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THE NORTH UNIT MOTIVES

Ever since The Bulletin began last summer to point out the danger to this section in the plans of the North unit to obtain more than a pro rata share of the Deschutes it has been impossible to obtain any statement as to just what was proposed from anyone connected with that district or from the Jefferson county newspapers that were undoubtedly familiar with these plans. From other sources a general understanding of the scheme was obtained, but no definite news ever came out of Jefferson county. Director A. D. Anderson, in an interview printed in the Redmond Spokesman, said there was no idea of harming the other units, but still refrained from giving details.

When the suggestion was made by the Bend Commercial club that the water problems of Central Oregon be referred to a commission for study Anderson and his North unit associates declaimed against us and complained that we were failing to cooperate. At Redmond Tuesday night the Jefferson county men who were present said we should have cooperated two years ago. They also made it clear that they did not look with any favor on the suggestion that the matter be turned over to the reclamation service for a settlement of the rights and interests involved and it was further apparent that they were willing to sacrifice the rest of the segregation in order to benefit themselves.

From all this there is only one conclusion: the conclusion that we have insisted upon from the beginning; namely, that the North unit is in this thing for itself alone and that it intends, if possible, to put through its own selfish plans come what may. So far as cooperation is concerned the North unit people know that this section has cooperated from the beginning in every way possible. There was cooperation two years ago. There was cooperation at all times until they pulled away. They are now refusing to rejoin and pull together.

In indicating their willingness that the rest of the segregation be left arid so long as they get their water they have shown their hand. Will



Talking Shop
 We all are fond of talking shop, when we round up together; the shoe man sounds his plaintive yawp about the price of leather; the farmer spiels about his crop, and wails about the weather. The cook, in language terse and quaint, discourses of his frying, the man who sells us glass and paint has found conditions trying, the undertaker makes complaint that people have quit dying. The doctor talks of sawing limbs, and patients' revolutions, the oculist of healing glims by magical ablations, the pastor talks of ragtime hymns and tightwad contributions. And every fellow files a roar, and shows he's discontented; the good old happy time of yore by everyone's lamented; the cry of spirits worn and sore is thus with ardor vented. We feel we're shackled up with grief by rusty chain and fetter, and when from mumps we get relief, we have a dose of tetter; and, having paused to kick and beef, we all of us feel better. We have to kick around a while, we have to grumble daily; we have to work off surplus bile, and swear that life is sealy, and then we don the shelf-worn smile and do our business gayly. Our safety valve we find in kicks, they soothe the human critter, and only superficial hicks can think our hearts are bitter; we throw some harmless rocks and bricks, and then we sing and twitter.

the state engineer let them play it through?

Two years ago we voted a \$2,500,000 bond issue to be used in cooperation with the federal government in the construction of the Roosevelt coast military highway. Now the coast counties want the money spent without waiting for cooperation. Why not get the Roosevelt Central Oregon highway the same way?

Fifteen Years Ago

(From the columns of The Bulletin of February 2, 1906.)

John Elder, formerly of Bend, nearly lost his life in the recent heavy snowstorm.

The old grizzly bear that has made a pilgrimage through this section for the last 18 years, passed through The Meadows a few nights ago. His tracks measured seven inches across and 13 inches long.

Cattle attempting to cross the Deschutes, crashed through the thin coating of ice and were lost. The stock belonged to John Ryan.

Feed on the low desert is said to be better this winter than it has been for 15 years.

The Linster sawmill closed down this week after a 16-day run.

W. P. Myers, the attorney who recently located at Laidlaw, has bought the Chronicle and will assume management in the near future.

Miss Ruth Reid returned last Sun-

day from her trip to Portland and San Francisco.

The Finest Language.
 The finest language is chiefly made up of unimposing words.—George Elliot.

"RODEOS" FULL OF INTEREST

Exceedingly interesting Annual Exhibitions That Are Held North of the Arctic Circle.

In the vicinity of the Kobuk river, Alaska, 50 miles north of the Arctic circle, there are held annual "rodeos," which for picturesqueness, skill of exhibitions, and in popularity are comparable to the "roundups" of the western part of the United States—yet there is not a single horse or steer or saddle or "six-gun" within hundreds of miles of the scene.

These rodeos are conducted under the auspices of the United States bureau of education for natives of Alaska, for the advancement of the reindeer industry. There are 150,000 reindeer in the territory, according to Popular Mechanics Magazine.

At the fair all matters pertaining to reindeers are discussed, and the herders come to an understanding regarding grazing ground rights and similar matters. Government representatives give talks on reindeer breeding and offer scientific guidance for the development of an improved stock. Recently serious consideration has been given to a means of exporting the growing thousands of surplus deer to the United States.

Within the next year or two, it is anticipated, a market for distributing the meat will be established in the United States. It costs less than \$3 per head to raise deer, which will dress 150 pounds of choicest meat.

Beginnings of Baseball

Abner Doubleday, who later went to West Point and ultimately became a major general in the United States army, is given the credit for originating the game, in 1839. He and some other young men began to play a game they afterward called baseball. One of these, named Cartwright, had the idea of a diamond to improve the game. "Two Old Cat" and "Three Old Cat" were still early forms of ball and were adapted probably from the English game of rounders.

FISH LADDERS FOR DESCHUTES ASKED IN BILL

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ried out, it was their purpose to see that there were sufficient members of the commission who would be in sympathy with the desires of the man from the wheat and cattle country and they regard it as a distinct victory that the names given were added to the list of commissioners. Through the insistence of the Eastern Oregon senators the requirement that North Portland harbor be improved was written into the measure.

The discussion of the Port of Portland bills began at 2 o'clock and continued until after 5 o'clock. Senator Joseph made a vicious attack on the members of the port commission and assailed the series of port measures when they came up for final passage, but when it came to a vote he supported the measure he had tried to ruin and only Senators Hume and Thomas cast negative votes.

Other details were approved, such as increasing the emergency appropriation from \$1,000,000 to \$1,050,000 and providing for having the North Portland harbor improved as quickly as engineering problems will permit.

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