

NO CAUSE HERE FOR PESSIMISM IS EMPHASIZED

RUMORS ATTACKED BY CLUB SPEAKERS

SCHOOLS IMPORTANT

Biggest Industry, Declares Carl A. Johnson—Change in Mental Attitude Responsible For Feeling of Depression, Is Claimed.

The need for a determined fight against the forces of unrest, some of a nature distinctly against the basic doctrines of Americanism, was urged yesterday at the weekly meeting of the Bend Commercial club. Discussion was begun by S. W. Moore, chairman of the committee on American ideals, with the declaration that rumors float in Bend are showing that unrest is becoming a local menace. He urged the need of "counter-education" and the development of the type of patriotism which will set aside consideration of dollars and cents for a consideration of the welfare of the nation. "This may sound like a dream, but the dreamer is the man of the hour," he pointed out.

J. A. Eastes recalled that Bend has been "going in high" for the last 11 years, that a slight lull is only natural and emphasized that rumors tending to encourage a feeling of pessimism, now going about, are to be discouraged.

No Cause for Pessimism.

As a matter of fact, there is no cause for pessimism, Carl A. Johnson showed. Touching briefly on Bend's chief industry, the mills, he mentioned the annual payroll of approximately \$1,000,000, and showed that the chief difference which has come into being in economic conditions is the "hold off" psychology which has replaced the war psychology of spending. Industrially Bend is four times better off now than in 1915, he showed.

Mr. Johnson asserted that Bend and the Bend Commercial club is neglecting the city's biggest industry—its schools. "Altogether too little attention is being paid to the school system and the school needs," he said, emphasizing that through the schools, the problems confronting America today can be largely eliminated in the next generation.

Even during the lessened activities of the past three months, the Shewlin-Hixon payroll has reached \$160,700, and that of the Brooks-Sealion Lumber Co. \$121,000. A. Whisnant declared, Claude Smith stated that, on trips to the logging camps, he had found woods employes optimistic and confident that any wage reductions would be compensated for by lessened living costs.

E. P. Mahaffey told of the Elks' Big Brotherhood, the organization of the "junior republic," and the turning over of the lodge hall to the boys two nights each month, as a part of the campaign adopted by the order to aid in training the boys of the community to become useful, law-abiding citizens.

The big problem is birth control, if the drift toward degeneracy is to be stopped, declared Dr. Owens, Jr., champion of eugenics legislation, who is making her headquarters in Bend this month. "We have the problem of managing the pervert and the degenerate," she said.

Discussion of the irrigation question took up the early part of the meeting. H. H. De Armond moved that the manner in which the \$400,000 appropriation for the Benham falls project is to be expended be ascertained, and this, as well as the motion by A. Whisnant for a telegram of thanks to Oregon congressmen for securing passage of the measure containing the appropriation, was carried.

WATER RUNNING INTO BED OF SILVER LAKE

Water is running into the bed of Silver lake from three places and it is conceded that the entire lake bed will be covered, states the Silver Lake Leader.

DELAYS PUBLIC SALE OF WOOL

SENATOR STANFIELD GETS ACTION

10,000,000 Pounds of Government Owned Fleeces Scheduled To Go To Market Tomorrow, Withheld—Benefit to Growers Is Great

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 9.—Robert Stanfield, the new senator from Oregon, went into action with a vengeance and has succeeded in making the prospects of the wool grower of Oregon somewhat brighter. An amount equal to one-half the entire wool crop of Idaho, the greatest wool producing state in the union, will not be dumped on the market now, with consequent demoralization of prices. Senator Stanfield and Senator Gooding of Idaho had a conference with the secretary of war which resulted in the indefinite postponement of the public sale of 10,000,000 pounds of government-owned wool, scheduled to take place March 10.

Action Is Important.

The mere announcement of this postponement does not convey to the general public the importance of the action. In the first place, the public sale of this large amount of government wool at this time, when the clip for 1920 is still owned by the producer, and the 1921 clip is just being made, would result in a very low price being offered for the government wool, and, if sold, would be at a large financial sacrifice to the government. In the second place, the sale of this wool, or even of its offer for sale, would demoralize the market and lead to further distressing financial conditions of the already distressed wool growers.

This postponement will probably result in stabilizing the wool market and later realize a much better price for the government-owned wool.

PLAN AID FOR OWYHEE LANDS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 8.—Senator McNary, after a conference with the secretary of the interior, was advised that the reclamation service would at once submit a contract and send an engineer to Oregon to investigate the Owyhee irrigation district in Malheur county. The Oregon legislature passed a law authorizing the expenditure of \$5000 in cooperation with the United States for the development of this project.

NOVEL PROGRAM IS PLANNED AT GRANGE

Entertainment To Be Given On Evening of St. Patrick's Day Will Have Unusual Features.

Novel features are promised for the St. Patrick's day entertainment which will be given at the Grange hall Thursday evening, March 17, and for which an invitation to the general public is extended. Lunch will be served and a number of prizes will be awarded.

The question of whether or not a man can sew will be determined in a unique contest, for each man attending the St. Patrick's social will be handed a piece of cloth with a needle and thread and requested to work a buttonhole. At the same time the ladies will be presented knives and wood and asked to whittle corks for medium sized bottles. Prizes will be given the winners of these contests.

WILL VISIT IRELAND AFTER LONG ABSENCE

To revisit the land of his birth after an absence of 20 years, Sam Lowry, who is visiting in Bend from Fairbanks, Alaska, will leave next month for Belfast, Ireland, where his father resides. Mr. Lowry has just arrived in Bend to join his wife, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. E. C. Landingham.

GILSON WANTS FRANCHISE FOR WATER SYSTEM

ORDINANCE GOES TO FIRST READING

FIRE RISK DISCUSSED

Councilman Baker Asks Investigation On Possibility of Removal of Aune Barn—Old Bills To Be Looked Into.

Out of a mass of detail business transacted Friday night by the city council at its regular session, appeared a franchise ordinance to give Mayor E. D. Gilson the right to operate a waterworks system in Bend. Because of his personal interest in the matter, Mr. Gilson yielded his chair to G. H. Baker, president of the council. The ordinance was read for the first time, and there being no emergency clause attached, no further action is to be taken until the next meeting.

The franchise contemplated is virtually the same as one on which the old council was unwilling to take action nearly two years ago. Rights on Spring river are understood to be the basis for the franchise request. The ordinance as presented last night mentions no time limit, nor conditions governing the granting of the privilege.

Reports of officers showed four arrests and 20 juvenile cases were handled by the police department, and three fires and 86 inspections during the last two months. Fire Chief Tom Carlon's statement mentioned. Dr. C. A. Fowler, health officer, reported 11 births and seven deaths in February, and 20 cases of measles, three of chicken pox, two of scarlet fever, and three of small-pox quarantined. Total receipts of the recorder's office were \$2,646.36, and the treasurer's report showed \$10,975.16 received in the general fund last month.

Barn Declared Hazard

Declaring that the Aune barn on Bond street is a fire hazard and in addition dangerous to the health of the city, Councilman Baker moved that an investigation leading to the removal of the structure, be made by the police committee. The motion carried after brief discussion.

J. M. Janssen, rancher, appeared before the council asking a reduction of the peddlers license fee. He explained that he intends to do the selling for a number of the farmers in his neighborhood this summer, and that meat which he markets will be properly slaughtered, and distributed under sanitary conditions. Reduction from the present fee was objected to by Councilman Gilbert, who contended that the license now in effect is only a fair protection to the merchants of Bend. The police and license committee will report on the question at the next council meeting.

Rest Room Aided

Mr. Gilbert reported that work on the contemplated dance ordinance had been discontinued, the police committee considering that the law already on the books would take care of conditions if properly carried out.

On the motion of Councilman Lon L. Fox, \$15 a month was appropriated for the upkeep of the city rest room, the money to be paid to

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GIFTS OF LUMBER WILL AID CHURCH

Work On Flooring To Be Started Soon at New Methodist Building—Basement Will Be Put Into Use.

Gifts of lumber, made by the Bend mills, will make possible the construction of the floor for the basement of the new Methodist church on Bond and Kansas. As a result, work is to be started shortly installing concrete piers as a preliminary to laying the flooring.

As soon as the basement is finished it will be used for church purposes. This, it is expected, will be in another two months.

ATHLETIC CLUB GYMNASIUM IS OFFERED POST

EX-SERVICE MEN MAY MANAGE BUILDING

MUST BE DEBT FREE

Holding Corporation Closes Doors Until Details of Transfer of Management Are Worked Out—Continue Community Center.

Formal offer of a transfer of management of the Bend Amateur Athletic club building to Percy A. Stevens post, American Legion, was made Thursday in a letter from the Bend Holding corporation to Frank R. Prince, post commander, read at the regular monthly meeting of the legion. Action taken in the form of a vote of confidence in the executive committee, virtually leaves acceptance of the holding corporation's terms to the executive board.

Roughly, the terms submitted governing acceptance provide that the building shall continue to be operated as a community center; that the building be kept in proper repair, and properly protected by insurance. Present indebtedness and a sufficient amount to put the building in good condition, amounting approximately to \$5000, would be raised before the post would undertake the management of the gymnasium.

Building Is Closed.

The building was closed Thursday by the holding company until such a time as details are worked out for the legion to assume control. An exception is being made tonight to allow the benefit basketball game between the high school and the town teams to be played.

Other business transacted Thursday at the post session included the appropriation of \$25 for the high school team to help defray the expenses of the trip to Salem next week and the voting of \$10 monthly, in addition to the amount already being given, for special Red Cross relief work in Bend.

The commander recalled to the ex-service men the importance of inauguration day, and urged that the patriotic purposes of the legion be definitely renewed on this date.

CONGRESS ASSISTS USERS OF FORESTS

Stockmen Allowed Until September 1 of Present Year To Pay The Fees For Grazing Privileges.

The agriculture appropriation bill approved March 3, 1921, carried an amendment which allows grazing permittees on the national forest until September 1 of this year in which to pay their grazing fees. Failure to make payment on or before September 1, 1921, shall be sufficient cause for revocation of the permit and of the grazing preference of the permittee, and trespass proceedings may be taken to collect the value of the forage consumed.

This amendment, it is understood, applies for the year 1921 only and is made by congress to help the stockmen over a period of financial stringency.

TAX COMMISSIONERS TO VISIT IN BEND

Frank K. Lovell and E. L. Fisher of the state tax commission will be in Bend in June, to conduct a survey in Deschutes county relative to valuations and general conditions of taxation, according to Assessor August Anderson, who returned Tuesday morning from a trip to Salem, where he conferred with members of the commission.

Mr. Anderson stated, in regard to the controversy over the assessing of autos and motorcycles, that all machines not carrying the 1921 license tag, or equipped with only a dealer's license, will be listed on the assessor's books.

BILL'S ADVANCE BRINGS PROTEST

DR. OWENS-ADAIR IS AGAINST CHANGE

Act For Examination Before Marriage Referred To People At General Election—Time For Educational Work Cut Short.

Recent announcements that legislation to be voted on at a special June election will include senate bill No. 174, which provides for the examination of all applicants for marriage license, has brought a determined protest from Dr. Owens-Adair, author of the measure, who is making her headquarters in Bend. The fact that the bill specifically provides for a referendum vote at the next general election is the basis for Dr. Adair's objection to the action of the attorney general in placing the measure on the June ballot.

The provision in question is embodied in section 4 of the bill, which says, in part: "This act shall be referred to the legal voters of the state of Oregon at the next general election, and the secretary of state is hereby directed to place this same upon the ballot to be used at such election."

Authority Questioned.

"By what authority does the attorney general turn this measure over to the special election?" Dr. Adair asks in a letter written to a Portland morning paper, in which she also mentions that she wrote the attorney general, begging him not to change the time of the marriage bill. She received no reply from the state official, however, she says. Dr. Adair realizes that her bill is much in advance of the times, and that a considerable period must be had for educative work. By placing the measure before the people only a few months after its passage in the legislature, its chances for success have been seriously jeopardized, she says.

Says Birth Control Issue.

Dr. Adair objects pointedly to senate bill No. 174 being alluded to as the sterilization bill. "There is no sterilization bill before the people of Oregon," she emphasizes. "My sterilization bill that was before the people from 1907 to 1917, became a law in May, 1917. My present bill is a marriage bill, requiring every man and woman to pass a test for health and mentality. If one or both fail to pass the mental test, then one or both must be rendered sterile before they can be married."

Statistics pointing to a gradual drift toward degeneracy, and figures showing that six out of every 10 persons are sub-normal mentally, are being forcefully used by Dr. Adair in her campaign. "The greatest question that faces our nation today is the birth control of our degenerates," she declares.

NORDEEN NAMED AS COUNCILMAN

After a month's lapse the vacancy left in the Bend city council by the resignation of H. E. Allen was filled at a special council meeting Monday afternoon, when H. E. Nordeen was elected to the position. Mr. Nordeen qualified for the office shortly afterward. His was the only name mentioned for the place in the course of yesterday's session.

Mr. Nordeen is already chairman of the board of school directors of district No. 1, heads the Central Labor council and is prominent in the Baptist church of this city. His actions as a councilman he declared Tuesday would be prompted by a regard for the greatest good of the greatest number of the citizens of Bend.

Mr. Allen's resignation came a month ago and was followed a few days later by the election of George P. Gove, then a patient in a Portland hospital. Mr. Gove sent back, unsigned, the oath of office which had been mailed to him, accompanying the document with his written refusal of the position.

C. O. I. SETTLERS MAY VOTE UPON PURCHASE PLAN

RESERVATIONS ASKED IN CONTRACT

WANT FEW CHANGES

Election Date Expected To Be Announced This Week, Attorney For Settlers States—Bond Issue Decried Early In The Year.

With interpretive reservations, the contract recently defeated by a small margin by the settlers of the C. O. I. district for the purchase of the Central Oregon Irrigation company's holdings will be re-submitted in the near future, according to action taken Tuesday by district directors, reported here yesterday morning by H. H. De Armond of De Armond & Erskine, attorneys for the settlers.

The plan to re-submit the question was favored by the settlers who met with the directors at Redmond, Mr. De Armond said, and the changes advocated are such as to have little effect other than to fix more definitely than heretofore the sense of certain provisions of the contract, he states. He was of the opinion that the date might be established some time this week.

State Engineer Percy A. Cupper attended the settlers' meeting at Redmond and earlier in the day at Grange hall.

WORK OF NURSE SHOWS RESULTS

CLASSES IN HOME CARE OF SICK CONDUCTED IN THREE COMMUNITIES, AND FOURTH WILL BE STARTED IN BEND SOON.

The work of Miss Julia Clock, county nurse, is beginning to show results all through the county and patients who have had to be sent out of town for medical treatment are progressing satisfactorily and receiving the best of attention, according to a report from the State Tuberculosis hospital.

During the month of February, 11 rural schools were visited and 27 home visits made. One patient was sent to Salem for medical treatment. Three patients, previously sent to Salem, are gaining in weight and showing improvement.

Classes in home care of the sick are under way in three communities—Redmond, Terrebonne and Sisters. By the last week in March a class will be started in this work in Tumalo.

Portable scales for weighing school children have been purchased and will be used in all schools of the county where other scales are not available.

Tomorrow afternoon, a meeting will be held in the office of the county nurse at 3 o'clock to make arrangements for the proposed class in home care of the sick which is to be conducted in Bend. All ladies who are interested in taking the course are instructed to be present at that time as not more than 25 women can be accommodated in the first class and no new members will be enrolled after the first lesson. Lessons will begin the week of March 13.

TROUT JUMPING AT EAST LAKE, REPORT

Fishing in East lake will be the best in years this summer, according to Martin Halvorsen, who, with Einar Meistad, has returned from a week's stay in Newberry crater. Trout are abundant and are jumping almost continuously, he said. Halvorsen makes the trip every year at this season.

Snow is now nine feet deep at East lake and five feet deep at Paulina.