

TO INVESTIGATE ROUTE

Business Men of This City Would Ascertain its Feasibility

SHOULD CHANGE LAW ON TROUT

Advantages of Railroad Route up the River and West From Burns May be Fully Investigated and Surveyed--Grange Day at The County Fair This Fall.

The Times-Herald has heard several suggestions from business men respecting the advisability of incorporating a railroad company to reconnoitre and survey the line outlined in our last issue. That the route is feasible has long been admitted by those familiar with the territory. It is pointed out that such a line would have the advantage of a timber area that would furnish immediate tonnage as well as convenience to the building of the line, but it also has the other and more important advantage of almost incalculable power sites at convenient places along the line which development would furnish live power for the road for many miles.

With such inducements and possibilities of electric power great stretches of the proposed road it only requires that this exploited and demonstrated route be taken across the interior country. The business men of Burns are capable of doing this and with proper effort this route could be placed before capitalists at once with the result that would go.

GRANGE DAY AT COUNTY FAIR.

State Organizer Gekeler of the Grange has been in this valley for the past two weeks and has taken up considerable interest in the organization among the farmers but finds it is not an open time to start granges as it is a very busy season for the farmers and they can hardly spare the time to go any great distance to attend the meetings necessary to get the organization of local granges under way.

He has met with encouragement, however, and at the suggestion of the secretary of the Harney county Fair Association will return here this fall at a time it is expected to have a very successful Grange day at the fair and start a strong organization of Burns with a large membership of farmers in this vicinity. Mr. Gekeler will co-operate with the fair management to make Grange day an interesting feature of fair week when Grange lecturers will be present to help place the merits of the organization before the people. A particular program will be arranged for that day at the fair and ends with the view of making farmers' day.

Local grange workers will contribute to the success of this venture and definite announcement will be made at some future time.

SEASON FOR TROUT WRONG.

Why the open season for trout should close in November and remain closed during the winter months no one knows nor can one suggest an explanation other than the fact that no one is to enjoy the sport of casting a fly hook over ice and snow. Assuming that the closed season is for the purpose of protecting trout and aiding the production, the season opens just at the time it should close. Fishing along any of the streams at this time will find spawning on the rifles. This section this starts about the first of April, just about the time the season should close. Experience shows that the season for open fishing should close at March 1 and remain closed until the middle of May or the first of June. The idea of closing the season during November, December, January and February is ill-advised. Trout should be protected during the spawning

period and that starts about the time the fishing season opens, on April 1.—Blue Mt. Eagle.

The Times-Herald man and some friends found the above to be correct while fishing at his fishing ranch last week. The trout caught were spawning and if they are to be protected this is the period that should be closed to fishing.

OUR STATE TAX.

Treasurer Simon Lewis has received the official call for the state tax due from Harney county and it is less than has been paid for a number of years, the total being \$11,921.19. One half of this is due May 1 and the other half the 1st of November.

Our neighboring counties have to pay as follows: Grant county, \$11,528.87; Malheur, \$14,981.48; and Lake \$11,352.84.

FRANK W. BENSON.

In the death of Secretary of State F. W. Benson, which occurred at Redlands, California, last Friday, Oregon has lost a worthy and deserving citizen as well as official. The writer has known Mr. Benson for many years and while not meeting him often of late years always found him to be the same obliging Frank at the state capitol as Governor that he did at the court house in Roseburg when he was the county clerk of Douglas county. He leaves a widow and two sons to mourn him. His place as Secretary of State has been filled by the appointment of B. W. Olcott, Governor West making the appointment the first of this week.

INDUSTRIAL NOTES.

(Portland Correspondence.)

To carry the message of progress and to encourage the commercial bodies of the state to greater efforts along publicity lines, Field Secretary Sayer, of the Oregon Development League has left the Portland headquarters for an extended trip through Eastern Oregon. He will cover 2100 miles on his journey and will call upon many commercial bodies that have never received an official visit from the League. Mr. Sayer will advise with dormant commercial clubs and help revive them and will establish new ones where they are needed.

The country to be traversed, Eastern and Central Oregon, is developing fast, due to the new railroads now being built, and it is considered important that the new cities get a start along the right lines in publicity work. Intelligent methods will do much to win settlers for this region of great future possibilities.

Umatilla County cities will work together for the common good to better advantage because of the enthusiastic rally held at Pendleton during the past week, when C. C. Chapman, Secretary of the Oregon Development League, made an address and urged them to stand together. The same sentiment was brought out by other speakers and an era of better feeling among Umatilla communities may be said to have begun. It is a great county, raising 5,000,000 bushels of wheat or 1 per cent of the crop of the United States, which is more than any other county grows. Fruit, too, is an important asset and now that the different towns are co-operating, with Pendleton building up the good will of the whole district, irrespective of distance from the county seat, it will be worth while to keep an

eye on Umatilla, for you will see it grow.

The biggest month in colonization movements Oregon has ever had has just closed, bringing thousands of new citizens to the state. Favorable rates attracted people from all parts of the country who are valuable additions to the population. Every part of the state has profited by the heavy gain in new people. It is up to the older residents to make the new comers feel at home for if they like this state they will induce their friends back home to come out also.

Madras wants a land office to handle the business that now goes to the Dalles or Lakeview from the vicinity of that town. With the settlement of Central Oregon and the many newcomers filing on land, there is business enough around Madras for such an institution and Senator Chamberlain has been asked to establish one there.

Salem Elks came to the aid of the Portland lodge during the past week by giving a minstrel show and the proceeds will be sent here to help entertain the Grand Lodge in 1912. Over \$500 was secured for this purpose.

May 1 is going to be cleanup day for Newport. The Mayor has designated that date for removing rubbish, building sidewalks, painting houses and adding to the general attractiveness in every way. Newport is getting ready to welcome the usual large number of Summer visitors.

Portland will have an annual dog show April 26-29, when canines of high degree from the whole Northwest will be exhibited. The coming show will be the largest ever held here for already more than 200 dogs have been entered and more are expected.

WOOL SALE DATES.

The wool sales dates as fixed by the Oregon Woolgrowers' Association are: At Pendleton, May 23 and June 9; Pilot Rock, May 26 and June 10; Echo, May 24; Heppner, June 1 and June 22; Vale, June 13; Ontario, June 14; Shaniko, June 6 and June 27; Baker City, June 16; Enterprise and Wallowa County, June 30 and July 11. The Woolbuyers have disbanded their organization, but will bid individually at the various sales dates and better prices are expected to result to the growers by the tendency on the part of growers to hold for sales dates.

Brooke Tells 'Em to Get Busy.

Hon. W. H. Brooke told his home people at Ontario the other day after returning from this city that they should get busy on the roads if they expect to hold their own in the trade and freight of Harney county. The Argus says:

Mr. Brooke stated that the people of Burns had an idea that the Malheur county people were working against their interests and did not care for their trade. The Harney county officials take good care of their roads to the county line, and in Malheur county there has not been a move to get the roads in passable condition. In Harney the roads have been dragged and the loose rocks removed. In Malheur the roads are about impassable.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

TO THE EDITOR—I beg to announce that I have recently resigned from my position with the Oregon & Western Colonization Company. And for the further information of business friends, I will mention that I expect to still be active in the same field in the interest of the same old company by whom I have been employed, the W. V. & C. M. W. R. Co., during the last eight years. C. C. LUNDY.

When a medicine must be given to young children it should be pleasant to take. Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is made from loaf sugar, and the roots used in its preparation give it a flavor similar to maple syrup, making it pleasant to take. It has no superior for colds, croup and whooping cough. For sale by all good dealers.

HURRYING ROAD WORK

Bend People to Complete Auto Road to Harney County Line

ASK FOR A DAILY MAIL ROUTE

When Ragebrush and All Rocks Are Removed Party of Autoists Will Come to Burns and Formally Inform us of Opening--Quicker Mail Service West.

Armed with grub hoes, picks, powder and other road-making equipment, a crew of six men started out from Bend Monday morning to put the new Bend-Burns road in tip-top shape for travel. All the sagebrush and rocks will be removed clear thro to the Harney county line. This work will be completed, it is expected, by April 23, when a party of Bend men, in eight or ten automobiles, will leave here to make a trip over the highway to Burns.

The road gang, headed by Superintendent E. W. Richardson, which left Bend on March 27 to go over the route with a drag, returned last Thursday. The heavy machine was pulled over the route twice and removed much of the sagebrush. But, according to the homesteaders in town this week who have been over the road, this drag did not leave the new highway in a condition fit for traveling, some of them going so far as to say they could barely find the way in some places.

The party that started to work Monday consists of Mr. Richardson, a cook and four laborers; two wagons to haul provisions, feed, tools, etc., are taken along, with only one team, however, which will be sufficient to move the wagons along as the workmen advance. An average of six or seven miles a day will be made, it is believed, and the entire route gone over in two weeks. Homesteaders who subscribed labor on the road will be asked to assist the party as it goes out.

Bend business men have been very liberal in their contributions and with the money the county has given there will be ample funds for carrying out this important road-building project.

The autoists will leave here a week from Sunday going through to Burns and formally inform the people of that town of the new road being opened and invite them to begin using it for freight and auto travel. By May 1 a large number of teams will likely be going over the new route.—Bend Bulletin.

PROF. THOMPSON PLEASURES.

Prof. Edward Abner Thompson the high class elocutionist and bass singer gave two entertainments here during the week while making his sister, Mrs. M. V. Dodge, a visit.

The first was on Monday evening at the Photo-Play house at which he charmed his audience with a remarkably interesting program of a variety that displayed his talents to good advantage. Miss Louel Smith assisted with vocal selections that were well received and appreciated by her many friends and admirers. An urgent request was made that he give another evening to the public and he consented to appear again under the auspices of the ladies of the Catholic church at Locher's hall on Wednesday evening. He was again greeted with a fine audience which fully showed its appreciation by generous applause for every number.

Miss Agnes Love performed at the piano and Mrs. Dodge rendered two beautiful violin solos that were much appreciated.

MAIL ROUTE TO BEND.

Already steps have been taken looking to the establishment of a daily mail route between this city and Bend. This route will be asked as soon as the railroads reach the latter point, which will be some months yet, however.

The completion of a good road between here and Bend will bring us in close touch with that territory and the establishment of a mail route will put us in closer touch with Portland and other western points, giving more direct and quicker communication.

SOME GRANGE HISTORY.

We have received the following interesting information from State Grange Organizer Gekeler regarding the organization he is here representing.

In 1865 William A. Saunders, the United States landscape gardener, published the first outline of the Grange. In 1867 with the assistance of O. H. Kelly and several other government officials they founded the National Grange Patrons of Husbandry. The first State Grange was organized in Minnesota in 1869, and the order has now spread to thirty-five states and Canada with sister organizations in Ireland, Switzerland and other European countries.

The Oregon State Grange was organized in 1873 and has held an annual session ever since. Thirty counties of Oregon have Granges ranging from Harney county, with one grange, to Linn and Clackamas with eighteen subordinates each, backed by over ten thousand members. The Oregon system of government, which is being talked of all over the world, is the result of Grange work in this state.

New York has the largest membership among the Grange states with over one hundred thousand members while Maine boasts of the largest subordinate with twelve hundred members; this Grange owns and operates a starch factory, blacksmith shop, iron foundry, store, insurance company and numerous other enterprises, with excellent returns, for more than twenty years.

The Philadelphia North American said a few years ago: "For years the North American has been declaring that the Grange is the most progressive body of citizens in Pennsylvania; we believe that contention proved by one fact, that not a single public reform or economic betterment has been effected which did not first find its support and advocates in this organization." In 1905 the Oregonian said: "When the farmer grows intelligently alive to their own welfare and go about in the modern ways of looking after their interests they will become, as they ought to be, from their numbers and the fundamental importance of their occupation, the dominant

class of the country. The sooner they come to a position to protect themselves and assert their rights the better for us all."

HOME RULE LAW FAULTY.

The following is from a Portland exchange:—That the wording of the Home Rule amendment, adopted at the general election last November does not, in all probability, convey the meaning which it was intended to impart is one of the important features of the decision handed down last week by Circuit Court Judge Knowles at Wallowa in the Joseph local option case.

In the opinion rendered on this case, Judge Knowles declares that the only reasonable construction that can be placed upon the constitutional amendment is that where the local option is in force in a county by a vote of the people of that county, towns and incorporated cities do not have the power to license the sale of intoxicating liquors within their corporate limits.

He says that if it was the intent of the framers of the amendment to accomplish another end, the fault lies in the wording of the amendment. In citing a decision of the Supreme Court he says:

"It is always competent of the Legislature to speak clearly and without equivocation, and it is safer for the Judicial Department to follow the plain and obvious meaning of the act, rather than to speculate upon what might have been the views of the Legislature."

In accordance with the Supreme Court rulings on similar cases, Judge Knowles bases his decision in the Joseph case, by declaring that the city of Joseph did not have the power to grant a license for the sale of intoxicating liquors, under the constitutional amendment without first submitting the question of prohibition to the people of that city. Inasmuch, therefore, as the county of Wallowa was "dry" at the time the amendment was adopted, it was the will of the people to keep the cities and districts of the county dry, he says, and the question of prohibition can apply only to the city of Joseph by a vote of the electors in the same manner that the prohibition law is made applicable to the county or subdivision of the county.

THE WEATHER

The backward cold blustry weather that has prevailed more or less the past two weeks has not been local. Many other more favored locations throughout the entire northwest have been having similar weather and the smudge pot has been in constant use in the fruit sections with indifferent success. Harney county has not been materially hurt by this cold weather as it has held back vegetation with the result that we may feel confident of crops when growing weather does come. Besides it has held the snow back in the mountains and will give us high water longer and later in the season when it is most needed.

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