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COUNTY AGENT WILL BE KEPT, COURT DECIDES

Support of Agriculturist Is Strong, Evidenced

BUDGET MEETING HELD

Petition Asking That Office Be Continued Has 203 Names, That of Opponents 148—One Speaker Against Retention

Continuation of the office of county agriculturist in Deschutes county was decided on by the county court, following discussion at the budget meeting Monday afternoon at the courthouse. Retention of the services of the county agent was favored in arguments by W. B. Daggett, Redmond attorney; Earl Benton, secretary of the county farm bureau; George McGregor, Terrebonne farmer; A. J. Herter, Tumalo farmer; John Marsh of Tumalo, Guy Dobson of Redmond and E. M. Eby, president of the farm bureau. The only opposing speaker was J. W. Schrank of near Redmond, who is not a property owner, but who represented, he said, the 148 signers of a petition asking that no further funds be expended on maintaining a county agent but that the amount be transferred to the market road fund. The supporters of the agent's office had presented a petition with 203 signatures.

The value of technical agriculture has been recognized since 1862, when national funds for establishing agricultural colleges were appropriated, was the declaration of W. B. Daggett. Almost every state in the union has given the same recognition by establishing such colleges, Oregon as long ago as 1835, he said; and Deschutes county, if the agent's office were done away with, would be the only county in Oregon failing to take advantage of the college's service.

Cost Small, Declared

The amount spent by the county, \$2,400, means a tax of only 26 cents on every \$1,000 of assessed valuation, said Daggett, and if the office is abandoned here, the people of this county will still be helping to pay for agents in all the other counties, in state and federal taxes.

The Redmond business men are so sure of the value of having an agriculturist that they pay the agent's office rent, in addition to the other support they give him, said Daggett. If it were not for the county agent, Deschutes county alfalfa growers would not be using sulphur, Earl Benton declared, and the use of sulphur has added hundreds of thousands of dollars to the county's income.

Criticize Agent's Service

J. W. Schrank, the opposing speaker, declared that the farmers have not been given a square deal by agents in the past. Some of the supposed pure seed furnished by the agriculturists turned out to be poor, and it is the farmers who were furnished that seed who are opposed to continuing the office, he stated. He also blamed one of the early agriculturists for the establishment of 1.8 acre feet as the duty of water, when 2.5 feet are necessary. He also objected to the fact that the agents are changed so often. "Just as soon as we get him educated, he's gone," Schrank complained.

Answering Schrank, George McGregor said that if Schrank and his neighbors had used the county agent and learned the value of border strip-ping their fields, they would find 1.8 acre feet enough. A. J. Harter pointed out that 1.8 feet was established as the duty of water 16 years ago, long before Deschutes county had an agent. Guy Dobson said that if farmers want more than 1.8 feet, they have only to buy more ditch capacity. Eby urged that Schrank's argument should not be considered, as Schrank is not a freeholder in the county.

Before the court announced its decision to leave the appropriation for agriculturist as it stood in the advertised budget, County Judge R. W. Sawyer explained that the money provided for the agent could not legally be transferred to the market road fund, nor, in his opinion, to the general road fund; in which case the part of the tax applied to roads would be less than one-fourth of a mill additional.

NEW PIPE LINE TO COST \$70,000 IS AUTHORIZED

B. W. L. & P. to Seek Water Rights on Tumalo Creek

SURVEY IS FINISHED

Five Mile Construction Will Start in Spring if Rights Obtained—Larger Population Provided for in Plans of Company

Construction of a pipe line from Tumalo creek to the city limits of Bend to provide a new source of water supply has been authorized by the directors of the Bend Water, Light & Power Co., T. H. Foley, general manager, states. Foley has just returned from the east, stopping in Chicago, headquarters for the company. In the course of his trip, the authorized development would give Bend water of unusual purity. The cost would be \$70,000 or more. As the final preliminary step before actual construction, water rights for 16 second feet must be secured from the Deschutes County Municipal Improvement district, and application for this amount will be made in the near future. If this is allowed, work will start this spring as soon as the frost is out of the ground, in an endeavor to have the line completed by fall.

Maintain Pumping Plant

The water rights sought would be sufficient to take care of a city of 25,000 population, Foley estimates. The line, which has already been surveyed, would be about five miles long. The fall from Tumalo creek to Bend is 150 feet, providing a much greater pressure than is possible with the present system.

Completion of the new line would not mean abandonment of the present pumping plant and pipe line, which would be maintained and held in reserve for emergency use.

JURY INDICTS MRS. NICHOLS

Woman Who Shot Robert Greer to Be Tried on First Degree Charge

An indictment charging Mrs. I. A. Nichols with first degree murder of Robert Greer at the Summit stage station on the morning of December 2 has been returned by the Klamath county grand jury, it was stated Monday by W. P. Myers, attorney for Mrs. Nichols. The case will probably not go to trial until early in January.

Mrs. Nichols, by her own confession, shot Greer to death at their lonely cabin after he had threatened to force her to lead an immoral life and had prevented her from communicating with her husband and baby in Ellettsburg. Greer had been moonshining on a large scale, and was intoxicated when the fatal quarrel started, she said.

IRRIGATORS FAVOR PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

President of Congress Sends Congratulatory Letter to Manager of Line

PORTLAND, Dec. 8.—That the Oregon irrigation congress heartily favors the advertising and development campaign to be put on by the Portland Chamber of Commerce is shown in a letter of congratulations received by W. D. B. Dodson, in charge of the drive, from James M. Kyle of Stanfield, president of the irrigators.

The Oregon irrigation congress initiated the movement the chamber is carrying out. From that body's action sprang the Oregon development board to formulate a land settlement plan. The chamber of commerce then undertook the leadership in the enterprise, adding cooperative marketing and advertising features. It decided to furnish the money for prosecuting the work. A drive will start Tuesday morning to raise \$300,000 to be used in the advertising and development campaign.

CONTRACT LET ON BIG FLUME JOB NEAR CITY

Warren Construction Co.'s Bid Is Accepted

COST WILL BE \$136,098

Contract to Be Signed With C. O. I. District by First of Year, and Work Started to Complete Flume by May 1

The contract for reconstruction of the C. O. I. main flume south of Bend was awarded Tuesday to the Warren Construction Co. of Portland at its bid of \$136,098.90, by the directors of the C. O. I. district in a meeting at Redmond. Crossed wood-stave construction was specified. Bids were opened Monday.

A camp will be established and a crew put to work tearing out the old flume as soon as the contract is signed, which will be about January 1, according to Will Ellis, who represented the Warren company at the meeting. The flume must be ready for use by May 1, according to the specifications.

The district's bonds, voted over a year ago with this reconstruction in view, have now been certified by the irrigation securities commission of the state, following a recent supreme court decision that the bond election was legal.

JOURNEY FROM LAKEVIEW HARD

Road This Side of Summit Station Practically Impassable, Says Priest

Father Thomas J. Brady, pastor of St. Patrick's church at Lakeview, arrived in Bend Tuesday over the Silver Lake road; but he is not advising anyone else to attempt the trip. He took the Silver Lake stage from Fort Rock, and with William Burton, the driver, and R. E. Burton, who also made the trip, was 36 hours in reaching Bend.

The first part of the trip was easily made, Father Brady says; but after passing Summit station, drifts piled up in front of them until they were forced to shovel their way; they were four hours going 5,000 feet, and finally both rear wheels of the stage were broken and they had to abandon the car. They walked nine miles to the nearest ranch toward Bend, over a road which the car could not have traveled if it had not broken down. Then they telephoned for a car to come from Bend, and when it came made the rest of the journey. Further trouble was experienced at Lava butte, and abandoned cars, stuck in the drifts, were seen at several places along the road, Father Brady says. He left last night for Portland.

35 HORSES LOOSE IN CITY ARE IMPOUNDED

Owner, Harry Weber, Promises to Keep Under Supervision—Much Damage Done

Thirty-five horses which have been running at large in the city, causing considerable damage to private property, have been taken up and impounded since Sunday by city officers, later to be released to the owner, Harry Weber, on payment of \$35. Weber promised to keep his stock under closer supervision in the future.

THE DALLES TO BEND ROAD IS SNOWBOUND

Snow has blocked the way from The Dalles to Bend, according to W. H. Brock of Odell lake, who returned to Bend on his way home Thursday night from a trip to Portland. Brock was twice stalled in the snow, trying both the Grass Valley and the Dufur-Maupin routes before deciding to leave his auto in The Dalles and complete the trip to Bend by rail.

Loggers Dig Through Miles of Drifts to Bring Ailing Woman to Bend; Trip From Shevlin Camp Takes 5 Hours

Loggers from Shevlin-Hixon Camp No. 1 made the 15 mile trip to Bend by auto in five hours Tuesday, shoveling their way through two miles of drifts beyond Lava butte, the arduous trip being made necessary by the serious illness of Mrs. William Clemens, who was brought in for treatment at a local hospital. The party left camp at 10:30 o'clock in the morning, arriving in Bend at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon, and other cars which left the Aune camp at

8:30, also arrived at 3:30.

C. C. Palmer, Fay Howard, William Hall, Fred La Marsh, Clint Olson, Mrs. Bob Littlefield and Clemens accompanied Mrs. Clemens from the Shevlin camp.

Drifts three feet deep had to be pierced before the autos could make their way through, the men from camp reported. Near Lava butte they met the tractor which is being used under the direction of state highway engineers in clearing the road to the south.

THREE BELOW NEW MINIMUM

Season's Coldest Reached After Minimum Past in Other Sections

Cold waves are often a little late in reaching Bend, and last night was no exception to this, the lowest temperature of the winter being recorded. The mercury in the official government thermometer dropped to three degrees below zero, but at 8 o'clock this morning when the reading was taken, the temperature was 10 degrees above. Plumbers were busier than ever today, with emergency work rapidly piling up.

The maximum temperature recorded for yesterday was 15 degrees above zero.

In other parts of the country the cold wave was reported to have passed its crest by noon Wednesday.

OPPOSITION TO ROAD IS ENDED

Objection of the Deschutes county farm bureau to the improvement of The Dalles-California highway through the proposed Benham Falls reservoir site, voiced in a resolution passed several months ago, was withdrawn at a meeting of the bureau last week at the Commercial club office in Bend. The highway commission has refused to do any work on this section, basing its refusal on the objections of the farm bureau and of Percy A. Cupper, state engineer.

Discussion of the matter of retaining the county agent revealed the fact all present are anxious to keep the agriculturist's services. Denial that the agents have used the office in unfair competition with merchants was voiced by several.

C. A. Newhall, representing a San Francisco sulphur firm, urged the retention of the agent, in spite of the fact that his company will be a competitor of D. L. Jamison, former agriculturist, in selling sulphur here.

The relative merits of coarse and fine ground sulphur were argued.

E. M. Eby presided at the meeting.

A. R. C. FUND IS OVER \$2000 MARK

Funds secured in the Red Cross roll call passed the \$2,000 mark Friday when reports were received from three communities outside of Bend. Mrs. Letha Wester, chairman at Terrebonne, reported \$28; Mrs. W. K. McCormack at Deschutes, \$21; Douglas Johnson at La Pine, \$9. Madras is yet to be heard from, and the fund raised in Bend is expected to be increased.

Of the \$2,066.15 raised, \$518.15 was in memberships, the remainder in pledges.

DR. VANDERVERT IS VICTOR IN COURT

A verdict for the defendant was brought by the justice court jury in the case of George Paddock vs. Dr. J. C. Vandervert, tried Monday before Justice E. D. Gilson. Attorneys W. P. Myers and R. B. Parsons represented Vandervert, and A. J. Moore, Ross Farnham and Paul C. King appeared for Paddock. The plaintiff sought to secure possession of the garage now operated by Dr. Vandervert on Bond street.

ASTORIA RELIEF PLAN OF LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Plea for Appropriation Is Given Club's Support

"40-8" TO GIVE DANCE

Fund for Aid to Homeless and Jobless in Stricken City Is Started by Boxcar Society—Business Men Assist

Steps toward relief for Astoria and the victims of last Friday's disastrous fire which destroyed that city's business district were taken in Bend yesterday by the Commercial club and Bend Voltaire, La Societe des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux. The Commercial club voted at luncheon its endorsement of Astoria's appeal for a congressional appropriation, and this endorsement will be wired to Oregon's representatives at Washington. It was given on motion by H. H. De Armond. President J. A. Eastes presided at the meeting.

To assist in immediate relief work, the energetic "40 et 8ers" of Bend have taken the lead, with the result that tonight a benefit dance will be given under the auspices of the boxcar society at the American Legion building, it was announced by Earl B. Houston, commander of the local legion post, at the luncheon. M. Connolly is chairman of the committee in charge of planning the dance. Wilson George's orchestra will furnish music. Tickets are now being sold, \$17 worth being taken by Commercial club members present at the luncheon.

Committee Appointed

Cooperation with the ex-services men and others who may take up the task of assisting in Astoria relief was arranged by the Commercial club in the appointment of a committee consisting of H. H. De Armond, L. C. Taylor and Tom Carlson. The motion to appoint such a committee was made by T. H. Foley. Captain L. S. Broadbent offered the assistance of the Salvation Army, in case a canvass for relief funds is decided upon.

Steps toward aid to Astoria were begun last Saturday when Mayor E. D. Gilson wired to the mayor of the stricken city as follows: "The city of Bend sympathizes with the Astorians in their great loss as a grief stricken, fire swept city. We desire to help—how can we best render assistance and relief? Our citizens stand ready to respond to the utmost of their ability. Please wire any suggestions at our expense."

The reply came Monday from the relief committee: "Your wire greatly appreciated. Only need is cash, and any amount would be gratefully received and properly used."

Situation Serious

In response to a telegram sent by Secretary L. Antles of the Bend Commercial club, the following was received from Mayor James Bremmer, Colonel W. S. Gilbert of the citizens' executive committee and L. D. Drake of the Chamber of Commerce:

"The situation at Astoria resulting from the devastating fire of last Friday which totally destroyed the entire business part of the city, its streets, water, sewer and fire systems, is such that we have deemed it necessary to appeal to the president and the congress for immediate aid."

Aid from congress in the amount of \$3,000,000 is asked in this appeal, a copy of which is included in the message sent here. Over 5,000 people have lost all their property and are without employment or means of subsistence, it states. Contributions from other cities have been received, but this will not aid in rebuilding. Unless government aid is received, Astoria will cease to function as a city and its people will be bankrupt. Except in the matter of loss of life, the disaster is equal to those of Galveston and San Francisco, the message says.

COUNTY AGENT WORK FOR YEAR DISCUSSED

After conferring over the week end with County Agent W. T. MacDonald as to the work to be undertaken by the agent's office during the coming year, F. L. Ballard of the Oregon Agricultural college, left for Prineville Monday night to spend a day there before returning to Corvallis. The outline of work will be completed in the near future.

BEND'S MILLAGE 98.7 FOR COMING YEAR, ESTIMATE

Bend's millage as represented by the taxes to be paid in 1923 on an assessed valuation of \$2,207,570 will be 98.7, it is estimated by Assessor August Anderson. The estimate is based on county, city, and school district budgets, with an approximation of what may be expected as the county's share of the state tax, which has not yet been reported. The estimated millage is a slight increase over that in effect this year, 93.59, despite the fact that the assessed valuation has been advanced.

Millage for county and estimated state tax for the coming year is 26.4 as against 26.19 this year, the new city tax is 35.2, one-tenth of a mill higher than this year, and the tax for school district 1 will be 37.1 as against 32.3. The city valuation is \$2,207,570, that of the district \$3,976,350, and that of the entire county \$9,362,255.

City of Redmond 36.8

The county general levy, including the estimated state tax is \$232,030, the city levy is \$77,790, and the school district No. 1 levy is \$147,519.

Redmond will run Bend a close second for millage honors, according to the assessor's figures. The city of Redmond has a levy which will call for a millage of 36.8, school district No. 2 will add 17.8, the union school district 10.5, and the estimated county general levy millage of 26.4 brings the total to 91.5.

GRAND JURORS WORK FASTER

Seven More Witnesses Return From Federal Quiz in Portland

A little more rapid progress in the investigation of the Deschutes county soldier bonus tangle by the federal grand jury in Portland was indicated Saturday morning when seven of the witnesses subpoenaed here returned to Bend after being quizzed by the secret tribunal. Cassie Flynn, Ross Farnham, H. H. De Armond, John A. Knight, L. D. Poole, E. R. Seitz and Chester Bertrand came in on the morning's train, and four others, the first to be released from further attendance, had come in Friday.

From the manner in which witnesses were called, it was surmised that the grand jury has already been working on two or more cases in connection with the soldier bonus law.

FINED \$5, ANDERSON ASKS CASE REVIEW

Horse Beating Case to Go Into Circuit Court—Refusal to Dismiss Is Basis

Lee Anderson, blacksmith, who recently was fined \$5 in justice court for beating a horse, will carry the case to the circuit court on a writ of review, papers for which have already been filed.

Review is asked on the grounds that Justice of the Peace E. D. Gilson overruled the motion to dismiss after the state had refused to call as a witness Anton Aune, owner of the horse. R. B. Parsons is attorney for Anderson.