BEND STORES NOT HELD TO OPENING HOUR

ACTION IS TAKEN BY CLERKS' UNION

URGE ORGANIZATION

Believed Association of Merchants Should be Formed to Frame Proposal for Change in Working Hours.

Merchants of Bend may open their places of business at any hour which pleases them without fear of treading on the toes of the clerks' union. This is the result of action taken at a special meeting held by the union Thursday night, when the matter of opening hours first brought before the public at the Commercial club meeting Wednesday noon, was threshed out. After a lengthy discussion, in which the question was orgued from all angles, with the evident desire to give all due consideration to the merchant and the buying public, it was decided to eliminate mention of an opening hour from the contract now in force.

The clerks feel, however, that until an organization of merchants has been formed, they will be unable to make an agreement which would be binding in the best sense, and with this point in view, a motion was passed which sets the working hours for members of the union at from 9 o'clock in the morning until 6 o'clock at night. The motion provides, however, that this shall only be in effect until such time as the merchants of the city perfect an organization and propose a change, such a proposal to be signed in addition by a majority of the union firms who are not included in the retailers' association. In the meantime, there will be no objection to proprietors of stores opening their places for business one, or two hours early. As the matter now stands, there is only one important phase of the 1919 agreement which will not be open to change—the eight hour day.

Unions Commend Service.

The proposition of putting on one clerk in an establishment from 8 to 5 o'clock, and another from 9 to 6 o'clock, was thoroughly discussed, and the final decision was reached that this would be inadvisable as the busiest hour of the day is from 5 to 2 o'clock, and that, the entire working force is needed to take care of the mill trade at this time, while 6 o'clock, trade at this time, while it was considered that the trade between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock could readily be taken care of by the proprietors without putting any extra expense on the public, which would be entailed by putting on additional clerks during the last hour of the day.

An interesting phase was brought out when representations from the Timberworkers and the Carpenters unions reported that their organizations had voted expressing entire satisfaction with the service being given the public under the present business hours. It was after this report that the clerks decided that the action outlined was advisable, although leaving the opportunity for a change when the merchants' organization is complete, going on record as standing ready to cooperate in any reasonable plan of action which will look forward to a bigger and better Bend.

SPECIAL TRAINING OFFERED IN NAVY

Twelve Complete Courses Given in Aviation Mechanics' School.

Showing the opportunities offered young men entering the navy, a pamphlet on the aviation mechanics school has just been received here by Recruiting Officer Warner. Twelve complete courses of instruction are given, including those for quartermasters, carpenters' mates, carpenters mates aviation coppersmiths machinists' mates for aviation engines, aviation engine ignition, and miscellaneous maintenance courses for the training of gunners' mates, instrument makers, and dirigible crews.

MAIL GETS THROUGH ON SOUTHERN ROUTE

That 1,000 pounds of mail had just been pushed through to Fort Rock, at the end of a four days trip, was the word received here by phone late Thursday afternoon by F. M. Chrisman, proprietor of the Silver Lake stage line. The mail was taken in by a four horse team, and was the first to reach Fort Rock since the big storm of last week.

SILVER LAKE FIRE COSTLY

LEADER BUILDING IS TOTAL LOSS

Mrs. F. M. Christman Rouses in Early Morning Just in Time to Escape Flames—Irrigation Records Destroyed.

Fire which is believed to have started on the first floor from a cigarette stub, destroyed the Leader building at Silver Lake early on Friday, occasioning a loss of $4,000 for the building and several thousand more for personal property and printing plant equipment, a telephone message received here from Mrs. F. M. Chrisman at Silver Lake, informed Mr. Chrisman. Mrs. Chrisman was sleeping in their rooms on the second floor when the fire broke out at 3:30 o'clock, but roused in time to escape from the flames, clad in night attire. The loss is partly covered by insurance.

The building, a 72 by 26 structure, which was erected in 1907, housed the post office, a barber shop, the Silver Lake Leader, owned by Mr. Chrisman, while on the second floor were offices, and the Chrisman home. The mails were saved from the flames.

It is supposed that included in the loss are all the records of the Silver Lake irrigation district as well as Mr. Chrisman's personal business records. The district records, as far as engineering data are concerned, can be replaced, it is believed, while the districts minutes are in the possession of the directors, who were on their way to Salem.

The Hotel Chrisman, near the Leader building, was saved from the flames by throwing snow on parts of the structure menaced by the fire.

Mr. Chrisman declares that he will vote against cigarettes whenever he is given the opportunity.

Minister Wants to Help.

GAIN IS NOTED IN STAMP SALE

100 PER CENT INCREASE IN DEMAND FOR WAR SAVINGS SECURITIES REPORTED AT POSTOFFICE.

A 100 per cent increase in the number of war savings stamps sold so far this month over the amount disposed of at this time in November, is reported by Acting Postmaster W. H. Hudson. In part this is due to the fact that the baby bonds are being bought for Christmas presents, and in part as the result of the pledge cards recently sent out.

Although there are doubtless many people in Bend and Deschutes county who have received cards, and who intend to buy war savings stamps to the limit of their resources, only $1500 in pledges has come into the committee of the Elks lodge which is endeavoring to increase the sale of war savings securities. All having pledge cards are asked by the committee, to fill them out and return at once so that a fairly accurate idea of what Deschutes county is doing can be obtained.

Fifteen Years Ago

(From the columns of The Bulletin of December 23.)

A. L. Goodwillie was elected Mayor, and C. W. Merrill, C. H. Erickson, J. I. West, D. Millan, C. M. Redfield, and F. A. Shonquest aldermen, in the incorporation election held Monday, which transformed Bend into an incorporated town. J. M. Lawrence was chosen Recorder, F. O. Minor treasurer, and E. R. Lester Marshal.

A three year old black bear made the mistake of his life Wednesday evening, when he swam the Deschutes just below town. He was shot by B. H. Lantry. Apparently the bear had not heard of Bend's rapid growth.

J. E. Reed has purchased a one acre lot of Steidl and Reed, just north of Nick Smith's place.

Ralph Spencer, who has been taking S. D. Percival's place with The Bulletin for the past two months, returned to Antelope Thursday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh O'Kane and Mrs. John Blair left Monday morning for Portland. The two ladies will spend the holidays with Portland friends and Mr. O'Kane will make a business trip to Spokane.

Thomas Jones, who kept the halfway station between Rosland and Silver Lake, dropped dead of heart disease in Prineville last Monday. He was 84 years old and had lived alone on his homestead for years.

Ed Halvorson is building a five room cottage on Kentucky street.

The Deschutes Improvement Co., is about to open a branch office in Prineville to catch people who are looking for irrigated lands.

The carpenters are done with the new Baptist church for the present when the windows and doors come, the structure will be put in condition for comfortable use.

W. R. Wilkinson, while shingling the barn of J. H. O'Neil the first of the week, fell from the roof striking on his left shoulder. He was not seriously hurt.

Put it in "THE BULLETIN."