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CITY TO SELL NO BONDS FOR LESS THAN PAR

MAYOR AND COUNCIL TAKE FIRM STAND

SEWER QUESTION UP

Action Postponed 30 Days on Request of Taxpayers, Who Will Aid in Reaching Solution of Financial Problem.

No Bend improvements bonds will be sold at less than par, either to bonding houses or to contractors, even if pending sewer and street construction has to be delayed until a proper bid can be obtained. This was the policy announced Friday by Mayor J. A. Eastes, and confirmed by the members of the council at the regular mid-monthly meeting of that body. The declaration came in answer to a protest against the plan of assessing property which will be benefited by the improvement, and which was at first taken by the council to indicate an objection to the call for bids for a sewer contract.

A delegation of some 40 property holders, headed by J. H. Haner, presented the protest, and after an hour's discussion expressed their confidence that the question would be properly handled by the council. All matters relating to sewer construction were tabled for 30 days in which time the taxpayers hope to work out a plan for financing the improvement.

"Silent House," Objected To.

Suggestions that work on sewer laterals now under construction are being delayed to pad costs and allow the United Contracting Co. to put in an inflated bid for the larger contract in the newly created sewer district, were made by Mr. Haner in his presentation of the taxpayers' case. "We are largely in favor of sewers, but we object to the plans of the silent house," he said. Asked by Councilman D. G. McPherson for an explanation, he indicated that the "silent house" was no other than A. J. Welton, of the contracting company which has already made an informal offer to take the city's bonds at par in payment for the proposed sewer work.

City Engineer Robert B. Gould informed the delegation that the sewers now being constructed by the United Contracting Company have occasioned that corporation a loss of \$2500 to date, and that Mr. Welton knew that the contract would be a losing one when he took it.

Mayor Eastes expressed himself as extremely gratified at the interest taken in city affairs by the taxpayers, and declared that he hoped a spirit of cooperation would result which would mean much for the ultimate betterment of the city. "Although sanitation in Bend is bad, and the need for sewers cannot be denied, I am willing to sell no city bonds below par," he said. "While I am anxious that public improvements should go on, I am in favor of tabling the whole matter until out bonds can be disposed of at the right price."

Discounting Opposed.

Councilman McPherson favored laying the sewer question aside in the hope that some helpful suggestions could be made, and the same view was taken by Councilman Rhodes, who pointed out that the call for bids had been made with the intention of arousing popular interest in the question. "In this we have apparently been highly successful," he said.

"The chief point we have objected to," said Frank R. Prince, a leading member of the delegation, "was the possibility of the discounting of city paper, either directly or indirectly. I would like an expression of opinion from the council on this phase of the question."

Competition Specified.

The answer was given when Councilman Rhodes referred to the speedy refusal of six below par bids made for \$330,000 worth of bonds at a recent council meeting. Mr. McPherson briefly sketched the history of the movement for sewer construction

BIG CONTRACT TOTAL IS LET FOR HIGHWAYS

WORK AUTHORIZED TO COST \$750,000.

JEFFERSON BID HIGH

Refusal to Surface Grade Being Prepared in Deschutes County Declared Unfortunate—Road Surveys to Be Made.

PORTLAND, March 24.—The state highway commission late yesterday afternoon awarded contracts aggregating \$750,000.

The last link of the Columbia river highway, 12 and one-half miles from Seuferts to the Deschutes river, was contracted for grading, the job going to the Clarkson company for \$189,871. The lowest bid on grading the 17.4 miles between Madras and the Deschutes county line was \$153,624, and was referred to the highway engineer for further consideration.

Returning from Portland, where with County Commissioner C. H. Miller, he attended the meeting of the state commission, County Judge R. W. Sawyer stated this morning that on all requests relating to road work in Deschutes county where expenditures of money were asked, the commission was willing to make no authorization until after the fate of certain bonding measures is decided at the spring elections. The two requests which came under this heading were for the surfacing of The Dalles-California highway from Bend to the north county line, and for the starting of grading on the Central Oregon highway.

Refusal Deplored.

"The refusal of the commission to authorize the surfacing of the highway from Bend to the north county line is particularly unfortunate at this time," Judge Sawyer said in referring to the action taken by the highway board. "In many places where the new grade is being built, it is on the location of the existing road. In doing the new work, the old surface is torn up, and in a very short time, these sections, heretofore at least passable, will become extremely difficult. As the ground dries and becomes rutted, we will have as bad a road to the north as we have had at times to the south."

"If the bonding measures carry in May, the commission will probably arrange for surfacing, but work at that time, will be more expensive because of need for regrading, and will be less satisfactory because of the dryness of the earth.

"It is likely that hereafter the commission will arrange for surfacing to follow immediately after grading."

Resolutions Pass Grange In Favor of Bend For Fair

Members of Eastern Star Grange, No. 482, are strongly in favor of Bend being designated as the location for the county fair in Deschutes county. Placing the Grange on record to this effect, the following resolution, a copy of which was received today from Mrs. Gertrude Nickerson, secretary, was passed at the last regular meeting of the organization:

"We the members of Eastern Star Grange No. 482, of Bend, Oregon, on this day, March 20, 1920, do resolve to pledge ourselves to give Bend our undivided support in helping Bend become the elective city for the county fair."

WORKING UP A FEELING AGAINST THAT STATION AGENT



BARGAIN DAY WILL BE HELD

APRIL 17 IS SET FOR FIRST EVENT.

Plan Used With Great Success in Missouri to Be Tried Out by Bend Merchants' Association.

April 17 is the date set for the first monthly bargain day which will be put on by the business houses of Bend holding membership in the Retail Merchants' association. The plan to be followed will be that used with great success in Neosho, Missouri, in which each merchant puts on a special bargain for the one day. In no two stores will bargains be duplicated. The plan has been found to be most effective in attracting the farming as well as the city trade, and will also prove beneficial, it is believed, in causing closer relations among the merchants themselves.

At least 30 storekeepers will take part in the first bargain day, which will be concluded by social features of especial interest to the trading constituency.

No name for the day has as yet been selected, and all Central Oregon is to be circled by the association with the purpose of supplying this need. A \$25 prize will be awarded to the individual making the best suggestion. The circular will be in the form of a small newspaper, and the prize winning name will become the name of the paper.

DISTRICTS TO JOIN FORCES

IRRIGATIONISTS, MEETING IN REDMOND, APPROVE OF CUPPER'S SUGGESTION FOR A CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

REDMOND, March 25.—Meeting here yesterday with delegates from the C. O. L., the North Unit, and the Tumalo irrigation districts, Percy A. Cupper, state engineer, urged the formation of a central committee for the greater Deschutes project, this committee to be composed of one delegate from each of the district, and to present a united front in working for federal aid and general development.

The plan was favored by the irrigationists in attendance, and each delegation will urge district action in compliance with Mr. Cupper's request. Two districts not represented at the meeting, the Arnold and Swalley, will be asked to elect members of the central committee.

Those who attended the meeting with the state engineer yesterday were as follows: Tumalo, A. J. Goussard, R. H. Bailey, Emil Anderson, F. N. Wallace; North Unit, P. N. Vibbert, John Henderson, A. D. Anderson; C. O. L., J. G. McGuffie, C. H. Hardy.

MANY TEACHERS ARE RE-ELECTED

THREE SIGN UP FOR HAWAII

Bend Schools May Lose Others for Next Year Is Belief—Wrecking of Central Building Is Recommended.

Reelection of teachers for the Bend high schools was the chief business to be taken up by the directors of district No. 1, at their regular meeting Thursday night. Although practically all instructors now in the city schools are endorsed by the board to continue during the coming year, it is understood that a number who have not yet made known their intentions may later in the spring turn in their resignations in order to take positions in other cities. Three of the grade instructors, Miss Rochelle Rudolph, Miss Vera Thorbus, and Miss Minnie Thompson, have already signed contracts to teach in the Hawaiian islands next year, and because of this their names were not considered by the board. Miss Eugenie Brandon, of the high school faculty, resigned because of ill health.

Many Names Endorsed

Others of the present teaching staff, who as far as information now available, will again work under City Superintendent S. W. Moore for the 1920-21 year, include the following: Principals, Ralph C. Johnson, Mrs. Clara Hudson, Miss Veronica Cane, and Mrs. J. D. Davidson, high school, Miss Agnes Campbell, Miss Beatrice Chaney, Miss Margaret Hanson, Miss Mabel Lorence, Miss Helen Manny, Merle Moore, Miss Nan Reavis, and Miss Harriett Umbaugh; junior high school, Miss Katherine Colbert, Miss Eva May Harker, Miss Nora Naclay, Miss Clara Pruehs, and Mrs. Berthelda Sanders; grades, Miss Esther Allen, Miss Ida Benson, Miss Marie Brostehous, Miss Evelyn Crow, Miss Evelyn Carlson, Miss Ruth Damon, Miss Alberta Dryden, Miss Marie Ferriss, Miss Doris Foster, Mrs. Ethel Johnson, Miss Flora McCorkle, Miss Hazel Neil, Miss Ollanna Olson, Miss Nellie Pattison, Mrs. Carrie Scoggins, Mrs. Lucy Searcy, and Miss Nellie Tiff; substitute, Mrs. Flora Thorson; special instructors, Miss Ella Dews, Mrs. Anna Curry, and Miss Bonnie Scribner.

Night School Profitable

Superintendent Moore reported to the board that the night school had been operated at a profit, netting the district \$125.

A report by the building committee recommended the installation of a central heating plant and the completion of the front unit at the high school building. The committee also advised that the old Central school building be wrecked or sold and moved away, and that five small portable school buildings be constructed. The report was adopted, but no authorization given for action, this being withheld until estimates of expenses can be given.

FAIR BACKERS WILL CONVENE

MEETING IS SET FOR THURSDAY NIGHT

Road Matters to Be Discussed at County Gathering Friday Evening Announced to Members of Club.

County fair stock totalling \$18,650 has been actually subscribed in Bend, and enough more to make up an even \$20,000 has been guaranteed by T. A. McCann, of The Shelvin-Hixon Company, T. H. Foley, chairman of the fair committee of the Bend commercial club, reported Wednesday at the weekly meeting of that body. All stock subscribers, he announced, will meet at the County Court rooms at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening.

Another gathering which may be of considerable importance to the county at large was announced for 6:30 o'clock Friday evening at the Pilot Butte Inn, when representatives from the various sections of Deschutes county will confer with the county judge in regard to general road matters.

Tickets for the concert of the University of Oregon glee club concert arranged for Tuesday evening at the B. A. A. C. gymnasium, sold rapidly among the Bend business men after brief talks had been given by Miss Ella Dews, graduate of the state university, and R. S. Hamilton, formerly a member of the faculty at that institution. According to advance notices, the glee club, which this year makes its first appearance in Bend, is one of the best ever turned out at the university.

Miss Katherine Ewing, Red Cross worker from division headquarters in Seattle, was another speaker. She outlined briefly the constructive policies adopted by the Red Cross and announced the starting of a community chapter course here on Friday.

On the motion of R. A. Ward, a resolution asking legislation forcing manufacturers and dealers to make known the presence of shoddy in wool fabrics, was passed, and copies ordered sent to the members of the Oregon delegation in Congress.

Mr. Ward also brought up the matter of the request by ranchers in the Gist section for aid in securing mail service. The post office there will be discontinued at the end of the month, he said, and farmers in that locality are anxious for the establishment of a route out of Bend or Tumalo. The question was referred to the mail routes committee.

O. A. C. ASSOCIATION TO BE FORMED HERE

Plans for the organization of an O. A. C. association here were made known today when a letter was received from F. L. Ballard of the extension service of the college, giving 8 o'clock Friday evening as the time, and the county court rooms as the place for a meeting of all O. A. C. students in the county. The meeting, Mr. Ballard writes, will be addressed by G. R. Hoerner, acting secretary of the O. A. C. alumni association.

SUIT IS FILED AS FIRST STEP TO OUST C. O. I.

RESTRAINING ORDER GIVEN BY COURT

COMPLAINT LENGTHY

March 31 Date Set When Company May Show Cause Why Injunction Should Not Be Issued To Prevent Sale.

The first step in the legal campaign mapped out by the settlers on the C. O. I. segregation to oust the company from the control of the project, was taken here on Tuesday when De Armond & Erskine, of Bend, and Harrison Allen and John R. Latourette, of Portland, filed suit in Circuit court against the company, and secured from Judge T. E. J. Duffy a temporary restraining order to prevent the company from making any further sales of water rights or from making delivery of water to any lands in or out of the segregation, in addition to those now served. The order also prevents the delivery of water for 360 acres in the vicinity of Power Butte, temporarily nullifying the findings made by the Desert Land board on December 4. March 31 is the date set by the court for the company to show cause why an injunction should not be issued.

Settlers Determined.

The main complaint, which is filed in the name of H. H. Dietrich, a rancher of the Terrebonne district, covers 80 typewritten pages, and is only one of a series of suits which the settlers are prepared to launch to gain control of the project. Mr. DeArmond stated this morning. Its unusual length is accounted for chiefly by the large number of exhibits which it contains, and which are intended to show that adequate service is not now being given by the company for the land already sold.

The complaint asks that on final hearing, the company be restrained from collecting any maintenance charges, or from enforcing the collection on any outstanding contracts until the irrigation system is put in condition to supply the acreage which has already been purchased.

Peaceable Possession Aim.

Peaceable possession by the settlers is the aim of the suit, Mr. De Armond explained. "The necessity of the procedure which we have initiated, is evidenced by the fact that the company is not able now to supply sold lands with the water necessary for irrigation, or even with the water required under the company's construction of the settlers' contracts," he said. "This was disclosed before the Desert Land board when it was shown that in 1919 the company delivered water to only 23,000 acres out of 44,000, and that the full capacity of the system was taxed to perform this service. Evidence also showed that during that season a large number of settlers had an insufficient supply of water, and that some of them lost their entire crops because of this."

WHY ESTABLISH COUNTY FAIR IN BEND?

REASON NO. 1

Bend is Centrally Located in Deschutes County