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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

The total area of Oregon, 61,188,480 acres, is greater than all the acreage planted to wheat in the entire United States, 49,543,000 acres. (U. S. Department of Agriculture, Year Book 1911.)

IS IT ADVISABLE?

It is a very pretty scheme, this one of "investigating" the Deschutes. It is proposed that the state and the nation get together and put up \$100,000 to be spent in surveying the power and irrigation possibilities of the entire river with a view of utilizing every drop of water to the best advantage. Some of the proposed utilization will divest this territory of its heritage of power and take it scores and even hundreds of miles away. But there is no objection on that head—for the Deschutes has power enough for all.

The objection is this, and it is a very fair one: How long will the great scheme take? You who have had experience with the leisurely methods of state and federal procedure, how many years do you think will elapse before even the information necessary to commence the chimerical enterprise will be obtained? And how many more years will pass before the state will be able actually to do anything with its gigantic project?

It is eminently just that our great river be utilized to its fullest capacity. "The greatest good to the greatest number," is the soundest of all slogans. But do the people of Oregon favor tying up a mine of unequalled potential energy for politicians and dreamers and red-taped officialdom to play with?

And what of this "narrow conservation" policy at which the Portland Oregonian and Oregonians in general have hurled so many just anathemas? How often have they scathingly attacked the efforts of "the landless East and the treeless Middle West" to tie up the resources of Oregon, and yet here we see the same men and the same organs that become hysterical at the very mention of the word "conservation" proposing that Central Oregon's greatest asset, the Deschutes, be sowed up in the tightest kind of governmental reserve. It is a colossal conservation scheme. It is putting into local practice the very methods which Oregonians decry when Easterners try to foist them upon Oregon. One section of the state, politically the strongest, proposes to gag the resources of another section. It is the story of national conservation revised and adapted for home use.

Some conservation is admirable. But let us first be convinced that this scheme actually is practicable and advisable before the Deschutes river is shelved for a half dozen years. A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush. Has the eminent Mr. Teal ever seen this project at first hand? Has our state engineer, father of the comprehensive enterprise, ever attempted anything even remotely approaching it in magnitude, or is he quite certain that all its details will work out? Will the lava fields hold water? Who will pay for the thousands of acres of valuable timber and grazing lands which it is proposed to flood? Where are the millions of dollars to come from?

Will these questions be looked into now, in moderation, or will they remain to crop up ten years hence after a decade in which the Deschutes has remained a dormant, useless stream, its magnificent opportunities for de-

velopment locked up unapproachably?

The question can be asked without the possibility of its being laid to local fear or jealousy. For Bend is amply protected so far as Deschutes power is concerned; even the Oregon conservationists cannot snatch away water power that is actually being used, and there is enough such to care for Bend's needs for years.

A SATISFACTORY OUTLOOK.

The annual issue of Duns Review, the conservative and authoritative journal of finance and trade, covers the activities of 1912 in a thorough manner, and bases predictions of a substantially prosperous new year upon the excellent record of the old. Anyone who is inclined to be skeptical concerning the outlook is recommended to read the following abstract from the table of contents; in a very brief way the titles of the articles hint at the satisfactory condition that prevails:

- Boston reports an exceptionally prosperous year.
- A banner year at Springfield, Mass.
- Another record year for Worcester.
- General progress and expansion at Providence.
- Improved conditions at Buffalo.
- Conditions in all lines better at Philadelphia.
- Substantial improvements at Pittsburgh.
- Notable development at Baltimore.
- Record-breaking volume of trade at Atlanta.
- Trade expansion at New Orleans.
- Trade better than fair at Louisville.
- Notable activity at Columbus, Ohio.
- All lines active at Cleveland in 1912.
- Conditions favorable at Indianapolis.
- Unprecedented expansion at Milwaukee.
- New records made at St. Paul.
- General improvement at Minneapolis.
- Kansas City reports improved business.
- San Francisco's most successful year.
- Another record year at Los Angeles.
- All lines show gain at Portland.
- Seattle reports marked expansion.
- Activity the feature at Tacoma.
- Steady expansion at Toronto.
- Marked expansion in iron and steel.
- Record-breaking crop production.

The absurdity of the last government census is well illustrated in the "Oregon Almanac" recently issued by the state immigration commission. Bend's population is given at 536 and Redmond's at 800. A really accurate census taken a few months after the "Melai" absurdity showed more than 1700 people here, while now it seems fair to say the number is in excess of 2000. Evidently the Redmond enumerator was a more active individual than Bend's.

Every Oregonian is sincerely sorry for the people of southern California where practically the entire citrus fruit crop has been destroyed by frosts, entailing enormous financial loss. In such instances comparisons may be unkind, but a Central Oregonian can't refrain from remarking that for a land where people sometimes complain of the frost Central Oregon gets along pretty well, after all.

The Bulletin has arranged for a special news service covering the full activities of the Legislature, and will also publish the full text of Governor West's message.

The Bulletin has been designated by the County Court of Crook County to publish officially all the proceedings of the court.



Jan. 15, 1913

Dear Friend:

We used to have the worst kind of bread at our house. It wouldn't rise. The cook said we didn't have in our house the right kind of flour, so Mamma changed her mind and for a long time now we have been making our bread out of White Sprague flour. It costs \$1.30 a sack.

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