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**WHO IS THE MAN?**

Who shall be Bend's next mayor? It is understood that Mayor Davidson does not desire a re-election. Who is to succeed him? It is an important question.

During the coming two years, the mayoralty of Bend will be an important office. With the development that is sure to follow the building of railroads into this section, Bend is certain to take great strides forward. Many men with business ability and much experience will be attracted to Bend as a desirable place in which to invest their capital. It is important that the man who sits in the mayor's chair shall be one who can meet these men and impress them with the fact that Bend's officers are progressive, broad minded and able.

During the city's rapid development there undoubtedly will be applications for franchises and concessions of like nature from the city. The best interests of the municipality require that the mayor shall be one who, if it is possible to obtain one, has had some experience in city government, and a man with a backbone stiff enough to see that the taxpayers of the city are not imposed upon when franchises and like concessions are granted. In short, we need for mayor a man who combines experience and ability with progressiveness and rigid honesty.

**Who is the man?**

When one considers the fight that Roosevelt had to secure needed legislation; when the perniciousness of the late tariff law is fully understood; when it is realized that congress is apparently absolutely under the thumb of the trusts and protected interests; and when one stops to consider the graft and widespread corruption that is so common from one end of our country to the other, what hope is there for good government in either the republican or democratic parties? These two parties as represented by the men in authority, have been captured absolutely by the enemies of the common people. Congress is bossed and dictated to by a band of buccaneers put there by the "predatory interests" and "criminal rich." And republicans and democrats are alike guilty. What the nation needs is a "Labor" party, similar to the one in New Zealand by which men who have come up from the ranks and who still have a shred of honesty left in them may be elected to high office. Then perhaps the interests of the people as a whole will be looked after, and our congress will not be given up wholly to handing out graft and pelf to the trusts by means of extreme protective tariffs and other methods that are nothing but robbery. Socialism is too radical and its policies are too liable to result in serious mischief to be adopted by a majority of voters. But there is a crying need for a new party whose aim is honestly to serve the country as a whole.

If Bend is to be governed as it should be—for the best interests of its entire citizenship—men of conviction, and those not afraid to stand for their convictions, must be elected to city office.

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it a fine rain—fine for the dry farmers and all others.

Bend will be much in need of an able and conscientious city council during the coming few years. It behooves those who have the best interests of the city at heart to see that efficient men are elected at the city election on December 7.

**Save the Trees.**

A matter of really great importance, which is often overlooked in the building of new towns, is touched upon in a paragraph from the Klamath Falls Evening Herald printed in another column of this paper.

It is the preservation of features of natural beauty. Once destroyed they can never be restored. A little forethought will preserve them to give those priceless little touches that please homeseekers and make all the difference between raw newness and homelike attractiveness. For years the city of Portland has been conspicuous for its beauty and homelike character. It appeals to the professional tourist and the casual visitor as quite different from Spokane and others of the booming coast cities. It seems to the Easterner to be quite Eastern. It is not raw, crude, irritating to those who like civilization or repose. The difference is found in the trees more than any other one thing. It has plenty of trees while most of the other towns are almost destitute of such ornament. They are too young to have grown large and ornamental shade trees.

Spokane is a marked example of the folly that caused destruction of native trees, in the mad rush for clearing and platting the land and selling town lots. A bird's eye view of that city is most painful in the lack of green relief which fine trees afford. It would be worth more than money to have preserved this ready-made beauty feature instead of thoughtlessly and wantonly adding to the cheerlessness of the scene by robbing it of nature's robe, which was never too plentiful there.

Mere money grabbing is not the chief end of man. Comforting and cheerful surroundings add vastly to the pleasures of healthy living.

The greenery of Bend's trees add more to the attractions of the locality than most people appreciate.

and to destroy this great feature of beauty and reduce the town to stiff and cheerless sameness, in the absence of clear necessity, would be not only most regrettable vandalism, but an offense against those higher qualities of civilization which make some communities more desirable than others.

If the towns which are famous for their beauty were to be denuded of their trees their reputation would vanish at once. The parks are the beauty spots of all cities; can one imagine them without their stately old trees? Look at Boston, New Haven, Princeton, Lexington—the list is almost endless—they are not afraid to have great oaks and elms and maples in the very middle of their streets.

Pasadena is a noted Western example of a city which values its trees, many of which are in the streets and, moreover, are protected with massive chains and stone walls within which ferns wave and flowers bloom to charm all beholders. Even sidewalks and pavements must be built around them. There is plenty of room also for traffic and the trees do add grandeur and nobility to the view, cast a grateful shade and soften the hard lines of the struggle for money, and it is so easy to let them stay and serve as a benediction in our hurried and hurried lives.



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