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**GOOD NEWS FOR BEND.**

It is good news that The Bulletin brings this week in the statement that five of the largest owners of timber in this vicinity have agreed to build their mills at this place, and that they are already choosing their individual mill sites surrounding the proposed pond that is to be developed on the old Sissone place. It is better news and means more to Bend than the announcement of the building of a railroad to this place. Many may not agree with The Bulletin in that statement, but we believe we can convert them to our way of thinking.

It has been known for some time that the big lumber firms that are buying timber hereabouts were planning to locate their mills at a point several miles up-river. If they had finally done this, what good could the railroad do by its coming? True, we might have a little trading village here and a comely little town, but that would be all. Many towns have a railroad running through them, but what do they amount to? Bend has larger ambitions than to become merely a little country trading point. With it settled that five large sawmills will ultimately be located on land so near the town, the future of Bend is assured and Bend will become one of the largest lumber manufacturing places in the Northwest. We need more than a railroad to make a town. The railroad will come in due time. Hence, the assurance that large and important manufacturing plants will be located at Bend means vastly more to the future of the town than would the mere announcement that a railroad would build through the place.

What does it mean to have five large mills in operation at a town's doorway? It means that many thousand dollars will be paid in wages every month and distributed throughout the town and vicinity; it means an addition of several hundred people to the town's population from the mill people alone, not counting those that will be brought here by different business enterprises that will receive their support from the mill people; it means an industry that for years will bring much prosperity and wealth to this entire section, and all the good things that naturally follow in prosperity's wake; it means that while the agricultural sections are developing, in the meantime an industry will be in operation that will aid materially in many ways in the development of the country.

The Central Oregon Development Company has spent no small amount in buying the Sissone place and is giving this land to the lumber companies for the good of the town. It is laying a broad and solid foundation for Bend's future growth and welfare. It is building not only for today but for the future. Its entire effort is for the up-building of Bend and the Bend country. Therefore the Central Oregon Development Company should receive the hearty support and co-operation of all Bend people. Let us put our shoulders to the wheel and work together.

In this connection it is only proper to say that special thanks are due Mr. John Steidl, who has had in charge the entire work of getting

the large mills to locate at this place. And it can be truthfully said that this task has involved more hard work and study than the average man is aware of.

A turn of affairs that carries with it no mean importance to Bend is the taking over of the Arnold ditch by Mr. J. E. Sawhill, who will push that project to an early completion, if no hitch develops in further proceedings to upset present plans. The land to be watered by this system lies right at Bend's doorway. To have allowed the project to fail—as was feared for a time would be done—would have exerted a bad influence on the town and ultimately on the entire section. A number of families have moved to this section, put their money in this project, and have made quite extensive improvements on their land that was to be reclaimed by this ditch. They are an energetic class of people and the sort that is good to have in a community. The business they bring to Bend is considerable and will constantly increase as their lands are developed and new settlers move in as their neighbors, which is sure to follow. If the ditch had failed many of these settlers would have moved away feeling disgusted with the country—as is human nature—and the reports they would have spread probably would have been tinged with their disappointment. What could have been a prosperous, thriving section contributing its share toward the upbuilding of Bend, would have been practically depopulated. Hence, it is to be hoped that this project will be pushed through rapidly. Its successful accomplishment will mean that a large tract of land right at Bend's threshold will be rapidly developed, and that is a good thing for all concerned.

It will be remembered that last summer United States District Attorney Bristol, Special Agent T. B. Newhausen and other federal officials visited this section and gave the irrigation system of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company a thorough investigation preparatory to the issuance of patents to the state by the federal government. It is now learned that Mr. Newhausen's report has been but recently sent in to the government and upon receipt of it orders were at once issued to pass to patent the lands reclaimed by the D. I. & P. Co. This action by the government discounts completely the charge of "graft" that was lodged against the company a few months ago, and proves conclusively that the parties who were responsible for the complaint were spreading a malicious and damaging falsehood. The work of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company now bears

the stamp of the government's approval.

A petition is being circulated in Bend which is being freely signed, extending to Senators Fulton and Bourne the thanks of the people of this community for the work they did in getting the lands of the Deschutes Irrigation & Power Company approved for patent by the federal officials. It is said that the officials at Washington were handling this matter in their usual dilatory manner. The aid of the two senators was invoked, and they took up the matter. Soon thereafter the lands were approved for patent, and settlers will now be able to get their deeds, which will be of great value to the man who has bought ditch land, to the irrigation company, and in fact to the entire section. Senators Fulton and Bourne, in hurrying this matter along, performed a worthy service or this section. The petition referred to should carry the signature of every man in this region.

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