

LIMIT PLACED ON JAPANESE

BURTT AND RANCHERS SIGN CONTRACT

Potato Broker to Employ No More Than Three Orientals on Each of His Holdings, and Hire Them Only as Experts.

At the close of a conference held Tuesday afternoon in Redmond between George L. Burtt, wealthy potato broker and owner of large tracts of potato lands in Central Oregon, and representative Deschutes county ranchers and business men, a contract was signed in which Mr. Burtt agreed to employ no more than three Japanese on the Hoskins ranch in the Lower Bridge section, and a like number on the lands owned in the Powell Butte country. The Japanese to be so employed will be retained in the capacity of experts, and will be engaged only during the potato season. He further agreed to make no sales of lands in Central Oregon of Japanese labor on his recently acquired holdings.

At the close of a conference held recently acquired holdings. Mr. Burtt stated that he had never intended to employ Japanese labor on his recently acquired holdings.

Three Counties Protected.

The working part of the contract executed Tuesday, reads as follows: "The said George L. Burtt, for himself, and on behalf of the said Portland-Deschutes Land Company, agrees to and with the said committee representing the citizens of Central Oregon, that neither of the first said parties shall at any time in the future employ any Japanese labor in, on, or about any of their potato fields within Deschutes, Crook, or Jefferson counties; that at no time shall there be more than six Japanese expert potato men employed in Central Oregon, and in no instance shall there be more than three of said expert potato men be employed on what is known as the C. F. Hoskins ranch in the Lower Bridge community, and not more than three of said expert potato men shall be employed on the Powell Butte ranch at any one time; that these said Japanese expert potato men shall not be residents of Central Oregon, and shall not be employed at any other time than during the planting and harvesting season, and it is especially agreed that none of the said expert potato men shall be employed at common labor, nor shall any Japanese be employed at common labor on any of their holdings within the aforesaid Deschutes, Crook and Jefferson counties.

"And the parties further agree that they will not subdivide any of their holdings, nor sublet any part of their holdings whereby the intent of this agreement shall become nullified, nor shall their holdings, nor any part of the same be sold or conveyed to any Japanese or to any agent or representative of any Japanese."

MAYOR CLOSES PART OF CITY

As a precautionary measure, after conferring with members of the city health committee, Red Cross committee heads, and the city physician, Mayor J. A. Eastes Tuesday issued a proclamation closing theatres, dance halls, and rinks, and asking that lodges cancel their meetings, that there be no private parties or gatherings, and that people refrain from congregating in pool halls, stores, and other places where any danger of contagion might be brought about. Although both smallpox and the so-called "flu" are present in forms so mild as in some cases to be hardly recognizable, the mayor's proclamation is generally approved, and many meetings, lodge sessions, and parties were called off immediately after the posters announcing the policy of the authorities had been put up. The theatres were closed at the request of Manager O. M. Whittington.

COUNTY TAX ROLLS GIVEN TO SHERIFF

Payment on First Half Now Due—Total Is \$392,409.71—\$1,982.79 Collected by Assessor.

Following the turning over by Assessor W. T. Mullarky, of the tax rolls Saturday, Deputy Sheriff August Anderson announced this morning that payments may now be made on the first half. Penalties will be enforced after April 5. The total taxes listed are \$392,409.71, of which amount \$1,982.79 was taken in by the assessor, leaving \$390,426.92 to be collected by the sheriff's office.

SNOW RESERVE LOW IN HILLS

DANGER IS SEEN FOR IRRIGATORS

Scarcity of Water Predicted by Old Timers for Coming Season—Late Winter or Early Spring Precipitation Needed.

Not in the memory of settlers in Central Oregon has there been so little snow in the water shed of the Deschutes river and other small streams which are feeders to reservoirs for irrigation projects as this year according to well informed irrigation men, and men who have been in the mountains for the last three weeks.

In localities throughout the Cascade shed where snow in past years at this time has been upwards of 12 feet in depth no snow now lies on the ground, and in other places where even greater amounts have been before, there lies only a moderate blanket.

According to Fred N. Wallace, manager of the Tumalo Irrigation project this condition may result in an unprecedented water shortage this season unless there is a heavy late winter or early spring fall of snow. Whether the present weather will bring heavy snow in the mountains is not yet known.

Farmers will be advised of any change in conditions concerning the probable water supply so that they can lay their plans for the coming year.

PUMPING PLANT TO COST \$12,000

Installation of an auxiliary pumping and sterilization plant by the Bend Water, Light & Power Company at a point south of the city near where the city water main taps the Pilot Butte canal is an improvement which will be started in the near future, and for which preliminary work is in fact, already under way. T. H. Foley, manager of the company, stated Wednesday. The pump near the main power plant within the city limits will probably be abandoned, as new equipment has been ordered. Construction of a small concrete reservoir to hold approximately 30,000 gallons, and a power line from Bend to operate the pump, are included in the program of development. The expenditure, Mr. Foley believes, will cost \$12,000 in round numbers.

The pump will have a capacity of 1,500 gallons a minute, 500 more than the entire city uses even during the hotter months, so that in the event of the ditch failing to offer a large enough supply a sufficient amount may be drawn direct from the river.

FATHER AND SON BANQUET IS OFF

Because of the large amount of contagious disease in the city, the Father and Son banquet, previously announced for Friday evening of this week, has been postponed by the committee in charge. It is hoped that conditions will be such as to permit the affair being given the latter part of next week.



BIGGS RANCH TEACHES LESSON IN VALUE OF PUREBRED STOCK

When 14 embryo Deschutes County breeders of Shorthorn cattle dropped in on M. R. Biggs, at his Crooked river stock ranch near Prineville Thursday afternoon, little did they think that they were to have the treat that Mr. Biggs had ready for them in the way of a display of purebred registered Shorthorn cattle. The tour, was conducted by the First National Bank, of Bend, headed by R. A. Ward.

One hundred thousand dollars in purebred registered Shorthorns of all descriptions, which represents the breeding up by Mr. Biggs on the Crooked River for the last 15 years, were displayed at two ranches. Mr. Biggs is a living example of a man who started in the purebred cattle business with a \$50 cow and a determination to be in a class by himself in the Shorthorn division. He has just about accomplished his aim as he is recognized in the Northwest as one of the leaders. If not the leader, in the breeding of purebred Shorthorns. Every barn, stall, pen and head of cattle was at the disposal of the visiting Deschutes county farmers on the Biggs ranch and Biggs was there to answer every question put to him about Shorthorns. There were many questions asked by the coming Deschutes county breeders, who four years ago could have had little if any interest in the topic of purebred livestock.

The visiting farmers were given to understand by Mr. Biggs that it does not pay, and in fact a farmer loses, if he tampers with scrub or even medium purebred livestock. It is Mr. Biggs' idea that a good foundation in the livestock business is just as essential as in building. "A farmer," he was heard to say, "will be entering into risky business if he whittles away his time with knothods. Of course you will pay more, that's to be expected, but the returns are greater and more rapid and success is more nearly assured. "No," he said when asked whether \$750 is a big price for a beginner to pay for a yearling purebred bull, "that's just where a lot of you boys are wrong. Get the best stuff you can possibly obtain. Feed it right and give it the proper care mixed with common sense and study of your business and you will get somewhere. That's all I have done."

Fifteen years ago Biggs started with one cow. Today within a space of a few hundreds rods by one mile he is feeding purebred Shorthorns the value of which probably will exceed \$100,000. Nothing but the best stuff has a place on the Biggs ranch. It was the aim of the First National Bank in conducting this tour to give the young Deschutes county

breeders a demonstration of the theories it has been pounding into the Deschutes ranchers for the last two years—that purebred livestock will pay in Central Oregon.

En route to Prineville the Deschutes ranchers stopped at the E. A. Griffin ranch. Griffin was one of the junketers, who has embarked upon the Shorthorn ship and who is having wonderful success with his stock on his ranch east of Bend.

One of the biggest enthusiasts in the county is a recent purchaser of land in Deschutes county, J. M. Janssen, who purchased the W. H. Staats ranch in the Grange Hall district. Mr. Janssen is an old timer in the livestock business, and is a Shorthorn enthusiast. He is the owner of Secret Flash, three years old, purchased from William M. Rhodes, of Sheridan Montana, for which he paid \$1,025 at the Pacific International in November, and Lady Welcome, five years old purchased from Frank Foster, of Charlton, Oregon for which he paid \$650. Secret Flash has a four months old calf which promises to rival its mother and is out of Montana Crown, the famous imported Rhodes bull. Lady Welcome is a half sister of Little Sweetheart, grand champion of the Pacific International and Chicago International shows in 1913, which sold for \$2,200 to South American exporters.

In adding to his herds Janssen has purchased a purebred Shorthorn bull from M. R. Biggs, of Prineville, paying \$750. This bull calf is son of Secret Master, the best of the Biggs bulls. Other purchasers by Janssen from Biggs include a purebred heifer calf for which he paid \$250 and 35 head of purebred Hampshire ewes and one ram at a cost of \$1,950.

The Deschutes ranchers making the trip yesterday were Fred N. Wallace, A. J. Harter, F. G. Powers, Ray Armstrong, Grover Gerking, Lloyd Powers, Henry Powers, E. A. Griffin, V. Livesay, H. O. Piercy, J. M. Janssen, John Marsh, Fred Wilson and R. A. Ward.

KETTLE OVERTURNED, BABY GIRL SCALDED

Two year old Roma Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Tucker, was severely burned about the body and legs last night when a kettle of boiling water on a heater was in some manner overturned while her mother was bathing her. Medical assistance was promptly summoned and although the child's condition was at first considered critical, she is now thought to be practically out of danger.

TO CLEAR BIG AREA OF IRRIGABLE LAND

William D. Begg of Seattle, Former Resident of Bend, Here to Make Arrangements for Work.

To make arrangements for clearing 1400 acres of ditch land east of Deschutes, owned by himself, relatives, and business associates, William D. Begg, of Seattle, arrived in Bend Sunday and remained through today. The land will be used largely for potatoes.

Mr. Begg was a resident of this section in 1910.

STOCK BOARD TO BE FORMED

MEETING IS SET FOR MARCH 3

Issues Requiring Closer Co-operation Among Men in Livestock Industry Are Causes for Organization.

March 3 is the date for organization of the Deschutes county livestock board, an organization to be a central body for all the livestock organizations either in Deschutes county or using Deschutes county range.

At a meeting called by N. G. Jacobson, of the Deschutes National Forest, Fred N. Wallace and D. L. Jamison invitations were sent to the following heads of livestock organizations to meet in Bend March 3, to perfect the stockmen's board: Ben Tone, president, Sister-Metolius Livestock association; Cecil Stearns, president, Upper Deschutes Livestock association; Phillip Smith, president, Tumalo Co-operative Cattle association; J. O. Smith, Pine Mountain Cattle and Horse association; A. B. Myers, president, Fort Rock, Northern Lake County Stockmen's association; C. S. Fergus, president, Big Marsh Stock association; and Glen Slack, Bend Pasture association.

This gathering will take up issues which came before the livestock men of the county last Saturday at a meeting at the Pilot Butte Inn when it was found by discussion of problems that there is now a need for closer cooperation between the livestock men to prevent abuses on the range and a closed mutual sympathy in the industry as a whole.

GUERIN RANCH BRINGS \$32,000

Dean Covert and his mother Margaret Covert, of Portland Saturday, announce through J. B. Miner, of this city the purchase of the property formerly known as the Guerin ranch, embracing 320 acres in the Alfalfa district, from Dr. and Mrs. J. N. Coglan, of Portland, for a consideration of \$32,000.

The ranch lies opposite the Johnston ranch in the Alfalfa district and is regarded as one of the best developed tracts in that section of the county. Of the 320 acres, all is irrigable and all under cultivation with about half the acreage in alfalfa. The buildings on the property are substantially constructed.

According to Mr. Miner, who opened negotiations with Mrs. Covert and her son recently in Portland, it is the intentions to enter upon extensive improvement of their newly acquired holdings and to specialize in raising of purebred cattle.

DECISIVE GAME TO BE PLAYED FRIDAY

What may prove the decisive game of the season for the Bend basketball team, will be played Friday evening when the squad will go to Metolius to meet the Madras players, leaders of the Central Oregon league. The Metolius hall will be used because the floor at Madras is not of regulation size.

CITY OF BEND BONDS SOUGHT AT BELOW PAR

BIDS ON \$350,000 ISSUE REJECTED

WELTON MAKES OFFER

Willing to Back City Up to \$600,000—Smallpox and Quarantine Complaints Heard at Length By Council.

Although turning down all bids for the purchase of \$350,000 worth of city improvement bonds because of the low offers—\$69.44 and \$70.05 below par per \$1,000—the Bend city council Friday passed resolutions of intention to proceed with the Division-street unit, and Sewer District No. 6., at respective estimated costs of \$53,194.50, and \$143,000. In the altercation between the health committee and City Physician Dr. Anna Ries Finley regarding the interpretation of the three weeks quarantine rule, no decision was reached, and the matter was referred to the State board of health for an opinion. Information on both sides of the question was lavishly dispensed.

CITY PHYSICIAN GIVES UP WORK

As the outcome of the controversy which developed this week between Dr. Anna Ries Finley, City Physician, and the health committee of the city council as to whether or not the three weeks quarantine ruling is to be enforced to the letter in smallpox cases, Dr. Finley resigned on Saturday. "If they want the city overrun with disease, I can't help it," she said.

Mayor Eastes expressed himself as regretting that the relations between the city and Dr. Finley had terminated in this fashion.

In her letter of resignation to the Mayor and council, Dr. Finley wrote as follows:

"Owing to lack of support from part of your honorable body, it is impossible I feel to enforce the health laws of the city of Bend.

"The town is full of influenza and I do not feel like trying to handle it without the proper support from the city officials that I feel that I am entitled to.

"Therefore, I hereby hand in my resignation to take effect at once."

MOORE NAMED SCHOOL HEAD

As the outcome of a tie vote last night which was only broken by the deciding ballot of acting chairman J. P. Keyes, City School Superintendent S. W. Moore was re-engaged for three years, at a salary of \$3,000 per year, by the board of directors of district no. 1. The nomination, made by Carl A. Johnson, was vigorously combated by Mrs. E. M. Thompson, passively fought by H. E. Nordeen, and quietly defended by Mr. Johnson and Mr. Keyes. A proxy left by R. W. Sawyer was in favor of the reelection of the superintendent.

COURT THROWS OUT SLANDER COMPLAINT

R. S. Hamilton, attorney for the defense in the case brought by Irene Neelands against Charles J. Dugan in which \$10,000 damages were asked on allegations of slander, received a lengthy opinion last night from Circuit Judge T. E. J. Duffy sustaining the demurrer to the complaint recently argued in Bend. The demurrer sets forth that insufficient facts were alleged to constitute cause for action.