

THE BEND BULLETIN

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"For Union High School—Yes."

At the annual school meeting on June 21, the advisability of a union high school comes before the voters.

It is proposed to consolidate school districts Nos. 12, 34 and 72—that is, Bend, Lava and Reynolds districts—for the purposes of a common high school at Bend.

The two other districts involved at present have not high schools of their own, nor will they be in a position to support institutions at all adequate for some years. By the proposed arrangement the graduates of the common schools of these districts will be entitled to the advantages of the Bend high school, the districts themselves will participate in the support of the union high school and their tax-payers will be exempt from their present tax to the county high school at Prineville.

There are various reasons why the creation of this union high school district should be looked upon with favor. Bend already has a very efficient high school—equal in efficiency to the county high school, and Bend graduates are admitted to the Oregon state university without examination as to qualifications. By forming the new union district the high class facilities of the Bend school are opened, free of tuition, to the pupils of the Lava and Reynolds districts.

The high school at Bend is a good place for parents to send their children and feel perfectly at ease regarding their welfare. The morals of the town are good, and conditions from the standpoint of health are unexcelled. Here we have the purest of water, invigorating air, pleasant surroundings, and no epidemics of disease. There has been but one death among Bend scholars since the school was founded.

The three districts have assessable property aggregating \$1,293,238. This means that the tax for high school purposes will be very light. The business of the district will be transacted by a board of five, elected by the voters of the district.

Every voter should be present at the election and cast the ballot which reads: "For union high school—yes."

"One of the most contemptible tricks that can be done is the wanton destruction of another man's property. The cutting of a half mile of wire fence belonging to H. C. Barney is the latest instance in point. The man who goes out in the darkness of night and destroys a fence put up by some law-abiding homesteader, certainly has little regard for the dictates of the law or of decency. His act proves him to be a criminal, and he should receive the criminal's portion. Mr. Barney is a hard working, energetic man, an old soldier, and one who attends strictly to his own business. He is engaged in the laudable work of building him a home on his homestead—just the sort of a man this country needs and wants. And he who cut the fence is just the sort of a man the country does not need. Here is a good task for the officers of the law. Let them apprehend the guilty man and send him to the penitentiary. That is a very good place for him."

There are thousands of horsepower going to waste in the Deschutes river. Said horse power can be used for the development of

electric power. Railroads can be run very successfully by electricity. The Corvallis & Eastern railroad is distant only about 60 miles from Bend. The building of a railroad over these 60 miles is a very feasible project and easy of construction. Question: Why do not Bend and Portland capitalists awake to the situation and build an electric line to connect Bend with the C. & E.?

City Marshal Lynes has been able to collect taxes for only 16 dogs out of the dozens of the pestiferous curs that infest the streets of Bend. Most of the owners swore solemnly that they had just given the dogs away or promised to send them out of town at once. The best means by which to relieve this nuisance is to provide the marshal with a good shotgun and plenty of ammunition, with instructions to shoot on sight every dog for which no tax has been paid. What mania is it that possesses nearly everyone in Bend to desire a dog? They are noisy, dirty, disease carrying creatures, and most people have no earthly use for them. There is no objection to a dog that is being used for some good purpose, but there is altogether too many of the useless, misnamed "pets" running the streets of Bend, a nuisance to everybody. Better send them to dog heaven by the shotgun route.

Wants Information.

PORTLAND, Or., June 12, 1909.—Editor Bend Bulletin, Bend, Oregon. Dear Sir: For some time I have been a reader of your "booster" for Central Oregon and have become interested in your country and later I shall make a visit to Bend to look your city over. Meanwhile would you kindly, through your paper, give me a little information regarding the cost of clearing and putting in the first crop on the average raw irrigated land, etc.

Let me make a suggestion that you publish a few articles along these lines as no doubt you have many readers who are, like myself, interested in your country and would welcome any information regarding the cost of securing a title to your irrigated land.

In conclusion I wish to say that you are publishing one of the best little papers I have ever seen for a small town. Respectfully,
A READER.

As soon as The Bulletin can collect the necessary data and can interview reliable farmers, it will take pleasure in publishing an article or two along the lines above requested.

WORKING FOR A RAILROAD.

Oregon-Idaho Development League is Doing Good Work in That Line.

The Oregon-Idaho Development Congress will hold its ninth session at Burns on July 1 and 2, and the session promises to be one of the most interesting and best attended of any yet held by this energetic and pushing organization.

The one great object animating the men behind the congress is to secure the building of a railroad from Boise, Idaho, through Central Oregon, to Coos Bay. They desire that Oregon shall adopt the proposed constitutional amendment which would authorize certain districts to bond their property to raise funds for railroad construction. The amendment would also give the state the power to build railroads. Idaho has already adopted a district railroad law.

While these men are desirous of securing such an amendment to the Oregon constitution, they are not relying wholly upon that means for building the railroad, but are working strenuously to interest capital in such a road.

Prominent speakers who will be present and deliver addresses are

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as follows:

Judge Stephen A. Lowell of Pendleton, on land monopoly.

Col. C. E. S. Wood of Portland, on the need of self-help in railroad construction.

Col. Edgar M. Heigho of Weiser, Idaho, on the Idaho district railroad law.

Ex-Secretary of State Will H. Gibson of Idaho will speak on irrigation by pumping.

Addison Bennett of Irrigon will tell of the importance of Coos Bay harbor to Central Oregon.

President Homan of Willamette University will discuss educational development of Oregon.

Col. L. K. Page of Salem will make the trip to Burns and take a place on the program to discuss investments in Central Oregon lands.

Bear Hunters Get One.

Al. Aldridge, Armand Shearer and Rene West were bear hunting in the Crane Prairie country during the past 10 days. Last Wednesday they succeeded in getting onto the trail of a large black bear and after an exciting chase of several

miles, the dogs treed the animal and Al. and Armand succeeded in bringing him to the ground—about a 200 pounder. They report that there are a lot of bears in that neighborhood, but in this first scrimmage their best hound was badly bitten in the foot by the bear and lamed so that she would not work, and the other dogs seemed to rely upon her for a leader. "Bill" Vandever has been threatening to have his young son Arthur stake out a bear for Al, but Al says it isn't necessary now, inasmuch as he has now bagged his first bear.

Dig Grave Before Man Dies.

In Eastern Oregon there is at least one town whose residents believe in having things done on time. That's Antelope. "Ever ready" is evidently the watchword in that energetic town. It is said that some of the city dads there always insist on taking their meals a whole day in advance, and the mayor actually gets up in the morning before breakfast. Why, the person who is unlucky enough to die in Antelope, doesn't even

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have to wait for his grave to be dug. Recently the town doctor announced that George Slocum, an old sheep man who was very ill and had come to that town for care, could not live long. Almost immediately a grave was dug for Slocum who, contrarily, improved a little in health, and the last advice received by The Bulletin reported the grave still empty. But then, its ready you know, in case the old man should die. When it comes to being ready Antelope is "Johnny on the spot." A lady who died there a few years ago had been provided with a coffin to her measure, and paid for, a whole year in advance.

Eclipse of Sun Tomorrow.

According to Hick's Almanac, the Bend country will witness an almost total eclipse of the sun, caused by the transit of the moon across the disc of the sun. The eclipse is scheduled to begin at 3:53 tomorrow afternoon and will last nearly an hour.

Practicing for "Nigger Minstrel."

The band boys are practicing diligently on their "nigger minstrel," which will be presented on the night of July 2. It promises to be one of those side-splitting affairs.

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