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## NO BIDS COME FOR CONTRACT OF NORTH UNIT

### SECOND CALL HAS NO RESULT

### TASK'S SIZE DETERS

Directors Now Free To Negotiate Privately For Construction of Vast Irrigation District—Course Not Decided Upon.

MADRAS, Jan. 31.—Although numerous contractors were on hand here today, no bids were presented in answer to the call for contractors' proposals advertised by the directors of the North Unit. The magnitude of the undertaking, involving an estimated cost of \$7,000,000, is believed to have prevented competitive bidding. Contractors who were present for the opening of sealed proposals are understood to have been awaiting the chance to secure sub-contracts.

Two Calls Made  
A. D. Anderson, official of the district, could make no definite announcement today regarding the next step to be taken in starting the construction of a storage dam at Benham Falls and canals and laterals to water the lands in Jefferson county. He stated, however, that the district has complied fully with the terms of the law in twice calling for bids, and that the failure of contractors to respond now leaves the district free to negotiate privately for proposals.

That this course would be pursued, he was unable to state definitely.

## WOOLGROWERS TO MEET SOON

ANNUAL CONVENTION TO BE HELD AT PENDLETON FEB. 10, 11 AND 12—NATIONAL OFFICERS TO SPEAK.

Woolgrowers of Central Oregon are interested in the announcement that the 23rd annual convention of Oregon Woolgrowers will be held at Pendleton February 10, 11 and 12. Among the speakers will be F. R. Marshall, secretary of the National association, and Dr. S. W. McClure, who formerly held this position.

Others on the list of speakers are A. J. Knollin, manager of the woolgrowers commission company; E. F. Benson, formerly Washington state commissioner of agriculture; Jay H. Dobbin, president of the Oregon Woolgrowers; R. A. Ward, manager of Oregon Cooperative woolgrowers; Paul V. Maris, O. A. C. director of extension; Stanley Jewett of the U. S. Biological survey; H. N. Kavanaugh, district forest supervisor.

A banquet Friday night and a smoker staged by the Pendleton Commercial club Saturday night will be on the entertainment program.

## CREAMERY BOILER BLOWN HIGH IN AIR

SILVER LAKE, Jan. 28.—The boiler at the Silver Lake creamery was blown 100 feet into the air last Saturday, doing damage to the creamery amounting to nearly \$1,000. One man, who was alone in the building, was not injured. Water being too low in the boiler is thought to have caused the explosion.

## THIRTEEN DISTRICTS IN CENTRAL OREGON

Six of the sixty irrigation districts of the state have headquarters in Deschutes county, and 13 in Central Oregon, a survey of the list just received by Secretary L. Antles of the Irrigation congress shows. There are 33 drainage districts listed.

## MARKET TOPPED BY PILOT BUTTE SPUDS

"Central Oregon Potatoes Stand Alone," Wires Broker On Receipt of Carload Shipment.

How highly potatoes from the Bend district compare with those grown in other sections is shown in a telegram received by Jim Linn, of the Pilot Butte ranch, at his home in Salem, from George L. Burt, one of the largest potato brokers on the Pacific coast. A copy of the telegram sent to Bend mentions that a car of Pilot Butte ranch spuds sent Burt, sold at \$2.55 a hundred, while the highest price obtained for Netted Gems from the Yakima district ranged from \$2.10 to \$2.25.

"Potatoes from Central Oregon stand alone," wired Burt, after congratulating Linn on the quality of the tubers and the excellent manner in which they were packed. "Pilot Butte ranch stock sold 30 cents above any other potato in the market," he continued. "This is the most wonderful potato growing soil in the world, and practically unknown."

## SCHNEELOCK IS OPTIMISTIC ON PROJECT PLANS

Unqualified optimism as to the possibility of early construction on the North unit project was expressed by Ralph Schneelock, Portland bonding firm head, who was in Bend with engineers and directors of the district and prospective construction contractors, on their way to inspect the dam site at Benham Falls. They will be in Central Oregon for some time.

Settlers on the North unit are divided in their views on the advisability of present construction, members of the party stated this morning, and Schneelock's particular mission at this time is to bring harmony to the divided Jefferson county camp.

In the party are H. W. Gard, E. A. Christensen and Howard W. Turner of Madras, directors of the district; A. J. Wiley of Boise and F. H. Hermann of San Francisco, consulting engineers who prepared the original estimates of the unit, F. H. Trowbridge of San Francisco, who did the engineering work on the ground, and N. G. Wallace of Prineville, attorney for the district.

The bond market is very strong, Schneelock said, and if this condition continues for several weeks there will be no difficulty in marketing the district's bonds, which he holds.

Bids on construction will be opened at Madras next Tuesday, January 31.

## WORK ADVANCES WEST REPORTS

NORTH CANAL COMPANY COMPILED DATA COVERING VAST IRRIGATION PROGRAM IN CENTRAL OREGON.

Work on the vast irrigation developments planned by the North Canal Company is progressing rapidly, it is declared by Oswald West, former governor of Oregon, now associated with Sam Hill in financing reclamation work in Central Oregon.

The company is compiling a mass of data having to do with the reservoir site at Crane Prairie, and with other plans of the company. Formal action is expected shortly by the Lone Pine district regarding the extension from the Pilot Butte ditch to carry water to the district's lands, West said.

No decision on the company's proposal for the reclamation of lands in the Tumalo district will be made until the report of Baar & Cunningham, engineers, checking the estimates of John H. Lewis, district engineer, is received.

## BUSINESS LOTS PURCHASED BY THOMAS WARD

### TO ERECT BUILDING THIS SPRING

### DEAL IS COMPLETED

Former Logging Railroad Foreman Plans To Build Business Block—Price In Neighborhood of \$6,000—Now In Los Angeles

Two lots across Minnesota avenue from the Bend Hardware Co. building, owned heretofore by Dr. J. R. Booth and W. G. Booth of Seattle, have been sold to Thomas Ward, formerly in charge of construction of the Shevlin-Hixon logging railroad. The deal was handled by Hunter & Staats.

According to W. H. Staats, Ward plans to erect a business block on these two lots during the coming spring. Details of his building plans are lacking. Ward is now in Los Angeles. The price paid for the lots was in the neighborhood of \$6,000. This is the first sale of a downtown property reported here in several months.

Born to be Torn Down  
The lots are now being used by Aune Brothers as a wagon yard. The Aune barn was condemned some time ago by the city council, and is to be torn down this spring, the Aunes moving to a location farther from the center of town.

Another building planned for the same block is the proposed Knights of Pythias building. The lot on which it is to be erected was recently purchased from M. P. Cashman by the local lodge.

## RAIL PURCHASE THOUGHT NEAR

CHANGE TO STANDARD GAUGE ON THE N. C. & O. UNDERSTOOD TO BE INCLUDED IN WESTERN PACIFIC PLANS.

KLAMATH, Jan. 30.—As the first definite move toward railroad extension since the war, important and far-reaching developments are forecast in the announcement that the Western Pacific railroad contemplates the purchase of the Nevada, California & Oregon railroad, operating from Hackstaff, Lassen county to Lakeview, Oregon, is the general belief here. Plans as announced call for the expenditure of millions in standardizing the present narrow gauge of the N. C. & O., and otherwise improving the road to conform with Western Pacific equipment.

An immediate extension that is counted on here is the pushing of the road north from Lakeview into the timber on the Upper Sprague river, some 65 miles. This will bring the road near Bly, and two extensions are possible to connect with the Strahorn line.

## WALLACE TO BRING ENGINEERS' REPORT

Tumalo District Secretary In Portland—Finding of Baar & Cunningham Bears On Decision.

Fred N. Wallace, secretary of the Tumalo irrigation district, expects to return from Portland within a few days with the report of Baar & Cunningham, engineers, on the probable cost of the development planned by the district. Wallace left Tuesday night for Portland.

This report was ordered as a check on a previous report by John H. Lewis, engineer of the district, and will have a distinct bearing on the district's action on the offer to complete the project, made by Oswald West of the North Canal Co.

## RESORTS TO BE BUILT AT MANY FOREST LAKES

### PERMANENT HOTELS FORESEEN

### PERMITS ARE SOUGHT

No Applications Granted To Date—Season Permits Given For Elk, Paulina, And Crescent Lakes—Applicants Must Make Good.

Central Oregon's mountain lakes will all have regularly established and permanent resorts this coming summer, or the one following at the latest, it is indicated in the statement of Supervisor H. L. Plumb of the Deschutes National forest that applications are in for permits and leases for hotels and other accommodations at Crescent, Elk and Paulina lakes. This announcement followed one from Portland that applications were on file for resorts at Paulina and Diamond lakes.

None of these applications have been allowed and may not be this spring, said Plumb, but some of the applicants will provide tent houses and other accommodations, on temporary leases, meanwhile being under the observation of the forest service, their accomplishment this summer being taken into consideration when their applications for permanent rights are passed on.

Hotels Specified  
As practically all of these applications specify the building of permanent hotels, first class accommodations at all of the lakes near Bend are regarded as a certainty within the next few years.

Allan Wilcox will again operate his resort at Elk lake under a temporary permit this summer, said Plumb. There are two applications for resorts at Paulina lake.

## ANNOUNCE SALE OF MANY LOTS

ELEVEN HOUSES AND 31 RESIDENCE LOTS PURCHASED BY GEORGE R. WOOD OF NEW BEDFORD, MASS.

Eleven houses and 23 residence lots in Bend Park addition and eight lots in Center addition were sold by the Central Oregon associates to George R. Wood of New Bedford, Mass., Tuesday for a consideration of approximately \$50,000, announced E. L. Vinal of the Bend Investment company, which will still be the agent for the property. H. E. Pearce, of New Bedford, acted for Wood in negotiating the deal.

Wood owns other property in Bend, and is believed to be considering further increasing his holdings here. Some of the property which changed hands yesterday is already sold on contract to other individuals. The vacant lots are all good locations for homes, said Mr. Vinal, and Wood may be planning to have houses built on them, or to sell them to prospective builders.

## SHEEP OWNERS WILL HAVE MEETING HERE

Plans For Use of National Forest Ranges To Be Discussed On February 16 and 17.

A meeting of all sheep owners who have held permits on the Deschutes, Cascade, Santiam and Umpqua National forests will be held on February 16 and 17, at Bend.

Plans for the use of the National Forest ranges will be discussed and many matters of importance to the sheep industry of Central Oregon will be talked over.

Dr. W. H. Lytle, State Veterinarian, Dr. J. C. Exline, of the U. S. Bureau of Animal Industry, and Mr. E. N. Kavanaugh, of the forest service, are all planning on being present at this meeting.

## PREPARE FOR WORK ON THE C. O. I. FLUME

Baar & Cunningham Representative May Establish Offices In Bend If Conditions Favor.

To look over the C. O. I. flume, engineering work for the rebuilding of which will be under the direction of Baar & Cunningham, of Portland, V. H. Reineking, representing that firm, is in Bend. He stated that the beginning of operations would depend entirely on weather conditions, but hoped that a start might be made within the next few weeks. If conditions seem favorable, he may open offices in Bend, he said.

Reineking had no information regarding the progress being made by his firm on the checking of estimates for Tumalo project reclamation prepared by John H. Lewis. On the results of a careful comparison of these figures with those submitted by the North Canal Company, will depend the decision of Tumalo district directors as to whether or not the offer of the company is accepted.

## EASTERN BROOK EGGS COME IN

LAST OF 4,500,000 TAKE ARE BROUGHT TO BEND AFTER 18 MILE SLED TRIP FROM HEAD OF DESCHUTES.

Slightly more than 1,000,000 eastern brook trout eggs, the last of the season's take of 4,500,000, were brought in to Bend yesterday from the eying station at the headwaters of the Deschutes near Little Lava lake, by Rev. J. Edgar Purdy, Jesse Tetherow, and Cecil Burney. The eggs, taken at Elk lake, will be transported to the Tumalo plant for hatching.

Traveling over snow more than four feet deep, necessitating the use of snowshoes, the party, accompanied by W. H. Delbruegge, Clarence Mann, and Ralph La Follette, who had been at the lake, dragged sleds carrying the eggs, 18 miles to the head of Fall river. From there, Delbruegge, Mann, and La Follette went on to La Pine, and the others completed the journey to Bend with their cargo of spawn, traveling by auto truck.

For those who are accustomed to the wonders of the summer trip over this route, Rev. J. Edgar Purdy advises the winter excursion, declaring that it surpasses in beauty the auto tour which can be made in the warmer months. He reported a pair of very lame legs as the result of his first experience with snowshoes.

## LUMBER CUT TO EXCEED 400,000

SHEVLIN-HIXON DAILY OUTPUT HAS BEEN LESS THAN 200,000 FEET ON ACCOUNT OF COLD WEATHER.

Within a few weeks the Shevlin-Hixon sawmill will be manufacturing 400,000 feet of lumber a day for the first time in over a year, it is stated by company officials. The cut has been much less than half of that for several weeks, on account of cold weather and frozen logs.

The night shift will be operated tonight for the first time. The new men employed, numbering something in the neighborhood of 150, are divided between the two shifts, about half of them being at work today.

## BABY CLINIC SET FOR THIS FRIDAY

The regular bi-monthly child welfare clinic will be held on Friday afternoon from 2 o'clock to 3:30 in the Miner building at the offices of Miss Julia D. Clock, county nurse, who is cooperating with the county demonstrator, Miss Eva Comegys, in holding these clinics, which are free to all mothers with children up to six years of age.

## MERCURY SINKS TO TEN BELOW, MAKING RECORD

### SNOW PREVENTS BAD EFFECTS

### COLDEST IN 2 YEARS

Warmer in Afternoon—Arnold Reports 18 Below—Snow Blanket Makes Cold Less Noticeable—Few Calls For The Plumber.

Another record for cold was established here Monday, the mercury in the official government thermometer sinking to 10 degrees below zero. At 8 o'clock in the morning the temperature had moderated to the extent of six degrees. With a sky only partly overcast, the weather continued warmer through the day, 24 degrees above being recorded at 1 o'clock.

Monday night's cold snap was not only a season's record, but was the lowest temperature which Bend has experienced for more than two years. The fact that a heavy snow had preceded the mercury's drop made the results of the cold less noticeable than those attending the cold periods of earlier in the winter, however.

18 Below Near City  
Calls for the plumber's aid were fewer, and in general the cold was felt to a less extent.

An even greater degree of cold was experienced in the Arnold district, 18 degrees below being reached by the mercury in a thermometer on the Rickard ranch. L. C. Roberts reported today in the course of a visit to Bend.

The minimum on the succeeding night was zero.

## ACRES IN CROP TO BE LIMITED

AGRICULTURAL CONFERENCE FAILS TO RECOMMEND REPEAL OF 8 HOUR DAY AND ESCH-CUMMINS BILL.

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 27.—The national agricultural conference today endorsed the limitation of farm crop acreage until present agricultural conditions in the United States and Europe are relieved.

The conference refused to recommend that congress repeal the Adamson eight hour law and the guarantee provisions of Esch-Cummins law. By a vote of 83 to 68 farmers struck these recommendations from the resolutions urging lower freight rates.

## PROPOSE BIG DAM ON THE DESCHUTES

Development of 30,000 Horsepower For Eastern Oregon Industries Contemplated By Pacific Power.

PORTLAND, Jan. 31.—The desire of the Pacific Power & Light Co. to make investigations with a view to developing water power at a point midway on the Deschutes between Shearer's bridge and the Columbia, is explained by Guy W. Talbot, president of the company, as actuating the application made in Washington, D. C. for a preliminary federal permit.

According to the application, construction of a dam 100 feet high to produce 30,000 horsepower, is under consideration. The location of the dam is designated as Reclamation Site.

No cost estimates will be available until complete surveys and tentative plans have been completed, said Talbot. The power developed is to be furnished to industrial enterprises which Talbot has in view in the region east of the Cascades, he intimated.