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RENTS

The Bulletin has received a letter
 complaining about rents in Bend and
 asking why we do not write an arti-
 cle about the rent question here.
 To start the discussion, perhaps it
 would be best to reprint the commu-
 nication, which is as follows:

"Why don't you write an article
 about the rent question in Bend.
 Food and everything has come down.
 The men's wages are cut in the mills,
 but rent is the same or more, even,
 than during the war. People must
 pay high rent for the meanest kind
 of a shack and have no voice in the
 matter. I am paying \$35 for a
 house that in any other place would
 rent for \$25 at the most. Something
 surely ought to be done about it, for
 it is not right that rent should be so
 much higher than other things."

It is probably the fact that our
 correspondent is right, and that rents
 in Bend are high, the cause being
 found in the law of supply and de-
 mand. In the past few years the
 population of Bend has increased by
 leaps and bounds. There has been
 an almost constant and acute short-
 age of houses to care for the increas-
 ing population, and those who have
 houses to be rented have found it im-
 possible to charge rents that were
 higher than was justified if the mat-
 ter were looked at from the view-
 point of return on investment alone.
 There is another side to the question,
 however, which is that all houses
 built in the past few years have been
 built at peak prices and with money
 at high interest rates. As prices go
 down these houses will come into
 competition with lower priced ones
 that can rent for lower figures. No
 owner can be criticized for seeking
 to obtain a return now that will en-
 able him to compete with lower
 priced property later.

Then, too, it must be remembered
 that no one is obliged to build houses
 to be rented. Whenever the hous-
 ing shortage is acute in any part of
 the country there is much talk that
 something should be done about it,
 but we believe it has never been sat-
 isfactorily decided who should do it.
 An attempt to better conditions in
 Portland failed miserably. No pub-
 lic agency has satisfactorily dealt
 with the situation that has been uni-
 versal in the United States in the
 past few years. The matter has al-
 ways come back to a question of in-
 dividual initiative and investment,
 and when the individual has gone
 into the business, it has been on the
 basis of investment return and secu-
 rity.

We think our correspondent is
 wrong as to wage reductions. Some
 articles of food and certain kinds of
 merchandise have lowered in
 price, but this fact has no direct
 bearing on rents. These prices have
 decreased because the market has
 been supplied with goods at lower
 prices. There is no new supply of
 houses at lower prices as yet, though
 there undoubtedly will be later, and
 then, as pointed out above, rents will
 go down.

The best answer to the high rent
 question is always "Build your own
 home." And here in Bend that is
 not a mere form of words. The mill
 companies, whose employees form the
 greatest part of the population, have
 been ready to help them at all times,
 and there are scores of persons who
 have taken the opportunity to cut out
 rent paying to another.

And that would be our answer to
 our correspondent, "Build your own
 home."

There have been, so far, five sub-
 scriptions to the fund for the starv-
 ing children of Southeastern Europe,
 amounting, in all, to \$45. If it is
 any satisfaction to you to know that
 you have given a child a few clothes
 and one meal a day during the win-
 ter, or, in other words, his life,
 send in \$10.



Tips

I always tip the waiter who blithely brings to me my slice of alligator, and cup of sparkling tea. I don't believe in tipping, in principle it's wrong; I've done a lot of yipping this moral line along. And doubtless soon or later abolished it will be; but now I tip the waiter who brings my mush to me. I see my neighbors waiting a long time for their meals, the manager berating, and making frantic spiels. Their words are fierce and gripping, they thunder and they screech; they don't believe in tipping, and practice what they preach. But I, who tip the waiter, am pushing through my face an egg and boiled potato, with tact and princely grace. My grub is cooked to please me, my partridge and my owl, and there is none to freeze me with most forbidding scowl. And no one spills the gravy, the salad or the prunes, upon my whiskers wavy, or on my trouserloons. I am an ardent hater of tipping as a graft, but I shall tip the waiter until I'm dead or daft; for I like prompt attention when I demand a stew, a hash all spiced with gentian, a goulash or ragout.

Fifteen Years Ago

(From the columns of The Bulletin of December 8, 1905.)

As the result of Tuesday's city elec-
 tions, A. L. Goodwillie was chosen
 mayor, J. M. Lawrence, recorder; F.
 O. Minor, treasurer, and J. Frank
 Stroud, Millard Triplett, S. C. Cald-
 well, E. A. Sather and John H. Over-
 turf as councilmen.

W. P. Vandeventer is putting up a
 barn on the site formerly occupied
 by the D. I. & P. office.

George Bates is planning a new
 residence, with a basement, in Lytle.

Henry Linster expects to put up a
 fine residence across the river from
 the mill shortly.

The Oregon Eastern surveying
 party working near Redmond is mak-
 ing arrangements to move camp to
 Bend.

A. C. Lucas reports that the work
 of clearing the Johnston ranch is
 progressing nicely.

Deputy Sheriff J. S. Smith of
 Prineville has been in Bend for the
 last few days on matters connected
 with his office.

COMMUNICATIONS

 GIFTS TO SAVE CHILDREN ARE
 APPROVED
 Bend, December 9, 1920.

To the Editor: I read your edi-
 torial of December 7, and quite agree
 with you that it is time to come
 across. I can think of no better way

Get Your Sulphur Now

The Farm Bureau has on hand a small surplus of Sulphur that will be sold at the carload rate to those first calling for same. Every lawn and alfalfa field in Central Oregon should be sulphured this month. Price \$3.00 per 100 lb. sack.

Leave Orders With
D. L. JAMISON, County Agent, Redmond, Oregon
R. A. WARD, First National Bank, Bend, Oregon

The Unpardonable Sin--

- To live in a town
 - To make a living out of it
 - To educate your children in it
 - To get everything you possibly can out of it
- And PUT ABSOLUTELY NOTHING IN IT.

The Shevlin-Hixon Company.

Do you remember the promise
 you made yourself last Christmas?

**You Were Going to
 Shop Early**

Christmas season is here--are you
 going to keep your promise?

The Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Co.

to celebrate Christmas than to re-
 member little children, especially
 those whose plight is as pitiable as
 those of Central and Southeastern
 Europe.

It occurred to me that there are
 several people in Bend who, by cur-
 tailing their Christmas expenditures,

or, better still, by cutting out many
 gifts altogether, can make this Christ-
 mas a glorious one for some starving
 children.

Several of my friends have agreed
 with me that there will be no ex-
 change of gifts between us this year,
 but we will contribute this sum to-

ward the Literary Digest child-feed-
 ing fund.

I wish you every success in your
 worthy effort and trust that Bend
 may contribute liberally to this
 worthy cause.

Sincerely yours,
 AN INTERESTED SUBSCRIBER.



Is your merchant an upbuilder?

EVERYTHING else being
 equal, it pays Oregon people
 to buy from merchants who are
 sufficiently interested in upbuild-
 ing Oregon to push the sale of
 Oregon-made goods.

Is your grocer this kind of a man? Does
 your druggist display Oregon-made
 goods prominently? Does the confection-
 er you patronize feature Oregon
 sweet-meats? Do your restaurant, hard-
 ware store, jewelry store, shoe shop,
 furniture store, furnishings store and
 garage take pride in featuring, whenever
 they can, Oregon-made products?

The people who sell the things you need ought to get behind Oregon-made goods because they are of top notch quality and because the sale of Oregon Products means increased industrial growth. Your dealer ought to make it easy for you to buy Oregon Products. Ask him to feature them.

BUY OREGON PRODUCTS

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A real test for overalls

BENDING over the big driving-
 shafts, climbing the swaying lad-
 ders—it's a real test for overalls in
 a steamer's engine room.

Daniel Canty has taken over forty
 voyages as a steamship engineer. Today
 he wears Blue Buckle Overalls on every trip.

"They stand the racket better than
 any overall I know," says Daniel Canty.

Whether it's running engines on sea or
 on land or bringing in crops on the farm—
 millions of other men on big jobs have
 found that Blue Buckles meet the test
 of the heaviest work.

Find out for yourself about Blue
 Buckles. Test the long-wearing denim
 cloth, the wide double-stitched seams. Try
 on a pair. Feel the comfort of the big,
 roomy Blue Buckle pattern. Blue Buckle
 Overalls and Coats never bind or rip.
 Solid workmanship in every detail is
 bound to give you your money's worth.

All sizes—Men's, Youths', Children's.
 Ask your dealer today for Blue Buckles.

"They stand the racket
 better than any overall
 I know."
 (Signed) Daniel A. Canty

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