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Rascals, Keep Out.

The dictum has gone out from Crook county that misrepresentation and fraud in the sale of real estate will not be countenanced by the business men of the county. Wildcat townsites and like schemes are to be tabooed and shown up in their proper colors if the commercial organizations of the county are able to do it. The commercial club at Prineville started the movement against these dishonest tactics and now all the similar organizations of the county have united in an endeavor to make impossible all forms of fraud, chicanery and cheating in the sale of Crook county real estate insofar as it has to do with the floating of townsite propositions. This is a most commendable move and should receive the support of all honest men.

The direct cause of this action are extravagant and misleading statements made by the promoters of the Hillman townsite. If current reports are true, their literature abounds in fraud and misrepresentation, and as a result many people have bought lots in Hillman who can ill afford to lose what they have invested, many of the purchasers of lots being widows and poor working men and women.

That sort of business is pernicious in the extreme. It is contemptible. The man who, through deliberate fraud and lies, fattens his own pocketbook off the earnings of widows and of the hardworking laboring class is a most contemptible rascal wherever found. It is to be hoped he will not be allowed to thrive in Crook county. Hundreds of honest people looking for investments will be attracted to this section during the coming months. There is room for all of them and there are openings for a great number of legitimate business enterprises. It would be most unjust to allow many of these people to be duped and robbed by wildcat real estate schemes. After being fleeced they would leave the country bitterly disgusted and would be justified in giving Central Oregon a most unsavory reputation. This the commercial clubs of the county will not allow if they can help it. By their recent action they have posted a sign warning rascals to keep out. Those of that class who are wise will heed the warning.

And now it is a woolen mill that the owner wants to establish at Bend. This is an industry for which Bend affords an ideal location. Situated right in the heart of the great wool growing section of Oregon, with plenty of water and power, and with ample railroad accommodations, a woolen mill at Bend would possess, to a very large extent, those advantages necessary to success. Bend people have long expected that woolen mills would be one of the future industries of the town. With the railroad now assured, the movement has already started this way and an owner of a woolen mill will soon be at Bend to look over the situation.

The man who wants to locate a woolen mill at Bend is but the forerunner of many others who will come here to establish various mercantile and manufacturing enterprises. The Board of Trade already has several prospective enterprises on the string, and many of them will eventually locate at Bend. Those who are looking for locations for legitimate business enterprises

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The men at the head of affairs in Crook county hold out every encouragement to legitimate business undertakings, but they have open condemnation for wildcat speculation, fraud and deception. They have announced in unmistakable terms that all branches of the coming development must be along honest lines.

T. H. Shevlin, the Minneapolis lumber baron, when in Bend two years ago, said that Bend would have 25,000 people within 10 years after transportation is provided. It begins to look as though Shevlin might be a prophet.

The many prophecies made as to Bend's future will all be fulfilled. The second city in Oregon will be found in a few years on the banks of the Deschutes river and clustered about the foot of Pilot Butte.

A block of Bend real estate 300 feet square sold this week for \$30,000. Not a bad price for a small patch of that "worthless Bend country."

Even in Chicago, the metropolis of the Middle West, people are talking about Central Oregon as note a news item in another column.

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MANY NEW IDEAS.

G. P. Putnam Says He is Primed with New Plans for Bend Boosting.

About a month has elapsed since I left Bend and came eastward. Before another month has passed I hope again to have opportunity to read The Bulletin on a Wednesday evening, instead of the following Tuesday, as is now the case.

From your columns and from those of the Oregonian, I have kept in touch with the development of affairs in Oregon, and particularly in the Bend country. And although it looks a bit as if the daily Oregonian has rather neglected you of late, I want to congratulate you upon the splendid advertising we got in the New Year's number—it looks all Bend to me. And the talks Joe Hunter has handed out are the best ever—Board of Trade ought to give him a salary.

But it all sounds good—the continued railroad activity, the booming and the great interest focussed upon the country—even if reading it one knows it is practically nothing in comparison to what will come this next season. There is a lot to be done, and Bend will do it, with The Bulletin, the Board of Trade and the citizens behind the work. In fact, I see no reason why 1910 should not prove the greatest year of development that the Bend country has ever seen—if we all get out and work for it. Which leads me to venture the remark that your transcontinental secretary of the Board of Trade has primed himself with a bunch of new ideas in publicity and development work, and looks forward to a return to greatly enlarged campaigning.

Now a brief word concerning my trip, believing it may be of some interest. In coming East, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Chicago were stopping places. At the first of these cities the exhibits of Oregon and Washington products under the auspices of the Great Northern Railway are of great interest and value for home and investment seekers; at Chicago, I was fortunate enough to make connections with the great land show.

My Eastern visit has been varied by a trip to the old home of several Benders, North Carolina, and by a very interesting stay in Washington, D. C. At the capitol I was fortunate in meeting many men who are interested in the far West,

and was able to give them much desired information concerning our country.

It is a pleasure to tell you what a tremendous interest is felt even in the extreme East concerning Oregon openings, and just at present, of course, Central Oregon is best known of all sections of the Northwest; thanks to the recent article in "Putnam's." I am approached by many for information, and you may rest assured that Bend gets all the "boosting" its possible to give.

Now a couple of long weeks in New York, chiefly arranging for future northwestern work, then back across the continent to the coming Spokane of Oregon—even if "Hillman" has borrowed our watchword!

With best wishes to Bend and The Bulletin for a brilliant New Year, I remain, enthusiastically,

GEORGE P. PUTNAM.

Fat Hog Brings \$61.20.

An example of the big money in hog raising was given at Portland during the past week when a single porker, weighing 680 pounds, brought \$61.20. This is the highest price that a single hog ever brought at the stockyards there. The hog was raised by Henry Larkin of Colfax, Wash. Hogs reached \$9.20 during the week.

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