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Bend is getting to be quite a grain market. Lines of grain-laden teams from the Haystack country and Squaw creek, for the D. I. & P. Co., and Mutzig & Becker, make one involuntarily look for a big elevator. Bend is now the best general market in Central Oregon.

The difference between religion and sectarianism is vast and profound. Many a man of deep religious convictions has no use for the orthodox system of theology.

The orthodox church is mostly a business institution, like a department store or a sawmill. It is, of course, nonsense to declare that there is no good in any of those institutions.

Postoffice business is a fair index of the growth of the community. For the first quarter after the Bend postoffice was established the total of cancellations was \$144.45. For the second quarter, closing today, the cancellations are \$265.45. The increase is steady. For July cancellations were \$68.90, August \$95.03 and September (with the last day estimated) \$101.53. The total number of registers since the opening of the office is 327.

An attache of the British legation in Washington got hilarious down in Massachusetts the other day and ran his automobile unlawfully through the streets and hurt some people. A police justice refused to see in him anything to exempt him from punishment and fined him for breaking the law and also for contempt of court. Then the matter was brought to the attention of the United States authorities at Washington and it was found that the Massachusetts officials had themselves broken the federal law and must apologize. But the frisky Briton may yet be dealt with for his offense.

With the discussion of incorporation for Bend a peculiar situation is developed at Prineville. Saloon licenses there are only \$250, under a charter passed by the legislature, while the general state law places the minimum saloon license fee at \$400. In one sense this is a pretty good arrangement. If the license fee were greater in Prineville than outside the saloons would collect about outside of town, beyond police regulation. The lower license fee within the corporation bring the saloons within police supervision. However, this question would not cut any figure at Bend, for the law under which Bend would incorporate gives the municipality power to fix saloon licences, provided they be not lower than the sum named in the state law. So Bend licenses cannot be less than \$400 a year. It may be remarked in passing that there was a decision over in Clackamas county a few days ago to the effect that a municipal charter must give way when it conflicts with general state law.

The decision of the government to establish an agricultural experiment station near Bend is just the kind of aid the Deschutes country needs. This region is so new that its powers and peculiarities have not been determined. We don't want people to come and blow in money along lines that, however successful in other sections, may not be just suited to the Deschutes valley. Every failure will be

charged up against the country, though it may be due entirely to mistaken methods of the settler. Therefore, this move of the government, in connection with the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company, to subject the agricultural conditions here to scientific test under actual farming operations, will tell new comers what to avoid and what to invite in their development work. It will not be necessary for every fellow to study it all out for himself. The government work here will be in the hands of an expert in irrigation farming and he will accomplish in a few months what would take an ordinary farmer a lifetime to do. Hon. Elwood Mead, Director Withycombe, General Manager Johnston and Mr. Guerin may share the credit of this acquisition to the developmental agencies of the Deschutes country. There is glory enough in it for all.

BEND MARKS NEW ERA.

How The Paisley Paper Views the Situation Here.

Last week's Chewancan Post contained the following excellent editorial statement of the recent development in the Bend region and the growth and strength of this town:

The town of Bend marks a new era in the development of Central Oregon. It is a fine example of what can be accomplished when energy and capital for the exploitation of the vast resources of the inland empire. Bend has the making of a city of several thousand people. A year ago the present town of Bend was not on the map. It was the first day of May this year before the people started to build. Now the noise and hammer is everywhere and overahundred houses built or under construction. These are all modern edifices and everything is built with joint. Streets are being graded, mills are turning out lumber and on all sides is the sign of industry. All this bespeaks prosperity.

But such expenditures must have something back of them to warrant such outlay. Bend has this in a fine supply of agricultural land lying at its low at the north. Till spring water was turned on to the desert for the first time and in a few years more fine farms will be seen for miles and miles. More than a quarter of a million acres will be brought under cultivation and it is all tributary to Bend. Bend is so situated as to command the trade of all this portion. It lies on the bank of the river where the pine forest disappears and the desert begins. Back of it on the south is all that body of fine yellow pine timber. Bend is the gate way through which it must go to market. And at Bend the water power of the river will be used to manufacture it into lumber.

There were croakers in times past that saw no future for Bend. The climate was too cold or the soil was too poor. But these pessimists have been dispersed by actual developments. Even on the desert to the east a few miles corn is growing today without irrigation. A climate that will produce corn will grow almost everything else of the temperate zone. And wheat that has had no irrigation will out yield the rains. So soil that will do that is poor. Bend has a soil and climate that will make its people prosperous. Thus far only the militant side has been considered. But the commendable side has in Bend a spot of beauty. The opposite is a park sloping gently to the river. The tall pine trees have been left standing in the lawns of the residence section. And through the trees to the river, with the dark pines forming a curtain here and there, a scene snow capped peaks of the Cascade range. The Deschutes river, then, is a clear, rapid stream. It is one of the most trout streams in the west. There is nothing of the monotony of the desert around Bend. Even the bald and lava rock piled around in grotesque shapes lend interest to the landscape. Bend is a beautiful place, and will grow more so as time goes on.

John Gilbertson got a bad saw across the wrist by a section of wire fence last week out at the Johnson ranch and he nearly bled to death before he could be brought in to Dr. Merrill. He lost about three quarts of blood, he says. The wound was well cared for and he is now at work again.

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WALL PAPER.

If we haven't what suits your fancy, will procure them on short notice. Merrill Drug Company.

The debate at the Bend Literary and Debating society Wednesday evening was by Mrs. Batten and J. M. Lawrence on the affirmative and Miss Marion Wiest and H. J. Overturf on the negative. The jury decided in favor of the affirmative. The next meeting will be held on October 24th, four weeks from last Wednesday. An effort is being made to have a special and interesting programme that evening. The question for debate will be, "Resolved that Japan is justified in her war against Russia."

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PETITION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

In the county court of the state of Oregon for Crook County.

In the matter of the application of George

Taylor for a retail liquor license in Bend precinct, Crook County, state of Oregon.

To the Honorable County Court—

We the undersigned residents of Bend precinct, Crook County, Oregon, specially petition the Honorable County Court of Crook County, State of Oregon, to grant a license to George Taylor, to sell spirituous, malt or vinous liquors, in less quantity than one gallon, in the product of Bend precinct, Crook County, state of Oregon, for the term six months from the date of November, 1904.

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