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PANAMA ARTICLES

The Bulletin will publish the following articles regarding the Panama Canal, written by G. P. Putnam, who has just returned from an extensive trip to Panama and Central America as a special correspondent for various metropolitan newspapers.

- One article will appear each week. In this issue is printed the fourth, "The Men on the Isthmus."
- 1—"What the Panama Canal is."
- 2—"Constructing the Big Ditch."
- 3—"Some of the Big Jobs."
- 4—"The Men on the Isthmus."
- 5—"How Uncle Sam Treats His Employees."
- 6—"How Panama has Been Made a Health Resort."
- 7—"What the Canal Will do for the Pacific Coast."

THE DESERT LAND BOARD.

Irrigation, and complications arising from irrigation, are coming to occupy a more and more important place in Oregon.

Irrigation affects everyone. Its proper conduct means prosperity for, and its poor administration means hardships for, the settler, the land holder, the small town merchant, the banker, the wholesaler and the manufacturer. Use our water wisely and well, and we all prosper; misuse it, and we suffer.

Irrigation itself is no longer an experiment; its enormous benefits, and its profits to farmer and investor, are established facts.

But while the beneficial results of the application of water to semi-arid lands is now a matter of historic knowledge, legislation in connection with irrigation is still in its infancy. Irrigation laws and water laws in general are still experimental, to a great degree. This is especially true in Oregon.

A natural result of the experimental and unsettled character of the water and irrigation laws and methods of procedure only too often has been trouble.

The trouble usually hits two classes of individuals hardest. The first, and worst sufferer, is the settler, the man who wants to use the land and the water he has paid or contracted for. The second class is the investor whose cash has seeded the irrigation companies.

The state has a body of officers whose duty it is to watch over the irrigation and general water users' affairs of Oregon. It is supposed to guard the interests of the settlers, to see that the resources of the country are properly administered, and to prevent organizations to mislead their customers, the settlers.

The body in question is the Desert Land Board. It is composed of the Governor, the Secretary of State, the State Treasurer, the Attorney General and the State Engineer.

Nominally, it is supposed to protect the settlers. It is the overseer of irrigation for the entire state. To do its duty, its members rightfully should personally examine into the details of every irrigation project in the state. Without such investigation on the ground, and resulting opportunity to hear every side of every story, the work of the Desert Land Board becomes more or less farcical.

During the last two years how much first-hand attention have the

members of the Board devoted to irrigation projects in Central Oregon? It would be embarrassing to push the inquiry too far. Suffice to say that practically the sum and substance of the visitation to the interior during the past year is one trip, made in July, 1911, when all the Board members excepting Secretary Olcott attended a settlers' meeting.

This neglect of a grave responsibility is wrong; it means hardship for the settler, and detriment to Oregon's merited development.

Many men devote all their time to studying the intricate details of complicated irrigation matters, and have all their worldly means dependent upon the successful and honest handling of irrigation enterprises.

When these men are told that final decision concerning the rights and wrongs of the irrigation enterprises in which they are interested is left to a group in Salem who practically never have been on the ground and know nothing of local conditions, they have a right to be amazed. Furthermore, when they are told that the Land Board's basic function is to protect them, the settlers-on-the-ground, are they to be censured if they laugh in derision?

The fault is not with the members of the Desert Land Board. The fault is with the system itself.

Probably the men who comprise the Land Board do their best; certainly some of them do. But they have too many duties. Each and every member of the Board is, or should be, swamped with work. What time has a governor, secretary of state, state treasurer or attorney general to devote to trips throughout the state, to investigate the claims and rights of a handful of poor settlers (whose votes, after all, are but a drop in the bucket)? If they had time for such work, they would be neglecting other duties.

The ridiculous part of it is that these men are actually expected to know what they are doing when they so religiously "safeguard the interests of the settler." They can't do this, they can't shoulder their responsibility, they can't give a square deal to settler and to company, unless they have thrice as much time to devote to first-hand study as they now have.

The Desert Land Board should not have this work; it has outgrown the Board's abilities.

If the people of the irrigated lands are to have justice done them they must have more attention, and the big, growing problems of irrigation, must have more attention.

There are two methods by which this can be accomplished. One is to replace the Desert Land Board with a commission, appointed or elected, whose sole duty will be to study irrigation, and which shall be supplied with adequate funds for such study. The disadvantage of such a method is that it again mixes politics with something that should be upon an absolutely business basis, free from the possibility of political tinkering.

The second method is to have appointed an officer whose sole duty it shall be to investigate irrigation matters.

Let him have authority, and make him directly responsible for his actions, as one man can be, and a commission can never be. Or, if you will, let him act under the general supervision of the Land Board, simply taking from them the burden of work which they now merely make a pretense of bearing. At all events, give him a salary that will command a good man. There are men to be had who, give them the opportunity, could unravel many of the existing snarls and permanently remove from the word "irrigation" the shadow which in too many instances recently has come to cling to it.

Either proposition is reasonable. Properly worked out, either would vastly benefit all concerned.

The Beacon Light is the name of a new newspaper which is being issued at Vale.

BASKET BALL GAME FRIDAY
The girls' basket ball teams, the Whites and Blues, which played an interesting game a few weeks ago, will meet for another contest Friday evening of this week at Linster's Hall. The Whites, which lost by a narrow margin before, will endeavor to get even with their opponents in this match. The girls have been doing a lot of practicing recently and the game will likely be a very interesting exhibition. The admission is 15 cents.

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STATE BOOKLET

Information Regarding Oregon Will be Disseminated.

PORTLAND, March 19.—Oregon is to have a state booklet for information and guidance of inquirers who want to know exact facts regarding opportunities and resources. Governor West has made this possible by releasing the \$25,000 appropriation enacted by the last legislature. The booklet will be compiled by C. C. Chapman, state immigration agent, with the cooperation of the State Board of Immigration, the Oregon Agricultural College, the Oregon Development League and the commercial clubs of all the sections of the state.

Besides general information regarding the state as a whole, Commissioner Chapman proposes to have detailed information concerning each locality. This will be gathered through the Oregon Development League and the local commercial clubs. The state will issue 200,000 of these booklets and the railroads will supplement them by publishing several hundred thousand more. It is of vital importance to each locality that the commercial organizations engage promptly in preparing information to be used in this booklet which will have such an enormous circulation. Other states all over the union have had state booklets for years.

NEW FIRM OF LAWYERS.

John H. Bittner and Sylvester L. Staats have opened an office in the building with Hunter & Staats for the practice of law under the firm name of Bittner & Staats. Mr. Bittner came to Bend last fall from Pennsylvania where he practiced law for ten years, being well recommended.

CLASSIFIED COLUMN

RATES: Five cents a line for first insertion in this column, four cents a line for each subsequent insertion. Cash in advance unless you have an account with The Bulletin. Count six words to the line, including the address.

Wanted

WANTED—Someone to contract for hauling juniper wood from Laidlaw. Inquire Bulletin. 21f
WANTED—To exchange one nearly new piano for a town lot in Bend. Inquire of Dr. H. D. Brown at the Evergreen Rooming House.
WANTED—Good work team, harness, wagon and other farm im-

plements in exchange for lots in Bend Address L. S. Rickard, Bend, or inquire of W. J. McGillivray. 521f

WANTED—Man and Wife at Pilot Butte ranch, woman to do cooking and man to work on ranch, or woman only to do cooking. 511f

BOARD—Table boarders desired. Inquire Mrs. F. M. Ray. 511f.
List your lands with us. We can sell it if the price is right. Ryan & McGillivray.

For Rent.

FOR RENT—4 room house, with closet and pantry. Phone E. W. Richardson. 11f

FOR RENT—3 room bungalow on Greenwood ave. beyond 9th st. Inquire Mrs. W. B. Cameron. 11f

FOR RENT—Two store rooms, modern plate glass front. Good location on Wall street. Enquire F. O. Minor at P. O. 41f

FOR RENT—Modern five-room bungalow, just completed. Telephone E. P. Brosterhouse. 511f

FOR RENT—New cabin, partly furnished, \$4 a month. W. B. Lesh, Bk. 15, Center add. 52-2p

FOR RENT—Dry farm, 160 acres, 80 acres in cultivation. One-room house. Three miles south Powell Butte station. Will rent on the shares. Address, Joe Innes, Bend, Oregon. 11f

For Sale.

FOR SALE—Studebaker wagon, 2 1/2 in. See L. A. W. Nixon. 21f

FOR SALE—Nice 4-room bungalow, close in, choice street, reasonable price, good terms. Henkle & Ford. 21f

FOR SALE—2 good 320 acre homestead relinquishments, with some improvements. Inquire at Bulletin. 522f

FOR SALE—102 shares Swalley water stock. Will take part pay in work. Write to lock box 125, Redmond, Oregon. 1-2

FOR SALE—Pure bred S. C. White Leghorn eggs for hatching, 15 for \$1. Mrs. O. C. Henkle, Deschutes Addition, Bend Ore. 51-3

FOR SALE—Hatching eggs from Kellerstrass Crystal White Orpingtons, \$3.00 a setting. H. Speiser, Redmond, Ore. 51-13

FOR SALE—Beautiful close-in Park Addition lot. Price \$350, adjoining lot held at \$550. Inquire A. M., Bulletin. 21f

FOR SALE—Pure bred Barred Rock eggs for setting; \$1.50 for 13. Leave orders at O'Donnell's market. J. F. Pierce, Bend. 511f

FOR SALE—Second hand buggy and single harness. F. M. Ray, 511f
FOR SALE—Good milk cow; also

Oliver gang plow for sale cheap or for trade. R. E. Grimes, Pilot Butte ranch, Bend. 501f

FOR SALE—Chatham Fanning Mill with 12 sieves, price \$35. Address A-5, Bulletin. 51f

FOR SALE—Good baled clover hay \$10 per ton, 4 miles west of Laidlaw. Wimer and Spaulth. 1-4p

FOR SALE—Barred Rock EGGS for hatching, \$1 for 15. E. W. Richardson, R. F. D., Bend. 91f

Blueprint maps of Harney, Lake and Klamath counties for sale by The Bulletin, as well as maps of Crook county.

FOR SALE—\$20 saddle, \$7.50; Marlin rifle good as new, \$7; boys \$5.00 saddle, \$2.00; 100 jars home canned strawberries, peaches pears, etc. in glass jars; 50 lbs finest honey ever brought to Bend. Also 25 acres C. O. I. Co. irrigated land 7 miles east of Bend below the market. W. B. Lesh, lot 11, block 15 Center Addition. 1-2p

FOR SALE—40 acres irrigated land; cozy and up-to-date 4-room house; all fenced; 7 acres cleared and cultivated; 6 1/2 miles of Bend. Lots of lumber, tools, etc. on place. Will sell cheap. Reason am leaving

country. Agents will get liberal commission. First come, first gets the bargain. Mrs. Schiffer, 238 Lincoln St., Portland, Ore. 21f

To Trade.

WILL TRADE—Gander for geese, or will sell. P. H. Dancer, Bend 71f

Miscellaneous.

A classified advertisement in The Bulletin costs but little but brings results. If you have a house to rent or sell or want to buy, let it be known by the use of an ad.

Lost and Found.

LOST—Black stone watch charm, with gold rim around it. James Deast. 52-3

LOST—Small gold bar set with pearls and sapphires. Reward of \$5 if returned to Mrs. Ed. Brosterhouse. 21f

Malthoid Roofing

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