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RATE CHANGE IS NOT FOR COMMISSION

C. O. I. CASE ENDED BY
ATTORNEY GENERAL

SETTLERS SUSTAINED

Public Service Board Has no Jurisdiction Over Private Contracts.
Move to Boost Maintenance Charges in Vain.

In a wire received Tuesday from their associate, Harrison Allen of Portland, De Armond & Erskine of this city, attorneys for the Central Oregon Irrigation district, were informed of an opinion handed down by the attorney general of Oregon, in which the stand taken by the district that the public service commission has no power to alter maintenance charges on the C. O. I. system, is supported. "Attorney general confirms our position, holding public service commission has no power to change maintenance rates," Mr. Allen's telegram read.

The decision is considered as one of the most important in the history of relations of settler and irrigation company in this part of the state and means that testimony taken at the April hearing before the commission will have no value. It also means that any further chance which the company may have to obtain increased rates lies in an appeal to the courts and that, without this, the settlers will be saved approximately \$100,000 for the first year alone.

Objection Sustained.
The petition to be allowed an upward revision in maintenance charges was filed a year ago by the Central Oregon Irrigation company with the public service commission, an advance to \$1.50 from 50 cents and \$1 per acre already charged being asked. Later, an amended petition asked a general rate throughout the project of \$2.50 per acre.

Objection was made to the complete petition by the Bend attorneys and their Portland associate on the ground that the commission had no jurisdiction. Hearing, however, was set for April 1, and was held during the first two days of the month in Redmond. All testimony was taken under the same objection, based on the fact that maintenance charges in force were secured by contracts made between individual settlers and the company.

Further information received today regarding Attorney General Brown's decision states that his opinion lists the Central Oregon Irrigation company as not a public service corporation, and hence not within the jurisdiction of the commission.

Hinting at an irrigation development to cost from \$1,500,000 to \$3,000,000, taken by many of his

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MCKENZIE PASS NOT YET OPEN

ROAD MAY BE CLOSED TO CARS
FOR ANOTHER MONTH BECAUSE OF ROCK AT WINDY POINT, PHONES SISTERS MAN.

That the McKenzie Pass is not yet open and may not be for another month, was the information conveyed in a long distance message received here this morning from George Aitken, of Sisters. A mass of rock at Windy Point is still in the road and must be removed before cars can pass, Mr. Aitken said, indicating that reports of cars making the trip in March may not have been based on fact.

ARMENIAN NEED IS TOLD TO CLUB

WARREN MORSE ASKS
FOR AID

Dues Raised and Assessment Levied by Business Men to Wipe Out Debt—Employment Bureau Is Favored.

Gripping tales of the sufferings of hundreds of thousands of Armenians, of the part played by that race in the world war and figures showing the task confronting America in relieving conditions in the near east, were given today by Warren Morse, of Portland, here in connection with the Deschutes county drive for \$2,000, at the weekly session of the Bend Commercial club. At the close of his address, subscriptions were taken by R. S. Hamilton, chairman of the county relief committee, by means of cards passed among the members.

Mr. Morse declared that America faces the problem of feeding 1,000,000 destitute people, of whom 250,000 are children, orphaned by Turkish massacres. During the war, he said, 250,000 Armenians fought in the armies of the allies, and in appeal to American manhood, he told of 300,000 Armenian women and girls who are in Turkish harems.

To place the club on its feet financially, T. H. Foley, chairman of a special financial committee, recommended that individual dues be raised 50 cents per month, that an assessment of \$1.50 per member be levied at once, that a new basis of assessing dues against business houses be adopted, and that the membership committee make an immediate canvass of all prospects. He mentioned further that the club is \$500 in debt. His report was accepted.

Will Aid Farmers.

That an effort should be made by the organization of a club employment bureau to work against the threatened crop shortage in Deschutes county, caused by lack of farm labor, was the gist of a motion put by C. S. Hudson, J. P. Keyes pointed out that the club already has a bureau of the kind which is functioning but little, and Carl A. Johnson argued that an educational campaign to show the advantages of farm employment to the laborer, should be launched. He believed that a part at least of the mill labor turnover, which he gave as 300 per cent, could be diverted, at least temporarily to the farms. H. M. Horton urged that road work be abandoned for the time being, to allow highway workers to engage in agriculture. Mr. Johnson, again taking the floor, advised that a movement be started for spending vacations on the farm.

The motion was carried without opposition.

RED CROSS AUDIT DATA MADE KNOWN

That a total of \$15,624.08 has been handled by the Bend Red Cross chapter from October 1, 1918, to May 1, 1920, is shown in the report of Traveling Auditor George B. Demarest, whose experting of the chapter's books has just been completed.

In addition to a balance on hand of \$2055.44, the account shows the following items listed in the disbursement column: Materials purchased, \$1950.64; transportation on materials, \$11.85; home service, \$3310.38; influenza expense, \$2050; public health nursing, \$1408.45; light, rent, etc., \$139.51; postage, printing, etc., \$42.25; incidental expenses, \$122.78; miscellaneous expenditures, \$145.13; remittance to division headquarters, \$2876.90; to \$15,000,000 fund, \$1510.55.

LOAN BY FEDERAL LAND BANK TO WAIT

That no more loans will be made by the federal land bank before October, is the declaration of C. E. Weddocks, of Salem, chief appraiser in this district. Mr. Weddocks, who has been spending a few days in this section, left June 2 for the state capital.

LONG SESSION ENDS MEETING OF THE GRANGE

SPENCE IS ON HIS LAST
TERM AS MASTER

FARMER IS WARNED

Charge That Agriculturists Are Profitreing Vigorously Denied.
Danger of Non-Partisan League Is Intimated.

At the close of their final session here lasting well into the early hours of Saturday, the Oregon State Grange adjourned, to hold its next annual convention in Eugene. The closing hours of the 1920 meeting were crammed full of business, some of the most important of the entire session coming up for action, but time was found for an open meeting in the early part of the evening, when newly elected officers were installed by W. J. Thompson, member of the national executive committee of the Grange, and S. J. Lowell, master of the National Grange, delivered an address on the subject, "Personal Responsibility." Presentation of gifts from the state organization to Cyrus Walker, venerable retiring chaplain, and to Mrs. Mary Howard, for 22 years secretary, was also made during the open session.

That he is now entering into the last term as state master, the position to which he was reelected Wednesday, was the declaration made by C. E. Spence, in a brief address given on his installation. Others who took office were as follows: Overseer C. H. Hayes; Lecturer, Mrs. Minnie E. Bond; Steward, M. C. Glover; Assistant Steward, J. C. Leady; Chaplain, T. R. A. Sellwood; Treasurer, H. Hirschberg; Secretary, Miss Bertha J. Beck; Gatekeeper, C. S. Dow; Ceres, Carrie Sales; Pomona, Mrs. George Randall; Flora, Grace Harris; Lady Assistant Steward, Jessie Miller.

Family Life Imperiled
Shorter hours, higher pay, and cheaper food are the three causes which will bring famine to the United States, declared National Master Lowell, in his address. "There was never a time in history when a day's labor will bring the laborer so much food as it will today," he said, "and yet there has never been a time when the farmer has been so unjustly criticized as now."

"There is too much criticism; too many are everlastingly accusing the other fellow of profiteering. There is a constant movement from the farm to the city, but the city man is free with the statement that the farmer is 'rolling in wealth.' I wonder why the city folks don't come out and roll with us."

Mr. Lowell deplored the high nervous tension, which he declared is rapidly reducing family life to a thing of the past. "People are not realizing their personal responsibility."

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Importance of Pine Manufacture To Central Oregon Will Be Seen In Displays Prepared By Mills

What the pine manufacturing industry means to Central Oregon will soon be made apparent to the state by exhibits which have been prepared by the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co. and The Shevlin-Hixon Company which will be sent to the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce display in Portland. Information given in connection with the displays show an annual lumber output of nearly 200,000,000 feet with a combined annual payroll of better than \$2,500,000.

The Brooks-Scanlon exhibit consists of a large slab of dressed pine, with a cross section of pine log bolted in the center, and data concerning the plant, listed on both sides of the section of log. This gives the annual capacity of the plant as 90,000,000 feet, the yearly payroll as \$1,200,000, the

MILLS OF BEND AN EXAMPLE TO REST OF STATE

HOUSE BUILDING IS
PRAISED

ENTIRE CITY GAINS

Policy of Encouraging Construction Would Soon Solve Housing Problem if Followed Elsewhere, Says A. G. Clark.

The housing problem would be taken care of in Oregon, if all the big lumber mills would take their cue from the Bend mills—according to A. G. Clark, manager of the Associated Industries of Oregon, who is in Bend attending the State Grange and looking over window exhibits of Oregon products made by Bend merchants.

Mr. Clark is enthusiastic over the position taken by the Shevlin-Hixon and Brooks-Scanlon mills, who in order to encourage home building, sell lumber through a local agency, at prices that are as low as the largest buyers receive in car lots at the mill. The plan was originally put into effect for the benefit of their employees, so that more homes would be constructed—but the public outside of the actual employees is taking advantage of the big saving in securing wholesale prices on lumber.

"This splendid example of public helpfulness is certainly to be commended," said Mr. Clark, "and all of Oregon's mills could join in a similar action and thus be the direct means of causing a greater amount of construction of actual homes."

"Other communities could follow up the idea and no doubt would be successful in getting similar action on the part of more lumber mills."

Expects More Industries

Mr. Clark says that he expects to see other industries start in Bend. With water power cheap and convenient a woolen mill and a paper pulp mill could be profitably maintained in Bend, he believes. Both of these commodities are in big demand and mills in Oregon are having more offers of business than can be taken care of, he says.

"With two or three more big payrolls started, Bend would go ahead by leaps that would skin the 'seven-league boots'," he declared.

LABOR SUPPLIED BY HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS

Aiding to overcome the shortage of labor, two members of the high school graduating class of the Bend high school and one senior have taken jobs at the Shevlin-Hixon box factory. Miss Mildred Klein and Miss Nellie Leslie are the alumni and Miss Gladys Sather is the undergraduate. Already the three have become most efficient employees, reports C. A. Hayden, superintendent of the factory.

SUMMER TO BE RECORD SEASON FOR TOURISTS

MANY WONDERS SEEN
IN BRIEF TOUR

ANGLERS INCREASING

Fishing Found Excellent in Practically All Lakes and Streams of Central Oregon—Forest Road Work Noted.

By Lucille Saunders.
Centuries gone by when Central Oregon was rolling around in a great inland sea or getting showered over with volcanic ash Alladin stroked his little wonder non-distillate burning automatic vest pocket lamp and gave unto Deschutes county three great gifts—its sunny days, its wealth of timber and fish and animal life, and its natural wonders. The cloud of dust that has surrounded every tourist automobile that ever pulled into Bend in the summer months has discouraged its driver from seeking out the genuine curios of the country. He never heard of lava tunnels or ice caves or mountain fishing resorts that are too new to boast hotels—he is watching for an enticing paved highway to lead him past a meek waterfall where he can stop to lunch on pimento cheese sandwiches and chocolate eclairs.

This summer is to be recorded a tourist season in the state and it is up to somebody in Central Oregon to camouflage a club, tap the tourist gently but firmly on the head and shout, "Say, you, run up in the brush and look at some of our scenery. Don't get out of the country until you are ready to tell your friends back east all about it."

Improvement of forest roads in the past year has made more accessible many of the outdoor attractions of this section, but there is still a vital thing lacking outside of the forest sign posts. How many strangers that go by on The Dalles-California highway know that when they reach Lava Butte they are passing, with one exception, the newest volcano in the United States? How many that the turn of the road at Harper leads to Elk lake, where the fish almost swallow both hook and line? How

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\$50 FINE LEVIED ON BOOZE CHARGE

Fred Shonquest Pleads Guilty in Police Court—Joe Lovegrove Admits Resisting Officer.

Fred Shonquest, arrested Saturday on a charge of having liquor in his possession, pleaded guilty in police court this morning, and was fined \$100, half of the fine being remitted during good behavior.

Another police court case was that against Joe Lovegrove, charged with resisting an officer. Lovegrove admitted refusing to assist in carrying a length of hose at the Brooks-Scanlon fire Sunday, and was fined \$10. The entire penalty was suspended.

COUNTY LIBRARY HAS MORE BOOKS

The county library has borrowed from the state library books on forestry, logging, botany, birds of Oregon, flowers of the west, geology, amateur photography, social service, and books for foreigners who wish to learn the English language and those preparing for citizenship, may be borrowed like other library books by those interested in the subjects.

Lists of books on almost any subject may be found at the library and may be used for reference and for making requests for books not in the library. The newest lists are the following: One Thousand Technical Books, Eight Hundred Useful Books, Know About Milk, and Viewpoints in Travel and arrangement of books of travel to their essential interest.

RIDERS DRIVE JAPS OUT OF SPUD FIELDS

SELF-STYLED BEND
MEN PILFER

WASTE IS REPORTED

Two Cars of Seed Potatoes Must Be Sent Back From Terrebonne, Says Burtt—Club's Stand Appreciated.

How five riders, representing themselves to be from Bend, drove his Japanese laborers from the fields at his Lower Bridge ranch recently, threatened violence against them, and even pilfered \$180 from one of the men, was told Tuesday night by George L. Burtt, potato grower and Central Oregon land owner, on his return from a day's trip through the Terrebonne and Lower Bridge sections. "I found the Japanese badly frightened," he said, "and learned that friends in the neighborhood had succeeded, with the utmost difficulty, in persuading them to remain on the ranch."

Mr. Burtt had no information which would tend to disclose the identity of the self-styled Bend men, but declared that he was convinced that the members of the party were not from this city. "The attitude taken by your commercial club in promising to cooperate with me in my endeavors in Central Oregon convinces me of that," he said. He mentioned appreciatively talks given before the Monday night meeting, by business men and by a number of farmers who had declared themselves in favor of his development plans, and declared that in leaving Bend he would remember the Commercial club as a "bunch of live wires."

Seed Shipped Back.

In his tour of the Terrebonne and Lower Bridge country, on which he was accompanied by his brother-in-law, William Shapter, W. H. Blair, Canby potato dealer, and Henry Hansen, manager for George Shima, Mr. Burtt saw a number of farmers and ascertained through personal interviews that the number of those violently opposed to him is small and, he believes, not representative of the community.

Because of the opposition in the north end of the county and the impossibility to secure labor, either white or Japanese, Mr. Burtt reported that the Terrebonne ranch, although plowed and ready for crop, is unseeded, and that on the Hoskins place at Lower Bridge, 130 acres have put in. He left orders that two carloads of seed, raised in Central Oregon, shipped to California, and reshipped to Terrebonne, should be again started on the way south because of inability to plant. According to the normal yield, the two carloads would have produced approximately 60,000 sacks of seed, Mr. Burtt estimated.

Accompanied by Mr. Hansen and Mr. Shapter, Mr. Burtt started this morning for Klamath Falls, where he will inspect potato land before continuing on his return to California.

ANGLER ASSAULTS DESCHUTES FARMER

As the result of an encounter with an unknown Portland angler, John Atkinson, rancher on the Deschutes south of Bend, is wearing a highly decorated face, and is promising a warm reception to the next sportsman who fishes from his land without first securing permission. Mr. Atkinson is ready to swear out even a John Doe warrant if this will make possible the arrest of his assailant, but authorities consider this will be highly improbable.

Mr. Atkinson encountered three fishermen on his ranch Sunday, and requested them to move on. Instead of leaving his property, one of the three attacked the rancher, knocking him down and markedly altering his facial contours. As soon as he could regain his feet, Mr. Atkinson ran to the house for his gun, but on his return the trio had departed.