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## VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN COUNTY LESS

\$8,217,155 IS ASSESSOR'S  
TOTAL

### AUTOS ARE REMOVED

Cutover Land Taken From Timber  
Classification, and Smaller Num-  
ber of Livestock Among Rea-  
sons—Bend Valuations Grow.

Taxable property in Deschutes county, not including public utilities, has an assessed valuation of \$8,217,155 this year, as against \$8,342,160 in 1919, totals just completed by County Assessor W. T. Mullarky show. The decrease he attributes to three causes, the fact that 20,406 acres of cutover land has been taken from the timber land classification, the removal of automobiles from the tax roll by statute, and the lessening of the number of head of livestock in the county. As to the last named cause, he considers losses during the record cold weather of last winter and sales by ranchers because of the weakening market for wool and meat as the underlying reasons. The decrease in the change to cut over land classification is \$163,248. The 1919 valuation placed on automobiles, which does not appear on the assessor's rolls this year, was \$129,620, while a decrease of 121 head of horses, seven head of mules, 656 head of cattle, 3449 head of sheep and 511 head of swine represents a loss of \$53,291.

**City Shows Increase.**  
A brighter side is seen in the report on city valuations, for in Bend, although personal property has fallen from \$293,320 to \$266,210, due to the removal of autos, the total for this year is \$1,589,735, while in 1919 it was \$1,548,975. Bend real estate, improved and unimproved, has a valuation of \$1,323,525, as against \$1,255,655 in 1919. Included in this last item is \$623,770 for improvements on city realty. For 1919, the same classification headed a total of \$547,010.

In Redmond, where outlying platted property has reverted to the farm land classification, and where the purchase of the fair grounds site and its consequent removal from the tax rolls has cut heavily into the total of assessed city property, a decrease in totals from \$337,295 last year to \$276,350 at the present time is noted. Of this, real property amounted to \$198,755 last year and personal property, \$136,015, while present valuations for the same respective classes are \$172,985 and \$103,365.

**Timber Lands Reduced.**  
The general recapitulation for the county shows 48,758 acres of cultivated land, \$882,820; uncultivated, 165,050 acres, \$585,490; non-tillable, 256,813, \$518,630; timber, 272,747 acres, \$2,727,470; improvements on land, \$519,865. Last year the improvements on lands were \$509,400. The present valuation on all personal property in the county is \$1,300,180; city lots are estimated at \$922,120, and city lot improvements at \$760,580.

Among more detailed classifications, stationary engines and manufacturing machinery are rated at \$103,905, as against \$52,975 last year. Merchandise and stocks in trade are listed at \$506,860, or \$45,110 higher than in 1919, and farm machinery is \$39,550, as compared with \$28,995 a year ago. Under this head automobiles were formerly classified. Hotel and office furniture amounted to \$32,550 in 1919, and are now given as \$31,815. Money, notes and accounts total \$5665, according to the assessor's report, as compared with \$30,445 in 1919.

If the last year's valuation of \$545,107 on public utilities in the county is added to Mr. Mullarky's otherwise complete figures for this year, a total of \$8,762,262 is reached as an approximation of the probable assessed valuation of all taxable property in Deschutes county at the present time.

## EQUALIZATION BOARD FACING DULL MONTH

No Complaints Made As Yet By Tax-  
payers, Reports Assessor, and  
Little Business Is Expected

That the county board of equalization, which met Monday afternoon for its first session in 1920, will have little or no business to transact, was the belief expressed by County Assessor W. T. Mullarky. So far, no complaints have come in asking for a change in valuation, and the board, which is composed of the county judge, the clerk and the assessor, faces a dull time of it during the next 30 days, at the end of which time there will be no more possibility of change.

## LARGE GAIN IS SHOWN BY MAIL

Because the number of daily cancellations at the Bend postoffice has increased approximately 1000 in the last year, an improvement in service, through the introduction of a cancelling machine, is being asked for by Postmaster W. H. Hudson. This would mean a gain of at least an hour in distribution, he states. The average daily number of cancellations has grown from 2500 a year ago, to 3500 today. Mr. Hudson reports. Every indication is for continued growth, the postmaster says. Another evidence of increasing population is seen in the city delivery routes. One of these, route No. 2, including the south end of the city and the entire west side, and covering some 12 miles, cannot now be handled by one carrier, and two hours additional from a substitute are necessary in completing the distribution. Route 1, comprising the balance of the city, keeps one man so busy that any additions would mean extra hours of work.

As the result of a recent ruling of the interstate commerce commission, the railroads entering Bend will soon stop transferring mail matter to and from the depot, this duty devolving on the postoffice. Bids for messenger service will be received for five days, after which the contract will be let as quickly as possible.

Hitherto, the local postoffice has had no mail transferring to take care of, as Bend's terminal position placed this work upon the railroads.

## MIGRATORY BIRD SEASON EARLIER

Opening Date Is Changed In State  
So As to Coincide With That  
Fixed By Federal Ruling.

In order that state and federal open seasons for migratory birds may coincide, the state fish and game commission has decided that the state season in district No. 2 shall begin on September 16, instead of October 1, as has hitherto been the case. District Game Warden H. McDonald stated on Friday.

### MICKIE SAYS:

IF YA ARE TRYING TO  
STEAL ANNY FRUM PROPRIETORS,  
PATRONIZE TH' MERCHANT WHO  
ADVERTISES, FER HE AINT  
AFRAID TO TELL TH' WORLD  
WHAT HIS PRICES ARE! WHY,  
A REAL ROBBER PROPRIETOR  
GOT NO MORE USE FER PUB-  
LICITY THAN A BURGLAR HAS  
FER A STRING OF  
BLEIGHBELLS!



## REDMOND ASKS COUNTY SEAT

MAY OFFER \$50,000 TO  
GAIN HONOR

Committee Headed By Guy E. Dob-  
son Named To Circulate Petition  
and Raise Money To Help Erect  
Court House Building.

A strong likelihood exists that Bend is to have competition for the title of permanent county seat at the fall elections, for business men of Redmond are taking steps to place the name of their town on the ballot as a contestant for the honor, says the Redmond Spokesman of last week.

"Redmond may enter the fight this fall for the location of the county seat of Deschutes county, with an offer of \$50,000, to be subscribed by Redmond people and given to buy a site and aid in the building of a court house in Redmond," says the Spokesman.

"It was the decision of the Commercial club at its Tuesday noon luncheon that this step should be taken by Redmond, and a committee—Guy E. Dobson, chairman, C. H. Irvin and Dr. J. F. Hosch—were named to prepare petitions to place Redmond on the ballot this fall in competition with Bend, which place is to attempt to obtain the permanent court house location this fall.

"The same committee will also have charge of the raising of \$50,000 to be given the county should the county seat be voted to Redmond at the election on November 2.

"Action was taken following discussion of news from Bend that petitions were to be passed there to place the question on the ballot this fall. Speakers pointed out that in former campaigns Bend had promised a free court house site and free rent to the county should it be given the county seat, but, since the temporary location had been made there, had failed to provide a court house site and had forced the county to pay rental fees for space in the building which is now occupied by the county offices.

"Redmond can afford it and will raise at least \$50,000," Dobson declared, following his appointment by N. A. Burdick, president of the Commercial club. "And, to assure the voters of the county that the money will be forthcoming, and the county be given a square deal on Redmond's promise, the money will be raised in a way that will give the voters confidence that they can depend upon the signers to do for the county what they promise will be done."

"But a short time remains for the circulating of petitions which will make possible the voting on Redmond as a county seat site this fall in competition with Bend, and this will be the first step taken by the committee. When the measure is on the ballot the money will be raised and the matter presented to voters at once, according to the committee."

## SKYLINE HIGHWAY SURVEY NEAR END

Greatest Difficulty Experienced By  
Locators On West Side Of  
The Three Sisters.

PORTLAND, Sept. 15.—Within two weeks the general location survey for the proposed Cascade Skyline highway will be completed, F. H. Cleator, in charge of the location party, has notified the district forest office here.

The route has now been surveyed as far north as the McKenzie road on a location not exceeding a 5 per cent grade. The greatest difficulty was experienced on the west side of the Sisters. Cleator has been posting signs along the survey route and has been taking a great number of scenic pictures. While the crew will disband when it reaches Mount Jefferson and come out by Detroit, Cleator expects to continue along the Cascade summit to the Mount Hood loop, taking pictures en route, so as to have a complete set of forest service recreation pictures of the route of the Skyline road.

## WOULD PREVENT CATTLE LOSSES

EXECUTIVE BOARD OF  
STOCKMEN MEETS

Means of Preventing Petty Stealing  
One of Greatest Problems Con-  
fronting the Ranchers—Wild  
Horses Encroach on Range

How to stop the petty cattle stealing going on in Central Oregon was the question featuring the discussion Saturday night at the meeting held here by members of the executive committee of the State Cattle and Horse Raisers' association, in session with Central Oregon stock raisers. J. E. Snow of Dayville, William Daby and S. O. Correll of Baker and George Russell of Prineville were the members of the executive committee in the party, arriving in Bend late in the afternoon after a two weeks' auto tour of the stock-raising centers of the state. They left yesterday morning for Prineville.

At Saturday night's session the workings of the brand inspection system were explained by Mr. Correll and Mr. Snow, Mr. Russell speaking on the recovery of stolen or strayed stock after it reaches the markets as the result of the activities of the stockmen's association, which now has a membership of more than 600.

**Ordinance Inoperative.**  
E. P. Mahaffey of the Central Oregon bank brought of the matter of the cattle rustling which is going on, particularly on the Tumalo and Sand Springs ranges. Practically all of the animals so stolen are immediately converted into beef and sold in small lots in and near Bend. It was pointed out. Stockmen in attendance were of the opinion that a closer following of the state law, which provides that the hide of an animal must be presented with the carcass, would almost eliminate rustling.

John Marsh of Tumalo mentioned that an ordinance calling for a meat inspector is now on the city books, and D. L. Jamison, county agriculturalist, told the history of the ordinance, explaining that the expense of retaining an inspector was to be borne equally by the city and the stockmen of Central Oregon. Failure of the cattle owners to produce their half had rendered the law inoperative, he said. Mr. Mahaffey suggested that small subscriptions be asked from each of the various cattlemen's organizations in Deschutes county, and it was the general opinion that this should be done.

Of interest to stockmen in the lower part of the state was the question introduced by J. H. Lane of Lake county, who declared that wild range horses, practically valueless, are encroaching on the cattle ranges, taking feed needed by the beef stock. In an attempt to make the wild horses of some use, the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association has already encouraged the establishment of horse meat markets, but with only limited success.

## ENGINEER ACCEPTS POWER PLANT PLANS

Plans for the first unit of the new B. W. L. & P. power plant on the Tumalo have been approved by the state engineer, T. H. Foley, general manager, reported today, and the construction camp is being established near the Columbia Southern ditch. Work on the intake at the ditch is starting at once, Mr. Foley states, and with the completion of this part of the improvement, probably about the middle of November, the work will be stopped for the remainder of the winter.

## REED PREPARES TO PAVE BEND STREETS

In preparation for the hard surfacing of the downtown city streets of Bend, C. S. Reed of the Western Willite Paving Co. is purchasing machinery and extensive supplies to use here, on an authorization recently sent by Mayor Eastes, a letter received by Mr. Eastes from the Willite president states. Operations are to be started here as quickly as possible, Mr. Reed mentions in his letter.

## DELEGATES NAMED TO IRRIGATION MEETING

County Court Designates Twelve to  
Attend Development Congress  
In Seattle This Month.

To attend the sessions of the Northwest Irrigation and Development congress, to be held in Seattle September 16 and 17, delegates representing Deschutes county have been designated by the county court and a notice of the appointment mailed to Seattle.

The following are named to attend the congress: Fred N. Wallace, Tumalo; Lou Reed, Redmond; Fred S. Stanley, Deschutes; M. W. Knickerbocker, Sisters; K. Buick, Bend; A. S. Holmes, Lower Bridge; E. L. Clark, La Pine; M. W. Wilson, Redmond; C. G. Cornelius, Redmond; R. A. Ward, H. J. Overturf and T. H. Foley, Bend.

## PETITION FOR BEND IS READY

County initiative petitions, asking that a measure having as its object the designation of Bend as the permanent county seat of Deschutes county, be placed on the ballot at the coming fall elections, are now ready to be circulated, President D. G. McPherson, president of the Bend Commercial club, announced at the weekly luncheon of that organization at the Pilot Butte Inn. The old committee in charge of placing the measure on the ballot was discharged for failure to function and Mr. McPherson promised to appoint another committee at once to have charge of the immediate circulation of the petitions.

In response to a letter from R. E. Smith, president of the Title & Trust Co. of Portland, the weekly club luncheon for next week will be held Tuesday noon, it was decided, in order that speakers may appear before the Bend business men, explaining the weakness of the proposed interest-limiting measure which will be voted on in Oregon this fall.

## CATHOLIC CHURCH IS NEARLY READY

Arrival of Glass Awaited For Com-  
pletion of Building—Sculptor  
Finishes Setting of Altar.

With the exception of special glass, ordered early last month, but which has not yet arrived, the new Catholic church is virtually complete. Lee A. Thomas, architect in charge of construction, announced on Friday. Sidewalks are now being built and, with the installation of the windows, the structure will be ready for dedication.

The setting of the altar has been under the direction of H. D. Accetta, Portland sculptor and designer, and this part of the port will be completed tomorrow. Mr. Accetta will go from here to Spokane and will return here later to have charge of interior work on Bond street.

## GIANT ELK FOUND BY BEND HUNTERS

Among the bands of elk still ranging in the country where the south fork of the McKenzie has its beginning are giant males, leaving a track as big as any domestic bull, declares R. S. Hamilton on his return from a protracted hunting trip with Lloyd Douthit and Dr. W. G. Manning. Fresh elk tracks were seen in considerable numbers, although the elk themselves kept strictly out of sight. The hunters brought back two buck deer and a bear, the last named animal shot by Mr. Douthit.

## FOX BUTTE PHONE LINE IS STARTED

Under the direction of Ranger Roy Mitchell, work has started putting in a phone line between the Cabin lake ranger station and the Fox butte fire lookout, Deputy Supervisor W. O. Harriman reported this morning. The new line will be about 18 miles in length and is expected to be completed this fall.

## PINE DEMAND WEAKENING IN TIME OF NEED

ADVANCE IN FREIGHT  
RATES BLAMED

### "TEST OF STRENGTH"

Wish That Railroads Will Agree To  
Readjustment, Expressed By J. P.  
Keyes—Building Needs May Be  
Stimulus, Hopes T. A. McCann

Although the need for pine lumber has never been greater than at the present time, a marked diminution in orders received at The Shevlin-Hixon Company and the Brooks-Scanlon Co. plants is reported by T. A. McCann and J. P. Keyes, their respective general managers. Similar conditions of a lessening demand are prevailing in the other pine-producing sections of the Northwest and, in general, the falling off in orders is attributed to the recent advances in freight rates.

"It's a test of strength between the railroads and the shippers," Mr. Keyes said in mentioning the local situation. "We are receiving practically no orders at the present time and, by the end of the week, it will be necessary to lay off our third shift at the mill. The men have already been notified of this."

**New Employment Offered**  
Because of the track system which is to be installed in the yards for lumber distribution, it will be possible to offer employment to most of the men who are to be laid off at the mill, Mr. Keyes said.

"We hope," he added, "that the railroads will be willing to consider a rate readjustment within six months or less."

T. A. McCann, Shevlin-Hixon general manager, frankly admitted that he had no definite idea as to how long the present situation will endure, or how far-reaching its economic effects may be. Orders have practically ceased coming in, he said, and there remains a week's work in the box factory, with a run of similar length left at the planer. The mill can be kept going for two months.

"I hope for an early change," he said. "The country is five years behind in its building and the demand should keep production at a high point."

## SCHOOLS HAVE NEED OF TWO MORE ROOMS

Additional Space Must Be Rented  
To Take Care of Heavy Enroll-  
ment, Says Superintendent.

With 1154 pupils in attendance at the Bend city schools, Superintendent S. W. Moore declares that two more rooms will be an absolute necessity for this term, and that conditions will be even worse in the spring semester. As a temporary solution of the problem, he suggests the renting of the Murphy building on Greenwood and of the Catholic church on Wall, when the new brick structure on Franklin is completed.

## THUMB PRINT USED INSTEAD OF NAME

A signature which cannot be forged is that which J. H. Lane, big Silver Lake cattle operator, who was in Bend over the week end, affixes to his checks. His thumb print takes the place of his name. Total blindness caused Mr. Lane to adopt the novel, but effective method of signature.

## CROWDED SCHOOL CONDITION FOUND

Practically all congestion in the Bend schools is now in the Central buildings, was the report of City Superintendent S. W. Moore on Monday. The first primary class is entirely too large for the accommodations provided, and conditions almost as bad are found in the fifth grade room.