

BIG BUTTE PROJECT FAVORED
BEAVER CREEK DISCARDED BY
DIRECTORS MEDFORD DISTRICT

State Engineer to Make Recommendation By August 20—Directors of District Make Report Upon Land Eliminations and Stream Measurements for Summer.

The directors of the Medford Irrigation District have as yet received no offer from the Rogue River Canal company as to selling its water supply, the Salem dispatches state that State Engineer John H. Lewis has received a proposal in writing to dispose of Fish Lake and Four Mile lake reservoirs with all canals and water rights for \$250,000, with only 10 second feet to be reserved for use on the company's own lands.

The directors have issued the following report upon the board's actions during the past few months: To the landowners of the Medford Irrigation District: A very great deal of important business has been transacted since the last report was sent to the land owners of the Medford Irrigation District by the directors. This report will touch upon these points and will lay before the land owners the exact situation as it exists today. The directors wish again to call attention to the fact that all the books and records of the district are in the office of the district, 415 M. F. & H. building, and are open to public inspection.

The principal happenings of the past months are:

- 1. The elimination hearings which were held during April.
2. The ruling of the board on the lands which were asked to be exempted.
3. The abandonment of investigation on the Beaver Creek project.
4. Further study of the Big Butte project.
5. Further study of the Rogue River Canal company project.
6. The decision of the board to recommend the Big Butte Creek project.
7. Several conferences with the state engineer.
8. The decision of the state engineer.

Considering Eliminations
A complete discussion of these eight points now follows:

1. Hearing on all petitions for elimination of land filed before Mar. 1st, 1918, were held on April 2nd and following days. Some three land owners, most of whom were represented by their lawyers, appeared before the board. The directors personally visited the lands in question but in order to safeguard both the interests of the petitioners and the district they secured the services of three experts. These experts were: Prof. W. L. Powers of the department of irrigation, drainage and agronomy at the Oregon Agricultural college, former County Judge George Dunn, and Mr. J. B. Pettigill. None of these men had any interests to serve other than to give a true and impartial opinion on the need of irrigation upon acreage petitioning for elimination.

Board of Experts
Prof. Powers testified that he had carried out many tens of thousands of experiments and determinations on irrigation problems; that he had viewed the lands in the valley at least once a year for several seasons; and that irrigation will substantially benefit this valley and the lands in question.

Judge Dunn was asked to serve upon the suggestion of J. M. Lofland of the petitioners who stated to Director Coleman that they would be absolutely content to abide by what Judge Dunn recommended. Judge Dunn has been for many years a farmer in this valley and he has had an unusual opportunity to study conditions upon his own ranch about half of which has a water right. The opinions of Judge Dunn and Prof. Powers were identical.

Mr. J. B. Pettigill is the land expert for the Oregon-Utah Sugar company and he has had an unusually wide experience in irrigation practice both in Rogue River valley and in Utah. Perhaps no man in the last three years has been forced to consider irrigated and non-irrigated crops in this valley from so many angles as Mr. Pettigill and certainly no one with whom the directors could get in touch has had so long a training on actual irrigation methods as Mr. Pettigill. The opinion of this expert was similar to that held by the other two.

Testimony was introduced on behalf of the petitioners largely by neighbors and it was contended that satisfactory crops had been grown upon these lands for a great number of years.

The proceedings lasted for 18 days and over 1000 typewritten pages of testimony were taken.

Lands Eliminated
The decision of the board was made after mature deliberation and the following basis was determined upon:

- 1. Lands shall be eliminated which:
a. are excessively rough or poor;
b. can not be irrigated by gravity. (Unless petitioned to remain in);
c. are in wood lots;
d. already have water;
e. more valuable for other purposes than agriculture;
f. lie in Bear, Jackson or Griffin creek beds.
2. Elimination shall not be granted:
a. for good agricultural land;
b. land with sub-irrigation which is not available;
c. creek channels other than Bear, Jackson and Griffin.
d. house lots, barn lots and feeding lots;
e. roads.

(Almost every ownership includes c, d, and e, listed above and long practice in Oregon, Washington and California is followed in this decision.)

Eliminations were granted to the petitioners only upon the grounds outlined above and in accordance with the Oregon Irrigation law.

Beaver Creek Project.

3. As stated in the last report to the land owners the directors decided early in the winter that the Beaver Creek project appeared to be the best available source at that time and it was ordered that further water readings be made and that until it was definitely decided whether sufficient water was available or not no further money be spent on collecting engineering data. It was evident as early as March 1st that the water available for the Beaver Creek project would fall far below requirements for this year but at that time the attention of the board was called to very remarkable and unexplainable water measurements which were being made by order of the board upon Big Butte creek.

Big Butte Measurements

4. Water measurements taken by the U. S. geological survey for the past several years upon Big Butte creek were made just above Butte Falls at what is known as the Covered Bridge station. The reports of the district engineer based upon these readings were that there was not a sufficiency of water for the purposes of the district and it was proposed to take 100 c. f. s. from south fork of Rogue river to supplement this supply. On October 3, 1917 the first reading was made on Big Butte creek at the proposed point of diversion by J. B. Platt and H. G. Stockman. This was done upon the direct order of your board because it was thought that this source of supply was so good that it should not be passed up if any means were found to make it available. During the winter this stream was kept under observation and an increase in the volume of water was noted. In June an automatic gauging station was installed. At this time there were 217 c. f. s. in the stream. June 9, 176 c. f. s. was measured. On June 15 Mr. C. L. Bateholder, assistant district engineer United States geological survey came to Medford at the request of the board and within the hour made two readings on Big Butte, the first at the Covered Bridge where he measured 192 c. f. s., and the second at point of diversion where he found 170 c. f. s. This led him to the conclusion that a large and constant underflow of water came into the channel of the stream thru the lava formation between these two points.

The following measurements have since been made:
June 20, 164 c. f. s.; July 7, 162 c. f. s.; July 14, 164 c. f. s.; July 21, 162 c. f. s.
Close preliminary estimates of the Big Butte project have been made and indicate that the water can be brought to the high point on every holding of land for \$75.00 per acre or less. This price to include depreciation on bonds and interest during the period of construction. It has been the feeling of your board and of the engineers that a sufficiently high estimate should be made in order that the project shall be completed well within the estimate. Bonds will only be sold for the actual cash cost of the project.

The water rights upon Big Butte are in unusually good shape. There is but one big filing and that is being held in trust by the state engineer. There are no conflicting rights on Rogue river. The Shisby filings are for water to be taken from the river two miles above the mouth of Big

Butte. The California Oregon Power company have certain right for power purposes but our rights would seem not to be in conflict. Below Gold Ray dam there is an abundance of water for all present or prospective users.

Rogue River Canal Company Project

5. A complete and careful study of the works and rights of the Rogue River Canal company leads to the conclusion on the part of your board that this project is not as advantageous as the Big Butte creek project. This decision is arrived at without prejudice to the works or rights of the Canal company. It seems to your directors that there is a sufficiency of land lying north of the Hopkins lateral for all the water which can be delivered by the Canal company and inasmuch as Big Butte creek has shown itself to have an ample amount of water for this district it is the opinion of your board that the landowners should be given an opportunity to vote upon the Big Butte project.

6. After most careful consideration and a thorough investigation covering almost a year of actual field work and the minute study of all data obtainable your board of directors have decided to recommend the Big Butte Creek project and to that end have submitted a report to the state engineer requesting his immediate attention in order that an election may be held with as little delay as possible.

7. The state engineer has been freely consulted by your board and plans have been worked out by the district engineers along the lines suggested by Mr. Lewis.

State Engineer's Decision

8. The state engineer has made the following decision:

In order to thoroughly satisfy himself concerning the engineering features of the Big Butte source of supply he has required additional information. Your board of directors has agreed to engage the services of Mr. Cunningham, chief engineer of the Suttles Lake project, to go over the whole project with a view of making his recommendations to the state engineer. This work should take not more than a couple of weeks to complete. Readings of the gauges and water measurements on Big Butte are to be continued and if the stream continues to hold up for the next thirty days as it has during the spring a safe and satisfactory source of supply has been found and one which the state engineer will approve. Mr. Lewis has promised to make his recommendations by August 20th or before that time if possible and it is the purpose of your board to call an election as soon thereafter as is possible in order that water may be delivered to the Medford Irrigation District during the growing season of 1919.

Cooperation Asked

Your board can not too urgently or too often point out to the land owners the vital necessity of cooperation in carrying thru this project. The members of the board have individually given day after day of their time to district work. Most of the problems have been met and solved. This has taken time and while to many outsiders it appeared that district matters were at a standstill to those who took an interest in the project progress was constantly to be seen. If the landowners of the district want water next year it is time for them to come forward with determination. It is possible to obtain water on your land during the 1919 growing season if you will uphold the hands of your directors.

How can you do this?
Inform yourself about the whole project and spread the truth. Stamp out any lie with facts just as you would stamp out German propaganda with facts.
Get together in your community and discuss this letter and then ask your board to come down and speak to you on irrigation matters.
Do anything so as to get action.
But bear in mind one thing. Your board of directors, the other officers, the engineers, have done almost all that they can do. It is up to you now to make public opinion so strong that this thing is going thru with a burst of speed that will make the rest of the state say: The old Medford spirit—the Rogue River valley way of doing things—has come back, now watch them go.

LEONARD CARPENTER, President.
E. G. COLEMAN,
W. A. FOLGER.

ASHLAND AND VICINITY

Chautauqua closes Thursday evening with "Hawaii, Land of Music," as the attraction, incorporating a concert by the Royal Hawaiian Quintet and an illustrated lecture descriptive of the islands by Mildred Clements. The prelude will be in recognition of the Junior Chautauqua. A story lady will be present in the person of Anne Batterton who will supervise the staging of a Mother Goose festival for the kiddies. All

the pretty dresses and costumes of Fairyland will be in evidence. This entertainment by the Junior element will take the place of the "circus" of the years ago. On Wednesday afternoon the Trolley Club led in musical lines, followed by a cartoon lecture by the inimitable Ned Woodman. On Wednesday evening Lincoln Wirt will give his war talk connected "With Our Armies in Europe," delivered under government authorization. This speaker represents on the Chautauqua platform, descriptively and historically, a campaign of enlightenment corresponding to the Gerard movies in a pictorial way, such as the past week has witnessed in the theatres. Thavin's Exposition band gave the two major entertainments of the course on Tuesday afternoon and evening, all music critics dwelling upon the sparkle and dashing brilliancy of its perfect interpretations.

Miss Olive Lester of Grants Pass, is visiting during the Chautauqua season with her friend Pearl Hodgkinson, at the family home on Church street. Mrs. Hattie Boggess of Oregon City is visiting her daughter, Mrs. George Millner. Dr. C. F. Tilton and family have returned from Portland and have gone on a vacation trip to Crescent City and vicinity. Rev. C. A. Edwards, Methodist pastor, has gone to Portland, a trip which is the precursor of a more extended vacation period of a month or so.

C. E. Johnson, employed at Schwein's market, exhibits a badge which commemorates the visit of Lafayette to this country in 1824. The badge is of silk and contains a fine portrait of the celebrated Frenchman, supplemented by a sketch of his life and accomplishments. The ribbon badge has been carefully preserved in the Johnson family for over 60 years, its repository being in the family bible as a bookmark.

Directors of the Valleyview school district contemplate closing the school the coming winter and sending the pupils to Ashland by jitney conveyance. Under prevailing conditions and the small number of scholars, they deem the plan not only possible but more economical.

Pure air faddists, especially those who camp out in sideboard tents minus canopy tops, pitching their tents in the open courts of the business district, are reminded that peeping Toms have ready access to second-story windows. Abe Butler, baker, has exchanged some dough for the John B. Smith place of four acres, well improved, at the foot of Oak street, outside of city limits, which property he will occupy Aug. 1 and diversify as to crops. Lewis A. Donaldson, a newcomer from Klamath county has purchased the J. B. Glisan property on Holly street and will take possession at an early date. Mayor C. B. Lamkin made these deals possible. Darryl Minkler has passed final examination at the M. S. Island yard as electrical expert in government employ, and is now acting as instructor of two classes of 30 men each who are pursuing this technical training. His mother, Mrs. Helen Minkler, chief yeoman in the safety engineer corps at Bremerton, arrived here Sunday for a visit with relatives in Ashland and Medford, after which she will visit her son at San Francisco.

Miss Cora Rivet of the First National, and Miss Ruth Whitney of the Citizens bank, are taking their respective vacations. The latter will visit relatives in San Francisco. Among the soldier boys who have lately gone to Camp Lewis is Neil Shinn. The temporary closing of the Fourth Street bakery owing to a fracture of the food regulations, has given an impetus to the importation of loaves baked in foreign ovens, notably from Medford, shipments of the same being received from there daily.

Rev. P. K. Hammond, vicar of Trinity Episcopal church, has been granted a vacation of four weeks. The Sunday school will observe the customary hour as usual. The W. C. T. U. wishes to remind the public of its patriotic rally to be held in the Ashland Congregational church, Tuesday evening, July 29. Able speeches, readings, and stirring music.

Funeral services of Mrs. Charlotte Bronie Praht Wilkins, who died in this city last Sunday, were held at the home of her mother, Mrs. Max Praht, on Tuesday afternoon, the burial being in Mountain View cemetery. The deceased was 40 years of age, and was the wife of Alva B. Wilkins, the family home being in Dunsmuir.

"Out of the Darkness," a weird romance from distant Egypt which has been given a ghostly stage setting, will be presented at the high school, Saturday evening, July 29, in behalf of the war relief movement. The production will have music and dance accompaniments.

Orville Hall, son of Lee Hall of the Ford garage, has been a home visitor of late from the scene of eastern naval bases where he is an expert

mechanician on one of the latest types of submarine chasers. His latest assignment has been at Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Nickerson of Sacramento, have been visiting relatives in the J. M. Wagner family, incident to an extensive motoring trip up into Oregon territory. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Loozeley of Klamath county, other relatives, also gathered in Ashland during the Chautauqua season.

Mrs. Wm. Myer is in Dunsmuir, called there by the illness of her son Cedric who is having a severe spell of the measles. Zenas Moody, Pacific Fruit Express official at Portland, and who joined the navy sometime since, has been here from Bremerton this week visiting the home folks.

Revised water schedules during the temporary close season divide the city into three districts, and the reins of restriction are drawn a little tighter until further notice. The subdivisions include the lower district which will be supplied with sprinkling and irrigation privileges on Mondays and Thursdays; upper east district, Tuesdays and Fridays; upper west district, Wednesdays and Saturdays. The hours are universally from 6 to 9 a. m., and 6 to 9 p. m. No sprinkling or irrigation will be allowed on Sundays, all postnocks and hydrants to observe an orthodox circumspection on that date, even the rite of immersion being dispensed with until Ashland creek rises.

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Circuit Court
Southern Pacific company vs. Medford Realty & Improvement company. Assignment of judgment.
William E. Butler vs. Edward E. Dutton. Order.
Mamie E. Riddle vs. Charles W. Isaacs. Order.

Birdie I. Emert vs. Perry M. Emert. Proof of summons.
Bullock Mercantile Agency vs. Rose Haymond. Default decree.
George R. Lundley vs. Wm. Sears. Default decree.

Irla J. Stewart et al vs. F. G. Matheson. Default.
John H. Heckert vs. Ethelyn Heckert. Suit for divorce.

Real Estate Transfers
Lillian R. Stevenson et vir to W. H. Bariges et ux. Lot 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, Nickel Plate addition, City of Ashland. \$10
Michael Soren et al to Cad Ellis. Lots 54, 55, Royal Orchard tract No. 3. 10
William A. Reeder et ux to Lillian R. Stevenson et vir. Lots 11, 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, Nickel Plate addition, city of Ashland. 10
Frank W. Moore et ux to Harry L. Moore et ux. Lots 8, 9, Summit addition, City of Ashland. 10

Proposals for State Highway Construction
Proposals will be received by the Oregon State Highway Commission, 1201 Yeon building, Portland, Oregon, on August 25th, 1918 for the construction of 4400 lineal feet of pavement on what is known as the Ashland Hill grade elimination in Jackson county, Oregon.

All proposals must be accompanied by a certified check amounting to ten (10) per cent of bid.
Proposals will be received at the same time and place for maintaining pavement for a period of ten years.

Plans and specifications can be obtained at the office of the State Highway Engineer, 203 State House, Salem, Oregon, on the payment of a deposit of five dollars.
(Signed) S. BENSON,
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W. L. THOMPSON,
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