

COUNTY BONUS MEN REMOVED

Padding Valuations Alleged at Meeting of State Commission

(By United Press to The Bend Bulletin.)

SALEM, Oct. 3. — Summary removal of H. J. Overturf of Bend and O. B. Hardy of Redmond as bonus loan appraisers for Deschutes county was effected at a meeting of the state bonus commission here Monday...

The removal of Overturf and Hardy, it was stated, is based on alleged padding of appraisements of real estate on which bonus loan applications are based...

Investigation of Deschutes county loan appraisals just completed by a special representative of the bonus commission is said to have disclosed a number of cases in which the values of property offered as security for bonus loans have been kited.

Shortly after the arrival of the United Press story of the removal of Overturf and Hardy from the county appraisal board, Overturf received official notification from the state commission...

"Commission at its meeting today revoked your appointment as appraiser for Deschutes county and your authority ceased on this date," the commission wired...

Overturf has but three appraisements which are incomplete and which will have to be sent back to the commission in compliance with telegraphed instructions.

"I will welcome a close investigation of the affairs of this appraisal board, as far as I am concerned," Overturf said after being shown the United Press report...

RED CROSS SHOP SALES INCREASE

Ground Floor Location Proves Popular—Will Be Open Saturday Evening

Great increase in the amount of sales at the Red Cross shop was noted on the opening day in the new location on the ground floor in the old Bend Water, Light & Power Co. office on Wall street.

The shop will be open on Saturday nights from 7:30 to 9 o'clock, and also on the evening of the 10th of each month.

A "hat party" is to be held at the home of Mrs. V. A. Forbes, so that the shop will have new hats for sale Wednesday.

FAVOR RETENTION OF STATE COMPENSATION

Resolutions favoring the retention of state accident compensation under the present legislation, and efforts to make it compulsory, were passed by the state federation of labor at its meeting at Salem last week...

WOMAN DIES AFTER CAESAREAN SECTION

Mrs. Josephine Fehrenbacher, aged 33, died Sunday at the St. Charles hospital, of embolism, which set in following a Caesarean section which seemed entirely successful...

Mrs. Fehrenbacher is survived by her husband, Frank J. Fehrenbacher of the Ten Bar ranch, and by several children.

The CROSS-CUT by Courtney Ryley Cooper ILLUSTRATIONS by R. B. Van Nice

"We are gathered here tonight to inquire into the death of a man supposed to be L. A. Larsen, commonly called 'Sissie,' whose skeleton was found today in the Blue Poppy mine...

The jury, half risen from the chairs, some with their left hands held high above their heads, some with their right, swore in mumbled tones to do their duty, whatever that might be...

"I think it's sixty-four. If I had my book I could tell." "Your book?" "Yes, I keep everything in a book. But it isn't here. I couldn't bring it. The guess will be sufficient in this case...

"I believe you told me tonight that you have a habit of wandering around the hills?" "Yes, I've done that—I do it right along—I've done it ever since my husband and I split up—that was just a little while after the boy was born..."

"I know something. I know a lot. But I've never figured it was anybody's business but my own. So I haven't told it. But I remember—" "What, Mrs. Rodaine?" "The day Sissie Larsen was supposed to leave town—that was the day he got killed."

"Who—and by whom?" "Crazy Laura munched at her toothless gums for a moment and looked again toward her husband. Then, her watery, almost colorless eyes searching, she began a survey of the big room, looking intently from one figure to another..."

"I fail to see why." The coroner had stepped down and was facing him. "Why? Why—you're inquiring into a death that happened more than twenty years ago—and you're basing that inquiry upon the word of a woman who is not legally able to give testimony in any kind of a court or on any kind of a case?"

"Not directly." "Then I demand that all the testimony which this woman has given be stricken out and the jury instructed to disregard it." The official smiled. "I think otherwise. The jury is entitled to all the evidence that has any bearing on the case."

"But this woman is crazy?" "Has she ever been adjudged so, or committed to any asylum for the insane?" "No—but nevertheless, there are a hundred persons in this courtroom who will testify to the fact that she is mentally unbalanced and not a fit person to fasten a crime upon any man's head by her testimony..."

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"That's all. Gentlemen of the jury," he turned his back on the crowded room and faced the small, worried-looking group on the row of kitchen chairs, "you have heard the evidence. You will find a room at the right in which to conduct your deliberations."



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every one in the crowded courtroom. He knew what they were thinking, that his father had been a murderer, and that he—well, that he was blood of his father's blood. He could hear the buzzing of tongues, the shifting of the courtroom on the unstable chairs, and he knew fingers were pointing at him. For once in his life he had not the strength to face his fellow men...

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It seemed hours before the courtroom cleared. Then, the attorney at one side, Harry at the other, he started out of the courtroom. The crowd still was on the street, milling, circling, dividing itself into little groups to discuss the verdict...

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WOULD REDUCE PER ACRE COST

More Recent Tumalo Settlers Protect Against Reclamation Rate

Seeking legal advice as to the possibility of securing a reduction of the rate applied to land holders under state development, a committee having among its members R. G. Sammons, R. E. Bareh, Dr. J. H. Connors and J. W. Brown, is representing a large number of settlers on the Tumalo project.

These settlers are the newcomers on Tumalo lands, and their water rights are later than those of the ranchers whose holdings were acquired from the Columbia Southern Irrigation Co. Because of the later date of these water rights, the commission which recently apportioned the per acre cost of the present reclamation program considered that the newcomers would derive greater benefit than those who held slightly prior rights obtained from the Columbia Southern. It was because of this that the holders of more recent rights must stand a per acre charge of 54 per cent of that assessed against lands which will wholly benefit, while holders of the older rights are given a 46 per cent charge in the report of the commission.

MARSH CLOSED TO HUNTING, REPORTED

Sycan marsh, a favorite duck hunting region in Lake county, has been closed to hunting by the cattle men, because of the danger to their cattle grazing there, reports C. Hall of the Union Oil Co., who returned Monday from a hunt with R. J. Woods, a Portland representative of the same firm. They made a good bag of ducks near the Silver lake dam.

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