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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

The unappropriated lands in Oregon that are open to homestead entry cover a larger area than all the improved lands in Indiana, a state with a population of 2,700,000.—U. S. Department of Agriculture.

PLAN MERITS SUPPORT.

The committee on roads and highways of the House of Representatives has circulated a broadside outlining the provisions of an act creating a state highway commission and governing the expenditure of state aid moneys.

"That we shall provide a state highway commissioner or a state highway commission that will be empowered to select a competent road expert from the department of roads at Washington, D. C., a department that is under the Department of Agriculture.

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mah will furnish approximately \$160,000, leaving \$320,000 to be raised by the remaining 32 counties. As these counties will receive back on the average \$20,000 for the \$11,000 put up, the burden of the cost of the experiment will be on the taxpayers of Multnomah county.

"Bend had its resources and location six thousand years back, but nothing happened until man arrived."

So writes a friend to The Bulletin, adding that after all a town may have all the resources and possibilities imaginable and even after "man arrives" it will amount to nothing at all unless knowledge of those resources is published to the rest of the world.

In other words, proper publicity comes pretty close to the root of a town's development. It is the first key that opens the way. Without it all the resources in the world couldn't accomplish a thing, for natural riches are worth nothing at all until they are discovered and applied.

The Bulletin's correspondent adds—and all sane-minded folk will agree—that the time for frothy publicity is passed. The truth, told with enthusiasm and foresight, is enough.

To get a truthful, enthusiastic message about a town before the eyes of the world is the prime duty of a Western town's newspaper. If it succeeds in this, month in and month out, that newspaper is doing a real duty. It is accomplishing an end, and is adding a great impetus to the possibility of its town's growth.

The correspondent is kind enough to say that The Bulletin is doing just that. If so, The Bulletin is satisfied.

Salem dispatches state that there is not a red-headed man in the House of Representatives. However, if the lawmakers put into effect that threat chronicled by The Oregonian to get back at all of Governor West's vetoes, it's a safe bet that there will be at least one red-headed man at the Capital City.

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MR. GERKING AND IRRIGATION.

Most of us have read J. N. B. Gerking's speech before the irrigation congress. His speech is carrying great weight, because it comes as a result of actual experience. There has been much said about the Carey act projects and especially about the Columbia Southern. The history of that project is a blot upon the integrity of the state. Officials and others have said things which called forth comment; but the clear statement of

Mr. Gerking should cause immediate action.

There should be no quibbling and there is no good excuse as Mr. Gerking speaks from a fullness of a number of years of actual experience as a farmer upon the land in question. The great weight which he brings to bear on the subject lies in the fact that he has done so much with the land to make it a success. He has done his part in a grand way, so that he does not come before the state as a malcontent who, realizing that the company which sold the land, and its successors, were not complying with the conditions and therefore saying that he could do nothing.

There are 320 acres, if we remember correctly, which have been put under cultivation or a large part of that area, at least. Today this is one of the prettiest places in Crook county. He has cleared the land of juniper and sagebrush, and in the summer time the nice fields of clover, alfalfa, oats and other crops are a delight to the eye. Mr. Gerking has accomplished this in spite of the obstacles.

His speech therefore causes more weight than that of an office man who deals with this subject, not knowing of the actual conditions.



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Dear Friend:

Oh! papa used to be such a crank about coffee that he almost worried poor mamma's life out of her. She tried all kinds of coffee and it was either too strong or too weak or too bitter or too something, but now every morning when papa takes the first sip of coffee, he smacks his lips as much as to say, "That is mighty good" I can tell you why this is. Mamma has found out where to buy coffee. The kind we use is Caravan coffee. It costs 40 cents for a pound and a half can.

Your friend, Jacob.

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