

COLONIZATION STARTS SOON, WEST STATES

POTTER HAS CHARGE OF LOCAL END

PLANS TOLD TO CLUB

Great Development In Irrigation Just Ahead, Says North Canal Co. Official—Work Program of the Club Is Outlined By Vinal.

Colonization plans for Central Oregon of the North Canal Co. will be put in operation beginning next week with the arrival here of J. C. Potter, president of the company, who will have charge of colonization from the local end, was the announcement of Oswald West, secretary of the company, at Wednesday's Commercial club meeting.

It will be the company's aim to pick men who will be a credit to the community, to bring them here and to help them to get started, West declared. In all of this, he pointed out, the Commercial club can be of particular assistance, especially in seeing that information about the country, used in advertising its advantages, is authentic.

Railroads Assisting The railroads are also cooperating in this work, said West.

Great development in irrigation is just ahead for Central Oregon, said West, whether it is accomplished by the North Canal Co. or by others. The reason for the company's interest in other projects than its own, he explained, is that all of Central Oregon must benefit together. It would hamper colonization of one district, to have another beside it unsuccessful. The company is not seeking a monopoly, and welcomes other bidders and contractors on all proposed project development.

As soon as weather conditions permit, construction of a dam at Crane Prairie will be started, West announced.

Program is Outlined A description of the collective suggestions from which the Commercial club is to map out its program of work for the coming year, contained in the answers to the questionnaire sent out by the program of work committee, was given by E. L. Vinal. Most of the suggestions were many times repeated, he stated.

Under the heading of irrigation, the first recommendation for the club was, "cooperate with Oswald West," he declared. A colonization program was suggested as important. The settlers on the various projects should be invited to tell the club their troubles, another stated.

Encouragement of quality improvement was the program suggested for assisting the stock raisers. Meat inspection was mentioned, the encouragement of stock raising on the small farms, and meetings with the raisers to learn their problems.

Concentration Urged Concentration on The Dalles-California highway was most often urged under the heading of roads. An educational campaign on the value of better roads in general, the urging of a direct road to Powell Butte, extension of the forest roads and securing of Central Oregon's share of appropriations were suggested.

Lowering of freight rates, securing dining service on the O.-W., and encouragement of the proposed Strahorn road and a road to Burns, were mentioned under transportation. The fostering of trade with the rural districts, a "trade at home" campaign, and the elimination of misleading advertising, were suggested as points to be aimed at under the heading of trade.

Civic Needs Seen Under civic improvement, the provision of an auto tourist park was most often urged, said Vinal. Drinking fountains should be provided, and Arbor day should be revived, others suggested. More paving, the killing off of a few "boneheads," improvement of the highway approaches inside the city limits, preservation of trees, encouragement of

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Diner Remains To Finish Meal While Restaurant Burns

While the fire department fought valiantly at the rear of the Royal cafe Monday evening to extinguish a blaze which started in the woodshed, and flame and smoke poured in the rear door of the restaurant, one solitary diner, Joe Polkey, kept steadily on with his meal, witnesses declare.

The frame structure of the restaurant building was threatened by the flames, but it was saved by quick work with the chemical hose. Later the fire was extinguished with hydrant water. The shed was gutted. A dog which had been in the shed was so badly burned that it was shot by one of the firemen to end its suffering.

INJUNCTION IS DISSOLVED BY COURT OPINION

An opinion sustaining the demurrer brought by H. H. DeArmond, attorney for the C. O. I. district, and dissolving the injunction against A. A. Anderson, Deschutes county assessor, restraining him from entering on the assessment rolls the special assessment against settlers in the district voted last June, was handed down by Circuit Judge T. E. J. Duffy Saturday.

The injunction proceedings were a companion litigation to the contest over the validity of the organization proceedings and bond election, brought by the Pilot Butte ditch settlers, an opinion on which has been handed down sustaining the district.

With the handing down of the opinion by Judge Duffy completion of the work in the assessor's office for 1921 is being quickly accomplished. The work is being rushed, and Anderson states that the rolls will be finished and turned over to Sheriff S. E. Roberts this week.

The spreading of taxes on the rolls would have been completed and placed in the sheriff's hands the latter part of January had it not been for the suit brought against the district by settlers deriving their water supply from that part of the Pilot Butte ditch fed by the North canal.

NORTH CANAL BID UNLIKELY

COMPANY MAY DISCONTINUE EFFORT TO OBTAIN TUMALO CONTRACT WEST INTIMATES IN LETTER.

Strong intimation that the North Canal Company will not be a bidder for the contract of reclaiming the Tumalo project is given in a letter from Oswald West, secretary of the company to the Tumalo irrigation district.

"During the six weeks which have elapsed since our proposal was submitted, both your work and your bonds have been hawked about until the market value of the bonds has been greatly impaired," he writes. "We had agreed to take these bonds at 90, but if they were taken at that figure today our loss on their sale would consume all expected construction profits."

Referring to statements made earlier in the letter, West points out that the primary purpose of the company in entering the irrigation field was to construct the North Canal system and reclaim the segregated lands lying under it. "We fear that in making the numerous concessions to your district, which we felt necessary to insure your water supply, we are endangering our own to such an extent that we may be unable to fulfill our obligations under our contract with the state," he adds.

EARLY ACTION UNDER SINNOTT LAW FORESEEN

FOREST MEN COME TO CRUISE TIMBER

EXCHANGE AIMS TOLD

Officials From District Office Who Will Cruise Brooks-Scanlon Scenic Strip Emphasize Need of Reforestation Possibility.

Early action in the matter of the exchange of the Brooks-Scanlon timbered strip on The Dalles-California highway south of Bend under the recently enacted Deschutes timber exchange law is seen in the arrival last week of Forest Examiner G. L. Drake, and Kyle Teed, national forest examiner, who expect to begin the cruising of the tract in question soon. They will also look over a number of cut over areas which may be offered for exchange for national forest stumps. The exchange of the Brooks-Scanlon land will mean its inclusion in the Deschutes National forest and its consequent preservation as a scenic asset.

Land Condition Important Cut over land to be considered for exchange must be capable of reforestation, Teed emphasized when interviewed this morning. This will mean that young growth must be left on the land, and that the land itself must be in proper condition for reforestation, he said. The forest service, he pointed out, has no desire to add to national forest area for the mere purpose of acquiring land. The production of timber, he stated, is the primary object.

Logging Care Needed Land which has been absolutely denuded and which in addition has been burned over to such an extent that humus in the soil is destroyed, delays reforestation at least 50 years, Drake declared. "Care in logging and burning is highly essential," he said, adding that the success of seeding in the loose soil of high mineral content found in the Central Oregon timber belt is extremely doubtful. Where loggers will leave seed trees to aid in reforestation, the service is prepared to pay for them, Teed mentioned.

PACKING FIRM LEASES ROOMS

A five year lease for the two rooms to the south on the first floor of the Miner building has been contracted between the owner, J. B. Miner, and the Pendleton Packing & Provision Co., through George Singer, general manager. The company has a large packing plant at Pendleton, and will make a specialty of buying stock and poultry raised in Central Oregon, Singer stated, in addition to doing a general retail business.

V. C. Browning will be manager of the branch here. A branch which has been located at Prineville may be moved here, said Singer. "We are an Eastern Oregon concern, and business given to us means money kept in Oregon and paid to Oregon labor," Singer emphasized.

ANNUAL SCHOOL DAY DATE IS ADVANCED

Track And Scholastic Competition To Be May 3 At Prineville—Examinations Conflicted.

May 5, instead of May 12, will be the date for the annual Central Oregon school day and track meet, the executive committee of the school day association has decided. The change was made on account of the state 8th grade examinations occurring May 11 and 12. The meet is to be at Prineville this year.

Members of the executive committee are Superintendent J. E. Myers of Crook county, Superintendent Paul Irvine of Redmond schools and Principal George A. Gabriel, of Madras union high school.

BEND BUTCHERS ASK INSPECTOR TO PASS MEATS

WILL MAKE REQUEST TO COUNCIL

ORDINANCE ON BOOKS

Inability To Secure Proper Man For Place Has Prevented Enforcement, Explained—Stock Men Willing To Help Pay.

Bend butchers are planning to ask the city council at its next meeting, to designate a meat inspector to prevent the sale of "cold slaughtered" or diseased meat. Particularly through peddling there is opportunity for meats unfit for food to be sold in Bend, it is declared.

Another function of the inspector would be to guard against the sale of carcasses of stolen animals.

Law Not Enforced A city ordinance passed more than two years ago, provides for inspection of both kinds, but a man capable of properly handling the work has never been found, according to N. H. Gilbert and H. E. Nordeen, respective chairmen of the police and health committees of the council. The fact that a trained, capable man can now be secured in Bend will make possible the enforcement of the ordinance, they said.

Livestock men of the county previously offered to contribute \$300 to help pay the salary of an inspector, recognizing the protection which they would receive against rustlers.

MANY HORSES DIE ON RANGE

Many horses are dying on the range in the Siskiyou county, according to a communication from William A. Rahn of Millican. Heavy snows in the high desert country are responsible.

Rahn's letter was received on the first mail from Millican, Stauffer, and Hampton to reach Bend in many days, delivery being made possible by a Fordson tractor furnished by the Central Oregon Motor Company, the machine making the round trip to almost to the King ranch, a distance of approximately 90 miles, in three days.

The tractor, driven by J. L. Van Huffel and Ernest Dick, brought mail from all points along the route, besides hauling in a mail truck which had been abandoned two weeks ago 15 miles beyond Millican.

It is probable that the machine used for the first time in this way here, will continue to be used until autos can negotiate the snow covered roads.

WINTER'S SNOWFALL REACHES 44 INCHES

February, With 15 Inches, Has Big Share of Precipitation—Warm Wind Takes Off White Blanket.

Snowfall in Bend this winter totals 45 inches, records kept at the cooperative observatory show. February so far has the most snow to its credit of all the winter months, 15 inches falling in the 28 days of the shortest month.

Sunday's heavy fall vanished Monday afternoon before the melting breath of a chinook, and rain and snow followed Monday night, leaving slightly less than an inch on the pavements in the morning.

POULTRY SHOW AT FAIR SUGGESTED

A recommendation that a poultry show be held in connection with the Deschutes county fair, made by the poultry show committee of the Commercial club, was approved by the club directors at last week's meeting. The directors voted to clear the deficit on the show of last week, which amounts to less than \$25.

Live Horned Toad Comes By Mail To Science Teacher

A live horned toad, measuring five inches from the tip of its nose to the tip of its tail, was received this morning by Franklin Forrester, instructor in science at the Bend high school, by parcels post from Dr. G. L. Cousineau, formerly of Bend. The toad was shipped from Del Mar, Cal. The animal arrived in good condition, and will be kept as an exhibit if it can be kept alive.

SAYS INCREASE FROM 8 HOURS NOT PROBABLE

SITUATION VIEWED BY FOUR L. MAN

PRESSURE IS SEVERE

Hard Competition From South And Within Western Territory Noted, But Efficiency Can Maintain 8 Hour Basis, Says Hellenius.

No likelihood of any attempt to lengthen the working day now in force at the Bend mills is seen by J. E. Hellenius, field officer for the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, here for several days in the course of one of his regular visits in this district. Hellenius mentioned the effort being made at other points, and of the notice which has been given by the Boise-Payette Lumber Co. of its intention to withdraw from the Four-L organization and of reopening its mill on a 10 hour basis, but admitted no probability of any such happening here. The Four-L's, he pointed out, has as one of its fundamental principles, the eight hour day, and this, he said, will be strictly adhered to.

Economic Factors Reviewed

"Agitation for a nine or 10 hour day is becoming very active in the pine producing territory," Hellenius said. As economic factors bearing on a change in the working hours in the lumber industry, he recognizes the difficult competition which the northwest is forced to meet in selling against southern pine produced by lower paid, longer worked labor, and with it the fact that less than 30 per cent of members of the Western Pine Manufacturers' association are now on an eight hour basis or affiliated with the Four-L's. "We must admit," he said, "the pressure which is being brought to bear on this 30 per cent by the others in the west."

Efficiency Solution

That there are other means of meeting this competition than by increasing working hours is the contention of the Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen, Hellenius emphasized. "Real cooperation in the plant, for instance, increasing efficiency and production, for instance, elimination of overlapping of labor and authority, in short an honest effort to make the eight hour day so successful and satisfactory that no one shall feel inclined to change it, would be effective," he said.

He declared that it is his observation as field officer of the Four-L's that on a number of these points there has been actual failure.

DEMONSTRATOR IS TO LEAVE COUNTY

Miss Eva Comegys Transferred To Benton County, O. A. C. Extension Worker Announces.

Announcement that Deschutes county will not have the services of a home demonstration agent after March 15, was made Tuesday by Miss Jessie D. McComb, head of the home demonstration work at O. A. C. Miss Eva Comegys, who has been located here for several months, will be transferred to Benton county.

The fact that Benton county has made an appropriation for a share of the expense of conducting this work was given as the reason for the transfer. The Deschutes county court has never been requested to make an appropriation.

GOOD USE MADE OF INFUSORIAL EARTH

The infusorial earth found in the vicinity of Lower Bridge is well adapted to use as packing material for the fireless cooker, reported Miss Eva Comegys, county demonstrator, who used this substance in making a cooker at the home of Mrs. Rod Foster last week. The fact that the diatomaceous earth is a non-conductor makes it of particular value for this purpose.

CONTRACTS FOR 1,000 GELDINGS

BIG SALES AGREEMENT MADE WITH BILL BROWN BY LOCAL MAN—JUNE TO OCTOBER DELIVERY SPECIFIED.

One of the biggest deals in draft stock in Central Oregon since war times was made known today when James E. Smith announced that he has contracted for the sale of 1,000 head of geldings from the Bill Brown ranch. The consideration, it is understood will be in the neighborhood of \$35,000.

The stock, now on range in Lake, Harney, and Grant counties, will run from 1200 to 1700 pounds. June to October delivery is specified, Smith stated.

MYERS MAY ASK SEAT ON BENCH

Reports that W. P. Myers may ask the republican nomination at the primaries for the circuit judgeship were confirmed Monday noon when Myers stated that he is considering such a move but that he will not be able to make a definite statement in less than two weeks. No indication that T. E. J. Duffy, democratic incumbent, will have any contest before the general elections, has been given.

E. M. Eby, rancher in the Redmond section, is expected to be a candidate for the nomination for county commissioner to succeed M. C. Conlon whose term expires this year, it was learned today. Conlon is not expected to run.

ATTORNEY SEEKING IMPERIAL PROMOTER

Seattle Stockholders Would Wind Up Affairs of Central Oregon Sheep Ranch Co.

Anxious to locate Sherman Montgomery, promoter of the townsite of Imperial, since reverted to desert range, G. H. Revelle, prominent Seattle attorney was in Bend last week representing Seattle investors who in 1919 purchased stock in the Central Oregon Sheep Ranch Co. One of his clients, James E. Blackwell, superintendent of buildings in Seattle, bought stock in the amount of \$6,000 before a suit brought by A. Lebeque, French Canadian cripple who invested to the tune of \$1,000, set forth that there were no sheep, and that virtually the sole assets of the company consisted of desert land in Central Oregon.

Revelle was empowered to start proceedings to wind up the affairs of the company in order that stockholders may realize on the sale of assets.

BLIND CARPENTER DIES IN PORTLAND

Word of the death of E. J. Taylor, until recently of this city, taken to Portland this winter to be placed in the State Employment institute for the blind, has been received here. The cause of death was not learned. Taylor was a carpenter by trade, and a member of the Bend local, although unable to work at his chosen calling for several years following the sudden loss of his sight.