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WATER CLAIMS TO GET EQUAL CONSIDERATION

CUPPER'S PLEDGE IS TOLD TO CLUB

EAST UNIT IMPORTANT

Adaptability of Soil and Ability of Districts To Take Up Work Will Be Factors in Decision, State Engineer Declares

The needs of all parts of the Deschutes project will be taken into consideration by State Engineer Percy A. Cupper in the distribution of storage water from the proposed Benham Falls reservoir, is was stated by R. W. Sawyer, member of the special committee of the Commercial club appointed to look into the question of the water grab reported to be contemplated by the North Unit Irrigation district. Speaking before the club at its weekly luncheon Wednesday, Mr. Sawyer stated that, in an interview with Mr. Cupper early in the week, the state engineer had declared that he did not understand the North unit plans to contemplate the use of all the Benham Falls storage water, but that if such a request were made, the requirements of the other projects will be considered. This is taken as meaning that a pro rata distribution will be assured.

According to the 1913 statutes, it was explained to the club, and it is further provided that no minor part of the entire project—in this case the North unit—can work against the chances of any other district for development.

This, it was interpreted, would give an aggrieved district a remedy through the courts, although the statute does not outline any definite action.

Cost Is Factor.

Mr. Cupper was quoted as saying that the condition of the unit asking for water, and of the others in the projects, including adaptability for irrigation and cost of improvement, would be important factors, and suggested that projects which are in shape to go ahead with development work will receive the first consideration. With this in view, the committee, through its spokesman, advised concentration on the East, or North Canal unit, now included in the holdings of the C. O. I. company. This could be done either by the purchase of these holdings, amounting to 35,000 acres, or by assisting the company in securing water for the land, it was stated.

Mr. Sawyer read a letter from the state engineer, in which it was declared that when the report of the North unit commission, headed by A. J. Wiley, regarding costs and general feasibility, is received, the situation will be so handled as not to do an injustice to other units. It was intimated, however, that it might be impossible to provide sufficient water for all needs. The request of the Tumalo project for water complicates the situation, Mr. Cupper's letter stated. This project is not included in the cooperative survey report on the Deschutes project.

Tumalo Sources Suggested.

The committee's report included suggestions from Mr. Cupper that the Tumalo district might make arrangements with the Walker Basin Irrigation company for use of water from Crescent lake, and later from Odell lake, as well as the possibility that the North Unit might secure additional water by damming the Crooked river in the vicinity of Post. The possibility was also brought out that damages incident to the development at Benham Falls might prove too great for any one district to defray.

C. S. Reed, of the Willite Paving company, which is surfacing runways in the Shevlin-Hixon yards here, spoke at length on the natural resources of Bend, advising installation of factories based on the lumber industry, and advocating hard-surfaced roads to make possible more effective exploitation of Central Oregon's scenic wonders.

PRISONER IS OWNER OF PARK, HE STATES

G. L. Maupin, Arrested By Fire Chief For Setting Blaze, Claims Much Property; Gives No Bail

G. L. Maupin of Bend is the new owner of the city park site on the Deschutes, he gravely informed Fire Chief Tom Carlon when that official placed him under arrest for setting a fire in an alley close to the business section. Last week he was found to have preempted the cabin which is being moved from the park. He declared that he was night watchman for the park, but consented to leave.

Shortly before his arrest, the police say, he was found to have established his home in the Clint Whitted house, partly destroyed by the recent fire, on Irving avenue. He had bought the place, he said, but county records failed to reveal any transfer. He was unable to furnish bail.

The man's sanity is questioned.

ELKS OF STATE FOR BEND PLAN

WILL STAND FIRMLY BEHIND PROJECTED SUMMER HOME ON METOLIUS, DECLARES J. A. EASTES ON RETURN.

Oregon Elks will give their unqualified support to the Metolius summer home, already endorsed by the grand lodge at Chicago, it was reported today by Mayor J. A. Eastes, on his return from an auto trip to the beach, in the course of which he attended the state Elks' convention at Salem. Unanimously favorable action was taken on this question by the B. P. O. E. association at its annual session last week, and further endorsement of the Bend lodge was shown in the election of Dr. J. H. Rosenberg, of Prineville, who holds membership in the local organization, to the presidency of the state association.

As the grand lodge will have its 1921 meeting in California, the Oregon lodges are planning to send large delegations, Mr. Eastes stated.

He declared that he found the McKenzie Pass road in much better shape than he had expected on his trip across the mountains from Bend. The return journey was made by way of Portland and The Dalles.

SEES HOPE FOR WOOL MARKET

RAPID GAIN IN STRENGTH WITHIN 60 DAYS PREDICTED BY REPRESENTATIVE OF BOSTON FIRM ON VISIT HERE.

Indications in the East are that the wool market will gain rapidly in strength within the next 60 days, Arno J. Drew, representative of Farnsworth, Stephenson & Co., Boston wool merchants, declared here today. Mr. Drew, who is spending the early part of the week in Bend and the surrounding country, reports that, while there is an abundance of wool in Central Oregon, growers seem undecided as to the relative advisability of shipping to Portland or Boston.

"Many mills, now closed, must open soon on account of the tremendous overhead and the investment represented in plant," Mr. Drew said, "and that means an excited demand, with an advance in price. Wool owners who have foreseen this condition and who have moved their clips east in preparation for it, are the ones who will benefit."

EMBEZZLEMENT IS CHARGED

C. L. Peterman, traveling north by truck from Klamath Falls, was arrested late yesterday afternoon after leaving La Pine, and is now being held in the county jail here on a Twin Falls, Idaho, telegraphic warrant charging embezzlement.

LURE OF CITY DRAWING MANY FROM THE SOIL

REPORT OF ASSESSOR SHOWS DECREASE

ABANDON DRY FARMS

1920 Farm List In Deschutes County Numbers 596, Against 720 For the Year Before; Alfalfa And Silage Gain.

A marked falling off in farming activity in Deschutes county, particularly in non-irrigated sections, where the margin of profit is lower than the compensation to be gained by participation in the industries located in cities and towns, is shown in the summary of agricultural statistics just completed by Assessor W. T. Mullarky. Deputy assessors report that, in many instances, farms were uncultivated this year, their owners yielding to the lure of high wages paid in the centers of population, while in other cases lands hitherto rated as agricultural were actually abandoned, chiefly by homesteaders. These statements are borne out by the figures in Mr. Mullarky's report.

Seven hundred and twenty farms were listed last year, but in 1920 the number has shrunk to 596, while the acreage in farms has dropped from 99,565 acres a year to 85,694. Virtually all classes of crops show a marked decrease, the exceptions being in the case of alfalfa, where the 1919 acreage of 10,320 jumped to 12,370, and in the miscellaneous classification of "other crops," 124 1/2 acres in 1919 and 410 1/2 acres in 1920. This gain is largely due to the planting of sunflowers for ensilage.

The acreage, as segregated this year, is as follows: Winter wheat, 12; spring wheat, 1218 1/2; oats, 2992; barley, 104; rye, 7167; corn, 1384 1/2; clover, 841 1/2; alfalfa, 12,370; wild or marsh hay, 1288; other hay crops, 1012 1/2; field peas, 9 1/2; field beans, 4; potatoes, 1087 1/2; other root crops, 35 1/2; other crops, 410 1/2; apple trees (bearing), 34.

Last year's acreage reported by the assessor was: Winter wheat, 79; spring wheat, 2388; oats, 4598 1/2; barley, 631; rye, 8203 1/2; corn, 457 1/2; clover, 919 1/2; alfalfa, 10,320; wild or marsh hay, 1617; other hay crops, 2248 1/2; field peas, 10; field beans, 30; potatoes, 1334 1/2; other root crops, 51; other crops, 124 1/2; apple trees (bearing), 54.

MAIL DELIVERY MAY HAVE HORSE CARRIER

Bend's mail delivery system will have the addition of a horse carrier on one of the routes before the heavy mail starts coming next holiday season, if plans worked out by Postmaster Hudson are carried into effect. The route was originally laid out for a horse carrier, but has been handled by a man on foot.

SHEVLIN-HIXON PICNIC PROVES GRAND SUCCESS

NOTHING IS LEFT TO CHANCE

1840 IN ATTENDANCE

Picnickers Consume Ton of Watermelons, and 100 Gallons of Ice Cream as Small Part of Eats —Kangaroo Court Busy.

Not one thing was left undone to make the first annual picnic of The Shevlin-Hixon Company's employes, held Sunday at Dillon falls, a huge success. When you say "everybody had a good time," you're not saying too much—in fact, you're putting it very mildly. There were smiles and laughter prevalent everywhere. There was plenty to eat, with plenty of variety and plenty to drink (water and lemonade). There was plenty of sunshine and plenty of shade. There was a good spirit manifested everywhere and everything went off with dispatch, from the departure of the company train at the yards, laden with human freight, until its return in the evening. There were no accidents to mar the occasion.

It took a ton of watermelons and 100 gallons of ice cream to satisfy the appetites of the 1840 men, women and children who assembled at the picnic grounds. Huge kegs of ice-cold lemonade provided liquid refreshment throughout the day. There was plenty of candy for the kiddies. Tables and benches were available for families and small parties of picnickers, from which it was possible to spread their lunches. Old Man High Cost of Living did not seem to cause the picnickers any worry, as there were well filled baskets, all with a wide variety of inviting food.

Court Brings Laughs.

The committee of employes, headed by Frank Anderson, is deserving of much credit for the excellent management of the crowd and the various events of the day. There was not an idle moment for anybody. The committee had something for everybody.

One of the laughable features of the afternoon was the first annual "kangaroo" court, presided over by A. M. Pringle as dishonorable judge. Without mercy, fear or favoritism, he extracted coin of the realm from offenders. T. A. McCann and E. H. Dea, officials of the company, were first to shell out their "hard-earned" cash and to suffer the pains of electrocution. It was at the point when Mr. Dea, seated on the electric chair, uttered the oft-chanted words, "How dry I am," that the electrocutioner shot him full of "juice" from a storage battery that lifted him almost to the tips of one of the tall pine trees. Other prominent officials, employes and citizens parted with cash totaling, in all, approximately \$350, which is to be devoted to the Shevlin-Hixon picnic fund.

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Baby Feet Scald When Cold Water Tap Is Shut Off

While standing in the tub, preparatory to starting her bath, the 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Ham of this city, was badly scalded about the feet last Monday when a small brother turned off the cold water tap, leaving only boiling water running. The injuries sustained will not be lasting, it is stated.

HEAT RECORD SET FOR YEAR

MERCURY HITS THE 96 DEGREE MARK EARLY IN AFTERNOON, FOUR BELOW MAXIMUM FOR THE PAST NINE YEARS.

Scoring a new hot weather mark for the year, the mercury in the official government thermometer here climbed to 96 degrees this afternoon, the maximum being reached shortly after 3 o'clock. Today's record is three degrees ahead of yesterday's maximum, which stood as the highest of the year until today. The maximum so far established for 1920 is higher than only one of the nine preceding years, 1912, when 94 degrees was reached. The hottest weather on the official records for the 10-year period was on July 15, 1917, when the mercury climbed to 100 degrees. The average of the maxima of the past decade is 97.3 degrees.

SKYLINE HIGHWAY CAMP IS CHANGED

The Cascade Skyline highway location camp is being moved from Bradley creek to the head of the Umpqua river, to Crescent lake, according to a message received by carrier pigeon from members of the party. The bird which carried the news is one trained by W. J. Sproat of the Deschutes National forest service. It made the trip to Crescent by auto, going from there to the survey camp, a distance of 35 miles, by packhorse. The bird was apparently exhausted when it reached the home loft, Mr. Sproat stated.

MISUSES LICENSE; GETS HEAVY FINE

Charged with misuse of auto license, T. R. McClincy, formerly of this city, was arrested Tuesday, shortly after his arrival here from Portland, and appeared in justice court Wednesday. Chief of Police Nixon stated that the defendant had been using a Case license on a Dixie Flyer car, and that he carried two temporary police licenses, the last two being used in Portland, McClincy is said to have admitted. The case was heard by Judge Eastes in justice court this morning. McClincy paid a \$100 fine.

NORTH UNIT WATER GRAB IS OPPOSED

THREE UNITS WOULD BE LEFT DRY

BUSINESS MEN ACT

Development of Benham Falls Site Should Benefit Other Parts of Deschutes Project, Is Agreed —Will Seek Cupper's Aid

Standing for an equitable division of the storage waters of the Deschutes river among the four units of the Deschutes project, and against the use of all surplus water by the North unit, which is believed to be contemplated in the plans of the North unit irrigation district, the Bend Commercial club on last Thursday, authorized the appointment of a committee to work with representatives from the commercial bodies of other sections in an endeavor to secure for the East, South and West units a fair share of the irrigation which will be made possible by the development of the Benham Falls project.

Action was taken as the result of a motion put by C. S. Hudson, following the outlining of the situation by R. W. Sawyer, and discussion by J. B. Miner, H. H. De Armond and Hugh O'Kane. The vote on the question was unanimous.

Water Lack Foreseen.

"If the North unit plans are permitted to go through, we can say 'booby' to all future irrigation and power development," was the declaration of President D. G. McPherson, in introducing the subject for the club's consideration.

Mr. Sawyer stated that, according to the plans for the development now being pushed by the Jefferson county district, three great units—the old Benham Falls segregation, the Tumalo extension and the North Canal unit—will be eliminated, as the plan being advocated is for the entire surplus flow to go into Jefferson county. The North unit district, he said, is in a better position to secure action than any of the other units, as the district has been definitely formed, \$5,000,000 worth of bonds voted, and \$50,000 worth of bonds sold to finance a further survey of the Benham Falls project as a private development.

"The North unit district is planning to take the entire flow because of increased duty of water, decreased minimum flow from previous estimates, and the high rate of seepage involved in carrying water to the Jefferson county lands," he pointed out.

State Engineer to Decide.

He mentioned that the Benham Falls segregation is now nearly all withdrawn public land, that the North canal unit is still under the control of the C. O. I. company, and that the West unit, or Tumalo extension is partly public land and partly under private ownership. The Tumalo irrigation district's application for the right to develop the Crans Prairie reservoir project, as well as the North unit's application on the Benham Falls site, he stated, are held up for the time being.

In dwelling on a possible course of action, he advised that a strong endeavor should be made to induce the irrigators of the North Unit to work in harmony with the other units of the Deschutes project, pointing out that in the last analysis the use of water is up to the state engineer. "Our cue is to go after State Engineer Cupper and see that our rights are fully protected," he concluded.

Bend's Future Affected.

J. B. Miner declared that the future of Bend lies in its irrigation development, and that he had been assured that according to present plans, the Tumalo project would be taken care of, but that all the rest of the water from the Benham Falls development would go to the North Unit.

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HOW IT HAPPENS

