

NORTH COUNTY FARMERS FEAR YELLOW PERIL

ARE READY TO TAKE DRASTIC ACTION

WIN CLUB'S SUPPORT

F. E. Pellett, Farmer From Affected Section, Tells Bend Business Men That Burtt No Longer Limits Number of Japs.

Central Oregon is facing a grave situation—a situation which may lead to violent measures as a remedy, was the declaration made this noon by F. E. Pellett, Terrebonne farmer, when he appeared before the Bend Commercial club to ask the aid of that organization in fighting any further invasion of Japanese in Deschutes county. Mr. Pellett declared that the farmers of the Terrebonne section are highly enraged at conditions now threatening and stated that, if necessary, the Japanese laborers on the holdings of George L. Burtt, wealthy potato broker, will be escorted to the train and told to leave. "And there are two white men, instrumental in bringing them in, who will go, too," Mr. Pellett added.

The Terrebonne representative sketched briefly the story of the employment of Japanese farm labor on the lands acquired by Mr. Burtt last year, and read a letter, in which the potato broker cancelled his former agreement to employ only three Japanese on his Powell Butte place and on the Hoskins ranch at Lower Bridge. Burtt's stand, according to the letter, was based on the impossibility of obtaining white labor, and that he should be permitted to send in Oriental workers to safeguard his investment of \$20,000. Mr. Pellett stated that Governor Oicott had been apprised of the situation, had acknowledged the receipt of the information sent him, but had taken no action.

Says Gunman Hired. Mr. Pellett declared that the farmers of his district had proof positive that a hired gunman has been retained to protect the Japanese, and asserted meaningfully that if this individual did not leave the country peacefully there would be need for coffins and a coroner. "As to Burtt, we'll show him a juniper tree with a rope hung over a limb, and see if he can take the hint," the incensed rancher informed his hearers.

"We have no definite plan, but in anything we do every man north of Redmond will give his support," Mr. Pellett said. "We do not blame the Japs so much as we do the people who brought them in, but we shall insist that all who menace the future of the white man in Central Oregon depart speedily. Right now is the proper time for action."

Overturf Against Aliens. Mr. Pellett's statements were corroborated by N. H. Elliott, after which a motion by C. S. Hudson, making it the sense of the meeting that the club is opposed to further Japanese invasion, and asking candidates for the legislature to put themselves on record to this effect, was passed. D. G. McPherson, chairman of the club, assured the Terrebonne representatives that if they needed any assistance, there would undoubtedly be Bend men on hand to help them. H. J. Overturf, candidate for the republican nomination for state representative, expressed himself as against land ownership by aliens, and later in the meeting, with Clyde M. McKay and R. S. Hamilton, was appointed on a committee to draft resolutions to support the stand taken by the Terrebonne farmers.

Asks Vote On Bill. A letter was read announcing the plans of Prineville for a Fourth of July celebration, and asking Bend to join in the celebration. It was virtually decided that there will be no effort made locally this year toward an organized observance of Independence day.

At the close of the meeting P. S. Hamilton spoke at some length in favor of the purchase by the city of

NEW INDUSTRY WANTED HERE

STATE CHAMBER WILL BACK MOVE

Request Made by Juniper Products Company for Mattress Factory in Bend, With Intention of Using Juniper Excelsior.

PORTLAND, May 13. (Special)—An effort to secure a mattress factory for Bend will be made by the State Chamber of Commerce following a request made by the Bend Juniper Products company. For the present the effort will be confined to listing the opening for a factory of this kind in the chamber's news letter. Later, if an industrial bureau is formed as now contemplated, more extensive notice of the opportunity will be given.

According to the letter to the chamber requesting the listing in the news letter the Juniper company, which is engaged in the manufacture of pencil slats from Central Oregon Juniper, finds that it has as a by-product a juniper excelsior that it believes would be desirable for use in mattresses. Hence, the opportunity for the mattress factory.

GRANT IS FOR DESCHUTES MEN

WILL GIVE STRONG SUPPORT TO CANDIDATES FOR LOWER HOUSE, OVERTURF LEARNS ON TRIP TO EASTERN COUNTY

Strong support for him in his candidacy for the republican nomination for state representative from the twenty-first district will be given in Grant county the extreme eastern section of the district, H. J. Overturf was assured this week during a two day visit in Canyon City, John Day, Prairie City, and the surrounding country. Mr. Overturf returned to Bend last night, after a 381 mile trip.

In Grant county he found feeling highly favorable toward the candidacy of Denton G. Burdick, of Redmond, who is also seeking the nomination for representative, while few were aware that a third man was in the race. It was indicated on all hands that the Deschutes county men would receive the preference of the Grant county republicans.

For the greater part of the trip, roads were in rather poor condition, Mr. Overturf reported. The stretch of completed graveled highway between John Day and Prairie City was the best encountered on the entire trip, but beyond this, the dirt road to Blue Mountain Hot Springs, one of the most popular summer resorts of the Eastern Oregon country, is still rough.

Between John Day and Mitchell, the autoist's chief difficulty is with the bad grades and hairpin curves in the road, Mr. Overturf reported. These troubles are being gradually eliminated through the construction of the John Day highway, but its completion, in common with other road projects through the state, is dependent on the passage of the four per cent bonding limitation measure. On the "hump," between Mitchell and Prineville, highway construction is in progress, and recent earth fills, followed by rains and traffic, have produced bad high centers, one of which tore the muffler from Mr. Overturf's car. With no more rains, however, this condition will be overcome within another week.

FORT ROCK MAN BUYS BEND GROCERY STORE

George T. Michaelson, formerly of Fort Rock has purchased the "A to Z" grocery on Oregon street from McCulston & Johnson. He is now engaged in making extensive improvements in interior arrangements, and will be open for business Monday.

SALE OF RIGHTS IS SUSPENDED

C. O. I. IS LIMITED TO EXCESS ACRES

By Stipulation Entered Into at Saturday Hearing, Company Will Make No New Water Contracts Until Hearing.

Except for the sale of additional water rights to holders of excess acreage, no more contracts for the delivery of water will be entered into by the Central Oregon Irrigation company until final hearing of the case brought against the company in the name of H. H. Dietrich by the directors of the irrigation district has taken place. A stipulation to this effect was entered into by attorneys for the district and the company at the hearing on the temporary injunction before Judge Duffy in the circuit court on Saturday. By the stipulation sales to excess acreage holders are limited to 700 acres.

As a result of this arrangement purchasers of water rights since December, whose rights would have been jeopardized by the injunction originally requested, will receive water as contracted, for the current year, at least, an agreement to this effect having been reached by the directors of the district at a meeting with their attorneys Friday night. A desire to avoid losses to these new purchasers, who have bought seed and arranged to use the water this season, is understood to have influenced this decision.

The claim of the district is that the sale of more water rights will burden the company with delivery requirements in excess of the capacity of the canals and cause losses to settlers now on the project by reducing the amount of water available for distribution to them. This question will now remain for determination at the time of the final hearing, the date for which has not yet been set.

De Armond & Erskine of Bend and Harrison Allen and John R. Latourette of Portland appeared at Saturday's hearing for the irrigation district and Denton G. Burdick of Redmond and Jesse Stearns of Portland for the C. O. I. company.

PLAN FOR SILOS ON FARMS AT SISTERS

Nine Wooden Structures to Be Erected This Year—Thirty May Be Put Up in the County.

Nine silos of wood construction will be erected in the Sisters country, it was learned this week after a meeting in Sisters attended by several well known farmers. Those present who had previously determined to build silos of concrete have given up the plan for this year, owing to the high cost of materials and labor, and will instead erect wood silos.

Those who have signified their intention to erect silos this year are: M. W. Knickerbocker, Meredith Bailey, Carl Woods, Ellis Edgington, E. W. Harrington, Livesay Brothers, Frank Colfelt, E. B. Anderson and Heardt Brothers.

Indicative of the growth of interest in silos, there were five silos in Deschutes county in 1917 and, at the present there are 15. It is expected that between 25 and 30 silos will be erected this year in this county.

HIGHWAY OFFICIALS ON TOUR OF ROADS

C. C. Kelly, district engineer for the state highway commission, and Charles H. Whitmore, in charge of market roads, arrived in Bend on Friday on a tour of the state highways. On Saturday they drove over the hatchery road, and later went over the south highway as far as the Allen ranch. From there they were leaving at once for Madras. Mr. Whitmore will be here later in the season in the course of a trip to Klamath Falls.

ELK LAKE ROAD WORK STARTED

FOREST HIGHWAY TO BE IMPROVED

County Will Cooperate to Extent of Three Thousand Dollars for Roads—Newberry Crater Work Starts in June.

Work on the Bend-Elk Lake road began on Monday under the direction of N. G. Jacobson, supervisor of the Deschutes National Forest. The crew began construction work at Big Springs and will cover a distance of 27 miles.

The new road will extend through Dutchman creek pass between Bachelor Butte and Tumalo Mountain, to the south end of Lost Lake, then along the south side of Soda Hill to Sparks Lake, crossing numerous fishing streams, then along the west side of Devil's Lake to Elk Lake.

On June 15 the forest service expects to put on a crew of men at the south end of Elk Lake for work to the north, which when completed will open the road for those who intend to erect summer homes along the shores of Elk Lake. Last year the service straightened out about six miles of road and the work to be done this year will be a continuation of the construction work of last summer.

For the improvement of the Newberry Crater road a work crew will be started about July 1. The road from La Pine will first be improved.

In this later development the county has appropriated \$250 in cooperation with the Forest service. Of the \$10,000 to be expended in the improvement of the Bend-Elk Lake road the county will cooperate to the extent of \$2500.

HOUSE HEARS OF BEND'S BEAUTY

How Bend was given publicity by Congressman Sinnott in a recent speech in the house appears in extracts from the congressional record just received here. The house had under consideration a bill relating to national parks and Mr. Sinnott took the opportunity to suggest that visitors to the coming shrine convention in Portland should be sure to visit Crater Lake and Central Oregon.

After describing the beauties of Crater Lake Mr. Sinnott continued: "After making the pilgrimage to Crater Lake the Shriners should go to Bend in Central Oregon in my district. From Bend they will see the great amphitheater of hills which rise and radiate from the Columbia to the cardinal points. How the hills rise in the purple blaze of twilight like billows suddenly stilled on the crest. They will see the rim of the amphitheater and horizon from Central Oregon, pillared with a dozen lofty, eternal snow-capped peaks, once blazing beacons, now only reflecting above the dusk of the valleys from lofty eminences of snow and ice, the soft pink glow of the setting sun, as the day drops into the westward waters of the Pacific.

"These snow-capped peaks are our reservoirs, eternal, exhaustless in life-giving waters, in energy and power.

"After seeing the mountains in their majesty from Bend the pilgrimage should continue to The Dalles through the Deschutes canyon, so narrow that it might have been cut with a "suber stroke" of Mars."

PARK ENDORSED BY COMMUNITY LEAGUE

Acting on a resolution introduced at an earlier meeting by the Women's Civic Improvement League, the Community Clearing House League, in session on Friday voted unanimously in favor of the purchase of the Bend Company park site on the Deschutes, by the city. The bond issue to finance this purchase, will come up at the special municipal election set for tomorrow.

A resolution introduced by the painters union asked the city and Miller Lumber company to clear the streets of blocks of wood, and to fill up chuckholes.

MUST CONSERVE SUPPLY OF GAS

GARAGES RATIONED BY STANDARD OIL

Appeal Signed by Mayor and Representatives of Mills Urges Use of Gasoline for Industrial Purposes Only.

With only enough gasoline available in Bend to meet the normal demand for a period of three days, and with no indication that an additional supply may be received for at least 10 days, steps were taken on Wednesday by which it is hoped that the amount on hand may be conserved for absolutely essential uses. Local garages were put on a limited daily supply by the Standard Oil company and an appeal, signed by Mayor J. A. Eastes, T. A. McCann of the Shevlin-Hixon company and H. K. Brooks of the Brooks-Seaton Lumber company, was issued to car owners.

In the survey made of the local situation, the three signers of the appeal consulted with Manager W. R. Speck of the Standard Oil company this morning and were informed that the supply on hand must be made to last for a minimum of 10 days.

Mr. Speck stated that he has no information regarding any shipment enroute to Bend, and that commencing today garages and supply stations will receive a limited amount, this supply to be gradually reduced each day according to the amount of gasoline on hand and the receipt of information regarding future shipments. The garages have assured Mr. Speck that deliveries will be made to cars operating for business purposes only.

"There are many gallons of gasoline consumed daily in the sawmills and logging camps which would affect the operation of the mills, if it could not be procured," the statement of conditions reads, adding that "there are many trucks and mail cars depending on gasoline for the delivery of freight and mail for interior towns."

"Therefore it behooves every individual car operator in this city to use his car as little as possible for the next 10 or 15 days in order that industry and transportation may be kept in operation," the appeal concludes.

RANCHER HELD TO GRAND JURY

Assault, being armed with a dangerous weapon, was the charge on which Ed Halverson, rancher living east of town, was held to the grand jury under \$500 bond, after his examination before Justice of the Peace Eastes, Tuesday afternoon. He was released on the furnishing of the necessary security.

The dangerous weapon in question, according to G. W. Brown, a farmer living in the same section of the country, was a hammer, with which he claimed Halverson struck him on the back of the head, knocking him senseless. He had no idea how he had sustained two badly blackened eyes, and two cuts, one near the left eye, and the other on the forehead. According to Brown's story, difficulties between himself and Halverson arose when Halverson visited the Brown ranch and attempted in vain to borrow a neck-yoke. It was then, Brown said, that he was struck with the hammer. He was brought to Bend Sunday for medical treatment.

Roy Southworth and A. J. Moore testified regarding conditions they had observed at the Brown ranch shortly after the trouble between the two ranchers, and Dr. A. C. Fowler, who had attended Brown, stated that the forehead wound had apparently been made with a weapon of some sort.

No testimony was given for the defense, which was represented by R. S. Hamilton.

CHANCE SMALL TO ELIMINATE PARALLEL LINE

U. P. IS UNWILLING TO TAKE UP STEEL

NO ADVANTAGE SEEN

Proposed Plan for Consolidation of Track Interests in Deschutes Valley Fails to Meet With Approval of Gray.

PORTLAND, May 15.—Slight prospects are now seen for the success of the proposed plan for the elimination of 100 miles of duplicated railway along the Deschutes river, for a railroad extension from Bend south, making use of the rails taken up, and for the utilization of the abandoned roadbed. The move to effect this change is deadlocked, with little chance of success, even though supported by the state government.

Before the departure of Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific system, he held a conference with L. C. Gilman, president of the S. P. & S. system, on the proposal, which has the support of the interests controlling the Union Pacific's rival in Central Oregon. The conference came to naught because of the inability of the Union Pacific to see any advantage to its system.

To Retain Capital. According to J. P. O'Brien, vice president and general manager of the O.-W. R. & N. lines, the objection to joining in the plan centers in the policy of self-preservation of facilities that later will be needed to develop transportation service for interior Oregon and the unwisdom of obliterating the town of Maupin, created by the Union Pacific.

Other objections are not disclosed, although it is admitted that large economies in operation would result from a joint railroad along the Deschutes river, but not sufficient to warrant the wiping out of so large a capital expenditure.

Commission Has Hard Task. All the data needed for considering the matter of the rival railroads getting together now to make up, in part at least, for the folly of a decade ago of paralleling each other's lines, was prepared under the direction of W. F. Turner, chief financial officer of the system. On this data in the early stages of negotiations, J. D. Farrell, then president of the O.-W. R. & N. company, favored the get-together plan, but later his enthusiasm cooled.

The commission created by the legislature last January to improve railroad and highway transportation for Central Oregon will have its hands full to resurrect the subject. This commission is composed of I. N. Day of Portland, Ray W. Ritner of Pendleton and Denton G. Burdick of Redmond.

MILL OFFICERS VISIT IN BEND

PRESIDENT HIXON OF THE SHEVLIN-HIXON COMPANY IS HERE WITH TREASURER TO INSPECT MILL AND TIMBER.

On their semi-annual visit to the plant of The Shevlin-Hixon Company a party of company officials arrived on Tuesday. In the party are President F. P. Hixon of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and Treasurer H. C. Clarke, of Minneapolis. Mr. Hixon's brother, Joseph Hixon, of La Crosse, is with them.

The time of the visitors was spent in inspecting the local plant and the various mill operations. They also made a trip to the sawmill at the mouth of the Deschutes river, where they inspected the logging operations.