

GOVERNOR'S INVESTIGATOR OUTLINES JAP SITUATION

Official findings on the Japanese situation in the Deschutes valley, as ascertained by Frank Davey of Salem in an investigation conducted for Governor Ben W. Olcott, are contained in a state pamphlet giving Mr. Davey's report on the Japanese in Oregon. Regarding his work in this section, Mr. Davey says as follows:

"I proceeded to Bend to begin the investigation of the conditions in the Deschutes valley, but had to work back down the river to get the most reliable line on the facts. There are few Japs in the vicinity of Bend, and those are laborers or servants, popular with their employers, and not noticed by the balance of the community.

"At Redmond, 20 miles north of Bend, is the principal seat of the discussion which reached the outside world in a feverish way, early in the present year, although the exact places which caused the trouble are some miles distant from Redmond.

"It appears that the Portland-Deschutes Land Co., George L. Burt, president, purchased 800 acres of irrigated land several miles north of Redmond in what is known as the Lower Bridge section, and 13,000 acres under the high-line ditch project at Powell Butte, some miles northeast of Redmond. Interested with Burt in these purchases is George Shima, known as the Japanese potato king of California, and Mr. Fleischacker, the well known millionaire capitalist and financier, and it was the intention of the purchasers to develop these properties for the raising of potatoes, principally for seed for Shima's big potato farms in California.

Mr. Burt had ascertained the favorable character of the lands in this section for the production of fine potatoes and succeeded in getting Shima interested in the matter. Burt is a commission man of San Francisco and has handled Shima's products for several years; also has procured seed for him, and it is always difficult to find good seed potatoes in California. Hence it was an easy matter to get Shima interested in a project that would provide him a dependable source of reliable seed. Mr. Fleischacker was brought into the project partly through his connections with banking interests at Redmond and his coming in has resulted in the Fleischacker company substantially aiding this part of Oregon by the purchasing of bonds and the financing of development projects.

"In the early developments, following the purchase of the lands and in preparation for cropping them, the Burt-Shima people brought in some expert Japanese potato cutters and potato planters, so that there would be no mistake about the manner of handling the crop, those experts having been in Shima's employ in California for some years.

"This introduction of Japanese was the signal for a wild furor in Jefferson, Crook and Deschutes counties. The impression went abroad that the new owners were intending to colonize their lands with Japs and in a short time a powerful organization of farmers was formed to protest against bringing any Asiatics into the Deschutes valley, and to agree among themselves that none of them would lease or sell a foot of land to a Jap under any circumstances.

"That organization had branches at Tumalo, Lower Bridge, Terrebonne, White Rock, Grange Hall and Redmond, and such widespread ill feeling was engendered against the Japanese and their employers that Mr. Burt, in the interest of peace and harmony, presented an agreement for his company to the effect that they would not at any time in the future, employ any Japanese labor in, on or about any of their potato fields within Central Oregon, namely, with Deschutes, Crook or Jefferson counties; that at no time shall there be more than six Japanese expert potato men employed in Central Oregon, and in no instance shall there be more than three of said expert potato men employed on what is known as the C. F. Hoskins ranch in the Lower Bridge community, and not more than three of said expert potato men employed on the Powell Butte ranch at any one time, etc. The agreement further stipulated that the company would not sell or lease any of its lands to Japanese.

"That agreement, made in February, served to allay the excitement for a time, but Mr. Burt later declared it off. There was a tacit understanding when it was made that there would be plenty of white help in the neighborhood when the Burt-Shima people got ready for spring work, but when the time came it was

impossible to hire anybody for love or money, notwithstanding repeated appeals in every direction, so Mr. Burt sent word that the agreement would be abrogated; that the planting could not be longer postponed, and he would be compelled to bring in a few more Japs to get the work done. He did so, and there are now seven or eight Japanese on the Lower Bridge property, caring for a few hundred acres of potatoes that promise an immense crop.

"The Powell Butte property has not been improved and probably the project for its irrigation and development will be retarded for some time.

"The condition of the public mind here is similar to that in other sections in which the Oriental question is dominant. There is a division of sentiment on the question, the small resident farmer, the laborer and the floater being bitterly opposed to any Japanese whatever, either as experts or as renter or purchasers, though it is claimed at Redmond that the prejudice has been worked up by a few agitators at another town not far from the Lower Bridge property, and that were it not for those agitators there would be no bitterness among the general farming population.

"The larger land owners, men who have invested heavily in wild lands with the hope of having them ultimately cleared, irrigated and cultivated to their possibility, are ready to welcome the two forces that are necessary to that end, namely, the capital that will make irrigation a possibility, and that labor that will put the land in condition for cropping, and they do not care much from what source those two forces are furnished. The bankers and merchants and other business men who want to see that great agricultural empire developed are discouraged with present labor conditions and are inclined to favor any class that will show a willingness to work, to clear new ground and to bring it into productiveness. All of these would prefer to see the development and the production wrought out by white settlers, but American home builders, to the exclusion of Japan-

ese and other undesirable aliens, but if men who are prepared to have the development accomplished by the aid of white labor are unable to obtain such help—if white men refuse to do the work—then they are ready to do the next best thing and permit the work to be done by anybody who is willing to do it.

"The predominating sentiment up and down the Deschutes valley is against Japanese, especially in its public expression, but in the quiet of private conversation that sentiment is not so pronounced."

NUMBERS FROM SKY TO DECIDE PRIZES

Novel Drawing Contest For Children To Be Feature of Catholic Bazaar in October.

A novel prize drawing contest for the children of Bend will be staged on October 9 as a feature of the Catholic bazaar, September 7 to 9, inclusive, when many hundreds of numbered cards will be scattered over the city by one of the Bend Aircraft corporation planes. In the evening a drawing will be held and prizes awarded to the children who have caught the cards bearing the lucky numbers.

Jitney dancing will be a nightly feature of the bazaar, which will be held at the Hippodrome, and carnival novelties will be in full swing from the opening date until the closing on October 9. Games of chance will be presided over by Hugh O'Kane.

HOFSTETTER QUILTS RACE FOR OFFICE

Tumalo Rancher Not To Seek Election As County Judge On Independent Ticket, He Announces.

Charles Hofstetter, Tumalo rancher, has announced his decision not to run as an independent candidate for county judge, after ascertaining that it would be necessary for a meeting of at least 100 persons to organize as independents and nominate him on their ticket, it is reported from Redmond, where Mr. Hofstetter is now employed.

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PATENT DELAY IS REPORTED

2577.28 ACRES APPLIED FOR NOT GRANTED IN CAREY ACT LIST RECENTLY APPROVED BY LAND OFFICE.

SALEM, Sept. 25.—Patent has been received by the state of Oregon for 16,664.60 acres of Carey act land, reclaimed under the Central Oregon irrigation project in Central Oregon, in the vicinity of Bend, Redmond and Powell Butte.

These lands include all of the Oregon lists for patent Nos. 9 and 10, which have been pending before the department of the interior since 1914.

The state's application for patent covered 19,241.88 acres. There is therefore a difference of 2577.28 acres affected by the excess acreage question, for which patent has been withheld pending the purchase of the additional water right by the settler. These purchases are being covered by supplemental contract between the irrigation company and the settler, and as soon as adjustments are made, evidence of the settlement is being transmitted to the commissioner of the general land office upon which additional patents will issue from time to time.

The area patented is all sold and improved land, most of which is subject to deed from the state, also all those who have completed their contracts and hold certificates of proof on tracts covered by the recent patent may surrender their certificates to the desert land board at Salem and receive their deeds.

Those tracts affected by the excess acreage question, not having been patented by the government, cannot be deeded at this time. Evidence of the adjustments heretofore made by supplemental agreement has been filed with the commissioner of the general land office and the state has been notified that the evidence was sufficient upon which patent would issue, but that the same was received too late to be included in the patent recently received.

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PRICE INTERESTS BEND GARAGE MEN

Effect of Recent Reductions Awaited—No Change in Oldsmobiles, Is Wire Announcement.

What will be the next move in the car price situation, following the announcement of the big cut in Ford cars, and the subsequent statement of a drop in Franklins is the question that is of supreme interest to the garage men of Bend. A number are confident that there will be no changes in the quotations on the makes of cars which they handle, but others are frankly up in the air. Among the former is Roy Southworth of Southworth Bros., agents for the Oldsmobile. Mr. Southworth has just received a telegram from the Oldsmobile Company of Oregon, reading as follows: "Have just received advice from factory that they will not reduce list price of any of their present models."

There is little chance for a downward revision in the Studebaker car, believes R. S. McClure, local agent.

BEND WILL START FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

As a result of the conference held Saturday in Redmond by heads of the Central Oregon schools, attended by Principal J. L. Crozier and Coach Merlo Moore of Bend, a six-game schedule for the 1920 football season was adopted, with the first game set for Friday, October 5, Elks' Day, at the Prineville fair between Bend and Prineville. Because of other features of the day's program, the game will be started at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, Coach Moore states.

Other dates decided on are: Prineville at Redmond, October 16; Bend at Redmond, October 23; Prineville at Bend, October 30; Redmond at Prineville, November 6, and Redmond at Bend; November 11.

Madras was not represented at the conference, but will have a team, and is anxious for a game, as is also Burns, Coach Moore reported. It is probable that open dates will be used for contests with the two schools, and possibly with Klamath Falls and The Dalles, or some out of state team.

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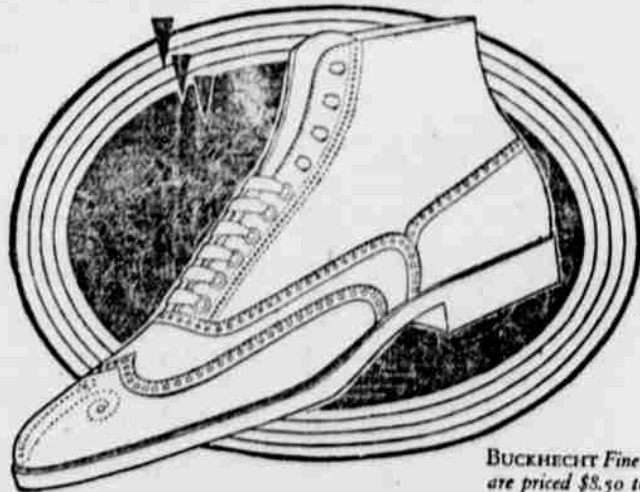
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