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PROTECT THE WEST.

While Polndexter of Washington says the governors' convention at Salt Lake is not in line with proper procedure, there are many people who will not agree with Polndexter in this any more than they do in other matters. The governors' meeting is a good thing for the west, and we hope a firm stand will be taken, even if it is so radical that the people of the East will sit up and take notice.

The West is our home, and the man who will not advocate protection of his home is, to say the least, a peculiar man. We have too much conservation, too many laws, too many officials and too many changes of regulations relative to the public domain in the west. Much as Ballinger is hated by some he has of late delivered a few speeches that should find a place in the heart of every westerner.

It is not right for the extreme east to dictate what shall be done with the resources of the West, any more than it is right for a lot of dishonest men to loot the entire domain. The timber, grazing lands and other natural resources should be for those who come west and who were raised in the West. They have a right to what profit these resources will bring without interferences of a hundred regulations, which, if lived up to, would make it impossible for a citizen to ride through a reserve without infringing on federal law, and thereby laying himself liable to prosecution. The woods are full of special agents and schoolboys in the government employ. These agents frequently overstep the wide latitude given them by law, and as a result some citizen who has braved the frontier in order to live in the west, and help to make it what it is today, is brought before a federal grand jury charged with an offense.

The whole thing needs readjusting. When reformation sets in it becomes a disease. Like most reforms the extreme has been reached, and it seems high time that the department strike a happy medium in the matter.

GAINING STRENGTH DAILY

Without the least doubt the proposed irrigation district is gaining strength daily. This is due to the thorough understanding of the matter among those who are interested and who will be benefited. At first there was some difference of opinion because of the lack of understanding of

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the entire working of such a venture, but gradually this has been explained to the satisfaction of most of the land owners.

There are, we understand, several who oppose the project and do so with the honest conviction that it is not the proper way to water the Grande Ronde. These men are above reproach and what they say regarding the project must have consideration, although we think the time will come when they will agree with the majority and join in taking what is probably the last chance this valley will have to obtain water.

Doubtless the vote on this question will decide it for the future. If it fails to win, there will be no chance of irrigation here for many, many years. Outside capital will not come in if the home people do not have sufficient confidence in their own proposition. It is a mistaken idea to think capitalists are waiting with eager eye to grasp this project. The reason is very plain. If there was a large tract of arid land at hand where the water could be used, then capital would be seeking the reservoir site and water rights, but such is not the case. The land to be watered is land that has been farmed for many years and in order to make the irrigation plant pay, it is necessary to convince the farmer that he can raise more grain and hay with water and then sell him the water. Corporations and syndicates are not anxious for that sort of undertaking, when such propositions as the one just developed at Twin Falls, are yet obtainable. At Twin Falls nothing could be raised without water, while in the Grande Ronde fairly good crops can be raised without irrigation, yet with irrigation there would be twice the amount raised per acre.

It is not surprising that such a large undertaking should require time for the people to analyze every feature of it, but it will be surprising if there is

not almost a unanimous vote for the district when the ballot is taken. The interested ones will never again have a better chance to secure what they so earnestly need as now.

Anyone who has watched the career of Roosevelt carefully would not think that he would be content to be a private in the ranks of the political part that elevated him to office. He has been the central figure too long to be placed in the shadow by any-

one. Therefore the "progressive" or "insurgent" hand was the only one for him to play and continue his leadership whether in or out of office.

Mortgage for \$30,000,000.

A \$30,000,000 mortgage bonds was placed on record at the court house today. The Pacific Power & Light company is the one getting the money and the United States Mortgage Trust company is the one getting the mortgage on the other property, which includes the electric light and power stations owned by the Pacific company in the Northwest.—Pendleton East Oregonian.

MILL IS BEING REPAIRED

NORTH POWDER MILL WILL BE FITTED WITH NEW MACHINERY

Sells Considerable Flour in the Grande Ronde Valley.

North Powder, Or., August 19.—Special.—Work on the North Powder warehouse, which is being constructed by the Farmers' Union in a co-operative manner, is progressing nicely. The foundation is completed and the structure is assuming proportion. Contractor W. D. Eblin says it will only be a short time until the large warehouse will be ready for the fall harvest.

That the Farmers' Union is here outlining a course for other communities to follow, there is not the least doubt among the members who are putting money into the warehouse. The Union is growing rapidly and now there are few ranchers in the north end of Powder valley who are not members. C. S. Moore, secretary of

the Farmers' Union, is personally directing the building of the warehouse and he is making it a modern structure in every sense. It will be fitted with all labor saving devices for unloading and storing grain.

The warehouse when completed, will be 190x290 feet, with concrete foundation. It is 49 feet to the comb and will be covered with iron on the outside and the building will have double walls. Its cost will be \$7,500.

To raise money for this kind of an enterprise a stock company was formed and shares are sold at \$10 each. No one man can put in more than \$500. In talking to Mr. Moore regarding the warehouse he said to a representative of the Observer:

"There are several reasons for building such a building. All ranchers realize their greatest benefit, aside from a good crop, is the market upon which he sells it. By having a house like this we will be enabled to hold crops and sell on telegraphic notice, whereas, under the old system, it was necessary to either sell to the middleman or trust to luck when we shipped our own stuff. I am convinced that the warehouse will more than pay for itself in a short time, and I am also convinced that the Farmers' Union has come to stay. It is not an organization intended to antagonize any merchant or dealer, and it will not do so. The farmers merely ask the privilege of uniting for mutual good to each other, and I do not think anyone can honestly deny such a privilege to American citizens."

Kirtley Improving.

M. H. Kirtley, who was injured on the joy wheel some time ago, has been quite ill as a result, but is resting easier today.

Start Laundry September 1.

The Cherry's New Laundry will begin operations September 1. The building will be completed tomorrow and all machinery will be installed by the end of the month, it is believed.

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