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A GOOD SUGGESTION.

The November election bequeathed Oregon two laws, both excellent enough, but neither applicable, as things now are. One of them permitted the state to issue bonds up to 2 per cent of its taxable property, and the other did the same, approximately, for the counties. Another bill, which was defeated, provided for the expenditure of such bond funds under the supervision of a highway commissioner and highway engineer.

So the state and counties now have the means to raise money for the creation of permanent roads, but no method of expending such money when it has been obtained.

To remedy this peculiar state of affairs a plan is broached to have the Governor appoint a state highway commission, its members to be drawn from four sections of the state, and which will employ a commissioner who is to have direct charge of Oregon's road building activities so far as they are financed from the bond issues arising from the above mentioned laws.

The commissioners are to receive no salary, getting only actual expenses. Presumably, they are to be selected from the ranks of men of ability—men such as are qualified and are of a stamp that would not enter into a political race for office. Their election of a commissioner would take his office out of politics, at least so far as such an office ever can be expected to be politically free.

Altogether, the plan is an excellent one. It is to be hoped that the Legislature will see fit to adopt it.

A PROMISING OUTLOOK.

No better tribute to the advancement Bend has accomplished could be asked than that afforded by the opening of its splendid new banking building two days ago. That any town but ten years old which up to eighteen months ago was one hundred miles from a railroad could warrant such a structure, is remarkable. But the men who have set a mark for Bend by erecting that building realize that the town not only will grow up to it speedily enough but that Bend needs it today. That they deserve credit for what they have done is no less apparent than is the fact that they were able to do what they have accomplished a matter for sincere jubilation on the part of everyone whose interests are those of Bend.

The new building is an event for Bend. It is another milestone in the town's development. And the growth of the institution which it houses is also worthy of comment. Four years ago its deposits amounted to less than \$20,000. Today they are in excess of a quarter of a million dollars distributed among more than eleven hundred depositors. That's an inspiration, too, for Bend, isn't it? If so much has been accomplished during the four years that have just passed, what may not the next four years hold in store? The answer need trouble no one except only the man who sold out his Bend property.

It is important that all who have the best interests of Bend at heart, come to the Commercial Club meeting tomorrow night. The officers who have handled the organization during the year have made an excellent record. They had a hard task. While they have done no very big work, so far as showiness is concerned, they have plugged away quietly, and, in the face of difficulties, have raised the financial burden which practically buried the club when they inherited it. Under the circumstances, to clear up a debt of over \$1000 and in the meantime to

keep the club alive and free from further debt has been a real accomplishment. After this, it would be criminal for Bend to let its Commercial Club die. We are inclined to favor a continuance, at least for some months, of the present modest policy; the answering of communications and the maintenance of some community headquarters, so to speak, is in itself an important work, and, fortunately, an inexpensive one. Bigger projects may wait until financial backing is more readily obtainable.

The plans outlined in Mr. Sawhill's letter regarding the Columbia Southern project should be studied with attention. This matter is of the greatest importance. It is essential that the people of the territory directly affected bend every effort towards settling upon a plan, and standing solidly by it, when it is presented to the attention of the Legislature and the Governor. To delay or to be undetermined now that a golden opportunity offers, is suicidal.

The Bulletin has added to its list of complimentary subscribers the public library at Seattle. The paper now goes to a dozen such institutions throughout the Northwest, where it can be read by thousands and serves as an advertisement for Bend, and for The Bulletin advertisers.

The other day a woman, Miss Ada R. Neal, "proved up" on her homestead before the land office at Burns. In three years she has cleared, plowed and put under cultivation 160 acres of what was sagebrush land. Miss Neal is the kind of "agricultural suffragist" Oregon needs.

It is instructive to note that John D. Rockefeller and J. Pierpont Morgan admit that among their common ancestors was Francis Drake, the buccancer. Who dares maintain that there is nothing in heredity?

BAPTIST CHRISTMAS TREE.

The Christmas program given at the Baptist church on Christmas Eve, was attended by a full house, in spite of the stormy evening. Mr. Gosney, the new Sunday School superintendent, was in charge. The program consisted mainly of musical selections and while a number of those on the program were kept away on account of sickness, every one taking part did well. The church was prettily decorated with fir boughs and the tree was covered with nuts, popcorn, candies and other Christmas decorations. If the enjoyment of the audience was to be judged by the interest, certainly everyone had a delightful time.

WIND STORM DOES HAVOC.

A high southerly wind that blew Saturday night and all day Sunday played havoc with local telephone and electric wires, hanging signs and anything else that was movable. The telephone service was put almost completely out of commission. Monday morning only six local lines could be operated; the Prineville, La Pine and co-operative out of town lines were down, the Laidlaw service alone being in commission. The worst damage done to the electric system was caused by a tree falling across the Kenwood line, which cut it off completely.

EXERCISES IN THE COUNTRY.

In connection with the Sunday school at the Richardson school house east of town, a most enjoyable gathering was held on Christmas evening. The attendance was large, many persons being unable to find seats. Proceedings were opened by Mrs. Enzor Wigmore, the preacher, who delivered a short address on the lessons of Christmas, after which the children rendered an excellent program and the members of the adult Bible class superintended the distribution of the gifts to old and young alike from a fine tree. The serving of cake and coffee by the ladies of the congregation closed the evenings program. Services are held at this school house every Sunday at p. m.

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KLAMATH WANTS HILL RAILROAD

BEND-FRISCO LINE LOOMS LARGE

Klamath Falls Paper Alleges That Jobbers Are In Arms Because of Discrimination Against City and Promise Hill Business.

(Klamath Falls Northwestern)

Inspired by constant complaints made to them by wholesalers and jobbers, not only in Portland and other commercial cities to the north, but by those of San Francisco and other California towns, the merchants of Klamath Falls are said to be beginning to look toward the so-called Hill lines for relief from the discrimination against this city in favor of sister Oregon cities resulting from what they consider the "terminal rate" injustice.

Indeed, so unbearable is this discrimination said to have become that it is openly stated in many influential shipping circles in this county that the Hill lines will be offered the exclusive right to haul all freight bound into this district by many large shippers if they will, in turn, arrange to immediately bring the Oregon Trunk Railway—a Hill road—from the northward and thus connect Klamath Falls with the Great Northern and Northern Pacific systems.

While there is much reticence in the best informed circles regarding the extent of this promised defection to the Hill lines, it is common knowledge that correspondence has been



Mt. Hood Nougat

Something New--Try Them

Don't Forget Our DAINY MEALS.



January 1, 1913

Dear Friend: I had to shovel snow this morning. We had an old shovel but I went to the grocery and got a new shovel. Mama made me bring home a basket full of other things to eat too. Tomatoes cost 10c a can.

Your friend, Jacob.

P.S.—I bought things so cheap that Mama gave me three pennies. That is because I went to

McCUISTON'S GROCERY

going on for some time between many of the large jobbing houses of Portland, Seattle, San Francisco and other distributing centers, and their customers in Klamath and adjoining counties having for its purpose a united movement to induce Mr. Hill to begin active railroad building to this city.

Klamath Falls is said to be no worse off than scores of other cities on the Pacific Coast that have but one railroad. But, with the Hill lines already built to Bend—a hundred miles northward—and the contract said to have already been let by the Hill lines for extension southward toward this city as far as Crescent, it is beginning to be felt by many of the leading local merchants that an escape from present alleged unbearable conditions of competition may easily be accomplished through the establishment of a "community of interest" relationship between the Hill lines and this section.

It is a patent fact to many close observers that the Hill lines, sooner or later, must and will come into Klamath Falls on their way southward to San Francisco. By building from Bend to Klamath Falls, it would only be necessary for an extension to be built further southward a little over a hundred miles to connect the Great Northern and Northern Pacific systems with the Western Pacific at Doyle, in Lassen county, Cal.

With James J. Hill as the dominant financial interest now back of the Western Pacific, as is alleged to be a demonstrable fact, it would only be necessary for the two hundred-odd miles of railroad link to be built between Bend, Ore., and Doyle, Cal., to give him his much coveted entry into San Francisco. To reach San Francisco by any other route from the northern lines would mean the laying of almost a thousand, instead of two hundred, miles of new steel.

To complete his proposed line to Medford from Bend, a portion of which has already been built from Medford to the eastward, Hill will have to come southward from Crescent toward Klamath Falls, to within a short distance from the northern end of Upper Klamath Lake.

GOES TO PILOT BUTTE INN.

Mrs. W. D. Cursey, who has had charge of the dining room at the Altamont Hotel, is now conducting the dining department of the Pilot Butte Inn, having changed owing to the Altamont quarters being too small for her to conduct the business she wished, she says. The Pilot Butte dining room has been re-papered and otherwise improved. Mrs. Cursey is serving an elaborate New Year's dinner this evening from 6 to 9, the bill of fare of which is printed elsewhere in this paper.

Still in Business!

IN THE FUIKS BUILDING NEXT DOOR TO STAR THEATRE ON WALL STREET.

BIG REDUCTIONS

on many lines of Winter Wear including OVERCOATS SUITS HATS, ETC.

WATER DAMAGED GOODS BELOW COST!

Some Bargains for those who come early.

A. L. FRENCH

RING OUT OLD, WELCOME NEW

PRISCILLA CLUB HAS FESTIVITIES

Corkett's Scene of Bachelor Girls' Banquet—Sing "Everyone Was Meant For Someone" as Leap Year Vanishes.

The Priscilla Club, Bend's bachelor girls' organization, last night saw the old year out and the new year in, incidentally enjoying a banquet and a general good time, at Corkett's.

Twenty of the young ladies, including several who no longer are "bachelors," participated, and there was a round of speech-making in addition to the dainty menu of good things to eat provided by Mrs. Corkett. Miss Marion West was toastmistress. Miss Harriet Dolson prophesized the future of those present (Misses Schoolcraft and Sidner being co-authors). Miss Arrie Black offered a toast to the school teachers of 1911, originators of the society. Miss Anne Markel spoke on the departing year, and Misses Pauline and Margaret West also spoke. Afterwards all joined in singing "Everyone Was Meant For Somebody," with which cheering thought the Leap Year was buried.

The party was composed of Mrs. Coester Catlow, Mrs. Elmer Ward, Misses Marion and Pauline West, Castle, Young, Anne, Gertrude and Nell Markel, Sather, Black, Wilson, Force, Horton, McRay, Trautner, Jordan, Dolson and Sidner. Misses Margaret West, Elizabeth Klein and Arvilla Murphy served.

Later the club adjourned to Mrs. Ward's where souvenir gifts were received from Mrs. A. M. Lars, pin trays with each girl's initials painted upon them, given to all who assisted at Mrs. Ward's recent wedding at the Lars home.

FIND MAY BE VALUABLE

H. B. Ford Exhibits Sample of Substance Discovered Near Bend.

On exhibition at the office of the Oregon Land & Immigration Co. is a

sample of mineral or similar substance which may prove to be a valuable find. It was brought from a ledge discovered in the vicinity of Bend by H. B. Ford last week. There are hundreds of tons of the material he says.

The substance has the appearance of magnesium, but the exact nature of it will have to be determined by chemical tests. Prof. Elmer Sherrill, instructor of chemistry at the University of Washington, says, after a cursory examination of the substance, that it appears to be diatomaceous earth, which is used extensively in making dynamite. With his brother Harry, Prof. Sherrill is here on a visit.

GERKING HURT IN RUNAWAY.

J. N. B. Gerking of Laidlaw received a painful and what was at first considered a serious injury in a runaway Sunday, when he was going home from Laidlaw with F. E. Dayton. The horses bolted and Gerking was thrown from the rig, landing on his head. He remained unconscious for several hours, but at last reports is apparently entirely recovered.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at The Dalles, Oregon, December 16th, 1912.

Notice is hereby given that Neils Anderson of Bend, Oregon, who on January 5th, 1905, made desert land entry No. 92181, for NE 1/4 NE 1/4, sec. 21, and W 1/4 NW 1/4, section 22, township 17 south, range 12 east, Willamette Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final proof to establish claim to the land above described, before H. C. Ellis, U. S. Commissioner, at his office at Bend, Oregon, on the 8th day of February, 1913.

Claimant names as witnesses: Archie Pattle, Adam Kotsman, Charles Boyd, Walter Daniels, all of Bend, Oregon.

C. W. MOORE, Register.

Application to Contest Blanks

THE BULLETIN now has in stock these blanks, for sale at the usual prices.