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Sure guidance—In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Proverbs 3:6.

STOP THE PAPER

A valued subscriber ordered his paper stopped last night because, as he put it, "The Bulletin is in favor of that dirty Deschutes water."

We are sorry to have anyone feel that we are in favor of dirty water from any source for it is not the fact.

Persons prefer or dislike water and foods and a lot of other things in life for many and various reasons.

Often the feeling, whether for or against, is based on pure prejudice, instinct or lack of any reason whatever.

Sometimes a like or a dislike—an opinion—is founded on the exercise of judgment. That is, one will assemble all the facts he can secure and weighing one fact against another will decide that this or that is best.

A good many opinions or decisions are compromises.

One will prefer A over all things else under consideration for some particular quality, he will prefer B for another quality and C for still another quality. When he comes to make a choice, however, he may select D because of its combination of qualities none of which is equal to any individual quality of A, B or C.

Now as to the water we favor.

There are four possible sources for a city water supply, that is, four places where water exists that could supply the city of Bend, Fall river, Spring river, Deschutes river and Tumalo creek.

We have done our best to study these sources as possibilities, to reach an honest opinion concerning them, and to favor the one that for all reasons combined seemed the best.

Spring river is out of the question at once, we would say, because if and when the Benham falls reservoir is built it will be 65 feet under water.

Fall river is good, but the expense of bringing it in is too great.

If Fall river were the only water in this country, it would be necessary to go to it for the city supply no matter what the cost was.

It is not the only source, however, so one must begin bringing in other facts for consideration.

The Deschutes is contaminated. The contamination, however, can be eliminated by filtration. The cost of filtration is well under the cost of going to another source.

Tumalo creek is contaminated in its lower course. Farther up stream it is safe (although health officials warn that it should be treated to insure perfect safety at all times).

Although safe farther up stream, Tumalo creek has a cloudy condition during the summer that makes it unsatisfactory—a condition that can be removed only at considerable expense. (See page 16, Dabulis and Koon report.)

The south fork of the Tumalo is pure. Its water shed could be easily protected against contamination. The cost of going to that stream, however, is great. The big difficulty with it, however, is the fact that it does not carry enough water to supply the city of Bend.

The water of Fall river or the south fork is better than that of the Deschutes. There is no doubt of that fact. We favor either over the Deschutes when we are wanting a glass of water. But when it comes to reaching an opinion as to a municipal supply for Bend—a matter of a good many million glasses a day—we come to a different result.

Because there is not enough water in the south fork of the Tumalo, because the main stream of the Tumalo is unsatisfactory in the summer and cannot be made right without great expense, because going to either stream is costly, because the cost of going to Fall river is very great, because the Deschutes, though contaminated, can be made safe by filtration at an expense much less than going to another source we favor the Deschutes.

We suppose that could be said to be "favoring the dirty Deschutes water," but let's put the whole statement in form thus—We favor the dirty Deschutes (that can be cleaned by filtration) over the costly Fall river, the cloudy and costly Tumalo and the costly and insufficient south fork.

If someone will prove that there is enough water in the south fork then that reason falls us (and it ought to be proved before plans to



THE GANGSTER

The gangster's life is busy the little time is runs; he scorches in his Lizzie and shoots men with his guns. But soon, an out-and-downer, he finds eternal rest, and then the helpful crowner comes up and holds his quest. The gangster, for no reason that any one can find, is fond of crime and treason and sin of every kind. When he's not wildly riding on errands rash and vain, in some dark hole he's hiding, like rodent in a drain. Oh, where is the attraction in such a life as this? How much of satisfaction does yonder gangster miss? What anguish he must suffer, what bleak remorse he knows, that men may call him tougher than anything that grows. For that's the only guerdon that comforts his disgrace; he bears his ghastly burden that men may fear his face. The gangster oft is gifted, his brain was clear and bright, before he slid and drifted away from virtue white. He well might be a cutler, dispensing blade and tool, be honored as a butler, be paid for teaching school. He might be strewing shavings with honest sawdust blent, and salting down his savings, and drawing four per cent. But he is nursing grudges against his fellow men, and will until the judges have sent him to the pen. Distempered and misguided, he hates the wholesome crowd until he is provided with bargain counter shroud.

so there are made).

Then the question comes down simply to whether Bend can afford, ought to afford, to go to the expense of leaving the Deschutes.

Here is a chance for a difference of opinion. We think the city ought not to undertake the expense.

We think there is no sign today of illness caused by the use of filtered Deschutes water. We know that on the irrigated lands of this vicinity and in the city of Redmond the people can never have anything but Deschutes water and they are using it today unfiltered without any apparent ill effects.

We think that if Redmond and the irrigationists can do this, Bend would be unwise to spend over \$600,000 to get something different.

We do not like to have subscribers stop the paper, but we will continue to express our best and our honest opinion so long as we have anything to say in the columns of The Bulletin.

COMMUNICATIONS

To the Editor:

Six hundred thousand dollars for a water system for Bend? That is a lot of money for a city of less than 10,000 people to spend for a water system.

During the World war the hundred or more million of people of this country got to thinking in terms of billions in raising money for war expenses. Since the war we are not quite so reckless in spending the public's money. Doesn't \$600,000 seem like too much money to spend for an old water plant and for putting in a new one? Would any private concern pay the price asked by the Bend Water, Light & Power company for its water plant?

This is a matter of very great im-

portance to the people of this city. Should the city take over this old plant and build a new one at this time? Matters of this importance should be given plenty of time for consideration.

The city council met in star chamber session Saturday, July 11 (not a regular meeting) and called an election to be held 11 days later requesting the people to vote to spend \$600,000. Why all this haste? Why not give at least 30 days' notice for the election so that all the issues could be properly discussed and the voters enabled to fairly determine what they want and vote intelligently on the question.

Six hundred thousand dollars is a lot of money to spend on a water system. I am opposed to it for a lot of reasons, some of which are:

The price asked by the Bend Water, Light & Power company for the old plant is too high.

The cost of putting in water from Tumalo is too high. Bend owns none of the Tumalo water. If it should be able to acquire it, what would it cost to buy it? The city council does not know that it can get the water nor what it would cost if it could get it.

Our present water charge is high. We are supposed to pay the company on a basis of a fair return on the investment. The council's proposal, if carried into effect, will considerably more than double the investment, which means the water charge will be doubled at least. Do we want to pay twice what we are now paying for water?

If the city takes over the water system it will be taken off the tax roll and the taxes will be accordingly increased, and taxes are now high enough.

We all want pure water, but the plan proposed does not insure it. H. H. DE ARMOND.

RADIO

Tomorrow KPO, Hale Bros. and Chronicle, San Francisco, 428.3 meters—4:30 p. m., Selger's orchestra; 5:30 p. m., Rig Brother; news; 6:15 p. m., Warfield theater; 7 and 8 p. m., Palace orchestra.

KLX, Tribune, Oakland, 598 meters—6 p. m., Uncle Joe and his gang; 8 p. m., instrumental and vocal music; 9:15 p. m., Gerunovich's Ballroom Entertainers.

KGO, General Electric, Oakland, 361.2 meters—4 p. m., St. Francis orchestra; 5:30 p. m., girls' half hour; 6 p. m., Black's orchestra; 7 p. m., news.

KFI, Earle C. Anthony, Los Angeles, 467 meters—5:30 p. m., Examiner; 6 p. m., nightly doings; 7 p. m., Examiner; 8 p. m., organ recital; 9 p. m., Paris Bohemian Quarter writers and musicians; 10 p. m., artist pupils.

KHJ, Times, Los Angeles, 495.2 meters—6:30 p. m., children's hour; 8 p. m., program; 10 p. m., Hickman's orchestra; usual regular features.

KNX, Express, Los Angeles, 337 meters—6:30 and 7:30 p. m., programs; 8 p. m., west coast theaters; 10 p. m., program; 11 p. m., Lyman's orchestra; 12 m., Night Hawks.

KGW, Oregonian, Portland, 491.5 meters—7:30 p. m., news; 9 p. m., concert; 10:30 p. m., Hoot Owls.

KFOA, Rhodes Store, Seattle, 154.3 meters—4 and 6 p. m., Hoffman orchestra; 6:45 p. m., musical program; 8:15 p. m., weather; 8:30 p. m., Times; 10 p. m., Harkness orchestra.

Fifteen Years Ago

From the Columns of The Bulletin of the Issue of July 13, 1910. During the last few days S. O. Johnson, head of the Deschutes Lumber Co., and Tom Shevlin, Jr., of Minneapolis, have been visiting John Ryan.

J. M. Lawrence returned Sunday

from a two weeks' trip to Portland and Salem in the interests of the general bill providing a method for creating new counties.

A big party of Bend fishermen returned from Odell lake Monday with the biggest redside ever caught there, pulled out by Carlyle Triplett—one dressing six pounds—and that's not all. They report having seen a sea serpent, a creature so big that they estimated it must weigh 500 pounds. It is reported that the party came near being annihilated by the monster. In the party were Creed and Carlyle Triplett, George Hobbs, Elmer Merrill, Ray Wilkinson, Earl Houston, H. P. J. McDonald, "Lucky" Baldwin and Messrs. Branton and Brookings.

R. R. Gould and D. Davis are at the Hill ranch, up the river, plating the townsite of Harper.

W. R. Riley has moved to La Pine, where he will superintend a portion of the Deschutes Land Co.'s construction operations.

John Linster went to Portland last week to get his new Franklin car.

J. A. Eastes has moved his office one door west on Oregon street.

Bathing in the new pond formed by the Bend Water, Light & Power Co. dam is becoming popular.

It has been decided to change the name of Bend Heights, the newly platted residence district belonging to Henry Linster west of the Deschutes, to Awbrey Heights.

At a meeting of realty men held last Thursday the Bend Realty Board was organized, with charter membership as follows: Home Land Co., J. A. Eastes, Crook County Realty Co., Deschutes Realty Co., Home-Seekers Land Co., S. J. Spencer, J. L. Byrne, O. C. Henkle and W. R. Riley.

C. S. Hudson has rendered his resignation as president of the Bend Commercial club.

TO CONFER ON STRIKE

(U. P. Leased Wire to The Bend Bulletin) WASHINGTON, July 16.—Secretary of Labor James D. Davis will leave here tonight for Swampscott to confer with President Coolidge tomorrow on threatening anthracite and bituminous coal strikes.

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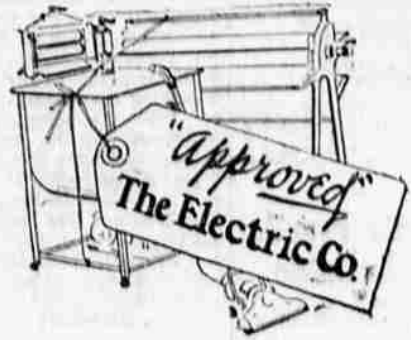
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