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Uncle Sam is ready to spank Columbia if she cannot get along without it.

There is no delinquent tax list in Lake county—the first time such a showing has been made by any county in Oregon, we believe.

The late Pope Leo was a thrifty soul as well as an able administrator of the hierarchy, if the story telegraphed from Rome is to be credited. Ten million eight hundred fifty thousand dollars is quite a tidy sum to have in cash concealed about one's apartments, and it is no wonder the church feels richer by its discovery. Any other church would have been bankrupted by the withholding of such a sum from its treasury.

It has been decided that the next republican national convention shall be held in Chicago beginning June 21, next. St. Louis and Pittsburg wanted it bad, the former offering \$40,000 and a hall and the latter \$100,000 cash. Chicago offered \$75,000 and a hall and got it by 43 votes of the 51 present at the national committee meeting. If Roosevelt could be put in nomination right now it would go far to relieve the business tension of a presidential year, for there would be no doubt about his re-election.

Such improvements as Mr. Wiest is making for his poultry yard are important to the community. He is organizing a really productive industry, an industry of the kind that makes the individual and the community self supporting or better. We have the elements of self support if we will but use them; but so long as we depend on the outside world for the necessities of life we will be industrially weak. The homely developments of the small farmer will make any country strong.

The days have not yet gathered increased length enough to invite twilight strolling in Bend, as the old song might warrant, but the winter solstice is past and from now on the days will grow longer till the tropic of cancer shall halt the northward sun next June. The season of lengthening days is the buoyant time of year, inviting hopeful, aggressive work. We have six of these buoyant months now before us. What will they bring us?

Sheriff C. Sam Smith, who is president of the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company, with a segregation of 26,000 acres in the Tumello valley, has bought a half interest in a 3000-acre reclamation enterprise over in the eastern part of the county, just west of Buck mountain. This, also, is under the Carey law. Storage reservoirs will be built for the water. These irrigation projects will soon transform Crook county from a desert range to one of the most fruitful in the state.

The news published in The Bulletin last week that the Johnson-Powers people had bought the Palmer and Montgomery ranches and the cattle belonging to the latter is confirmed this week. It appears, however, that the titles run to Mr. Johnson personally and not to J.

E. Ryan, as was at first reported. When Mr. Ryan was here with Mr. Simpson, a member of the firm, last September, he expressed the opinion that the lumbering activity of this section would center at Bend or at the Meadows, and this purchase of ranches will be convenient for either place.

Arrest of John A. Benson, if it was not prematurely made, will have a good effect. He has been at the head of the most industrious and unscrupulous ring of land thieves the West has ever seen. Emboldened by long success he had the temerity to go to Washington and try to bribe government officers at a time when he knew his conduct was under investigation by the authorities of the land department. The unblinking persistence of such offenders frequently leads them right through the doors of the penitentiary before they realize there is such a thing as justice and that there is a decent public sentiment which will sooner or later bring them to account.

Few maiden speeches have been delivered in the United States senate under more favorable conditions or with greater success than attended the appeal made by Senator Fulton last Friday for a liberal Federal appropriation for the Lewis and Clark Exposition. The junior Oregon senator spoke from a desk on the republican side of the center aisle of the chamber. He spoke in an easy, off-hand manner, without manuscript or notes. His delivery was pleasing, and his remarks, which were easily heard in the remote corners of the Senate chamber, were attentively followed by a large circle of interested senators, and by the large crowd in the gallery. At the conclusion of his speech Senator Fulton was warmly congratulated.

Bend's influence on the tributary country is already quite manifest. It is already a market worth catering to. William Casey, of Powell buttes, 23 miles away, brings his chop feed, apples, peaches and potatoes here. Perd McCallister, of Cove orchard, 45 miles north, comes here with his apples and peaches. Ranch cured hams, shoulders and bacon were teamed in from Tygh valley, 100 miles north, in the fall. The up-river cattlemen look to the Bend market to take a considerable part of their stock. Gradually the whole Deschutes country is coming to recognize Bend as a growing market for its produce and trade is definitely setting this way. Farmers buy merchandise where they sell their produce.

President Lytle's announcement that Harriman has signed the contract for financing the Columbia Southern extension to Bend and that construction of the road will begin in the spring seems to remove all doubt about the matter. The survey made by the Columbia Southern, however, appears not to be entirely satisfactory to Mr. Harriman. Doubtless the mileage is too great. By putting more expense into construction the mileage between Shaniko and Bend may be materially reduced. Certainly the route may be made 10 miles shorter, possibly 15 miles could be cut out. The cost of the road would be no less because of this reduced mileage but something would be gained in running time and ease of operation when completed, and those considerations are important in modern railroading. The great care taken to have this line in all respects up to the best railroad standard is assurance that it is to be no mere local feeder. It probably means that the alignment and grades of

the present Columbia Southern will eventually be corrected and that this road will be used for transcontinental traffic when the transportation scheme now forming shall be completed.

According to the best bible chronologists, Christ was born some time in the month of April, when sheep forage in Judea was good; at any rate not in December, which is the height of the rainy season there, when shepherds could hardly be watching their flocks by night on the plains. The observance of this festival is traced back to the time of Emperor Commodus in the latter part of the second century after Christ. While in this country it is given more or less religious significance, many Christians entirely reject that aspect of the celebration as a 'human invention'. The Scotch Presbyterians and English dissenters are among these. It is highly probable that the popular Christmas would soon become a dead institution if it were not for the part taken by St. Nicholas, or Santa Claus, or Kris Kringle. This individual keeps Christmas green in the hearts of the children, and that preserves the holiday. And Bend children are no exception to the rule.

The Crook County Journal can see nothing to rejoice over in the announcement that the Columbia Southern railroad will advance to Bend next year. It affects to believe that the announcement was designed to stimulate a townsite boom or something else—but that there is no intention of building a railroad. The Prineville Review discusses somewhat querrulously the effect the Bend railroad will have on the county seat town. We regret to see such spirit exhibited. Why cannot Prineville rejoice with Bend at the railroad prospect? Prineville will not shrink because Bend advances. More and larger towns are inevitable as the country becomes developed, and a neighborly spirit of helpfulness will be to the advantage of all. Bend is not getting the railroad to discomit or annoy her neighbors. We need it in our business and we also need the generous good will of our county seat. If Prineville were getting one or a dozen railroads Bend would be right glad of it. And she is bound to have a railroad before many years pass.

### Timber Land, Act June 3, 1898. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, October 2, 1903.  
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 3, 1898, entitled, "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by Act of August 4, 1894,

Richard E. Cameron, of Hood River, county of Wasco, state of Oregon, has this day filed in this office his sworn statement No. 23, for the purchase of the sec 2, sec 3 and lots 3 and 4 of sec 1 and lot 1, sec 4, 1p 19 S, T 10 E, W 2.

And will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver at The Dalles, Oregon, on Monday, the 21st day of December, 1903.

He names as witnesses: Edmund E. White, Charles P. Slater, Boyd N. Sprout, of Hood River, Oregon; A. K. Peck, of Bend, Oregon.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the said 21st day of December, 1903.

MICHAEL T. NOLAN, Register.

### Timber Land, Act June 3, 1898. NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

U. S. Land Office, The Dalles, Oregon, December 14, 1903.  
Notice is hereby given that in compliance with the provisions of the Act of Congress of June 3, 1898, entitled, "An act for the sale of timber lands in the states of California, Oregon, Nevada, and Washington Territory," as extended to all the public land states by Act of August 4, 1894,

John Kearns of Grand Forks, county of Grand Forks, state of North Dakota, has on February 23, 1903, filed in this office his sworn statement No. 1569, for the purchase of the sec 1, sec 2, 1p 18 S, T 10 E, W 2.

And will offer proof to show that the land sought is more valuable for its timber or stone than for agricultural purposes, and to establish his claim to said land before the Register and Receiver of this office at The Dalles, Oregon, on Friday, the 15th day of March, 1904.

They name as witnesses: James B. Salisbury, Edward F. Fairlight, George Salisbury and Albert Coons, of Grand Forks, N. Dak.; Michael LeVage, of Deschutes, Or.; Thomas Twest, of The Dalles, Or.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the above-described lands are requested to file their claims in this office on or before the said 15th day of March, 1904.

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