

RECLAMATION OF ARID LAND NOW ASSURED

STATEMENT MADE BY NORTH UNIT MEN

BENHAM FALLS IS SITE

Main Conveyer Ditch to Be 45 Miles Length—Preliminary Work to Be Completed Within Six Months Time.

PORTLAND, June 17.—That the reclamation of 100,000 acres making up the North Unit irrigation project in Central Oregon, is definitely assured, is the declaration of Harry W. Gard and A. D. Anderson, president and secretary respectively, of the irrigation district. They were in Portland yesterday. They announced in addition, the employment of A. J. Wiley, of Boise, Idaho, reclamation engineer, for the project, and of F. C. Herrmann for the bond underwriting company, to make all preliminary surveys.

The Ralph Schneelock company of Portland, said President Gard, has taken an option at 99 on the entire \$5,000,000 bond issue voted by the people of the North Unit irrigation district, and this company has already paid for \$50,000 of the bonds at the same rate. The funds thus secured will be used in meeting the expense of the preliminary work. This work involves the final location of the irrigation ditches, the impounding dams and the reservoir. Much of the survey has already been tentatively made co-operatively by the United States reclamation service and the Oregon state engineer.

The reservoir for the North Unit will be located just above Benham Falls on the Deschutes river and will constitute a lake more than 20 miles long and four to five miles wide. The main conveyer ditch will be 45 miles long. At one point the whole current will be carried across the canyon of the Crooked river.

"All the preliminary work up to the point of actual construction will be done within six months from the present date," said Gard. "The construction work will then occupy from two to three years."

"The building of the North Unit project means the building of all the Deschutes basin irrigation units comprehending approximately 270,000 acres, for the Benham Falls reservoir and the natural flow of the Deschutes will provide water for all. This means that Central Oregon will have an irrigation development equal in magnitude to Twin Falls, Idaho, and the railroad receipts for 1919 at Twin Falls aggregated in value \$42,000,000. I wonder if Portland can understand the value in the upbuilding of this city of such a project exclusively tributary to it?"

Predict 5,000,000 Bushel Crop.
"Under dry land farming, the average production from the North Unit is 500,000 bushels of grain a year. We estimate that under irrigation it will be 5,000,000 bushels a year, always granting that wheat will be grown in the same proportion as now."

Eighteen years have passed since Harry Gard first organized the campaign for the irrigation of the North Unit. Gard, John Henderson and P. N. Vibbert constitute the North Unit board of directors.

While nothing definite on the subject has been given out, it is believed that the development which includes the North Unit, and the one which George L. Burt, potato broker, forecasted on his recent visit to Bend, are one and the same. A. J. Wiley, who will represent the project in the survey, was a member of the party of experts headed by Prof. W. O. Crosby, who conducted a geological examination last summer to prove the water holding properties of the Benham Falls reservoir site.

JITNEY MEN TO PAY LICENSES

COUNCIL PASSES NEW ORDINANCE

Elimination of Unreliable Drivers Will Improve Moral Tone of City, Is Belief—Swift Resigns As Night Officer.

As the culmination of a movement which has been under way for months, to place under closer supervision the drivers of for hire autos, the Bend city council, in session on Friday passed, under an emergency clause, a jitney licensing ordinance which, by the elimination of a few unreliable drivers who operate for but a short time, will aid materially in improving moral conditions in Bend. Men permanently engaged in the jitney business in Bend are known to be in favor of the ordinance.

According to the new city law, jitney owners must pay a license of \$20 a year, payable in advance, which may be revoked on violation of laws or police committee rules. Regular stage lines are not covered by the law. Another phase of the ordinance is that which imposes a \$40 a year license fee on each vehicle engaged in the baggage or transfer business.

Confirming the action taken at the previous meeting in the appointment of a temporary park commission, the appointment was again made last night in an ordinance which specifies the duties of the commission and leaves the members already named in office until January 1, 1922.

To Declare Holiday.
Coming as a surprise to many in the resignation of Night Officer Swift, presented orally by Councilman McPherson at last night's meeting of the council. Mayor Eastes expressed his keen regret that the city should be losing the services of so efficient an officer and the same opinion was expressed by members of the council. Mr. McPherson was unwilling to discuss the circumstances leading up to the resignation.

The mayor was authorized to declare a holiday for Monday, June 5, because of Independence day coming on Sunday, and to issue a request that the business houses of the city close next Wednesday afternoon in order that there may be a large attendance at the park clean-up, set for that date.

"LEARN TO SWIM" IS SLOGAN AT Y. M. C. A.

Expert from Portland to Give Instruction to Non-Swimmers from June 28 to June 30.

"Learn to swim" will be the slogan at the Y. M. C. A. from June 28 to 30, inclusive, when Tom Golley, master swimming expert of Portland, will be in Bend. Announcement of Mr. Golley's coming was made this morning by Secretary L. W. Trickey, who states that instruction will be for all over the age of 10 years. The method of instruction which will be used will give a knowledge of the rudiments of swimming in the lesson in most cases, he says. Further details will be announced later.

WOODSHED CARRIED BY SUDDEN STORM

Building on Bend View Crashes Into Pine Tree, Which Saves Home of Henry Funk.

A sudden gust of wind, originating in the hills west of Bend, picked up the large woodshed at the Harry Funk home in this city on Monday afternoon, and would have hurled it against the house if it had not been for an intervening pine tree. As a result, the front of the shed was crushed in and chickens temporarily kept within the building were left without a home. No other damage was reported in the neighborhood.

Face Trampled by Horse, Stockman Rides 95 Miles

His face terribly gashed, and his nose broken, J. H. Helfrich, Hemstead valley rancher, rode 95 miles to Bend June 18, reported for medical treatment at 10 o'clock last night, and walked to St. Charles' hospital, where 17 stitches were taken to close the wound. He is reported to be doing well today, although somewhat weak from loss of blood.

While he was riding for cattle, about 9 o'clock yesterday morning, Helfrich's horse stepped on a sage hen's nest, and the bird, fluttering up from the ground, frightened the animal so badly that he threw his rider and stepped on him. One of the animal's hoofs crashed into his owner's face, breaking the nose and ripping the cheek.

Helfrich regained his feet, pulled himself into the saddle, rode 20 miles to a neighbor's home and, driving a borrowed auto, made the 65 miles remaining on his trip to Bend. Never once, from the time of the accident until he reported at the hospital, did he lose consciousness.

WILL USE GYM FOR SMOKERS

MAJORITY OF SMALL PERCENTAGE OF Y. M. C. A. MEMBERSHIP DECIDES IN FAVOR OF PROFESSIONAL CONTESTS.

Changing the policy adopted last year, the Bend Industrial Y. M. C. A. will, from now on, permit the rental of the gymnasium for professional boxing contests. The change is the outcome of a membership referendum on the question, authorized by the board of management, which closed Sunday night. Following the board meeting last night, Secretary L. W. Trickey announced that, out of 300 who were entitled to vote at the time the referendum started, 78 cast ballots, 41 favoring professional boxing in the gymnasium and 37 being against it.

The membership report given Monday showed additional enrollments of \$5, bringing the total membership up to more than 500. Of the entire number, at least 100 are children.

Miss Ella Dews, in charge of the summer playground work, reported encouraging progress, with an average class attendance of 35.

To fill vacancies on the board, Charles Haines and Frank Anderson, both in the employ of The Shevlin-Hixon Company, were appointed.

STEEL WORK STARTS ON BURNER AT MILL

Crew of Nine Begins Erection of Shell at Brooks-Scanlon Plant—More Material on the Way.

Work on the erection of the steel shell of the new Brooks-Scanlon burner was started Friday at the lumber company's plant here by a crew of nine expert steel men, who arrived the day before from Seattle. As soon as more tools are shipped to Bend, the work will be pushed at top speed.

The first car of steel is already at the burner site, and the second car is on the way from Seattle, General Manager J. P. Keyes reports.

FIRE IS RESULT OF A DEFECTIVE FLUE

A small fire, caused by a defective flue in the frame building belonging to the Pilot Butte property on the corner of Greenwood and Wall street last night, called out the fire department, and the blaze was quickly controlled with but a nominal loss. Fire Chief Carlson pointed out this morning that many autoists, who turned out to see the fire, had carelessly left their machines parked in such a way as to prevent the department from laying a second line of hose had this been necessary.

STEBBINS QUILTS STATE EMPLOY

HIGHWAY ENGINEER TAKES POSITION WITH HUBER—R. P. NEWLAND IN CHARGE OF TWO COUNTIES.

Accompanied by R. P. Newland, regional engineer in charge of state highway work in Jefferson county, G. I. Stebbins, who has been occupying a similar position in Deschutes county, was in Bend Saturday from his headquarters in Redmond, and announced that he has secured an indefinite leave of absence from the state employ, and will take the position of construction engineer with Oskar Huber, formerly held by H. F. Wickner.

Mr. Newland, who has had his headquarters at Madras for more than a year past, succeeds Mr. Stebbins, and in addition retains his old position, being placed in charge of all state highway construction in the two counties. The change goes into effect immediately. Mr. Newland will be located at Redmond.

LOW PRICES HOLD BACK WOOL SALES

Clips Are Ready, But Owners Cannot Afford to Sell at Present Quotations, Explained.

Weakness of the wool market is preventing the sale of Central Oregon clips, although the time has arrived when the annual sale is usual by conducted here. With prices sticking close to the 30-cent mark, sheepmen, who have been paying top wages for herders and high prices for hay, cannot afford to sell, and are marking time, awaiting a change in the market, it was explained today at the United Warehouse, where the wool brought into Bend is stored. No indication could be given as to when the deferred offering of clips for purchase by woolen mills representatives would be held.

CLUB ATTENDANCE REACHES LOW MARK

Discussion of Bird Reserve Brings No Results—New Membership Plan Is Adopted.

With an attendance less than half that usually present at the weekly Commercial club gatherings, little business was transacted at the weekly luncheon of the organization. Discussion of the Malheur bird reserve measure led to nothing except the decision that the club should take no action in the matter until it has carefully investigated the merits of the proposed legislation.

T. H. Foley, chairman of the special finance committee, recommended that each business house in the city employing more than one clerk be asked to take out at least two club memberships. The recommendation was accepted.

CARRIER PIGEONS MAKE FAST FLIGHT

Birds Return to Bend From Vancouver, Washington, in Three Hours and Eleven Minutes.

Six carrier pigeons, sent to Vancouver, Wash., on Tuesday by William Sprout of the forest service, made the return trip by air this morning in less than half the time taken in making the journey by rail. The birds left Vancouver at 9:09 o'clock and reported at the Sprout home in Bend at 12:20 o'clock Wednesday. All six were in excellent condition, not in the least fatigued by their long flight.

Mr. Sprout considers the time made by the homers as proof that the birds sailed straight over the mountains, instead of circling around, a trait ascribed to them by some fanciers. By air line, the trip is 124 miles, approximately 40 miles an hour. The same time would have been impossible had the pigeons dodged around the Cascades, he says.

BEND DEALERS WILL BUY GAS

W. G. COOMBS HEADS ORGANIZATION

Will Attend State Association Meeting in Portland Tomorrow At Which Motor Fuel Question Will Be Threshed Out.

In an effort to combat the shortage of gasoline in Bend, local garage and service station men, who organized this noon at a meeting at the Pilot Butte Inn as the Bend Automobile association, will purchase a car of motor fuel, and may endeavor to secure two more, it was decided at the initial meeting.

Thursday's meeting resulted in the election of Byron Royce as vice president, E. P. Jeck as secretary-treasurer, and A. W. Bontrager and R. H. Loop to act with the officers of the association, as members of the executive committee.

H. S. Royce, after a conference with C. L. Boss, Portland auto man, declared that it is possible to secure an adequate supply of gasoline. The local dealers have already put up \$1000, to be used in the purchase of the first car.

W. R. Speck, local manager for the Standard Oil company, was present at the meeting and pledged his cooperation in the distribution of gas.

HAYDEN, FOSS NEW DIRECTORS

WIN WITHOUT DIFFICULTY IN SCHOOL ELECTION, AND WILL TAKE OFFICE AT MEETING TOMORROW NIGHT.

Counting of ballots, completed Monday at the close of the annual school election, showed L. M. Foss and C. A. Hayden as the directors-elect, with 103 and 100 votes, respectively. Miss M. E. Coleman received 29. In all, only 116 votes were cast, a marked contrast to the heavy vote polled a year ago, when the recall was unsuccessfully invoked.

The successful candidates will take office at the next meeting of the school board, to be held tomorrow night.

J. A. Eastes, Mrs. J. Alton Thompson and P. B. Johnson were the members of the election board serving yesterday afternoon and evening.

EASTES HOME IS WEDDING SCENE

Franklin W. Fowler and Miss Nan Reavis Joined in Marriage—Will Make Home in Bend.

A quiet home wedding took place June 16 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Eastes when Miss Nan Preston Reavis, daughter of Mrs. J. B. Reavis, of Seattle, and Franklin W. Fowler, son of Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Fowler, of this city, were joined in marriage by the Rev. J. Edgar Purdy, pastor of the Methodist church. Only a few immediate relatives and friends of the bride and groom were present.

Mrs. Fowler, during the past year, was a member of the Bend High School faculty, while the groom is employed by the Bend Water, Light & Power Co. They will make their home on Highland boulevard.

COUNTY TO EXCEED NEAR EAST QUOTA

Work of the county committee raising funds for relief work in the Far East is now being confined to cleaning up the quotas of the outside districts, Chairman R. S. Hamilton announced Tuesday. With the addition of these amounts, the Deschutes total will go well over the \$2000 set as the county's share.

CONDITIONS IN CITY GOOD, SAY STATE AGENTS

WELL PLEASSED WITH SANITATION

GROCERIES PRAISED

Restaurants, Grilles, Dairies, and Soft Drink Establishments Satisfactory With Few Exceptions, Officials Report.

That Bend is in excellent condition, from the standpoint of sanitation, was the declaration of W. B. Duncan, state dairy and food inspector, who, accompanied by F. M. Phillips, holding a similar state position, left Bend Tuesday after an investigation covering several days which has been conducted here. In addition to praising conditions found in Bend, Mr. Duncan mentioned especially the cooperation which he had received from all city officials in conducting the inspection.

Exceptional cleanliness was noted at the Cozy hotel, the Pilot Butte Inn, the Silver Grille and the O. I. C. cafeteria. Mr. Duncan declared in mentioning the list of restaurants visited. He gave especial praise to Smith's grocery and the Union grocery, and declared that the meat markets are all properly kept up, although a few changes had been advised at two of the slaughter houses.

Dairies Praised.
Out of 15 dairies, only three were in any way in bad condition. Two of these were unsanitary and at the other the milk was watered. The Bend Dairy store the inspectors spoke highly of, and suggested that possibly the possession of a clarifier, pasteurizer and cooler constituted an important reason for the keeping up of the high standard of the establishment. All soft drink establishments and confectioneries were found in good condition by the inspectors.

Within a few weeks' time the officials expect to return to Bend and if at that time the improvements which they have suggested to a few restaurants, dairies and other businesses having to do with the handling of food have not been followed, not only will licenses be revoked, but prompt action in the courts will be taken, Mr. Duncan declared.

KILLING FROST IS FELT BY GARDENS

Mercury Falls to 28 Degrees, and Potato Tops Are Badly Blackened As Result of Cold.

Bend experienced a radical change from the typical mid-summer weather felt on the first day of the week, when the mercury last night fell to 28 degrees above zero. Gardens in nearly all sections of the city showed the results of the severe frost, potato tops, in particular, blackening under the cold.

Some losses may develop, it is feared, but householders who sprinkled their frosted vegetables early in the morning believe that they have overcome any permanent effects of the frost.

MANY CHICKS COME SAFELY IN. MAILED

Within the past 10 days at least 1000 day-old chicks have been shipped into Bend, some of them from as far away as California, but not one has been lost in transit. Postmaster W. H. Hudson reported this morning. The chicks, of pure-bred strains, are carefully crated and are called for at the postoffice without delay, Mr. Hudson says.

LABOR COMMISSIONER HERE

On one of his official trips through Central Oregon, Labor Commissioner C. H. Gram arrived in Bend today, and will go to Prineville tomorrow, intending return to this city later in the week.