

**THE BEND BULLETIN**

"For every man a square deal, no less and no more."

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**Congratulations.**

For the past seven years the country has been presented with the spectacle of a republican president working vigorously in behalf of the people and in behalf of good government, and yet having to pound and force every desired and badly needed law through a republican congress against the bitter opposition of republican senators and republican representatives. If the people, having become tired of this, occasionally elect a democrat to congress, whose fault is it? And if the democrat so elected is one who states that he will support Roosevelt measures, why should there be any worry about his election? And if the democrat so elected is one who has made a record as a good and honest governor of a great commonwealth, why should there be such a hub-bub and bullaboo by a few machine republicans because of his election?

Yes, Chamberlain, a democrat, has been elected United States senator by a republican legislature of a republican state. To the rank and file of the people, that is no cause for worry. In fact, as it is looked upon by these same people it is a matter for congratulation. They believe in George E. Chamberlain. They had watched his record as governor and they believed he would serve the people in the United States senate. Hence, last June they said by their votes that Chamberlain should be the next senator. That's the whole thing in a nut shell. You may talk until you're hoarse and figure until you're blind, the fact still remains that a majority of the people want Chamberlain for senator.

Party ties hold men lightly these days. The last seven years have opened the people's eyes to the fact that the sort of congressman that is wanted is not necessarily a republican or democrat, but rather an honest, upright man who will work for the good of the country as a whole, who will work for the people as against lawless corporations, and who can not be bought. The fetish of party loyalty has lost its charm. Of late there have been too many Foraker, Depew, Platt, Aldrich, Elkins, Bailey and Haskell disclosures to make anyone violently in love with his party. The one great issue before the American people today is the question of clean, honest living and clean, honest government; the question of whether this government shall be run for and by the people, or for and by a lot of multi-millionaire, resource-grabbing, law-defying corporations. And a democrat can pass on these questions as well and as ably as a republican.

So let's have done with all this tommy rot about the state going to the demmition bow-wows because Chamberlain, a democrat, has been elected senator. There will be no great cataclysm of nature as a result of it, and peace and prosperity will still reign in Oregon. The Bulletin congratulates the people on their political independence. Perhaps if they send a few more honest democrats to congress and reduce the majority of trust-tied republicans, they will be able to get a few laws passed in behalf of the common people.

The article published elsewhere in this issue in regard to raising sheep on the farm should be read



**Profit in Feeding Sheep on Irrigated Land.**

In our issue of December 30, we printed a letter by D. C. Mullen of Nampa, Idaho, telling how he had made money by raising sheep on his irrigated ranch. In this issue we take up the publication of other letters by Mr. Mullen on the same subject, the letters having appeared in the Boise Capital News. As conditions on the irrigated lands of Southern Idaho are so similar to those in the Bend country, whatever Mr. Mullen says will apply with equal force to this section. He says a man can make from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year on a 160-acre ranch stocked with sheep. Read this letter and those that are to follow and learn how.

**Range Versus Farm.**

In his first letter to the Capital News, Mr. Mullen contrasted conditions on the range and the farm as follows:

I have read with great interest the letters you published from Mr. Ballantyne and Mr. Grandjean about stock on the forest reserves.

Mr. Ballantyne fears the government is trying to drive the sheepmen out of business in Idaho. If this is true let me put Mr. Ballantyne onto a way to beat Uncle Sam. Just buy a ranch and take your sheep there. Get the agricultural yearbook Mr. Grandjean speaks of and study it. Not only does Ohio raise millions of sheep, but every other Eastern state has sheep, even to little Rhode Island. After trying sheep on the farm right here in Ada county for six years I can assure Mr. Ballantyne he can make from \$3,000 to \$5,000 a year on a 160-ranch stocked with sheep. If that isn't enough income for him, let him double or treble his ranches and income likewise. Uncle Sam will never object, and the people can all see at last that the sheepmen are a benefit to the state. Some people have doubted this heretofore. It is very disagreeable to go where you are not wanted, so let us quit the forest reserves.

My experience is that sheep will eat trees from six inches in diameter down, and I believe every word Mr. Grandjean says about destroying trees four or five years old, and it is a dead sure thing they will kill out the underbrush and therefore destroy the main object of the forest reserves, to hold snow and flood waters. I have found a simple way of keeping them from trees on the ranch, but it would not be practical in forest reserves.

The range sheepmen have looked with contempt on the small fry sheepmen on the farm, but I can show them from my account books that every sheep in Idaho can be put on the farms in the Twin Falls tract when completed or on the lands of the Boise-Payette project. Southern Idaho farms can just as well as not have 10,000,000 sheep and not a single one on the public

domain or forest reserve. They not only can be but will be if the newspapers that have the real interest of Idaho at heart will agitate and discuss this question. It must be worked up like any good thing.

If Idaho farmers would only give their hands a little rest and read and work their heads a little, you couldn't find a "broke" farmer in the state.

It would not hurt some of the range sheepmen to rest their mouths a little and give their brains a show. They tell us we have only tried sheep on a small scale, and could not make good on a quarter section. That the farmer starts with pasture enough but keeps adding sheep without enlarging his pasture until none of them can do well, and finally starve to death. This is the way the range men have used the range and they naturally think the farmer don't know any better. Personally I know of a number of range men who cannot figure a stack of hay which they buy from the farmer, and I just have assurance enough to think I can handle 1,000 sheep on a ranch as well as such men can run from 5,000 to 20,000 on the range.

Like any other business, success comes to those who stick to it and give it personal attention. The rangemen had better take the time they are spending fighting forest reserve questions to studying sheep on the ranch, and not pass it by with a laugh and wave of the hand.

The blind can see that the range men are being closed in on all sides and it is only a question of time until they are driven to farm or are put out of business entirely.

The farmers, too, on all the enormous new lands have a problem to study. What are they going to do with it? Stock is their only salvation and sheep take the least capital and give quickest and most profitable returns and is the only product that cannot be overdone.

What Idaho needs is more people making a good thing and not a few making a big pile, and the rancher is satisfied with a square deal and no favors, forest reserve or otherwise.

I am not posing as an expert, only a common city-bred farmer, and my profits do not compare with those of others that were given at the farmers' institute at Nampa. Still \$3,000 and over a year looks good to me from 160 acres.

If the Capital News or anyone else wants exact figures and facts, I will be glad to give them or would talk this subject to any gathering of farmers who are interested.

Have an intense interest in it myself and can see that the more that go into it the better for each one.

D. C. MULLEN,  
 R. F. D. No. 2, Nampa, Ida.

(Continued next week.)

**If I Knew You and You Knew Me.**

If I knew you and you knew me,  
 'Tis seldom we would disagree;  
 But, never having yet clasped hands,  
 Both often fail to understand  
 That each intends to do what's right,  
 And treat each other "honor bright,"  
 How little to complain there'd be  
 If I knew you and you knew me.

When'er we ship you by mistake,  
 Or in your bill some error make,  
 From irritation you'd be free,  
 If I knew you and you knew me.

Or when the checks don't come on time,  
 And customers send us "nary" a line,  
 We'd wait without anxiety  
 If I knew you and you knew me.

Or when some goods you "fire back,"  
 Or make a kick on this or that,  
 We'd take it in good part, you see,  
 If I knew you and you knew me.

With customers ten thousand strong,  
 Occasionally things go wrong—  
 Sometimes our fault, sometimes theirs,  
 Forbearance would decrease all cares,  
 Kind friend, how pleasant things would be  
 If I knew you and you knew me.

Then let no doubting thoughts abide  
 Of firm good faith on either side.  
 Confidence to each other give,  
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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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