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Nothing Too Good for Our Children.

The public school system that Bend has been working up to such a marked degree of efficiency during the past few years, is attracting the attention of outside places, and the neighboring papers are making favorable mention of our schools. The Bulletin reprints this week two articles from the Madras Pioneer and the Laidlaw Chronicle, which speak in very complimentary terms of the Bend schools. It is natural to suppose that the home paper will always boost its own local schools, but when papers in adjoining towns join in praising that same institution it is very good evidence that the school is all that is claimed for it in the matter of efficiency. There is one thing that Bend is determined to have and that is an educational institution in its public schools that will be able—both in the efficiency of its teachers and in its equipment—to give the children of the community as good a high school education as they can secure anywhere. The local schools have made marked strides forward during the past two years, but they are only just getting started in the pursuit of what they will some day be. At present they fulfill the requirements of the state law of Oregon as to the efficiency of high schools, and have been declared the equal of the county high school at Prineville.

Rather a Just Request.

On the first page of this issue will be found an article descriptive of the manner in which riparian owners in and around Bend look upon the recent decision of the supreme court on water rights. Many of these riparian homestead owners desire enough water to allow them to install a small power plant for lighting their farm buildings and also for general power purposes. This they fear will be denied them, and will not be included in the definition of "domestic use." The Bulletin believes their claims are just and that enough water should be allowed to pass down the channel of the stream to supply each riparian homesteader with plenty of water for house, barn and garden purposes, and also for a small power plant if desired. When men are willing to improve their homes to such an extent as this would imply, they should be given every encouragement. If the water is taken away from them it will undoubtedly go to fatten the pocketbook of some power or irrigation corporation. The rights and privileges of the bona fide settler should be given first consideration. And The Bulletin believes the courts will so construe the law.

A Sign of Prosperity.

The Bulletin takes pleasure in noting again, on its first page, further building operations in Bend. The large new livery and stage stable being built by J. H. Wenandy will be a marked improvement in the town's business buildings, the new postoffice will give better quarters for that much patronized institution, and the additional warehouse room being built by Mr. Lara is prima facie evidence that he is prospering, and that is what we all want to do. When new buildings go up it is the best of evidence that the town and community is prosperous. During the past few months there have

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Problems That Confront The Irrigator.

[The following article is by H. L. McIntyre, of Spokane, Washington. Mr. McIntyre is an irrigation engineer who has been connected with the largest enterprises in the country for the past twenty years, and has been identified with nearly all the enterprises in eastern Washington. He has made a specialty of economical distribution of water and also of the installation of pumping plants. He is considered an authority on irrigation, irrigation pumping, and water systems. He is now acting as consulting engineer for several of the largest irrigation companies who have their headquarters at Spokane, the most prominent of which are Babcock & Moss, Loans and Mortgages, American Securities Company, and the Cook Clarke Company.]

(Continued from last week.)

Water Distribution.

Where water is spread over the land in open ditches, the ditches should be close together and large enough to carry water in big heads. By using the large heads you can irrigate the ground more rapidly, thus saving in the quantity of water wasted by seepage, and also have better control of the percentage of moisture you wish to put in the soil. Under long canals where there are numerous users of water or where the water is divided into several heads, the waste is very large. The soil is over-saturated and in many cases the land is ruined. The system of delivering water to individual users in a constant flow of small rivulets of water is a bad practice. The time flow system would be much better, delivering the water in large heads for short periods of time. Generally 60 to 70 per cent of the water diverted from streams in open canals and distributed by lateral ditches is lost before it is stored up in the soil for use by the vegetation. Water is getting too valuable to allow this kind of waste. The ground thoroughly wet at long intervals is

better from every point of view than frequent application of water in small quantities, for every time you soak land with cold water you lower the temperature and the plant growth is checked until the water and soil reach the same normal temperature.

Winter Irrigation.

In a large portion of the arid region greater irrigation would work wonders. The soil is the best and cheapest kind of a storage reservoir, and in many cases you can store water in the soil to a depth of five feet in the winter months and bring the moisture to the top by proper cultivation during the growing season. In the Inland Empire after the last two weeks in October is a good time to irrigate your land, thus storing up a supply of water to insure against draught and also to enable you to delay the spring irrigation until the sun and air will counteract the lowering of soil temperature due to early spring irrigation. To convince yourself that the soil is a practical storage reservoir, select a piece of ground with soil say five feet deep over a clay subsoil beneath. Saturate it with water and let the top crust dry out one foot in depth. Then plow and roll the surface three or four times and you will find that the top foot is now the wetter and the bottom foot is the dryer. Continue this process and you will find the rate of moisture from the bottom up will decrease until the bottom four feet is dry and the top foot wet. By cultivation, the capillary attraction of the soil, the heat action of the sun, you have pumped the water out of the soil to a depth of five feet.—Pacific Homestead.

COMMENT BY OTHER PAPERS

There is No Alternative.

Coos Bay Harbor.

This paper advocated the nomination of Charles W. Fulton as the senatorial candidate on the republican ticket in the primaries. When H. M. Cake defeated him for the nomination it, like the majority of republican papers, accepted the decision of the party (?) and sustained Cake in his fight against Chamberlain. But the people of Oregon under Statement No. 1 decided that George E. Chamberlain shall be the next senator from this state and to that end have elected a legislature, the majority of whom are pledged to vote for our worthy governor for that position. Again we bow to the will of the people.

There is no alternative. The majority of the legislature is pledged to its constituents to vote for Chamberlain, and vote for Chamberlain they must or quietly bubble through the surface of the sea of oblivion forever. A man who violates his pledge to the people who elected him is dead, not only politically but as a man among men. He may have been a double dyed scoundrel all his days, his word in business may be as lightly made and quickly broken as the creations of a child's bubble blower, but if he violates this pledge all men will forever point the finger of scorn at him; he will be down and out.

"An Eye for an Eye."

Condon Times.

James Finch, the slayer of Ralph Fisher, has been found guilty and will probably be hung for the crime. It is deplorable but true that capital punishment has got to be resorted to in this day of the civilized world, and appears to be the only method to suppress those who are murderously inclined. A wholesome fear of the gallows is the only remedy so far found to stay the hand that would slay and spare not, and a dread of the hangman's noose keeps the thug in constant dread of the law. An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth was the Jewish law and we must say it is a good one. He that spills the blood of a human being his blood should flow

in atonement for the crime, and so it will probably be until the end of the world.

BEND SCHOOL EXCELS.

What Neighboring Towns Think of the Local High School.

In February, 1906, the voters in the Bend district organized a district high school at that place, establishing a full four years' course in accordance with the laws for high schools in Oregon, thereby complying fully with the school laws for one year previous to the time that the county high school at Prineville was raised to the same standard. In September of this year the Bend district applied to the county boundary board for recognition as to the efficiency of the Bend high school and for the exemption of its proportion of the county high school tax. The first of this month, after a careful personal examination of the Bend school by the full board, the application was unanimously granted, and the board declared, unofficially, that in efficiency the Bend high school really excelled the county high school.—Madras Pioneer.

Bend now has a duly recognized high school of equal efficiency with the county high school, and will soon endeavor to organize a union high school district which will give them a very large valuation and enable the school to be much more effective by giving it more money for equipment and apparatus. The course of study will be the equal of any high school in the interior and the teaching force will be second to none in the state. The people of Bend are to be congratulated upon their push and enterprise in this direction, and other districts in the county should follow the example of our neighbor on the south.—Laidlaw Chronicle.

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It's so with a store. The people who never visit it care nothing about it one way or the other. It doesn't exist—for them. But—when they are persuaded to patronize it—when they come to turn the spot-light of their attention on it—when it comes to have a part in their lives, as some stores must have in all lives—then it's different; then it DOES matter whether it strives to win confidence; it does matter whether or not its price concessions are genuine, dependable.

If it meets all tests that a good store must stand when it is advertised—when it thus invites the critical attention of people—then advertising "makes" the store. If it fails in most of the vital things—if it proves, under the light of publicity, not to be much of a store, THEN ADVERTISING WILL NOT PAY—for it will emphasize shortcomings as well as merits.

For these same reasons it is generally assumed that the store which does not advertise is seeking to avoid close inspection and comparison, and that the store which does is courting them.

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