

GRAND JURORS FINISH LABORS IN QUICK TIME

FILE TRUE BILL AS MERE FORMALITY

COUNTY AFFAIRS O. K.

Recommendations Made as to Increased Office Space, Roads, and City Clean-up—First Civil Case Compromised.

Recommendations and comment regarding county and city affairs constitute the bulk of the report of the grand jury, which was submitted on Tuesday after one of the shortest sessions on record in the Deschutes circuit court, as the case to trial on Tuesday when the report was filed. The report fulfilled the prediction that no criminal matters would come before the court at this term, for, although a true bill of indictment against Dick Seder was found, the defendant is definitely known to have left Central Oregon several months ago, leaving his bondsmen to pay \$300. The charge made against him is that of fraudulently cashing worthless checks, but there is little chance that the case will ever come to trial.

After stating that county property is in good condition, and that the affairs in general of the county offices are in good shape, the grand jury report continues as follows:

"We recommend that the county court secure additional space for the county offices, especially for the sheriff's office, which we find very congested.

Road Signs Asked.

"We strongly recommend that the county court of Deschutes county have adequate road signs prepared and placed at all cross roads and intersecting roads in the county, giving proper directions and guide to travelers, and that this be done as soon as possible and without unnecessary delay.

"We further recommend that the county court make needed temporary repairs, at least, upon the county road between Harper and La Pine, unless it is the intention of the county court or the state highway commission to make permanent repairs in the very near future.

"We also recommend that the county court of Deschutes county take out insurance with the state industrial accident commission for all of its employees.

Fire Department Pleases.

"We have investigated the city of Bend fire department and find that the city has a very efficient and satisfactory fire department and we highly commend all those whose services and efforts have assisted in building up the department to its present high standard, but we would recommend that the city have adequate signs placed upon all fire hydrants, warning persons against parking automobiles or other vehicles within the prohibited space near such hydrants.

"We further recommend that the city of Bend clean up all alleys and vacant lots within the city limits, and that the city officers see that the city ordinances are better enforced as to requiring persons to remove wood from the streets and cleaning up the litter or refuse, of such wood."

The report is signed by L. B. Baird, foreman, and A. P. Erickson, A. L. Saye, J. P. Bogue, Julius Janett, T. J. Murphy, and C. L. Eiders.

Stanfield Compromises.

The first case in the April term came to trial on Tuesday when the two year old suit of R. N. Stanfield vs. A. E. Hoss for \$9700 damages for alleged breach of contract, was called. With the jury nearly completed, the morning recess came, and when court again convened, the attorneys, Jay H. Upton for the plaintiff and H. H. DeArmond, and Blaine Hallett, of Baker, for the defendant, had compromised on a payment of \$500 by the defendant. The suit was for the alleged failure of Mr. Hoss to fulfill the contract to sell sheep to Mr. Stanfield.

FOUR PER CENT BONDING LIMIT NEED IS URGED

WILL MEAN FUNDS FOR CENTRAL OREGON

MONEY NOW LACKING

Better Roads, More Tourist Travel and Better Advertising for This Section of State Among Reasons Cited.

Passing of the four per cent bonding limitation to take the place of the present two per cent fixed by law will mean that Central and Eastern Oregon will get their chance at road funds. Without the amendment there will be no funds, is the declaration of H. P. Wickner, construction engineer for Oskar Huber, holder of number of road building contracts in this part of the state. Mr. Wickner came to Bend this week after a protracted stay in the Willamette valley, and on the coast.

West of the mountains, apathy prevails in many sections, regarding the amendment, he found. "If it is to be passed, Central and Eastern Oregon must pass it," he declared in summing up the situation. "The rest of the state, through the building of the Columbia and Pacific highways, has had its share of road funds, and has completed its road program. This, it seems to me, is the chief reason for the lack of interest.

The state's bonding capacity is now virtually exhausted, and little more than \$1,000,000 could be raised under the present limitation. It is argued by backers of the state amendment which will come up to the people at the May primaries. It is also pointed out that with the limit raised four per cent, \$19,000,000 more could be secured, in round numbers, and that by matching government money it might be possible to double this sum. With this on hand, they declare, a paved highway through Central Oregon would no longer be the ultra-optimistic dream that it is today.

Better roads, more tourist travel, and a better advertised Central Oregon are some of the reasons cited for voting in favor of the new bonding limitation, a measure already endorsed by the Bend Commercial club.

REDMOND MEN PREEMPT NAME

SALEM, April 12., (Special).—In connection with the controversy over the location of the county fair now raging in Deschutes county, the fact has just come to light here that the name "Deschutes County Fair Association," which the Bend fair organizers considered adopting was preempted by Redmond men two years ago.

On April 13, 1918, H. R. Parsons, B. A. Kendall and C. H. Irvin, all of Redmond, incorporated the Deschutes County Fair Association, and the corporation is still in existence.

PRESBYTERIANS BEGIN SESSION

Opening the three day session of the Pendleton Presbytery here on Sunday night, Rev. J. M. Cornielson, missionary to the Umatilla Indian reservation was chosen moderator taking the place of Rev. W. L. Van Nuys, of Portland, formerly of Prineville. "Christian Education," was the subject developed by the retiring moderator in his sermon before the Presbytery last night. J. E. Faucett, of Stanfield, was elected temporary clerk.

PLANT---THEY'RE NOT COMING DOWN



FARM BUREAU UPTON TELLS TO MEET HERE HIS PLATFORM

PRINEVILLE CANDIDATE FOR STATE SENATOR TO BACK CAUSE OF GOOD ROADS AND IRRIGATION.

Jay H. Upton, candidate for the republican nomination for state senator from this district, will make his campaign on an irrigation and good roads platform, according to a statement given by him Wednesday. He specially promises that in case he should not receive the nomination, he will not accept the nomination or endorsement of any other party than the one in which he is registered.

"If I am nominated and elected, I will, during my term of office, use my best efforts to build and pave the state highway in Central Oregon, aid the country schools, develop artesian wells, continue irrigation development, promote the interests of the farmer, stockman, and consumer, secure a more equitable representation for this district in the legislature, and will represent all five counties in the district as faithfully as my home community," Mr. Upton said. He added that he believes that water not put to beneficial use should go to the farmers for irrigation, and not to the power companies for "monopolistic profiteering."

FIREMEN WANT SUMMER HOME

That the members of the Bend fire department who derive outdoor enjoyment in the Elk Lake section, can have every comfort possible while visiting there during the summer and fall fishing and hunting trips, it was decided at a meeting of the department last night to erect a cabin and place a boat at the lake.

A committee consisting of Al Edwards, Engineer Lee Stevens and Fred Effenburg was appointed to arrange with the government, through the National Forest Service, to lease the grounds for the cabin and to make all preliminary arrangements for its erection.

MAHAFFEY NOT OUT FOR STATE SENATE

No Authority for Statement in Portland Paper, Is Declaration of Bend Banker.

That he will not be a candidate for nomination for state senator from this district, as was intimated in a recent issue of a Portland paper, was the declaration made on Wednesday by E. P. Mahaffey, of the Central Oregon bank. "There was no authority for such a statement, and you may say for me that I will not be in the running, he said."

BOARD ADOPTS SALARY RAISE FOR TEACHERS

NEW MINIMUM FIXED FOR NEXT YEAR.

TEN MONTHS BASIS

\$1200 to Be Lowest Salary Paid Grade Teachers, With \$1500 A Minimum for Senior High Instructors.

In the course of a special session held by the Bend school board late yesterday afternoon, a new minimum scale for instructors for the coming year was fixed, making substantial increases over the salaries in effect this year. Not only is the increase to be made but it will be on the basis of ten months pay for nine and one-half months, instead of nine months pay for nine months, now the basis of compensation.

The change is in line with the board's policy to keep instructors' salaries advancing as nearly as possible in proportion to gains in living costs, and will mean that Bend will be able to offer adequate compensation to secure the best teaching talent.

Under the new schedule, grade teachers will receive a minimum of \$1200, against the \$990 of the present year, the junior high teachers \$1350 instead of \$1080 now paid, and the senior high instructors \$1500 instead of the \$1125 which is the minimum at present in force. Special teachers will receive as their lowest compensation, \$1500. On this one point it is difficult to compare the proposed minimum with any previous figures, for while \$1000 was paid as the lowest salary offered a special teacher, this was not regarded in the light of a basic wage.

NINE CITIZENS MADE IN COURT

Naturalization hearings here were brought to a close in the circuit court yesterday afternoon, when the oath of allegiance was taken by Franz Steinhauer, German; Sigmund Orgler, Austrian; Hans Mikkelson, Dane, and John Kott, Galician. One other citizen was made shortly after four American soldiers had been accepted earlier in the afternoon. He was John R. Glover, of Hampton, an American who had served in the Canadian army, and who was given no examination, being merely required formally to accept the country which he had automatically foresworn in taking the Canadian uniform.

CARROLL BUYS ACREAGE TRACT

E. A. SMITH HOME RANCH, SOLD FOR \$4750, WILL BE PLATTED AND PLACED ON THE MARKET SOON.

Announcement was made this morning by Charles Carroll, of the Central Oregon Realty Co., of his purchase of the 40 acre home ranch of E. A. Smith, near the city limits on the south highway, at a consideration of \$4750. Mr. Carroll will plat the land in acre tracts and place it on the market. Water rights on the Arnold ditch go with the acreage. The new tract acquired adjoins Highway Acres, recently platted and sold by Mr. Carroll.

COUNTY COURT HANDLES MUCH HIGHWAY WORK

LOWER BRIDGE ROAD CLASH ADJUSTED

\$7500 WILL BE SPENT

Recently Surveyed Right of Way to Hatchery Ordered Cleared—Repair Work to Be Done in Sisters Section.

Aside from the consideration of bills, road matters were of chief interest at the regular meeting of the Deschutes county court held yesterday, action on no less than four important roads being taken by the court.

Whether the \$5000 for the Terrebonne-Lower Bridge road included in the county bond issue of last year should be spent on the north road, or on the south branch which connects with The Dalles-California highway approximately one-half mile south of Terrebonne, was one of the main questions brought up for settlement. Joe Howard, Jr., who represented the Lower Bridge district, declared that all the people in that locality, with the exception of the Japanese potato growers and officials of the Western Diatomite company are in favor of the road which will connect with the trunk highway. W. F. Mackey, appearing in the interests of the Terrebonne district, supported the north road on the grounds that it would be more advantageous to shippers.

The matter was adjusted by the court's decision to construct the section of road common to both branches, and to expend the balance of funds available on the south line. Donation work, it is expected, will complete the north branch. Both routes will be surveyed according to market road standards.

Roadmaster Walter May was ordered to start work clearing the right of way for the recently surveyed hatchery road and to drag the road between the Vandervert ranch and La Pine.

Arrangements were made to do necessary repair work in the Sisters section where water from Squaw Creek recently washed out part of the Sisters-Redmond road.

Preliminary steps were taken for the establishment of the Central Oregon highway, the Hatchery road, the W. W. Grinstead road in the Millikan district, and the road northwest from Deschutes.

THRIFT RECORD IS MADE BY PUPILS

Seven County Schools Save Total of \$2766.15 Within Two Months' Time.

Pupils of seven of the county schools outside of Bend saved \$2766.15 during the past two months as a result of the thrift year movement, which is under the direction of County Superintendent J. Alton Thompson. It was announced this morning, in two of the schools, Redmond and Tumalo, which had \$2484.40 and \$101.35 to their credit, respectively, the number of pupils making the savings was not given, but in the four others, the number was not in excess of seven.

At Plainview six pupils saved \$59.50, seven at Sisters saved \$15.17, and six each at the Graigo Hall and Pleasant Ridge school had amassed \$90.75 and \$15, respectively.

COMMERCIAL CLUB IS FORMED IN PAISLEY

Organization of a commercial club with 40 members has just been effected in Paisley, according to word received today. F. L. Young, formerly of this city, heads the new club.