin memorial by city authorities, and the matter of preventing further depredations was immediately taken up. Charles Orwiler is serving as a deputy to arrest all future offenders.

DANCE IS ANNOUNCED FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Members of the Timberworkers local will give a Christmas eve dance Wednesday night at the Hippodrome the proceeds to be for the benefit of the Bellingham Timberworkers.