

FEDERAL HELP NOW POSSIBLE

TUMALO CHANCES ARE BRIGHTER

State Engineer, in Letter to Fred N. Wallace, Outlines New Opportunities for Irrigation District.

SALEM, March 4.—That the Tumalo project, by virtue of its recent organization into an irrigation district, may now participate in the benefits of any plan adopted for the reclamation of the entire Deschutes project, is the information given out in a letter written by State Engineer Percy A. Cupper to Fred N. Wallace, manager of the project.

After mentioning the cooperative report prepared in the year of 1913-14 by the engineer's office and the United States reclamation service, in which a plan was outlined for the reclamation of approximately 200,000 acres through use of the Benham Falls reservoir site, Mr. Cupper writes as follows:

"A thorough investigation of this reservoir site was made last summer by Professor Crosby, the noted geologist, and others, and while no report has as yet been received, Professor Crosby has indicated that a favorable report might be expected in preparation for the time when this report may be received, and either public or private funds are available for the construction of one or more of the units of the Deschutes project. It seems to me that at least one other district should be organized, which would include the lands in the west unit.

Four Districts Included.
"If this is done, there will be four districts in a position to co-operate in the construction of the Deschutes project, the north unit, Tumalo, west unit, and the Central Oregon irrigation district.

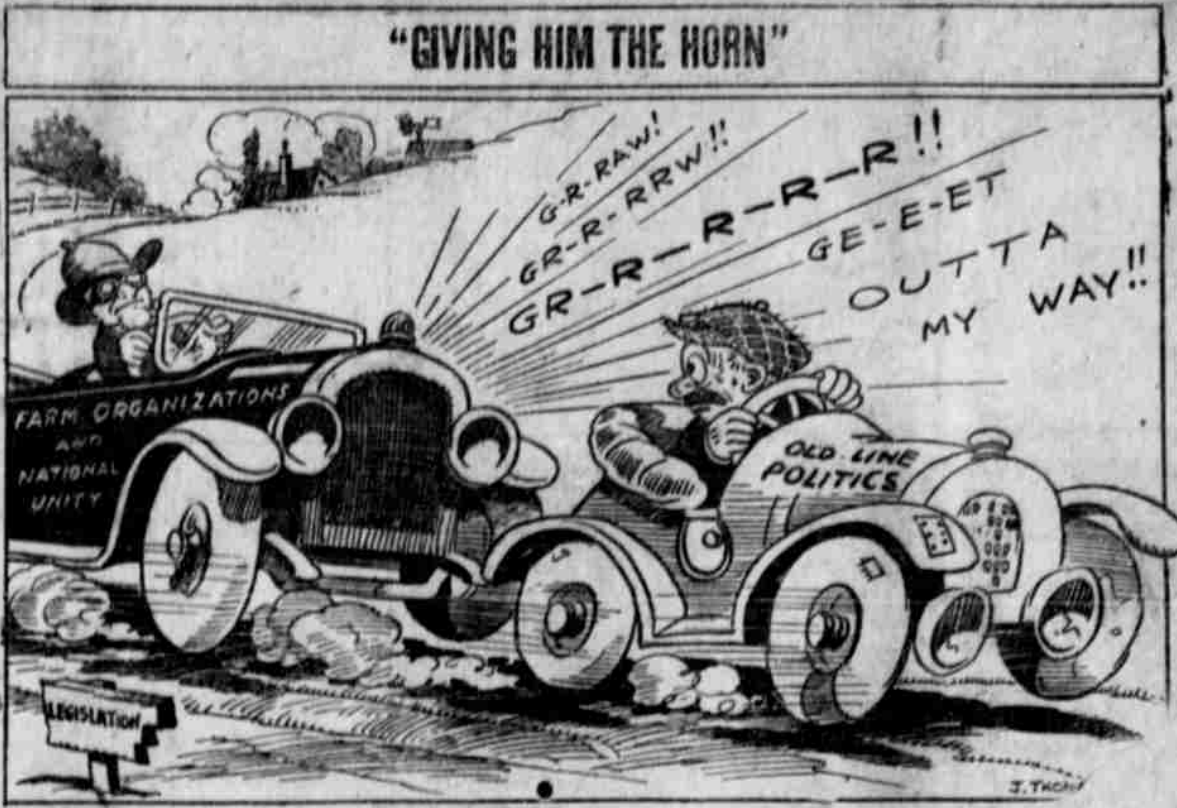
"The Central Oregon irrigation district may have little interest in common with the other districts unless perchance it takes over the entire holdings of the Central Oregon Irrigation company, including the north canal unit, consisting of some 32,000 acres of unclaimed Carey act land. It is to be hoped that an early adjustment between the central Oregon irrigation district and the company will be made in the very near future, as I have no doubt it will clear up many matters of importance to the larger development. The longer the adjustment is postponed the more complicated conditions will become, resulting inevitably in greater difficulty in adjustment and the more uncertainty there will be about the development of that section of the state through the construction of the Deschutes project.

Government Holds Water Rights.
"I will call attention to the fact that all water rights and public land rights required in connection with the Deschutes project are in the hands of the state and federal government, and no undue advantage can be secured by one unit over another. Success can only be attained through hearty co-operation between the interests affected.

"It is of course impractical to organize the north canal unit as an irrigation district as practically all the land is unentered Carey act land, and the same is largely true of the south unit, it being withdrawn by the United States reclamation service.

"I wish to again call attention to the necessity of harmony and cooperation between the various interests. The state stands in a position to protect and harmonize all interests in the big Deschutes projects, particularly insofar as water rights are concerned, and all available energy and effort should be devoted to shaping the project up so that it can be presented in a favorable light to either the federal government, or private capital, as the case may be.

"The organization of the directors of the various districts affected, which I understand you have suggested, would be an excellent step and I hope and trust you may be able to accomplish something along this line as well as encourage the organization of the west unit."



STOCK BOARD IS ORGANIZED

FIVE ASSOCIATIONS REPRESENTED

George Jones Heads Central Oregon Livestock Men—Betterment in Laws and Grade of Stock Is Aim.

As the culmination of a series of meetings held in Bend this year by stockmen of the Central Oregon country, the Deschutes Central Livestock board was organized here on Wednesday, following a dinner given at the Pilot Butte Inn attended by representatives of five livestock associations and by others vitally interested in the upbuilding of the industry. The business meeting at which the organization was perfected and constitution and by-laws discussed, was held in the office of Forest Supervisor N. G. Jacobson.

George Jones, of the Upper Deschutes Cattle Raisers' association, was chosen president, R. A. Ward was elected vice-president, and County Agent D. L. Jamison combines the offices of secretary and treasurer. Other representatives and the associations of which they are members, were: Charles Knight, Northern Lake County Livestock association; H. T. Hartley, Sisters-Metolius Livestock association; Fred N. Wallace, Deschutes County Short-horn Breeders; and Phil Smith, of the Tumalo stockmen's association.

The board will meet twice yearly, once following the fall round-up, when the matter of estrays may be taken up, and again in February. Special meetings will be called at any time by the president on the request of two members of the board, whenever prompt action is necessary.

A determined campaign against stock thieves and changes in the Bend impounding laws will be among the chief objects of the board, while in the development of the industry it is hoped to work out plans for the exchange of sires by the various associations included in the board's membership. Although only five were represented yesterday, it is provided in the constitution that the membership list is open to all livestock organizations in Central Oregon.

When members of the Deschutes Central Livestock board attend the annual meeting of the Oregon Cattle and Horse Raisers association in Burns on May 6 and 7, they will carry with them recommendations for legislation which are to be worked out by a committee named at the organization meeting of the board Wednesday, composed of R. A. Ward, H. T. Hartley, and Fred N. Wallace. In the meantime, a committee composed of George Jones, R. A. Ward, and N. G. Jacobson will investigate the possibility of changing the local impounding laws and the question of meat inspection in Central Oregon.

In general, the board will strive for the advancement of the livestock industry through cooperative effort, the improvement of breeds, enactment of protective measures, and

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SOCIAL SERVICE AIM OF BOARD

SALVATION ARMY IS REPRESENTED HERE

D. G. McPherson Heads New Organization—Local Economic and Social Questions Will Be Looked Into.

How the Salvation Army can work more effectively in Deschutes county and how the county may use to better advantage the army's trained organization and institutional facilities is to be determined by a Salvation Army Advisory Board formed here by a group of prominent citizens who see in the Salvation Army Home Service program for 1920 an opportunity to obtain social service for this section more closely approximating that given by the Army for many years in the larger cities.

The board was organized at a meeting held in the Circuit court room after the plan had been explained by Mr. Elmer S. Turner field representative of the Salvation Army and thoroughly discussed. D. G. McPherson was chosen chairman of the board; H. J. Overturf, vice-chairman; and Mrs. V. A. Forbes, secretary.

To Study Poverty.
Another meeting will be held soon, at which time the board members will discuss the findings of their study.

The other members of the board are: E. P. Mahaffey, J. P. Keyes, Mayor J. A. Eastes, Judge W. D. Barnes, J. Alton Thompson, S. E. Roberts and Dr. R. W. Hendershott. Other members will be selected by the board from the surrounding country.

This body is to study certain phases of poverty, unemployment, juvenile delinquency and illegitimacy and report to the state headquarters of the army.

PLANS MEETING FOR DISTRICT DIRECTORS

Organization and Cooperation Aiming Toward Federal Aid Is Hope of Tumalo Project Manager.

Following the receipt of the recently published letter from Percy A. Cupper, state engineer setting forth possibility of greater cooperation among the units comprising the greater Deschutes Irrigation project, Fred N. Wallace, manager for the Tumalo Irrigation district was formed, is planning to call a meeting of directors of the Tumalo, North Unit, and Central Oregon districts in Redmond on Monday, March 15. The meeting will have as its aim the organization of the units named for the purpose of cooperation as one district, or in securing federal aid.

Mr. Wallace hopes to have representatives of the state irrigation congress present at the meeting.

STATE HIGHWAY DAMAGES GIVEN

TOTAL IS \$6,011.50, SAY VIEWERS

Many in Terrebonne Section Not Pleased With Location Nor With Amounts Allowed—Protests Must Be in by Wednesday.

Damages in excess of the benefits derived by Deschutes county farmers whose lands will be crossed by that part of the Dalles-California highway between the north county line and Bend, total \$6,011.50, the report showed which was filed with the county court by the viewers, and read for the first time yesterday afternoon. The estimates are the result of work done early in February by Robert B. Gould, R. H. Bayley, and A. H. Horn.

A large delegation of Terrebonne and Pleasant Valley ranchers appeared when the compilation of assessed damages was read, but while it was understood that a determined objection would be shown against a number of the items on the list, only a few landholders along the line of the highway, including Earl Benton, J. J. McElfresh, and George Junker spoke against the estimator and in favor of higher damages or a shifting of the survey to make the road conform more nearly to section lines. After a brief session with the county court, the members of the delegation reported at the office of Robert B. Gould, county surveyor and chairman of the board of viewers, and were given the reasons prompting the report just submitted to the court.

Protests to be Filed.
While few objections were made yesterday, this does not necessarily mean that there will be none, for property holders along the line of the highway are given up to next Wednesday to file written protests. At that time, the report will be read for the second time, and on the following day the court will consider report and protests.

Among a considerable number of those whose names appear on the damage list as well as among others whose benefits were considered by the viewers to be equal to the damages, feeling is high against the report, and it is understood that protests will be numerous.

Damages assessed by the viewers are as follows: George Junker, \$65; James Hutton, \$300; J. J. McElfresh, \$500; Fred A. Rice, \$25; Jessie Hayes, \$550; J. H. Jackson, \$400; Sarah L. Jarrett, \$100; Sarah A. Neel, \$425; J. O. Hooker, \$600; C. B. Armstrong, \$400; Chinook Land Co., \$200; Meda Baughman, \$200; Rasmus Peterson, \$200; A. Ahlstrom, \$600; Jennie B. Walters and F. W. Carstens, \$100; F. A. Foss, \$250; George Whites, \$120; Slevart, Debing, \$175; James R. Benham, \$325; Martin E. Rogers, \$50; Edwin J. Rogers, \$25; Charles Stansbury, \$130; Sheridan Stroufe, \$32; James G. Reeves, \$18; M. F. Millen, \$50; Anna Underwood, \$5; C. H. Harriott, \$25; David L. Haworth, \$14; A. F. Baker, \$2.50; C. P.

CONDUCTOR BUYER OF ALFALFA LAND

J. K. Condon Purchases 40-Acre Tract From Miss Mary Benn at About \$125 Per Acre.

J. K. Condon, a pioneer conductor on the Oregon Trunk Tuesday closed a deal through the Central Oregon Realty Co. for the purchase of the 40-acre tract of Miss Mary Benn. The consideration, it is understood was about \$125 per acre.

Mr. Condon has considerable farming interests in Kansas and is an expert in alfalfa growing, into which he expects to go extensively on his newly acquired holdings.

Mr. Condon has been with the Oregon Trunk Railroad ever since the operation of its first trains up the Deschutes river valley.

NAME EVENTS FOR BIG MEET

PREPARATIONS MADE FOR MAY 15

Officials Chosen by Executive Board—High School, Grades, and Primaries in Three Counties to Be Represented.

Selection of officials and drawing up of a schedule of events for the annual tri-county meet to be held in Redmond Saturday, May 15, was completed Monday at a meeting of the executive board of the Central Oregon School Day association in Redmond. J. Alton Thompson of Bend, president, Paul Irvine of Redmond, secretary, and J. E. Myers of Prineville, were the members of the board in attendance.

It is expected that the meet and declamatory contest will be the biggest event of the kind ever put on in Central Oregon, and a new feature is to be introduced in the awarding of medals. First prizes in each event will be of gold, while entrants placing second will receive ribbons. Contestants placing third will secure points but will be awarded no token for so placing. Mr. Thompson, who is in general charge of the meet, is determined that the events shall be run off in rapid fire order, and believes that the entire track and field program can be completed in an hour and a half instead of the four or five hours sometimes taken in previous meets.

Events Are Many.
The events will be as follows: 50 yard dash, high school; 50 yard dash, grades; 50 yard dash, midgets; 100 yard dash, high school; 100 yard dash, grades; 100 yard dash, midgets; javelin throw, high school; mile run, high school; high jump, high school; high jump, grades; 75 yard low hurdles, grades; 75 yard low hurdles, midgets; 120 yard high hurdles, high school; 440 yard dash, high school; 220 yard low hurdles, high school; shot put, high school; 220 yard dash, high school; running broad jump, high school; running broad jump, grades; discus throw, high school; pole vault, grades; pole vault, high school; relay, midgets; 880 yard relay, high school; 880 yard relay, grades.

Officials at the meet will include the following: Officer of the Day, Paul Irvine, of Redmond; Assistants, J. E. Myers of Prineville, and J. Alton Thompson of Bend; Record Keeper, Carl A. Johnson of Bend, Time Keepers, Riley Cook of Madras, D. H. Peoples of Bend, and L. M. Bechtolt of Prineville; Starter, Dr. J. F. Hosch of Redmond; Assistants, Arthur Michel of Prineville, Principal Gabriel of Madras; Judges for grammar division of field sports, S. W. Babcock of Prineville, John Tuck of Redmond, and O. Jensen of Madras.

NEW O.-W. SCHEDULE ALLOWS EARLY MAIL

A change of schedule for south bound O.-W. trains, to take effect Monday, was announced this afternoon, according to which the evening train will arrive in Bend at 7:30 o'clock instead of 7:40 as at present.

WAGE MINIMUM IN BEND MILLS BOOSTED TO \$5

NEW SCALE TO TAKE EFFECT MARCH 1

HIGH PRICES SHARED

Four L Request Back of Advance in Local Scale—Differential Upset Last Fall Will Be Re-established.

Announcement was made on Saturday of a wage increase to the employees of the local saw mills that will bring the scale for able bodied common labor up to \$5 a day and make additions in varying amounts in the scale for the various classes of skilled labor. The new scale will take effect on March 1.

At the Brooks-Scanlon plant the increase was made following a request from a conference committee from the 4 L's, accompanied by G. E. Williams, the employee member of the board of directors of the 4 L's from this district. Their request, according to Manager J. P. Keyes, came as the result of increases recently granted in the coast mills at the request of the organization in that section. Fir manufacturers of the coast, Mr. Keyes said, were receiving prices for their lumber far in excess of those being asked by the pine mills. Their employees, through 4 L committees, asked for increases in wages as a share of these high prices and not because of any increase in the cost of living. The increases were granted and on the fact becoming known here he was waited on by a committee asking for higher pay, which was granted.

Differential Re-established.
For The Shevlin-Hixon Company T. A. McCann stated that the increase on his side of the river had been made as the result of a recent increase in the minimum wage voted by the directors of the 4 L's, and was being put into effect without action on the part of the Loyal Legion in the Shevlin plant.

The former scale for common labor in the two mills was \$4.80, the figure set by the Oregon state board of conciliation last fall. This figure made a flat rate of 60 cents per hour and on its taking effect other changes were made in the pay to other classes of labor which upset the differential therefore existing. In connection with the present increase the former differential is largely re-established.

Over 90 per cent of the employees of the two mills are affected by the wage increase. Local saw mills wages before this increase were the highest in the inland empire pine industry and this addition serves to make the comparison even stronger in favor of the Bend mill employees.

PIONEERS ATTEND TRIPLETT FUNERAL

With an attendance composed largely of early residents of Bend and Central Oregon, funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at the Baptist church for George W. Triplett, pioneer, who died last week of an illness caused by old age. The services were conducted by Rev. E. H. Johnson, of the Baptist church, and Rev. H. C. Hartranft of the Presbyterian church, and interment was made in Pilot Butte cemetery.

Mr. Triplett was 86 years old at the time of his death. He was born in North Carolina in 1833, served in the Confederate army during the civil war, and came to Central Oregon in 1903.

LUMBER COMPANY LAUDED BY BAKER

For notable work in the handling of products for government use, the Shevlin-Hixon Company, of this city is lauded in a communication from Secretary of War Baker. The Shevlin-Hixon Company is one of 13 in the northwest to receive such commendation.