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THE BULLETIN THROWS A FIT

The newspapers situated in the towns which are not fortunate enough to be on the Central Oregon highway, have taken occasion to throw a series of fits about the fact that Sam Hill is advising people the old axiom that "a straight line is the shortest distance between two points" for the apparent reason that said towns do not happen to be on said highway.

The Bend Bulletin, in reply to an article in this paper to the effect that the new highway is some fifty or more miles shorter than any other road, adds that the line is also drier and dustier than any other road. We wish to call the attention of the Bulletin to the fact that their prize road up the Deschutes to La Pine became practically impassable because of the dust during last August, and that much of the traffic south from Bend at present is going east on the Bend—Burns road to the intersection of the Central Oregon Highway thence south.

We do not wish to advertise the misfortune of our neighbors, but the bad condition of this road was advertised in many of the automobile trade journals last fall, and no doubt will be again this year, because the character of the soil in that part of the country is such that it cannot withstand heavy automobile traffic, and the same road will again be very rough this fall.

The Central Oregon Highway was sought out by Sam Hill over what he found to be the best all year around route, with a view to a short, passable road, and the fact that many of these towns were not in the way of this highway, and that he did not go miles to include them on the route, only adds to the bigness of the man, and his undertaking.

Work has been in progress upon a pumping plant along Crooked river for some weeks at a point about midway between Opal Springs and the Crooked river bridge, says the Culver Tribune. At this point a number of springs flow from the

side of the canyon about 100 feet above the bed of the river and the plan is to connect these with a large pump for power and deliver a good quantity of water to the land above for irrigation purposes and for domestic use.

On the south side of the river there is quite a large bench of land which will be valuable when the water is applied for irrigation, and it is planned to reclaim this land. Water will also be pumped to the north side of the river to be used for domestic purposes and for a limited amount of irrigation. A large pump has been purchased which is expected to deliver 300 gallons of water per minute, and it is announced that the plant will be in operation by the first of September.

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BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

Hot weather has affected many apples in the Hood River valley with sun burn.

Farmers are making a concerted campaign to destroy Canadian thistles in Linn county before they bloom.

A. M. Reynolds, new superintendent for the Warm Springs Indian school, has arrived to take charge of his work.

Transcontinental freight rates on dried fruits are to be slashed by the railroads to encourage the movement of Oregon's prunes into the east and middle west.

Work on the new postoffice building at Condon will be started in about a week and the building and fixtures will be complete and ready for occupancy by October 1.

Portland's third annual buyers' week will be held in the week of August 9 to 14 and retail merchants from all parts of the northwest will be guests of the Portland wholesalers.

The state examining board for admission to the bar announced that 83 out of 99 persons who took the recent examination passed. The class is one of the largest in the history of the state.

The Marion county court has promised the fruit growers to take prompt steps to eradicate "fire blight," which has made its appearance, and would damage the fruit industry if steps are not taken to head it off.

It is probable the government will institute suit against the Oregon & California railroad company to secure an accounting for all the lands sold by that company in tracts of more than 160 acres and at a price in excess of \$2.50 an acre.

In accordance with an agreement of two years ago, the state printing board has raised the scale of printers employed in the state plant 25 cents each per day. A proposition to raise some of the printers as high as 75 cents a day was turned down by the board.

C. H. Green of Spokane, has been awarded the contract for the construction of the gravity water system and reservoir for Warrenton. The water will be piped from the Lewis and Clark river via Clatsop, a distance of 20 miles, and the work will cost \$120,000.

In compliance with recommendation made by the parole board, Governor Withycombe has issued paroles to 13 convicts, whose minimum sentences have expired. Under the rules recently adopted they will not be released until they are assured of employment.

Five hundred teachers who has been teaching in the elementary grades of Oregon public schools during the past year, and who plan to do the same next year, are now in attendance at the six weeks' summer school in progress at the Oregon normal school at Monmouth.

Arrangements have been completed for the annual convention and camp meeting of the Evangelical Association of Oregon at Riverview campground, Jennings Lodge, south of Milwaukie, July 27 to August 6. The gathering will be under the supervision of Rev. H. Schuknecht, presiding elder.

Fire wardens to patrol the various sections of timber in the state not included in the national forest reserve have been chosen by State Forester Elliott in co-operation with the various timber associations. These men are under the supervision of the state forester but receive their compensation from the associations.

Arthur Geary, formerly of the University of Oregon and more recently a close student of fruit marketing in the east, has been sent to the Pacific Northwest by fruit auction companies to lecture to growers, explaining the auction system and to ask growers that they give this means of sending fruit to market a fair trial.

The state desert land board has refused to grant the Central Oregon Irrigation company permission to sell more lands, pending an investigation. State Engineer Lewis objected to issuing such permit, asserting that the company had already oversold its acreage for which irrigation was provided and pointing to the recent warning of the interior department regarding this matter.

After making a number of tests, the government has decided to use sandstone from the Tenino, Wash., quarries in the construction of the post-office at The Dalles. On account of the tests the work of constructing the building has been delayed. George Isackson has the contract for the structure, which will be two stories in height and will cost approximately \$80,000.

One of the 147 accidents reported to the state industrial accident commission during the week was fatal, and of the total reported, 91 were subject to the workmen's compensation act, 27 were from public utility corporations, 21 were from firms and corporations that have rejected the provisions of the act, and eight from other firms and corporations which do not employ labor in hazardous occupations. Sawmills led in the number of accidents, 31 being reported, while construction work was second with 28, railroad operations third with 13, and logging fourth with 12.



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