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Every issue of The Bulletin records the progress of Central Oregon and the Bend country. If you are a homeseeker looking for a new location, or own property in this section, there is no nette way to become acquainted with, or keep posted on, what is being done in this part of the world than by reading this paper regularly. Send in your subscription at once, so as not to miss anything of what is going on in this big, resourceful country-this great inland empire that has now been opened for development by two great railroad

HEND is located 155 miles south of the Columbia River, on the banks of the Deschutes, at the terminus of the Hill and Harriman railroads. Geographically, it is practically in

the very center of Oregon. Economically, its location is unsurpassed, west, where railroads, water-power and timber first meet, and surrounded by the greatest irrigation segregation in Oregon, with countless are maintained in the best condition millions of acres of grain lands and are lit with powerful are lights. tributary.

The City Itself.

The estimated population of Bend today is 1760. Its sittude is 3600 feet, with a climate that is practically tdeal. Winter and summer, the weather is magnificent, the temperature rarely going below zero and only twice, during the last three summers, being higher than 100 de

The highest temperature ever recorded is 102 degrees. At this alti-plated to Bend their Oregon Trunk tude, in the dry climate, actual and Deschutes lines. Bend is the large creamery at Bend, and the ald harmful freezing does not occur at terminus of both of these roads. 32 degrees but at 26 degrees.

Government records show average annual precipitation of 16 inches with an average yearly of 320 sunny days. That means enough panies hold Bend. rain for the farmer, lots of blue sky and bright sunsbine, no oppressive already is being conducted from gives Nature every possible chance southeast, and with the regular oper- canal gets its water from the Desto get the best results from man and ation of automobile truck lines, the chutes.

Bend has four churches, many creasing. henevolent societies, splendid grade schools and a high school whose county, and northern Lake and bracing more than 250,000 acres of jacent country has to offer you

able representatives of every class of enterprise.

In other words, Bend is well have spent good money developing made the terminus point, the town, and who are getting good returns on their investments.

Bend has the best water in the state, and an excellent modern water system, which includes up-to-date fire protection. Bend's streets and homes are well

nished from a new plant which cost \$60,000 to build and equip. A local and long distance tele-

phone, as well as telegraph, are other items in Bend's metropolitan equipment.

Work is under way on a \$80,000 sewer system.

There are more beautiful resifor Bend stands beside the greatest dences in Bend, proportionately to power producing stream in the North- the population, than in any other town in the West.

Everywhere there are well made and well kept sidewalks, the streets giving the town the best street lighting of any in Oregon., With the many beautiful views of mountains. river and timber, the magnificent trees acattered generously throughout the residential districts, and the wonderful climate. Bend leaves little to be desired by those who seek ideal places in which to live.

Railroads.

In October, 1911, the Hill and Harriman railroad systems com-The handsome depot, erected with native stone, and the best equipped warehouse in the state, indicate in and feed it to his cows will be aswhat importance the railroad com-

An extensive distributing business heat, and climatic environment that Bend, to the country south and volume of this business is vastly in-

********* Klamath, will get supplies in by way via Bend enormous clips of wool, supplied and in social matters. In connection with this latter product and its shipment here, the railgraduates are admitted to the State roads have aunounced that every University without examination, ex. June there is to be a regular wool building up Central Oregon. cellent banks, the best equipped sale at Bend. This means that wool and stocked stores of any town of from all over interior Oregon will

In all surveys that have been equipped, modern and progressive, with affiliated roads and an outlet with a lot of wide-awake men who in that direction. Bend has been

Irrigation.

A Carey Act irrigation segregation acres, lies to the east and north of Bend. This land is watered under lighted by electricity, which is fur- the supervision of the State of Oregon, and becomes the property of settlers who acquire it by residence and improvement, paying from \$15 to \$40 an acre for water service. with an annual maintenance charge of 20 to 80 cents an acre, the lowest maintenance rate in operation. Non-irrigable acreage is purchased at \$2.50 an acre.

Directly adjoining Bend are two other irrigation enterprises, both conducted on a farmers' co-operative basis, and both exceedingly prosper-

On the irrigated lands all the proand are lit with powerful are lights. duets of the temperate zone prosper. The soil and climate, however, are particularly adapted to the successful production of grasses and root crops. Alfalfa, clover, grain, potatoes and other root crops, including sugar beets, do remarkably well.

> The yield of butter fat from the grasses is exceptionally great, and this, combined with the pure soft water, and the lack of excessive heat and cold, destines this territory to take the front rank as a dairy country. The establishment of a given farmers in securing fine cows by the local banks, means that a man with forty acres who will raise grass sured of a comfortable living.

> Work is now in progress upon a great new irrigation canal, known as the North Canal, which will irrigate some 50,000 acres of land.

Dry Farming. Tributary to Bend on the south-Practically all of western Harney cost is a buge dry farming area, em-

with deep soil, no trees and rocks, and with well water obtainable at tevel and rolling sage brush land. moderate depths.

Much of this territory has been settled by homesteaders during the last year, and many families are big chice to get free Government Work to Make the Rural Listidaily taking advantage of this last The majority of the acreage is open to homestoading under the 320 acre law, which allows the free acquisition of that amount in return for residence and proportional annual THEY cultivation and improvement. The homestead laws are being made easier and more attractive, with the result that more and more settlers come to Bend and make homes on this land tributary to the town.

Good roads extend through this country, and dally auto and stage lines tap it from Bend, to which its products will come on down grade hauls to be milled with the inexhaustible water power of the Deschutes River immediately below Bend, where a dam is being constructed at a cost of about \$60,000. The work in connection with this summer's development of the new canal will require an expenditure of \$175,000. All of this money will be spent close to Bend. The entire system will require approximately \$760,000 to complete.

Timber.

Bend offers the best of mill pond facilities.

The manufacture of this timber have signified their intention of locating their big mills here.

At present there are several smaller mills, employing in the neighborhood of 150 men. While for local consumption, not only are and mental energy of the children many carloads exported to the towns shall not be impaired." north of Bend, but also many are shipped to the middle western markets, which later will be supplied ries with it the discussion of several heavily with the Bend lumber pro- important topics, chief among them

Water Power

There is at least 250,000 horsepower easily obtainable from the Deschutes at and near Bend.

Already a 1700 horsepower plant is in operation in the town, which offers as cheap electric power for domestic and manufacturing uses as is obtainable in the Northwest. The inexhaustible and cheap power at her doors guarantees stend's extensive manufacturing future.

Recreation.

The man who comes to Bend or the adjacent sections of Central Orewill be agreeably surprised at the pleasant surroundings he will of Rend, and in return will export encounter, both in what nature has

> For Instance, a University Club recently was organized in Bend with 36 charter members. That indicates the character of the men who are

The sportsman will find the Bend country a veritable paradise. Fishtwice the size in Oregon, brick yards, be collected here, that buyers will ing in the Deschutes is a famous stone quarries. four and lumber come here, that thousands of sheep attraction, that river's giant trout mills, a creamery, cold storage will be sheared here, and that, in bringing sport lovers from all parts plants, steam laundry, newspaper, the very near future, woolen mills of the Northwest. Deer, bear, rab-well appointed hotels, and, ludged, will be established. and other game afford ample recremade for a branch Hill road to the ation for the out-door lover along southeast, to command connection the river and in the foothills. Canoeing and boating directly at Bend and up the broad reaches of the Deschutes, coupled with excellent auto roads, horse back riding possibilities without end, and near by snow clad mountain peaks, combine embracing approximately 200,000 near Bend interest for every sort of nature lover and health seeker.

How to Get Here

From Portland take either the North Bank Railroad" or the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. system direct to Bend. The fare is \$7.45. Through tickets from all Eastern points are good directly to Bend. The route up the Deschutes Canyon is the most strikingly beautiful railroad trip in the Northwest, and, say lovers of fine scenery, is in itself well worth the journey.

There are towns having good sommer climates.

There are towns having good winters. There are towns at the right

altitude. There are towns having attractions for the outdoor enthusiast. There are towns having building

There are towns having brick yards. There are towns having irrigated

There are towns having timber. There are towns having mills and dairies.

There are towns having water There are towns having great tribu-

tary areas. There are towns which are terminals of two railroads.

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SCHOOLHOUSES

tutions Better.

SHOULD BE INVITING.

Have Rooms Well Ventilated, Lighted and Heated So That Health and Mental Energy of the School Children Shall Not Be Impaired.

The past twenty years have witnessed a marked advance in school architecture in many towns in the rural sections of the country. More attention is being paid today to school buildings, sanitation, surroundings and location than ever before. The United States was slow in making the start. but now that the initiative has been taken there is no excuse for progressive school directors not doing everything in their power to relegate the old, obsolete and frequently insanitary buildings to oblivion, replacing them with modern, up to date, sanitary and sightly schoolhouses.

"The need for an enlightened and Tributary to Bend, on down grade liberal policy in schoolhouse construchauls, is 20,000,000,000 feet of the tion to the end that the schoolhouse finest yellow pine timber. Besides be attractive in appearance and scienproviding the cheap power for the tifically constructed cannot be too milling of this enormous timber belt, strongly urged," says lows's superintendent of public instruction. "It may require a few dollars more to secure such a schoolhouse, but it should be at Bend is a certainty, for the largest remembered that the district is buildof the companies interested are ing for half a century at least, and heavy property owners in Bend lands only the best should be considered. and waterpower developments, and The schoolhouse with its surroundings should be the most attractive place in the district, in which every child and every patron will take pride. And the schoolroom should not only be inviting. but it should be so ventilated, lighted these manufacture lumber primarily and heated that the physical health

The problem of supplanting the old schoolhouse with a new structure carimportant topics, chief among them being the school site, the school building and the ventilation of the building. We can do no better in this connection than to quote from Professor W. IL. Gemmili, superintendent of schools in Dallas county, In., who gives practical advice on all these subjects.

"In selecting a site the area of the lot, the elevation, the character of the



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soll, the drainage, the direction of the

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be considered. should ever contain less than one acre, with a frontage of 180 feet and a depth of 240 feet. In the larger consolidated district it should contain not less than two and may very properly contain three acres. If possible it should be an elevated piece of ground. a small knoll or a gentle slope, and the drainage should be away from the gard and house. The soil should be light, dry and porous. A sandy or gravelly subsoll affords the best drain; age, while an eastern or a southern slope secures rapid evaporation. Under no circumstances should the stratum be clay impermeable to ground water. It is desirable that the schoolhouse should be located near the geographical center of the district, and the board should select the site with this in mind, but the site should be high and dry and the brightest and most beautiful spot near the center. Under no conditions should pleasant and wholesome surroundings be sacrificed if a better and more suitable site can be secured some little distance away. The additional distance in traveling will be labor well spent if there by the puptls are placed in more beautiful and inspiring scenes.

"The foundation walls of the schoolhouse should be brick or stone and extend a little below frost line. The walls should be at least one foot in thickness and extend about three feet above the surface. It is usually well to have a vertical air chamber, and if there is no basement suitable ventilators should be provided on each of the four sides so as to permit of thorough ventilation of the space between the surface and the floor during the summer months. Good shutters should be provided for these openings in order that the winter's cold may not affect the air within the room near to the

"No more important question is before the farmer today than that involving the bousing of his children of school age. With an awakened appreciation of the fact that better rural schools will bring about a stay at home family which will not find it necessary to seek the town for the desired educa tion there has come a realization of the fact that more practical studies must be taught in more sanitary and more sightly buildings."

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