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SECURING DATA FOR IRRIGATION

Government to Disseminate Information

TO BE ISSUED AS BULLETIN

Geo. E. Boos, Special Agent, Now Investigating Systems in Lake County

The Government is now securing data through special agents regarding the different irrigating systems employed in reclaiming lands in the semi-arid regions of the West. When sufficient data is obtained so that reliable information relative to the cost, amount of water, etc., can be published, bulletins will be issued giving all information as to the best methods to be employed in reclaiming lands by irrigation.

Geo. E. Boos, the U. S. special census agent, is in the city for the purpose of collecting information in relation to irrigation ditches called for by the law of February 25, 1910.

The act requires the director of the census to collect statistics of irrigation enterprises in each state and county in the arid regions of the United States. Specifically it is desired to secure complete information concerning the location, character, and cost of irrigation enterprises; whether such enterprises are conducted under national, state, or private control; the national and state laws under which the lands have been brought under irrigation; the area of land irrigated; the location of irrigated lands available for settlement, and all the conditions under which these lands and water rights can be secured; the quantity of water rendered available by these irrigation enterprises; the quantity of water used per acre; the cost of water to irrigators, etc.

Blank schedules have been sent to all interested in ditches and reservoirs for irrigation. Mr. Boos will be in the city for a short time and desires to make a complete canvass of this movement. Reports can be made direct to him; he will make his headquarters at the U. S. Land office while in this city.

In Johnny Simmon's Town

At Cottage Grove a curfew law for adults is being rigidly enforced by the chief of police, on instructions given by the council. The ordinance provides that any adult seen upon the street between midnight and 5 a. m. may be arrested unless a reasonable explanation is given.

COST OF LIVING IS SURE SOARING

Ten Cents Per Mile Less Than Actual Cost of Traveling

At the recent term of court parties bringing in the election returns were allowed 15 cents per mile for the actual distance traveled. Since the "increase in the cost of living" struck as the old rate of 10 cents per mile will not cover the expense, inasmuch as the fare from Silver Lake and return, for example, will eat up the whole amount, to say nothing of bed and board, in years gone by, some of us thought 10 cents per mile stage fare was pretty stiff compared with four and five cents railroad fare, but now the latter charges three cents per mile and when we get out here in Central Oregon stages are too slow and we travel by auto, roads permitting, at five times the charges of the soulless corporations who are grinding the life out of the people, as it were.

New Telephone System

Crescent, Ore., Nov., 23.—With the completion of the extension of the Pioneer Telephone company's line from LaPine to Crescent announcement is made by the company that within a short time the line will be

extended to Silver Lake from this point.

The Silver Lake country is being thickly settled. It is tributary to Crescent as a distributing point. Those who freight to Klamath Falls desire that the proposed road from this town to Silver Lake be completed as soon as possible. The advantages of telephone service promised by the Pioneer company will serve to further increase the business at Klamath Falls.

It is understood that a large number of ranch owners along the line from Bend to Crescent will cut off, it being the purpose of the company to enter to toll service from the various towns along the route. At present the habit of many patrons of taking down receivers to listen when long distance calls are made has rendered the line almost useless. The line all the way to Prineville has been put in good condition, and it is the hope of the company to improve the service still more pretentiously to railroad work next spring.

POLITICIANS ARE GOOD FINANCIERS

Frank Bunting Heads the List With a Profit of Twenty Dollars

The statement of money expended during the recent campaign by the several candidates is quite interesting at this time. The only man that beat the game was F. O. Bunting, defeated candidate for sheriff. He came out \$20.15 to the good, his expense being given at \$59.85 while he received \$80 from the Forestry Department for hauling passengers to Silver Lake and return while engaged in politics. How's that for financing?

S. A. Musben, F. O. Ahlstrom and F. W. Payne had no expense of any kind, not even a nickel cigar, while F. E. Anderson expended but \$4.95. A. B. Schroder came next with an expense of \$60, and Dick J. Wilcox says his expense was \$63.15. Sheriff-elect W. B. Solder expended the sum of \$83.50, just \$1 more than Judge Daly. However, F. P. Light made affidavit that he expended \$179.90 to secure the election of B. Daly as judge, which makes a total of \$263.40 for the judge.

Mrs. Magilton Entertains

Mrs. M. Magilton gave a delightful whist party at her home on Dewey street Wednesday, Nov. 30, 1910, in honor of Mrs. W. Z. Moss, who leaves Tuesday for San Francisco. Dainty refreshments were served. Those present were: Mesdames Moss, Miller, Dewey, Harvey, Shirk, Thompson, Bemis, Seesions, Fitzpatrick, Cronmiller, W. P. Heryford, Florence, S. Chandler, Bunting, Stone, Thornton, W. F. Ahlstrom and Umbach.

Back To Ireland

In addition to the 700 ewes which he sold to Malloy and the McAuliffe Brothers, Jack Turpin Murphy has now sold 500 lambs to the same parties. The price paid was \$3 per head. Mr. Murphy has now disposed of his entire band, and will leave during the coming week for his home in Ireland, where he will remain for sometime visiting with his mother. He will return here next spring.

Card of Thanks

I desire to express my heartfelt thanks to the many friends who so kindly assisted me during the late illness and death of my beloved wife. I assure you that your many noble deeds will always be remembered, and that your kind acts did much to lessen my distress in my terrible bereavement. May He who guides our destinies always have an arm around you.

R. R. UTLEY.

Roll of Honor

The following named pupils in District No. 2 (Graue Creek) are on the roll of honor, they having been neither absent nor tardy and their standing averaging above 90: Willard Vernon, Jesse Vernon, Verlie Mathews, Essie Duke, Dora Vernon, May Vernon, Mildred Duke, Earl Cogburn, Frank Vernon, Ross Duke and Clarence Vernon. Jeanette Jetmore, Teacher.

IS IT A GLOVED HAND?

N.-C.-O. to Amend Charter for Extension of Road to Columbia

RAILROAD SITUATION IS PECULIAR

Indications Point Toward Hill as Being The Man Behind The Gun When It Comes to Building a Road From California to The Columbia River

During the past ten days the railroad situation in Oregon has become more complex than ever, owing to the consolidation of the various S.P. holdings in the Northwest under one head, with the announced purpose of raising funds to build new lines. Inasmuch as the latest map of the State shows a Hill line running from Bend to Lakeview and another running on South, it would seem not at all improbable that Hill is the man that is backing the proposed N.-C.-O. extension to the Columbia, as announced in the Reno Journal last Sunday. The article referred to follows.

One of the most significant moves shedding light on the still existing struggle between the Hill and Harriman plans for supremacy in transportation between Puget sound and the gulf came to light Sunday with the publication of a notice of stockholders' meeting of the Nevada-California Oregon railway. The notice in itself has no particular import to the average reader but to those who have watched for years the progress of the rivalry between the Hill and Harriman interests it is fraught with great interest.

The notice states that the object of the meeting is to amend the original articles of incorporation of the Nevada-California Oregon railway and to provide for the extension of the road a distance of 500 miles northwesterly from Reno instead of 200 miles as formerly. The intention appears to extend the road to The Dalles on the boundary line between Oregon and Washington.

The proposed change indicating perhaps in a remote way the intention of the management reads as follows:

"From the town of Reno in the state of Nevada through the county of Washoe, state of Nevada, into and through the counties of Sierra, Lassen and Modoc in the state of California and through the counties of Lake, Crook and Wasco in the state of Oregon to a point near the city of Dalles, on the boundary line between the states of Washington and Oregon, a distance of about 500 miles.

The Oregon Railway & Navigation Co. is a Harriman line out of Portland. It was originally the product of the genius of Henry Villard, who controlled the transportation lines in that country in 1879.

The Hill line practically parallels the Harriman road on the other side of the river.

The question seems to be whether the move indicates an adjunct to the Hill plan or that of Harriman. The Harriman interests already have a projected line down the Deschutes country, and there is a branch road out of Fernley projected to meet it and make a junction with Hazen.

In the Hill plans, however, there is seen the construction of the Smith road out of Sacramento due east to the south elbow of Lake Tahoe and the contemplated extension of the Virginia & Truckee southward with possible junction. This would give an outlet from San Francisco to Reno via the Smith road and the V. & T., and a farther outlet north via the N.-C.-O. With an extension over the Columbia river the direct route into Portland and Puget sound would be reached.

The announcement of the extension following close on the heels of Judge Lovett's statement concerning the incorporation of the Oregon Washington Railroad and Navigation Co., gives color to the story that it may be a part of that plan.

It would appear from a recent developments that the Southern

at the local land office by Andrew Christensen, of Fort Rock. The testimony submitted in connection with the same shows that Mr. Christensen is the proud father of twelve children. Surely here is a matter which should be called to the attention of ex-President Roosevelt. We might add that Mr. Christensen is a Norwegian by birth, and that he had no trouble in having certificate issue on his claim.

Breaking In the Goat

Wm. Burch, the Adel merchant, spent Sunday of the past week in Bidwell. The Nugget did not learn the true nature of his business but some of the "Odd Fellow boys" say they saw goat hair on his clothing and are of the opinion that Billie was taming their goat last Saturday night. "Good boy Billie": there has been two million good fellows tried 'the same thing and as far as we know, none of them are ashamed of the feat, says the Bidwell Gold Nugget.

LOCAL DOINGS AT NEW PINE CREEK

Batch of Newsy Items From Our State Line Neighbor

Jack Howell is chief mixer at the Billiard and Pool room.

E. C. Stickel, who has been on the sick list, is about again.

There was a tree planting at the State Line school on Nov. 15th.

A grand mask ball will be given at the Opera House on Friday night, Dec. 30.

Mr. and Mrs. Shower have moved into their building east of Mrs. John O'Neill's.

The new drug store is now open for business, which is quite an addition to our town.

The southern stage is coming in from one to two hours late on account of muddy roads.

John Brown, the popular mining man from the Heg mines, has been in town for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Adees came down from the mines last week. They expect to remain in New Pine Creek.

Dr. Patterson took suddenly ill last week at the drug store. We are glad to state he is up and around again.

The public free dinner given at the Opera House Thanksgiving day was not so well attended on account of a very stormy day.

Some especially fine moving pictures are shown every Tuesday and Saturday nights at the New Pine Creek moving picture theater.

The drama that is to take place at the Opera House next Friday night, Dec. 2, promises to be one of the best ever had here. There will be an all night dance after the play.

The Thanksgiving ball given at the Opera House was not so well attended on account of the bad weather. About twenty numbers were sold. All who attended had a fine time. The supper given at the Lake hotel was very highly spoken of by those who attended.

Lealle Boyce, who is on parol, was arrested and taken to Alturas last week. It is said he broke his parol by crossing the state line here at New Pine Creek, but it must be a mistake. Mr. Boyce had gone to work for John Larkins at the saw mill and intended to work there all winter.

Swell Entertainers

George Johnson and Sam Langford, the colored boys, on Thanksgiving evening entertained a number of their friends with a seven course dinner. The boys did themselves proud, and the guests were unable to do the feast full justice, a least one being unable to reach the fish. Both of the young men served time on Pullman dining cars, and hence were fully capable of serving such a feast from the soup to the coffee, and each course accompanied by the proper wine from sauter to champagne. Few such dinners have ever been given in this neck of the woods and all of the guests present voted it a most enjoyable occasion.

Fritch Hager has accepted a position with Watson, the painter.

TAXES FOR 1910 SOON TO BE DUE

Assessment Roll Is Now Complete

EQUALIZED AT \$8,065 279

Levy Probably 12 Mills to Meet Demand for Good Schools and Roads

The county board of equalization has completed its labors, and the corrected assessed valuation of all taxable property in Lake County is as follows:

146,217 acres tillable land	\$1,997,335
668,214 acres non-tillable land	3,276,487
37,729 cattle	506,965
6,403 horses and mules	228,360
443 swine	2,102
120,240 sheep and goats	397,740
75 dogs	3,015
Merchandise	152,124
Town lots	410,830
Improvements on town lots	245,270
Improvements on deeded lands	138,080
Improvements on land not deeded	60,425
Machinery	34,417
Household goods	38,650
Fixtures	9,139
Surgical instruments	195
Automobiles	6,680
Money	58,275
Notes and accounts	188,339
900 shares of stock	285,292
Total	\$8,065,279

This is an increase of \$212,165 over the assessment of a year ago, the first that Assessor Foster made, and almost double that of two years ago.

Taxes will become due about the middle of January, and taxpayers will receive a rebate of 3 per cent, if they liquidate with the sheriff before the first Monday in March. Should they desire to pay but half the amount then they will be allowed until October 1 to pay the balance. However, if they fail to pay any portion of their taxes before March 1, a heavy penalty is inflicted.

The tax levy of this year will be somewhat higher than heretofore, inasmuch as the new system of road building is to be commenced, and this will probably require not less than three mills. A considerable larger school tax will also be necessary, and it is probable that the total tax, exclusive of special taxes for city, school and other purposes will be at least 11 mills and possibly 12. The amount raised the past year was approximately \$65,000, while probably \$25,000 more will be necessary this year to meet the expenses of the county.

ALFALFA SEED IS IN MUCH DEMAND

Carload Shipped From New Pine Creek to California

Few people realize the magnitude of the alfalfa-seed industry of Lake County, and that it will figure largely in the products of the county in the very near future seems certain. New Pine Creek is the trade center for the product, and a few days since a carload was shipped to Sacramento, the growers realizing 13 1/2 cents per pound cash. The amount received for the carload was \$3159, there being 23,400 pounds. The seed was gathered in comparatively small lots from different farmers, Tom Vernon on the north and J. J. Monroe on the south, together with a number of other farmers living between the two, harvesting the same.

Previous to this there had been sent to Klamath county three tons of this year's crop of seed, besides other small shipments.

A very fine supper was served at the Colordao Hotel for the dancers at midnight on Thanksgiving, and was heartily appreciated by all partaking thereof. The turkey was fine and so were the flinshings, while George Kepke in capacity of waiter, proved to be a big drawing card.

News for Teddy

On Tuesday morning last, final commutation proof was submitted