

## DESCHUTES COUNTY PROCLAIMED

**Officers to be Announced Later---DeArmond District Attorney**

**VOTE CANVASSED THIS MORNING**

GOVERNOR WITHYCOMBE ISSUES PROCLAMATION DECLARING ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW COUNTY TODAY—FIVE VOTE CORRECTED BY ORDER OF JUDGE DUFFY YESTERDAY, AND COUNTY CLERK BROWN'S CERTIFICATE TAKEN TO SALEM LAST NIGHT.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 13.—(Special to The Bulletin.)—Deschutes county is now in official existence.

Secretary of State Olcott this morning canvassed the vote as certified to him by County Clerk Brown and at once reported to the Governor the result.

Governor Withycombe's proclamation declaring the new county formed was issued today.

Following the issuance of the proclamation, the Governor announced that he would appoint Harvey DeArmond, of Bend, as district attorney of the new county.

The appointment of the members of the county court will be announced later in the week.

The announcement of the formation of Deschutes county came as a dramatic conclusion to the fight that has been waged against it since the election in November. Yesterday Judge Duffy, following the default of the defendants in not making answer after the overruling of their demurrer, issued a final decree correcting the returns from Fife precinct, which had been erroneously certified by the election board.

Immediately after the entry of Judge Duffy's decree and the issuance of the certificates from the county clerk's office, the Bend attorneys who had charge of the case, returned, leaving on the night train for Salem with the certificate.

Deschutes county comes into being following two unusually strenuous political campaigns and a mix-up in the certification of the vote of one precinct, creating a legal question without precedent.

First proposed two years ago, the formation of Deschutes county from a portion of Crook, was defeated by a bare margin of two and a half per cent less than the 65 per cent necessary to carry.

Again this summer division was proposed and, as an alternate, the removal of the county seat from Prineville to Bend. A county seat bill was initiated but abandoned when it became apparent that the required vote to divide the county could be obtained.

Except in the precincts where division was strongly favored, little campaigning was done preceeding the November election. In those, however, by personal work and broadcast distribution of circulars, an overwhelmingly favorable sentiment was created and the election carried by a safe margin.

The county judge and the two county commissioners for the new county will be appointed by the Governor later this week, and the county court, so appointed under the law, will forthwith appoint the other officers.

**FARMERS MAY ATTEND CARNIVAL CONTINUES TO ATTRACT CROWDS**

Blanchard Wants Crook County Delegation at Corvallis in January.

Arrangements are being made by County Agriculturalist R. A. Blanchard to have a large delegation of farmers from this section attend the Farmers' Week and Home Makers' Convention, to be held at the Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, January 2 to 7. It is planned to arrange for a special car to make the trip, which will be stationed in the railroad yards at Corvallis and provide sleeping quarters for the visitors during their stay.

Those who will make the trip are asked to deposit \$4.50 in the First National Bank, of Bend, the First National, of Prineville, or the Redmond Bank of Commerce, before December 28. If enough deposits are made to insure the car notice will be given to the depositories; otherwise, their money will be returned. A rate of one and one-third fare will be given for the trip.

**WARD COMING AGAIN**

R. A. Ward, of the U. S. Biological Survey, who assisted in the work of rabbit extermination in this section last winter, is coming again this year to carry on the effort against the pest. In anticipation of his coming, County Agent Blanchard is obtaining quotations on strychnine. Farmers and clubs desiring the poison are asked to communicate with Mr. Blanchard at Redmond.



GOV. JAMES WITHYCOMBE Who proclaimed the formation of Deschutes County today.



HARVEY H. DEARMOND Who will be appointed District Attorney of Deschutes County.

**WILL IMPROVE STOCK**

Only Registered Bulls are Allowed at Sisters.

Hereafter the stock men in the Sisters country are to live up strictly to the rulings of the state association in the matter of allowing only registered bulls on the range. It has been decided by the Sisters Cattle association. Stock owners who are unable to purchase registered male stock, will pay a fee of \$1 per head for each head of female stock turned out on the range.

The step is being taken to insure better beef cattle, and to guard against the deterioration of stock through the introduction of poor blood.

## CONCENTRATION OF GUNS ON THE SOMME MAKES OTHER POINTS QUIET

By HENRY WOOD.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin.)

With the French armies "somewhere between Picardy and Champagne, Nov. 19.—(By mail)—To meet the gigantic artillery concentration of the Allies on the Somme, Germany has been forced to call in her guns from various points until there are portions of the German front in France where the war has been reduced to half a dozen cannon shot a day—and even those by the French alone.

I have just visited three different points of the French front between Picardy and Champagne where German activity has ceased to such an extent that they can actually be described as the most peaceful spots in the world. Yet, all three of these points, previous to the Allies' "big push" on the Somme, were centers of some of the most desperate efforts the Germans have made to break through the French lines.

This remarkable change came about quickly, when following the terrible losses both in men and material at Verdun, the Germans found themselves compelled to cease practically all activity on the rest of the French front in order to concentrate every possible man and gun on the Somme.

Not only has it been established that the Germans have taken off as many guns as can safely be spared in order to augment their concentration on the Somme, but those that remain are apparently under orders not to waste a single shot.

One of the spots visited I found being held by one of the most famous regiments in France, one that has participated in every big offensive on the French front, and

## J. H. UPTON IS CONGRESS HEAD

IRRIGATIONISTS NAME OFFICERS TODAY

Committees Named and Issues Discussed in Morning Session—Many Attend Luncheon Then Reconvene

J. H. Upton, of Prineville, was elected chairman of the Central Oregon Irrigation association this morning, when more than 50 delegates from interior points convened in the council chambers of the O'Kane building. Fred N. Wallace, of Tualuma, was the temporary chairman, and after the election of his successor, O. C. Young, of Culver, was named for secretary of the organization. The credentials committee, appointed by Mr. Upton, was headed by Mr. Wallace, and had as its other members W. B. Daggett, of Redmond, and Harry Chenoweth, of Grandview. The resolutions committee, appointed immediately afterward, had as its head Guy Dobson of Redmond, Harry Gard of Madras, Ed Slayton of Prineville, George S. Young of Bend and G. E. Stadig of Lower Bridge.

Other business of the morning consisted largely in the discussion of general irrigation issues, it being pointed out that the irrigation law, as it now stands, has phases of conflict in regard to the power of directors of a district. This, it was emphasized, is a great hindrance in the marketing of bonds. Claude McCulloch was bitterly attacked for his intimation in a Portland paper that Central Oregon ranchers are not able to handle their own irrigation matters. Mr. Gard intimating that the Portland attorney is actuated by personal motives. William P. Vandever, a delegate to the first Oregon irrigation congress, was called on, but had no remarks to make. The formation of a non-partisan league at the state congress in Portland was advocated for legislative purposes. Other speakers of the morning, aside from those mentioned, were L. D. West of Bend, J. P. Bates, County Surveyor, George S. Young and Mayor J. A. Eastes. In addition to those enumerated, delegates at the meeting included

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## DIPLOMATS CONSIDER GERMANY'S PROPOSAL A MASTER STROKE

NEUTRALS NOT FLATLY ASKED TO START PEACE NEGOTIATIONS, BUT TO ANNOUNCE WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS TERMS.

By Carl Ackerman.

BERLIN, Dec. 13.—(United Press.)—The American embassy here believes that Germany has not flatly asked the neutrals to start peace negotiations, but that merely a request has been made to America, Spain, and Switzerland, to inform the entente nations that the Central Powers are willing to discuss peace. The diplomatic corps considers the move a master stroke.

Secretary Grew, of the American embassy, personally typed a translation of the note. Chancellor Von Bethman-Hollweg asked him to send it to London, Petrograd, Paris, and Roumania. The Spanish ambassador was asked to communicate with Belgium and Portugal, and the Swiss ambassador to communicate with Italy.

## LAST TRIBUTE A FITTING ONE

BIG DELEGATION BACK FROM FUNERAL.

Services for Neil A. Southwick Attended by Many Friends—Car Figuring in Tragedy Is Viewed by Many.

With the feeling that nothing had been left undone in the paying of a perfect tribute to the memory of Neil A. Southwick, killed Sunday night in an auto accident on the Crooked River grade, Bend people to the number of approximately 100, returned at 6 o'clock last night from Redmond, where funeral services were held yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Masonic lodge.

The church was crowded for the services, and it was found necessary to provide extra seating room for the many friends of Mr. Southwick, who had gathered from Bend, Redmond, and the surrounding country. Music was furnished by a mixed quartette, composed of Charles W. Erskine, Mrs. Ashley Forrest, Mrs. Charles Silvis and O. A. Thorson, Ashley Forrest being at the piano.

Advance preparations for the services were made by Rev. H. C. Hartman, the officiating minister, J. D. Davidson, Clark Rhodes, Paul Garrison and Clyde M. McKay, who motored to Redmond from Bend shortly after noon. The special train on which a majority of the Bend people in attendance were transported to and from Redmond, was secured through the courtesy of J. T. Hardy, traveling freight and passenger agent for the S. P. & S., arrangements having been made with Mr. Hardy by the Bend Masons.

In his sermon, a brief extract from which was printed in yesterday's Bulletin, Rev. Hartman robbed the tragedy of much of its horror, declaring that life in itself is not complete, and that death alone can open the door to the greater and higher things.

"We are all mourners, but the great Master, who has made known his love to all, understands and can comprehend," he said. "Life is a book in which each of us writes, and the writing is done at all periods of life. As children, we may not write so interestingly, but it is equally certain that we do not write so artfully as in later years. Of all periods, that of the morning is the most beautiful."

"However, it cannot be said that the history of life begins in reality until the coming of young manhood. Many of the histories may be commonplace, but there is also romance and tragedy. There is a great plot in the volume of life. We may make blots but we can turn over a page, and start on a clean sheet. There is nothing small in life, when it affects humankind, and God."

"We are still writing in the volume of life, and when the volume is ended, may it be one privilege to inscribe at the close, 'What I have written, I have written in the fear of God.'"

Rev. Hartman, in a brief departure from his text, showed the lovable nature of the man of whom he spoke, when he mentioned how Mr. Southwick had assisted last summer

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## HUNDREDS WILL BE MADE HAPPY

CHRISTMAS TREE TO BE BEAUTIFUL.

Plans are Being Made for More Than 1,200 at Second Annual Community Tree, to Be Held Evening of December 23.

Provision is going to be made for more than 1200 children of all ages at the second annual Community Christmas Tree to be held in Bend on the evening of December 23, on the lot near the Bend Company office at the corner of Wall and Ohio streets. The town is being scoured to ascertain as nearly as possible the number of children it will be necessary to present with bags of candy and toys.

The Bend Water, Light & Power company has consented to the elaborate illumination of the large Christmas tree that has been selected to be dressed up. Every effort will be made to give this tree a much more effective yuletide dress than it had last year. The decoration of the tree and the lighting effects will be in charge of T. H. Foley.

Mrs. H. K. Brooks, in selecting the candies and toy gifts, is preparing to serve at least 1200 children, and the committee that has been given supervision of this part of the program will begin its work early next week to have every sack filled in time, and all the toys on the ground.

Rev. H. C. Hartman, chairman of the financial matters connected with the Community Christmas Tree, says that he is having no difficulty in arousing interest among people about town in obtaining their co-operation in supporting this enterprise.

A special program is being planned for the occasion under the direction of Mrs. C. V. Silvis. It is intended that the various churches about town will co-operate and that local talent will assist in the singing during the evening.

A meeting is to be held this evening to arrange for more definite plans for the entertainment.

## TO TAKE UP CATTLE

Black Butte Co. Plans on Change From Sheep.

The Black Butte Land and Livestock Co. will in all probability dispose of its sheep holdings, and emphasize instead the raising of cattle, according to Arthur Wurtzweiler, head of the company, who was in the city yesterday conferring with Forest Supervisor Hastings. Mr. Hastings stated that the forestry department will sanction the change.

The company now has 750 head of cattle and 2500 head of sheep on the range. One steer will be allowed in place of every four sheep, according to the basis for change now deemed advisable.

**Building Is Licensed.**

The granting of building permits was announced today, to A. G. Brook, for the construction of a \$50 storehouse, and to G. F. Hall, for the erection of a \$350 three room house, on the Boulevard.