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CROOKED METHODS ARE CONDEMNED

Commercial Clubs Attack Wildcat Townsite Schemes.

MANY RANK STATEMENTS

Promoters of Hillman Townsite File Advertising Matter with Fake Pictures and Misrepresentations. Work for Grand Jury.

The promoters of the Hillman townsite are in trouble. Gross misrepresentation in advertising matter and alleged intent to deceive the public are the causes of their difficulty. A prospectus issued by the promoters contains many irrigations, agricultural and developments which are labeled as being "Near Hillman" when in fact the scenes from which the photos were taken are many miles from Hillman, in some instances not being even within the county. As a result of this misrepresentation, it is reported that many poor people have been induced to invest their money in Hillman lots with the expectation of getting big returns, when it is very doubtful if they will ever realize anything from their investment.

One example of the misrepresentation practiced through the illustrations in the prospectus is a view of the Deschutes river in front of the A. M. Drake residence at Bend, said view being labeled "Irrigation Canal Near Hillman." The Deschutes ought to make a pretty fair irrigation canal, hadn't it?

Deputy District Attorney Fitzgerald of Portland stated that if the facts as reported by Crook county people are verified, he will lay the matter before the grand jury, believing that the charge of obtaining money by false pretenses would apply. Postal inspectors will also be asked to investigate the matter because it is believed that the fraud order can be applied, and a prominent member of the Portland Realty Board stated that if the charges were proved, Cooper & Taylor, the promoters, would be ejected from the real-estate association.

The advertising matter put out by the Hillman people aroused the ire of several prominent Crook county men, who at once started a move to put an end to such misrepresentations. Thereupon the Prineville Commercial Club adopted resolutions bitterly condemning certain wildcat townsites which were being exploited in Crook county. These resolutions were sent to the Bend Board of Trade and the commercial clubs of Laidlaw and Redmond with the request that these organizations adopt the resolutions and join in the movement to stop such gross deception, the plan being to forward the resolutions to the Portland Commercial Club and have all join in a united move against wildcat real-estate schemes. The resolutions were adopted by the Bend Board of Trade about a week ago and forwarded to the other organizations.

The men in Crook county who are behind this movement object strenuously to having a lot of people duped and thus disgusted with the country. The coming development will open up many opportunities for legitimate investments, and these men state they will not

allow a lot of wildcat schemes in Crook county real-estate to be foisted upon the people. It is a move to keep clean Crook county's reputation before the world.

The Portland Telegram has started an aggressive campaign against such tactics as those employed by the Hillman promoters, and in discussing the misrepresentations of their prospectus has this to say:

Only Dream So Far.

"On the front page of the pamphlet appears the caption, 'Hillman, Leading City, Deschutes Valley in Central Oregon.' Many of the people purchasing have been led to believe that Hillman is already a city, as this front-page caption indicated. In fact, Hillman is nothing but a barren, sterile tract, with no town or other evidence of development prior to the scant attention given it by the present promoters, and instead of being the leading city of the Deschutes Valley at the present time, is nothing but the dream of a bunch of promoters, the realization of which is gravely questioned by a multitude of the best business men of Crook county.

"The first photographs in the pamphlet show a beautiful valley scene, with a stately snow-capped mountain behind and a broad grain field. On either side of the first are the words 'Hillman,' in large letters, which the reader construes to mean that the surveyed and platted tract, with cottages and trees, is the Hillman townsite. Crook county people say this is a positive fake, as there is no such scene as that depicted in the county, and, above all, it does not exist on the tract that is being floated as the Hillman townsite. The grain field, with ties for a railway laid through it, is labeled 'Showing Grade Through Country North of Hillman.' Men familiar with the country believe the picture was taken somewhere along the Columbia Southern line, perhaps 80 or 100 miles from Hillman.

Fake Pictures Used.

"A series of six pictures appears next, depicting agricultural development. One, a beautiful irrigated tract, is labeled 'Hall Ranch, Adjoining Hillman.' This picture was taken of the experiment farm that was operated adjacent to the town of Bend, 29 miles south of Hillman. Another picture is of a strawberry field of great area, and is labeled 'Strawberry Patch West of Hillman.' There is no such strawberry patch as this in Crook County, so far as can be learned, and at any rate it cannot be found within miles and miles of Hillman. Another picture on this page is of a great melon patch, adjacent to a thriving orchard, and bears the label, 'Orchard and Melon Patch West of Hillman.' It is notorious that no such scene is near Hillman, and if it lies west, is probably on the other side of the Cascade mountains.

"'Cattle on Range, 10 Miles West of Hillman,' is the title of another photograph, showing a big herd of Mooley cattle of blooded strain. There is no such stock as that on the range near, or on the range of Crook County, informed men of that section say.

The most glaring and palpable deception is set forth in a series of pictures, which are calculated to show that extensive irrigation work has been done and is now in progress near Hillman. Three pictures show irrigating canals and a diversion headworks, and one, showing a big crew of men at work, is la-

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WOOLEN MILL MAY LOCATE AT BEND

J. P. Wilbur of Athena, Or., Has His Eye on This Place.

OWNS MILL; WANTS LOCATION

"Do You People Want a Woolen Mill at Bend?" Asks Mr. Wilbur—Will Come and Investigate the Conditions Here.

One by one men are looking to Bend for a place in which to establish manufacturing plants and industries of various descriptions. The latest inquiry received comes from a man who is looking for a location for a woolen mill, and who writes, "I own a woolen mill and am looking for a location for same. Have read up some on your part of the country and the future looks good. Do you people want a woolen mill at Bend?"

The inquiry comes from J. P. Wilbur of Athena, Oregon. He states that he will come to Bend soon to investigate conditions

Town Booming Helps

V.—Where Is Your Talent?

Remember the case of the man who took his talent, wrapped it in a napkin and buried it?

Not only did his master punish him for his folly, but his conduct has become a byword.

The world has progressed since his time. Modern conditions have developed a kind of man who is even more useless than the one who buried his talent. HE IS THE MAN



WHO SENDS HIS MONEY OUT OF TOWN TO BUY FROM MAIL ORDER HOUSES.

The man who buried his talent at least had the talent to show for it. If we all spent our money out of town in a short time we would have nothing to show for it except BANKRUPTCY NOTICES.

The man who patronizes home industries benefits the people he deals with and benefits himself. His conduct is like that of the good and faithful servant who so used the talents entrusted to him that they greatly increased. He is a good and faithful citizen who is worthy of the success he is sure to win.

The next time you see an attractive advertisement of a mail order house go to your local merchant and try to buy the article of him. IF HE HASN'T IT ASK HIM WHY. If he has it ask him why he never told you about it in your local paper.

That will be a boost for us. But we'll stand for it. And we'll boost back; remember that.

Do your share of the boosting and you'll get your share of the prosperity.

LET US BOOST!

and if he is satisfied he will establish a mill here that will consume 400,000 pounds of wool annually and employ 100 people.

C. S. Hudson, president of the Bend Board of Trade, has written Mr. Wilbur stating that the citizens of Bend would be much pleased to have him locate his mill here and promising him the fullest cooperation and substantial aid in the way of a free site, etc.

Bend is situated in the heart of the great wool growing district of Oregon, and it has always been believed by Bend people that a woolen mill would eventually be one of the industries located here. Mr. Wilbur's letter gives promise that this expectation will soon be realized. Shaniko, the point at which all the wool from this interior country is marketed, enjoys the distinction of being the largest wool shipping point in the United States, 4,000,000 pounds having been shipped from there last year. With a railroad at Bend a great amount of this wool will come here, and woolen mills at Bend would never suffer for a supply of raw material.

RAILROAD WORK AT VALE.

Equipment Ready for Construction of Line Across the State.

Parties who have just returned from Vale report a large amount of railroad building equipment at that place, together with men who are considered contractors, with between 600 and 1000 head of horses. It is confidently believed that active work will begin early in the spring grading the road toward the Harney country.

The recent visit of railroad men to that place and their mysterious visits to the interior is further evidence of the intention to begin construction work.—Burns Times-Herald.

Vale is in the eastern part of the state and is the present terminus of the Harriman line in that section. If work starts as above expected, it undoubtedly will be on the Natron-Ontario extension, east and west across the state.

DEPUTY SHERIFF COMBS WEDS

Married to Miss Effie Dobbs at High Noon Last Sunday.

Deputy Sheriff John Combs of Prineville and Miss Effie Dobbs were married at the home of the bride's parents near Prineville, at high noon last Sunday, Rev. Bailey officiating. Later in the day the newly wedded couple went to Prineville where they were tendered a reception by Mrs. C. W. Elkins.

A host of friends over the county extend best wishes to the popular deputy sheriff and his charming bride.

Typewriter ribbons at this office.

BLOCK 4 IN BEND BRINGS \$30,000

Hunter Realty Co. Buys A. M. Drake Residence Property.

WILL BE PUT ON THE MARKET

Block Will Be Subdivided into Lots and Offered for Sale—Has Been Most Unique Residence Property in Central Oregon.

During the past week the D. E. Hunter Realty Company, of Dayton, Ohio, bought the A. M. Drake residence property in Bend, comprising all of Block 4 of the city plat. The price paid was the neat sum of \$30,000. The deal was closed by A. O. Hunter who is spending the winter in Bend looking after the interests of the company of which he is a member.

Under the stipulations of the sale, Mr. Drake will continue to occupy the property during the present year and will keep the large lawn in its usual excellent condition. To a Bulletin reporter, Mr. Hunter said that the block would eventually be divided into lots and put on the market, but no endeavor will be made to dispose of them at the present. "Of course," said Mr. Hunter, "we might sell two or three of the lots to parties who wanted them for immediate business purposes, but a stipulation of any such sale will be that there shall be no building on the property prior to 1911. That beautiful lawn and unique residence have been one of the greatest assets Bend has had, and we would not want to spoil it during the present year. By 1911, however, there will undoubtedly be many other handsome lawns and residences in the town and we can then better dispense with the Drake lawn."

Mr. Hunter's plan is to run an alley through the center of the block parallel to Wall street. Facing Wall street, there will be one 35-foot lot on each of the two opposite corners of the block. The land lying between these two corners will be divided into 25-foot lots. The block has a frontage on Wall street of 345 feet, and there will thus be 13 lots facing this street. On the opposite side of the block, facing the river, there will be a 72½-foot lot on each corner of the block and four 50-foot lots in between.

This property has been occupied by Mr. Drake as a home since he started the town, and has been the admiration of all who have visited Bend. The lawn covering the en-

tire block and dotted with stately pines and clusters of junipers, the turbulent Deschutes washing it on one side, the beautiful mountain view, and the log bungalow, have combined to make it the most unique and attractive residence in Central Oregon. It has been the special admiration of all strangers visiting Bend. The property stands, however, in the very heart of the business section and it has always been known that when Bend's dreams of a railroad were realized, this block would be sub-divided and sold for business purposes. That time has now arrived.

The Hunter Realty Company is investing quite heavily in Bend property, but this purchase is its largest investment to date.

BIG DEVELOPMENT PLANNED

Awbrey and Nichols Falls, Near Laidlaw, Sold for \$50,000.

A deal was closed here last week whereby H. H. Humphreys of Kennewick, Wash., and Mrs. Carra Kirkham-Swofford of this place bought the two Awbrey Falls and the B. F. Nichols falls, close to Laidlaw, and contracted for the purchase of nearly 1,000 acres of land adjoining the present townsite of Laidlaw from the same parties. The consideration for the power sites was close to \$50,000, and the price to be paid for the land contracted for, while not yet made public, is said to run way up in the thousands. The land contracted for has a frontage of three miles on the Deschutes river, and joins the town of Laidlaw on the north.—Chronicle.

The new owners will soon begin building a large power plant, and will cut up the land into small tracts, the plan being to dispose of it for orchard purposes. The purchasers are well supplied with capital and plan a large development.

Gray Wolf Kills Stock

A large gray wolf, with headquarters about 20 miles up Crooked river, has been destroying yearlings to such an extent lately that the stockmen have become desperate. A subscription paper has been circulated and now carries a combined purse of \$90 for the huntsman who is lucky enough to kill the nuisance. Some stockmen put in as much as \$20 to the fund. It seems a big price to pay, but cattle are cattle these days.—Prineville Review.

Chicago People Look to Oregon.

A letter from a Chicago tradesman to a Bend friend explains that there is a great tendency among the people of his class in Chicago, "toward the soil" and many have their heart set on coming to Oregon. He says: "I, along with many more, am getting tired of this humdrum life, and long for the quiet of the country. There is a longing for the freedom of the soil—a harking back to the joys of childhood days on the farm. I attended the Land Show here at the Coliseum in November and will say that Oregon had one of the best exhibits there. After the show everyone had a notion that they were to become farmers. Living expenses in Chicago are getting to be so high that even the most common of food is getting to be a luxury and rents are going up all the time, so that a man making a small salary has to be a genius to make both ends meet. Hence the tendency toward the farm, and the desire to 'Go West.'"

Watch found. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this ad.

GOOD RESULTS ALREADY APPARENT.

The Bend Board of Trade has received several inquiries from parties who had read in The Bulletin regarding the Oregonian's New Years edition and who wanted to know where they could secure copies of that number. Many letters are coming in from outside people who have read the New Years Oregonian and thereby became desirous of locating at Bend. The good work is going on apace and Bend people should help it along by sending out many copies of this edition. Remember, they can be procured at the following places:

The First National Bank,
The Bend News Stand,
The Postoffice,
The Bulletin Office.