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NOW FOR A PULL ALL TOGETHER.

Bend faces an opportunity for showing its metal. The townsite interest—Mr. Drake—has put between \$30,000 and \$35,000 into the railroad right of way. The Lytk townsite people have donated \$11,000 or \$12,000 to the same cause. This left a few cases to be adjusted by the citizens of Bend in general, and it is found that the sum of \$7,875 is needed for the purpose. What will Bend do about it?

Of course Bend will raise the money, and do it promptly and cheerfully. By doing so it will not only do its duty, a duty which cannot be shirked, but in a manner that will redound to its credit and establish its character as a vigorous, enterprising, broad-gauged business community. This will of itself be worth the money to a young town like Bend.

Those who have already contributed to the railroad right of way by sacrificing or exchanging property have shown their good will and good sense in a substantial manner. There is a most honorable and admirable record. Special attention is directed to the names on the front page of this paper, which should head the Roll of Honor in Bend as pioneers in unselfish co-operation for the common good. They will stand as an inspiration to broader patriotism as distinguished from miserly money-grubbing. It does not require a brass band, or even a wide mouth, or much "tin," to establish character as citizens who make a community progressive and strong.

Let the good record thus begun be continued to the end of the chapter. This money must be provided. It can be paid easily in anything like a fair division of the burden. The burden will be fairly divided. Let the payments be fairly made.

The Portland Oregonian's unholly espousal of the "assembly" as a means for defeating popular government leads it into comical situations. It professes to see inconsistency in the condemnation of the political "assembly" by the Federation of Labor and by the Grange, themselves assembled for deliberation and action. That the Oregonian's contention in this matter is the purest gammon no one knows better than itself. The Federation of Labor and the Grange, fraternal societies and churches, are organized to promote the interests of certain affiliated collections of earnest persons along definite lines. Collectively and individually these people have the right to express political opinions. They do not assume to set themselves up to govern the mass of the people, but they do protest against a choice clique of discredited politicians taking charge, by means of the holy "assembly," of the ship of state from which they were recently forced by the voters to walk the plank. Either the Federation or the Grange is quite as representative of the people as the Oregonian's sacred "assembly" would be. If these bodies were to attempt to conduct the civil government of the state it would be no more monstrous than for a little gang of crooked politicians to arrogate to themselves the same power. The "assembly" move is an at-

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tempt to organize political graft so that the higher-ups may skim the cream of it without crawling in the muck at the bottom.

President Taft's hope that a hundred million dollars a year may be saved by more methodical and rational conduct of the government departments is not a wild one. The government usually pays twice as much as necessary to accomplish its results. There are exceptions, but these do not affect the truth of the general statement. It is pretty well established that it costs the government to reclaim arid lands thrice as much as the work can be done for by private enterprise. Look at the expense of the government transport service as compared with the similar work of the private corporations and individuals in the merchant marine, and then think of the corresponding extravagance carried throughout the naval establishment. The lack of system also is very expensive. An article may be condemned by one department and bought extensively by another department. The price paid by one department is frequently materially different from the price paid by another. The commandant of the Mare Island navy yard some time ago asked for a lot of fine office furniture, and his requisition was disallowed at Washington. Thereupon he directed the navy yard carpenters to make the furniture and the bill was paid from the construction funds of the navy department—an expenditure distinctly disallowed and yet paid at a higher rate by the government. The army and navy are frightfully expensive from lack of business methods, and also, it must be admitted, from a more or

less dishonest administration in the interest of an aristocratic caste that has fastened its tentacles about those establishments. More than \$100,000,000 annually should be saved by proper organization and service in the departments at Washington.

The local newspaper is the best publicity agent any town can have. It works all the time, boom or no boom, pay or no pay. While it serves a certain important purpose as nothing else can, it does not occupy the whole field where publicity may be useful to such communities as Bend, and it is wise to engage in legitimate promotion effort beyond the sphere of the local newspaper. It is well, however, to hold in mind the fact that money can be wasted in advertising as easily as in anything else. Desired results are not likely to be obtained in this or any other business without careful and intelligent attention to details.

In all the contention between Mr. Drake and the D. I. & P. people, and in the later quarrel within the D. I. & P. Co., every interest appears to be cared for except the public. The State Land Board was supposed to look after the public interest. Therefore the public is plucked without mercy. The various private interests in the case will look out for themselves all right enough.

Sea serpents not being available to advertise mountain health resorts in Southern California, they have a "meteor of extraordinary size and brilliancy" going into the mountains "where it exploded with a deafening report and sent up a

great cloud of dust." Since this heavenly visitor is reported to have been seen "in the afternoon" it must have been brilliant indeed.

No man can live to himself alone. Civilized man depends very largely upon the aid and protection which community life affords and he cannot decently shirk community responsibilities. If he will not act with his neighbors in measures for community progress he should not take the benefit that comes from such action.

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