

# The Merchants of Bend Are Not Against Securing Better Water

We submit again for the consideration of the voters the following figures. These same figures were published more than a week ago and as yet not one word has been published to indicate that they were not correct:

## NOT \$600,000 BUT \$656,000

The voters of Bend are asked to authorize a \$600,000 bond issue for the purpose of buying the water system of the Bend Water, Light & Power Co. and running a pipe line up to the South Fork of the Tumalo. Even though the city wanted to go into municipal ownership and to contract such a debt as this bond issue would create the plan should be voted down because \$600,000 would not do the work. It is not enough money. It is just a beginning and the end is nowhere in sight.

What are the costs? No one yet knows definitely but a beginning toward ascertaining the figure can be made.

In the Dubuis and Koon report published in The Bulletin last spring and now reprinted by the council for distribution to the voters certain figures are set forth. Others appear in a preliminary statement on the cover of this report made by A. O. Schilling, chairman of the election committee.

Below is a statement of account made up from these sources. Study it. Test it by comparison with the report and then decide whether you want to vote "Yes" when the election comes.

The very lowest estimate of cost of the purchase of the present plant and the extension to Tumalo creek according to Dubuis & Koon (See Plan A, pages 19 and 20 of the printed report) is.....\$582,000.00

This plan, however, sets the amount to be paid for the present system at \$250,000 while the company's offer, apparently satisfactory to the council (see inside front cover of printed report) is to sell for \$264,195 which increases the total cost by..... 14,195.00

That price of \$264,195, however, is of October 1, 1924. Since that date the company has expended in the development of its system and expects the city to pay additional about..... 15,000.00

In addition we are now told by the council that it has arranged to secure Tumalo water (see inside front cover of printed report) at a cost of..... 15,000.00

That last \$15,000 is for Deschutes water to be given the Tumalo district in exchange for water taken from Tumalo creek. It goes to the North Canal Company. Competent attorneys assert that in addition the city will have to pay a further sum to the Tumalo district for taking water from the creek. Tumalo settlers have said that they would demand all the way from \$20,000 to \$60,000. We think something must be paid but we do not know the amount and so will leave it out of this account.

Now, then, add up our agreed and admitted figures and observe that the grand total of cost is.....\$626,195.00

At the election you will vote on a bond issue of \$600,000 to pay this total expense of \$626,195. That bond issue of \$600,000 the council of the city of Bend has agreed to sell, if the election carries, for the sum of \$570,180.

Now look at your account.

Grand total cost (minimum figure).....\$626,195.00  
\$600,000 bond issue will bring..... 570,180.00

Shortage of funds.....\$ 56,015.00

WHO WOULD EVER THINK OF VOTING YES ON THIS \$600,000 BOND ISSUE WHEN HE KNEW THAT THE COST OF THE BUSINESS WAS GOING TO BE AT LEAST \$56,015 MORE?

STUDY THESE FIGURES CAREFULLY

*But they are against the plan now proposed by the Bend City Council to foist a tremendous debt at a high rate of interest by voting the issue of \$600,000 for the purchase of the plant and system of the Bend Water, Light & Power Company and to extend it to Tumalo Creek.*

## We Ask Every Voter to FIRST

Be sure that the amount proposed by this bond issue, \$600,000.00, will be sufficient to do this work.

## SECOND

Ask any land owner in the Tumalo District if they are going to let Bend have Tumalo water on the payment of \$15,000.00 to the North Canal Company without a lawsuit—then ask your lawyer about what this suit will cost Bend if we win, and get an estimate of how long the litigation will tie us up, during which time we will be paying interest on the entire \$600,000.

## WE CONTEND

That, by voting these bonds, we vote the City of Bend into a period of litigation with the people of Tumalo District that will extend over a long period. Financially this would add to the total cost in addition to the \$56,015.00 and would create a feeling between the people of the District and Bend which would work to the disadvantage of both for many years to come. By voting these bonds we make trouble which we do not want.

The policy of the Council is not good business.

### YOU PAY FOR THIS ISSUE IF IT IS VOTED

Whether you pay taxes, rent your home or buy merchandise this enormous taxation will effect both the amount you will earn and the amount you will save.

We urge you to go slow and consider the situation most carefully.

# VOTE "NO"