

THE WEATHER
Fair but possibly unsettled.
Probably rain in Western Oregon,
with Eastern Oregon
colder. South to west winds.

THE DAILY BULLETIN

TODAY'S NEWS
TODAY

BEND, DESCHUTES COUNTY, OREGON, WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, DECEMBER 20, 1916

BEND SELECTED COUNTY SEAT

Court Appoints Officers; Government Set in Motion.

REDMOND GETS REPRESENTATION

Six Local Candidates are Given Posts This Morning.

DESCHUTES COUNTY IS NOW READY TO BEGIN THE WORK OF ORGANIZATION—APPOINTEES TO QUALIFY SOON SO AFFAIRS MAY GET UNDER WAY.

OFFICERS FOR DESCHUTES COUNTY

- Judge
W. D. Barnes.
- Commissioners
A. L. Mackintosh and L. E. Smith.
- District Attorney
Harvey H. De Armond.
- Clerk
J. H. Haner.
- Assessor
W. T. Mullarkey.
- Treasurer
Clyde M. McKay.
- Surveyor
George S. Young.
- Superintendent of Schools
J. Alton Thompson.
- Coroner
Elmer Niswonger.
- County Physician
Dr. Dwight F. Miller.
- Sheriff
S. E. Roberts.

The members of the county court this morning agreed, without question, in naming Bend as the temporary county seat, as provided by statute, for Deschutes county.

Monday's all day executive conference, and a similar session lasting through the greater part of this morning, bore fruit just before noon today, when the members of the first county court of Deschutes county met in the council chambers of the O'Kane building and unanimously elected county officers. The following were named: J. H. Haner, county clerk; Clyde McKay, treasurer; W. T. Mullarkey, of Redmond, assessor; S. E. Roberts, sheriff; Elmer Niswonger, coroner; Dr. Dwight F. Miller, county physician; George S. Young, county surveyor; J. Alton Thompson, school superintendent.

The appointments were made on the inclusive nomination of Commissioner L. E. Smith, of Redmond, but were evidently the work of much careful selection on the part of the court during the closed meetings, as it was known that applications for the positions had been numerous.

The first open session of the new court started at 11:20 when Judge William D. Barnes called the meeting to order, and requested District Attorney H. H. De Armond to act as secretary for the meeting. Commissioners Smith and Mackintosh were here from early in the morning. Only a few, in addition to the court, were present in the council chambers when the appointments were made.

Of the new county officers, Mr. Haner was a candidate for county clerk of Crook county at the last general election, while Mr. Thompson and Mr. Roberts were also strong bidders for the respective positions of school superintendent and sheriff. Mr. Young and Mr. Niswonger were successful candidates for the respective offices of county surveyor and coroner, the same positions as those accorded them by the new court. Mr. Mullarkey has been a resident of the county for the last seven years, and held a position similar to that of assessor in Red Lake county, Minnesota. He is a widower, with one son. Mr. McKay, the new treasurer, was formerly game warden in Crook county, and is connected with the Bend Company.

Dr. Miller, the new county physician, is a graduate of the University of Oregon Medical department, and also attended college at Washington State college. He practiced in Portland for some time before coming to Bend, and has been located here since early last summer.

The new officers will qualify for their positions as quickly as possible in order that the conduct of the county affairs may be started at once.

NEXT?
1911—Railroads.
1915—Mills.
1916—County Seat.
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WELCOME EXTENDED TO NEW OFFICIALS

Large Attendance Present at Commercial Club Luncheon—Election to Be Next Week.

The weekly luncheon of the Bend Commercial club, held this noon at the Pilot Butte hotel, took the form of a welcome to the new officials of Deschutes county, a full turnout of local boosters crowding the hotel dining room. Next Wednesday was the date set for the election of new officers and directors for the club. J. P. Keyes presided, and called on County Judge W. D. Barnes, Commissioner L. E. Smith, County Assessor W. T. Mullarkey, County Treasurer Clyde M. McKay, County Surveyor George S. Young and District Attorney H. H. De Armond. Mr. Barnes mentioned the fact that the new county officers named this morning had been chosen unanimously, declared that it would be a pleasure to work with them, and asked the co-operation of the residents of the county. His remarks were seconded by those of Mr. Smith.

C. S. Hudson and Vernon A. Forbes spoke, assuring the court and the new officials of the hearty support of the people.

SALEM GIRL TELLS POLICE OF KILLING

Cartridges for Thomas Cummings Arranged on Evening Preceding Double Tragedy.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)
SALEM, Dec. 20.—The police today quizzed Lillian Knightly, the only witness to the shooting and killing of Thomas Cummings by Myrtle White in a local hotel yesterday. Lillian declared that she went into the bathroom when Cummings knocked at the door, that Myrtle went to the door clad only in a nightgown, shot Cummings, and then committed suicide.

The witness said that her companion had arranged five cartridges around the clock the night before the shooting, and that when asked the reason, Myrtle only laughed shortly.

Cummings' uncle from Corvallis, and cousin from Eugene, arrived today. Other relatives in Montana have been notified.

The police believe that Cummings' cooling affection caused the tragedy. The police found that Cummings had written letters to four other girls.

TEACHERS' PARTY IS SPOILED BY GANG

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)
BAKER, Dec. 20.—Chief of Police E. B. Jackson is investigating a disturbance which occurred at the high school last night, when a gang of boys broke up a teachers' party. Janitor A. D. Beasley fired a shotgun, dispersing the boys. City School Superintendent A. C. Strange pursued the crowd, but was unable to recognize anyone. It is believed possible that one may have been slightly injured.

BURGLARS DISREGARD SMALLPOX WARNING

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)
PORTLAND, Dec. 20.—Disregarding smallpox quarantine signs, two burglars entered M. S. Miller's house here, held up Mrs. Miller at the point of a revolver, and stole \$200 worth of diamonds. Miller, his wife and two children are recovering from an attack of smallpox.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS TAKEN FROM THE MAIL

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)
BEVERTON, Dec. 20.—A posse is pursuing the burglar who last night rifled the registered mail at the local post office. Six hundred cents was stolen. An entrance was effected by "jimmying" the rear door.

BERLIN THINKS ALLIES BLUFF

REALLY DESIRE PEACE GENERAL BELIEF

Lokal Anzeiger Says War Eternal If Kept Up Till Allies Conquer—Knowledge of Terms Not Public.

(By Carl W. Ackerman, United Press Staff Correspondent)
BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Germany regards the entente attitude as bluff, and believes the allies really desire peace. Berlin is not pessimistic despite the announcements that the allies are determined to continue fighting. Officials believe that the belligerents will not ask neutrals to start negotiations. Germany will not welcome American interference.

The "Lokal Anzeiger" said, "If Lloyd George wants to postpone peace until the allies conquer, war will be eternal." "Vorwaerts" said, "Lloyd George condemns himself, when he says that anybody prolonging the war is criminal."

GERMANS IN DARK

(By William Phillip Simms, United Press Staff Correspondent)
WITH THE BRITISH ARMY, Dec. 20.—The British believe most of the German troops are ignorant of the Kaiser's peace proposals. Several prisoners captured in the last few days said they had not heard of the negotiations. Von Hindenburg is dissatisfied with the situation on the western front. The continued bombardment is affecting the Germans' spirits.

Von Hindenburg ordered his aviators to stop the British aeroplanes from continually swooping down on the German trenches, raiding far behind the lines. German artillery fire and aeroplane attacks are increasing.

MYSTERY SHROUDS PRESIDENT'S CALL

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—President Wilson mysteriously visited the residence of Senator John Sharpe Williams, of Mississippi, today, for what reason Senator Williams refused to divulge. He explained that illness had prevented his accompanying the Mississippi delegation to the Whitehouse. The president called for the purpose of conferring on important matters.

Spirit of Giving Is Rife; The H. C. of L. Forgotten

There's a mighty big pile of merchandise leaving the Bend stores these days.

This outgoing flood of merchandise is not confined to any one establishment, any two or three or half dozen. The condition is general, from the largest to the smallest. The volume of business this pre-holiday season far surpasses any other Bend or Central Oregon has ever seen.

Shops are busily engaged in taking goods down from their shelves and putting them over the counters to their customers.

One has only to spend a very few minutes in any one of the many popular mercantile establishments to appreciate the spirit of buying this year. For some reason, presumably the Christmas spirit's predominating, the H. C. of L. has, for the time being, been forgotten. But to see the quality of buying it might, on the other hand, appear that shoppers, realizing the growing cost of commodities, are not only stocking up in useful articles for themselves, but are thinking of their friends and relatives in the same light they think of themselves.

"The buying of useful gifts this year far overshadows the buying of trinkets," said one merchant this morning. "Novelties seem to have given place to more essential accessories."

Two little girls, their ages about

U. S. INTERESTED IN DISARMING NATIONS

Will Not Interfere Unless It Is Welcome to Belligerents, Is Official Statement.

(By Robert J. Bender, United Press Staff Correspondent)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 20.—It was officially stated today that the United States will be "interested" in disarmament discussions and world peace guarantees. The state department has not revealed whether the government will actively participate.

It is assumed that the United States will not act until it is definitely ascertained whether the belligerents will welcome interference. President Wilson wants it clearly understood that the United States is not interested in the causes of the European war. He merely wants assurances of permanent peace. The president believes that the methods of establishing permanent peace are vital to America.

1,663,796 CAPTIVES HELD IN GERMANY

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)
BERLIN, Dec. 20.—Statistics published here in regard to sanitary conditions in the war prisoners' camps in Germany state that there were 1,663,796 prisoners in the country on August 1, 1916.

In the two years of which which had then elapsed 29,297 prisoners died. Of these 6,032 died from tuberculosis, 4,201 from spotted fever, 6,270 from wounds and 6,603 from other illnesses. The statistics indicate that only one in every ten thousand war prisoners committed suicide.

It is stated that the number of tuberculosis cases is decreasing, owing to effective medical treatment, and that numerous patients are able to leave the sanitariums.

LEATHER NEED BIG

English Market Depleted for Shoes for Soldiers.

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)
LONDON, Dec. 20.—Kicking the Germans back across their own borders is requiring an enormous amount of boot leather. As England is supplying the greater portion of all the boots worn by the Allied soldiers, the shoe factories throughout England are swamped with work today.

For the winter, the British government will require 9,000,000 feet of upper leather for Cossack boots and 7,000,000 feet of leather for the British soldiers' footwear. The shipments of such tremendous orders must be completed by the time cold weather sets in, and has forced the government to take up every piece of leather on the market.

RUSSO-ROUMANIANS WIN NEAR PARLATA

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)
PETROGRAD, Dec. 20.—It is announced that the Russo-Roumanian forces have repulsed attacks on the left bank of the Danube near Parlata. Heavy flank fighting at Dobrudja, and intense fighting on the Macedonian front, is reported.

PLAN TO EXTEND C. O. I. CONTRACT

DESERT LAND BOARD FAVORS MOVE.

Will Safeguard Rights of Central Oregon Settlers—Withycombe Strongly Favors Creation of Irrigation District.

(Special to The Daily Bulletin)
SALEM, Or., December 20.—The desert land board, at its meeting here this morning, went on record in favor of an extension of the contract between the state and the federal government covering the C. O. I. Carey act lands. The action was taken on the assumption that an extension of the contract would not interfere with the settlers' rights to form an irrigation district, and the board was willing to see the extension made because of a fear lest water rights on that portion of the segregation already developed would be jeopardized should the contract lapse.

At a later date the question will come up of an extension of the contract between the state and the company. There will then be no question of water rights involved and it is believed that the extension will not be allowed.

The sentiment of the land board is strongly in favor of the district present extension only because of plan, the members favoring the their conviction that it would be helpful to the settlers in the ultimate working out of the district.

Governor Withycombe, in discussing the matter, said, "I strongly favor the creation of the district and the taking over of the segregation by the settlers. The company is unable to do anything further by way of construction work and should let the settlers have the project. The governor also criticized the company severely, declaring that methods of management were chiefly responsible for the troubles of the segregation.

Referring to the facts disclosed by the public service commission report, Governor Withycombe pointed out that at one time Manager Howard was receiving a salary of \$500 a month, and at the same time commissions on the company's land sales and was profiting on the company construction. "Someone had to pay for this," the governor said, "and it is no wonder the settlers are sore."

Both the Powell Butte Improvement league and the Redmond Commercial club wired the board asking for the extension.

RUSSIAN ATTACKS FAIL; ARMY HEADS RETURN TO HOMES

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)
BERLIN, via Sayville, Dec. 20.—It was announced today that Russian attacks on the east bank of the Golden in Bistritza failed. Artillery fire is more active on the Macedonian front. Isolated patrol clashes and cannonading are reported on the western front. Newspapers declared that the French General Berthelot, commanding the Roumanian forces, has asked for a recall. The majority of the British officers attached to the Roumanian general staff have already started toward England.

WOMEN IN COLORADO BACK LINDSEY BILL

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)
DENVER, Colo., Dec. 20.—Colorado women are completing plans today to force through the legislature next month Judge Ben Lindsey's bill providing maternity benefits and entitled "Horses' Rights for Women." This bill, the first of its kind in this country, provides that a working woman expecting to become a mother may receive state aid for a period both before and after maternity.

"Thousands of women and girls work till within a few days of becoming mothers," Judge Lindsey said today, "and then return to work while still weak. Their health and often that of their children is permanently injured. My bill would simply provide that the state give them the same period of rest that any wise and humane farmer gives a horse or a cow at such a time."

"At present we take better care of our cattle than we do of our mothers, and I believe such a bill as 'Horses' Rights for Women' would do away with this evil. I feel that if we can get it adopted in Colorado other states will soon fall in line and it will become a national reform."