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**The New Irrigation Code.**

Mr. J. C. Bryant, representative from Multnomah county, is working on a draft of a bill for a new irrigation code for Oregon. He is working in line with the ideas of State Engineer Lewis, the expression of the Oregon state grange, and the plans of the Oregon commission for the conservation of the natural resources of the state. If the ideas of these men and organizations are incorporated in a bill, it ought to give Oregon a very good irrigation code.

A few of the main features of Mr. Bryant's bill are contained in the statement—

"That the waters of the state belong to the people of the state and can be used under certain restrictions for beneficial use; that waters appropriated for irrigation purposes become appurtenant to the land; that waterpower permits given by the state to individuals or corporations should be limited to periods of 25 years, and that annual fees to be fixed by the legislature should be charged for the use of power by corporations developing it; that all waterpower corporations should be specially incorporated, and that no corporation shall be allowed to make application for a second power site until it has developed the site already held by it as a grant from the state; that full statements of the construction and labor of all power plants shall be filed with the state engineer upon the completion of any project, and that the state shall reserve the right to buy, lease or condemn any works at the expiration of the term of the franchise or before that time, and that the state shall have the right and power to regulate the cost of heat, light or power used by the state or by any incorporated city or town."

The feature of the bill that provides for a limit of 25 years to waterpower franchises is most important, as is also the provision requiring that annual fees be paid to the state by power companies for the use of the state's water power. Competent engineers estimate that a small yearly rental paid to the state for each horsepower developed would, in a few years, pay by far the larger part of state expenses, and would thus lessen the burden of taxation, practically doing away with it. The waterpower of the state belongs to the people and why should they not receive compensation for its use?

There are a number of other very important features that the new code should contain, such as a proper administrative system, and the right of individuals to condemn right of way for irrigation ditches, this latter provision being surrounded by proper restrictions. However, these provisions will undoubtedly be given proper attention by those having the bill in hand.

There will be no measure of more importance before the coming legislature than this one of a modern irrigation code for Oregon. Such a law is of vital importance to the entire state, and especially to Eastern and Central Oregon where irrigation is destined to play so important a part. Every citizen should keep in close touch with the progress of this movement, and should bring all the pressure possible to bear on his senator and representatives in the demand for a modern irrigation code. There will be strenuous opposition from waterpower interests. They succeeded in defeating a like bill at the preceding session of the legislature. They must not be allowed to do so again.

**Who Plays the Bunco Game?**

Now that President Roosevelt has come out openly in favor of Governor Chamberlain as senator, is it not about time for those misguided and mistaken anti-Statement No. 1 individuals to cease their at-

tempts to thwart what the people of the state want? When Governor Chamberlain called on the president at the White House last Saturday, President Roosevelt extended his hand and said: "I am glad to see you, Governor Chamberlain, and senator-to-be. The people of Oregon have expressed their choice for senator. I stand by the will of the people, and I am for you for senator."

That's the manner in which the great mind of President Roosevelt looks upon the situation in Oregon. He says the "people of Oregon" have expressed their choice for senator. And the president is correct. There never was a greater bunco game than the attempt now being made in Oregon to have it appear that Chamberlain is not the choice of a majority of the people of the state for senator; and thus by making it so appear, to defeat him before the legislature. This dishonorable game is being played by a few old-time politicians who have been put out of business by Oregon's primary law and other advanced statutes, and by a few "party" newspapers who can not or will not see the trend in Oregon away from machine politics and toward cleaner and better government.

If ever there was a bunco game, the anti-Statement No. 1 politicians are playing it.

**A GREAT SUCCESS.**

A. M. Lara's First Anniversary Opening Takes Well with the Public.

That the people of Bend appreciate aggressiveness and enterprise in their merchants was shown to a marked degree by the crowds that attended the First Anniversary and Opening of A. M. Lara's Big Store on the Corner. All Thursday, Friday and Saturday afternoons of last week the store was crowded with people. Everybody had a good time and no social or entertainment has ever been given in the county which afforded more pleasure.

The "clean store," as Mr. Lara calls it, surely lived up to its name. Everything was spotless. To add to this, hundreds of red Christmas-bells were hung from the ceiling in different designs, and red crepe paper streamers draped along the shelf ledges and standards made the store beautiful. Dainty refreshments were served in a prettily decorated booth of white and red. Coffee, sandwiches, cake and fruit were given to all. That these were enjoyed by the people who attended is shown by the fact that nearly a thousand sandwiches and a dozen cakes to say nothing of cookies and fruit were disposed of.

The store was well stocked with Christmas goods. The display was very tasteful and embraced presents for every member of the family except the children. Mr. Lara was disappointed in receiving his line of toys, as they did not arrive until this week.

When it is considered that Mr. Lara has only managed the store for one year and has built it up from a run-down store, in the hands of a receiver, to one of the best stocked and cleanest stores in Crook county, it is certain that he de-

erves all the praise and congratulations that were showered upon him and his helpers last week.

A stranger looking into the store at that time would not have imagined himself in a place 90 miles from a railroad and in a country where things are supposed to be rough and behind the times. Bend may be a long way from the railroad but the people are far from behind the times. They know what good things are and appreciate them. Openings may be new in the country but not to the people. They all expressed the desire that the store celebrate many more birthdays and that each year be more prosperous than the one before. The Bulletin does likewise.

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