

ADDED CHARGE BY C. O. I. HELD UNWARRANTED

ANSWER IS FILED TO PETITION

SETTLERS FEAR RUIN

Careless and Wasteful Methods on Part of Company Alleged—Hearing Changed to Deschutes on Burdick's Request.

That the annual charge of 80 cents or one dollar per acre now made by the C. O. I. company for maintenance against irrigated lands within the segregation is as much as the land justifies, and that if an increase were made now, it would mean disaster to a large percentage of the settlers on the project, is the declaration made in the answer to the Central Oregon Irrigation company's petition to the Public Service commission for an advance to two dollars per acre.

The document, which consists of more than eight typewritten pages, points out that the company's present income from maintenance charges should be \$39,427.80, on a basis of the lands already sold, and that the funds to which the company is entitled to under its existing contracts should be sufficient for the maintenance of the system.

Contract Referred to. The irrigation district, through its attorneys, denies that the company has furnished the same amount of water and given the same service to each settler, and asserts that many of the settlers have gone short of water, or have had no water at all.

Reference is made to the contracts entered into between the company and the state, and the district especially contends that maintenance fees allowed, were not to be considered as service charges. The contract of June 1907 between the company and the state providing that the system be turned over to the settlers at the end of 10 years, is also mentioned, and it is contended that there was no intention in the agreement that the settlers should pay any money in excess of their purchase price for the reconstruction, replacement, or rebuilding of the system.

Deschutes Gets Hearing. Word was received from Salem this morning to the effect that the request filed by Denton G. Burdick, of Redmond, attorney for company, to have the hearing before the commission on March 23 changed from Bend to Redmond, has been granted. The large amount of company records kept at the offices of Deschutes, which will be introduced in evidence, caused Mr. Burdick to make the request, he explained recently in Bend.

COUNTY IS AIDING ON SOUTH HIGHWAY

To hasten construction work on the improvement of the south highway, the county is cooperating with the state in furnishing additional equipment to be used in completing the operation of road surfacing. Arrangements have been made with Oskar Huber, contractor, by which the county loans him one motor truck for hauling gravel. The road roller owned by the county is already in use on the highway.

COMMUNITY LEAGUE HAS MANY MEMBERS

For the first time since the formation of the organization was started, a regular order of business was transacted last night by the Community Clearing House League at its regular meeting, and by the next regular session to be held on the evening of March 25, standing committees will have been appointed, it was announced. No less than 56 organizations of various sorts in the city now have delegates to the league.

Runs Down Coyote in Car, Kills With Blow of a Hammer

Jack Usher, of this city, earned a \$3 bounty and at the same time demonstrated the efficiency of a machinist's hammer as a sporting weapon, when he found a coyote within the city limits near the Riverview hotel on Tuesday. Giving chase in his light truck, Mr. Usher came close enough to the animal to strike it a glancing blow with the hammer, but the coyote escaped and attempted to swim the river. Finding the current too swift, the fugitive turned back to the shore, only to be met by Mr. Usher and his hammer. As the coyote attempted to fight him off, Mr. Usher seized his prey by the ear, administered the final blow, then loaded the animal into his truck and proceeded on his way.

MERCHANTS OF CITY ASK FAIR

UNANIMOUS VOTE TAKEN AT MEETING OF ASSOCIATION LAST NIGHT—PRICE QUESTION DISCUSSED.

With more than two-thirds of the active membership in attendance a unanimous vote in favor of having the Deschutes county fair in this city was taken last night by the Bend Merchants' association. E. J. Catlow, N. R. Gilbert, and C. A. Warner were named on the committee which will work to secure the fair for Bend.

SMOKER IS SET FOR MARCH 26

The local boxing commission today passed on a card submitted by Matchmaker E. C. Brick for a smoker to be held at the Hippodrome on the evening of March 26, in which a 10 round go between Weldon Wing, of Portland, and Speck Woods of Bend, will be the headliner.

For the main preliminary, Frankie Warren, whose showing at the last smoker in his encounter with Milton Newman won him popularity among the fans, will take on Ted Hoke, of Portland, formerly of Bend. Hoke must put up a \$50 forfeit. In his last scheduled match here, Hoke refused to go into the ring against Speck Woods after making the trip to Bend, and it is with the intention of preventing the possibility of the repetition of such an occurrence that the forfeit clause is to be inserted.

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BARNES LEAVES COUNTY OFFICE

RESIGNS AT SALEM AS JUDGE

R. W. Sawyer Named by Governor to Fill Vacancy—Judge Barnes First to Hold Position in Deschutes County.

SALEM, March 18.—W. D. Barnes of Bend, Friday tendered to Governor Olcott his resignation as county judge of Deschutes county. R. W. Sawyer, also of Bend, was named as his successor.

Judge Barnes, who has held the position as head of the county court since the formation of Deschutes county, left Thursday evening for Salem, taking with him a boy who had been committed to the state training school. While it had been understood that he was contemplating withdrawal from public life, it was not known that he was considering any immediate step of the kind, and his action in personally submitting his resignation to the state executive was entirely unexpected. He is expected to return to Bend early next week.

Referring to his appointment Mr. Sawyer said today: "I did not seek this appointment. I am accepting it with full realization of the confidence shown by the governor and I shall do my best to deserve it and to serve Deschutes county efficiently."

WATER WANTED AT WALDO LAKE

FILING FOR 150,000 ACRE FEET MADE BY TUMALO DISTRICT, FOR CENTRAL OREGON IRRIGATION.

SALEM, March 18.—A new plan to secure water for irrigation in Central Oregon is revealed in the petition just filed here by the Tumalo Irrigation district for the storage of 150,000 acre feet of water in Waldo Lake on the middle fork of the Willamette river.

It is proposed by the district to store water in this reservoir and divert the same through a tunnel under the divide to the headwaters of the Deschutes river for the irrigation of the lands within the Tumalo project.

O. A. C. ACCOUNT PLAN IS WELL RECEIVED

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, March 17.—Deschutes county banks are distributing 750 of the 10,000 farm account books sent over the state which were prepared by the department of farm management demonstrations.

Assisting farmers in the business organization of their individual farms is the purpose of this work. Encouraging and instructing groups of farmers in keeping and summarizing records and accounts and assisting in the interpretation of the results so secured is the first duty of the department.

The purpose of the records and accounts is three-fold. It gives each man a record and tells him just where he stands at the close of the year. It gives reliable information for correct filing of income tax returns. This in itself means in the aggregate a saving of thousands of dollars to farmers, who otherwise would overlook many items of farm expenditures throughout the year or who would fail to make use of their inventory value when preparing such reports.

Cost of producing various farm products is determined by the information given in the records. This feature not only assists the farmer in determining the profitable enterprises in the organization of his farm but it also gives the data needed to support him in securing a fair price for his product.

CITIZENSHIP IS NEW REQUISITE

AMERICANIZATION AIM OF MILL RULING

Employes Must Be U. S. Citizens or Must Take Out First Papers, Is Order Passed on Request of Four L's.

As the outcome of a movement initiated by the recently organized Four L local at Camp 2, the Brooks-Seanlon Lumber Co. has passed rulings which will result in the complete Americanization of its employes. American citizenship is virtually made a pre-requisite to employment, and aliens now on the pay rolls are given a reasonable length of time in which to make application for first papers. Men who are not willing to make such application will be no longer employed.

The order in which these rulings are announced also states that timekeepers and foremen will give every assistance to men wishing to become American citizens. Applicants for work will be asked regarding their nationality, and citizens of the United States and ex-service men will be given preference. Others will be considered on an expression of willingness to forewear allegiance to their native lands and to become units in the American nation.

The local at Camp 2, where the demand resulting in these rulings had its origin, was organized last week by Fred J. Endicott, field representative for the Four L's. The movement was officially taken up by the entire Four L organization in the Brooks-Seanlon mills and camps in and near Bend, and favorable action taken.

PINE COMPANY WINS CITATION

HONOR COMES TO THE SHEVELIN-HIXON COMPANY FOR CO-OPERATION WITH WAR DEPARTMENT IN DELIVERIES.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin) PORTLAND, March 18.—The Shevelin-Hixon Company, through T. A. McCann, of Bend, was presented here Monday with a citation from the war department for making prompt deliveries and otherwise cooperating with the construction division of the army. It is the only company in the northwest so cited.

The presentation was made at a session of the Portland Chamber of Commerce.

DOWNING WILL ERECT BLOCK

Announcement was made Tuesday by William P. Downing that he will within the very near future commence the construction of a two story brick and stone building 50 by 80 feet, to cost approximately \$35,000. The site is the 50 foot lot between the Myers building and the Carmody cigar store on Bond street.

The lower floor of the building will be divided into two store rooms, one of which will be occupied by the Downing cafe. The second floor will be cut up into 24 rooms, which will be offered for rent.

The Downing cafe will locate temporarily about April 1, in the rooms now occupied by the Liberty bakery in the Myers building.

Central Oregon Moonshiner Gets Heavy Sentence

PORTLAND, March 13.—Joseph Wilson, arrested recently in the raid conducted on whiskey stills near Prineville, was fined \$500 and given a six months jail sentence here late yesterday afternoon by Federal Judge Wolverton. Wilson declares that as a boy he went to school in Lebanon with Wolverton, but the judge failed to recognize him when he appeared in court. James Ivy, who was taken into custody at the same time as Wilson, received a like sentence.

INSPECTS NEW ROAD SURVEY

ABANDONMENT OF HIGHWAY LINE ORIGINALLY PLANNED, WOULD COST \$5,000, HUBER ENGINEER POINTS OUT.

To inspect the new proposed route for The Dalles-California highway, the survey on which was started this week, H. F. Wickner, construction engineer for Oskar Huber who holds the contract for the construction of the highway from the north county line to Bend, arrived in Bend Thursday morning, and spent the day going over the proposed new route.

"I hope that the county will not have to make the change," he said after making the inspection, "for \$5,000 worth of work has been already completed which would be abandoned if the new route is determined on, and this of course would be an absolute waste. If the property owners along the original highway make such exorbitant demands for damages as to make the change necessary, the county will doubtless be better off financially than if the present route is adhered to, but I cannot help feeling that those who make such an action necessary are pursuing a very short sighted policy."

More than 18 protests, asking additional damages, but not specifying the amounts, were before the county court yesterday afternoon, but the matter was continued to next Wednesday. Before a decision can be reached on the new survey, it must first be approved by the State Highway commission.

DROUTH DANGER IS WARDED OFF

Although only three inches of snow fell in Bend Monday and Tuesday morning, beneficial snow reserves are being built up in the timber and mountain districts, according to reports which came in today. It is believed that the storm eliminates the danger of shortage of water for irrigation, which was feared earlier in the season by ranchers.

In the Sisters section the snow started in real earnest yesterday, and by last night, 15 inches had been reported from the Allingham ranger station. Word from Crescent this morning reported a fall of 16 inches, with precipitation continuing. Roads between Bend and Fort Rock are said to be almost impassable, and mails in the latter town are being received only on alternate days.

26 EWES PRODUCE 48-LAMB CROP

That the investment made recently by six Deschutes county ranchers in purebred Rambouillet sheep is a good one is manifested in the reports from several farmers which show that to of 26 of the ewes imported from Idaho 48 lambs have been born so far. It was largely with the view to the twin bearing possibilities that the First National Bank selected the Hobbes-Gillette stock.

FARM BUREAU MAY VOTE ON COUNTY FAIR

PLAN IS SUGGESTED AT CLUB MEETING

SILO EXPERT SPEAKS

Saving in Feeding Cattle Amounts to From 25 to 30 Per Cent, and Butter Fat Cost Cut to Nine Cents, Says E. L. Westover.

Presentation of subjects of vital interest to the farming population of Deschutes county featured the weekly meeting of the Bend Commercial club, held Monday at the Pilot Butte Inn, for in addition to the scheduled address given by E. L. Westover, O. A. C. expert, on silos, their uses and the benefits they offer to the stock raiser and dairyman, the question of the location of a Deschutes county fair was brought up, and thoroughly discussed. Practically all speakers on the subject agreed that the wishes of the farmers of the county should be considered as being the deciding factor in selecting either Bend or Redmond as the fair location. Previous to the club meeting it was stated by members of the committee soliciting pledges here for stock in the proposed fair association that upwards of \$17,000 had been subscribed.

Declaring that agricultural and stock interests demand a fair, Fred N. Wallace, president of the County Farm Bureau, spoke for the executive board of the bureau when he advised that Bend and Redmond submit their respective arguments to the farmers' organizations, and that a vote be taken among the agricultural population of the county, the resulting expression of preference to be a deciding influence in the appointment of the county fair board which will pick the city which is to have the fair.

Farmers Back Bend Claims. M. G. Coe asserted that Redmond can no longer boast of any great agricultural supremacy, and in the matter of potato raising, he stated that the country tributary to Bend has already shipped 20 carloads this year, with a probable home consumption in this city alone of 24 cars more. Production in the Bend district, he said, would be double that in the country centering about Redmond. "I believe that Bend can stage a fair of more benefit to the entire county than can Redmond," he said.

J. A. Melvin told of the possibilities for featuring livestock, and declared for Bend, while John Marsh, who lives midway between Bend and Redmond, suggested that in case of a draw the fair go to Tumalo.

Says Fair Promised Redmond. Guy L. Dobson, Redmond banker, declared that the decision should rightfully be left to the farmers. Reporting on action taken yesterday by the Redmond Commercial club, he urged that representatives of the business associations of the two cities get together and outline a policy of cooperation to eliminate petty jealousy and make possible united effort in matters of general county development. In especial relation to the fair, he said that this had been virtually promised to Redmond at the time of county division, but that if the farmers preferred Bend, the earlier agreement could be forgotten. J. R. Roberts, Redmond merchant, spoke briefly, upholding the arguments used by his fellow townsman. Later in the meeting the club authorized the appointment of a committee of five to confer with a similar committee from the Redmond commercial body.

Educational Features Urged. T. A. McCann, of the Shevelin-Hixon Company, expressed himself as believing that a county fair should feature mercantile, industrial, and agricultural exhibits, rather than cheap horse races and carnivals. He maintained that the fair should be of educational value instead of merely affording a holiday. He pledged mill support for Bend.

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