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GET THE BEST, SAYS BOOTH

Seattle Man Advises Generous Expenditure for Proposed School.

The following is the text of a letter received by Chairman Overturf of the school board from J. R. Booth of Seattle. Mr. Booth is a Bend property owner and, as the letter indicates, an enthusiastic Bend booster. The letter is as follows:

"In a recent issue of The Bulletin there was a notice of a public meeting held by the school board for the purpose of determining the sentiment of the town in regard to the cost of a proposed new high school building. Men on the ground generally have a better knowledge of what should be best to do in these matters, but frequently one at a distance has a different view of things and may be able to judge the development of a district better than one who is on the ground and sees things too much in detail.

"Taxes were higher this year but a little better distribution and equalization will modify this next time.

"As Bend is viewed up here, by some of us, it is not like a little country town, say like ———, but every bit of development which has been done has had in view a much more modern town than usually answers in country places, and a \$45,000 school would be right along those same lines.

"People will thank you one year hence that you have built a decent high school. The \$15,000 would not build a decent grammar grade school.

"A good high school will attract people to the town from different points to make their homes in Bend. The one suggestion of a high school is enough for most people. It will also set the pace for the other public buildings like a new hotel, opera house, etc., which must come before long. I would not cut the figure one dollar and would suggest that you make it highly ornate and showy, with a full block to stand on. I wish you would write to the Seattle school board or myself when you get ready to design the exterior for pictures of our new school buildings in Seattle. They look the part and are beautiful. Not the old 'well constructed' schools but well constructed and attractive as well.

"Try to hold your Bend property. We know it is all O. K. Just when it will come I cannot say, but it will come—maybe this summer, perhaps one or two years, but it will come, we know.

"Yours truly,
J. R. BOOTH.
Seattle, March 31, 1913."

AT THE BEND COMPANY'S MILL.

George Geiger is making preparations to move out to his homestead in the Hampton Butte country.

Alec and George Ray are building a cabin to the south of the mill yard.

Frank Slavin, while running the slab saw in the mill Thursday, in some manner, slipped and fell onto the saw, getting his right forearm cut in a painful but not serious manner.

Much of the trucking of the green lumber is now being done with a horse, the tramways having been extended so far up each grade that it is difficult to do the work otherwise.

Thursday's planer was run until about 5 o'clock in the evening in order to complete an order. Many mistakes this for the beginning of the night shift at the mill.

A chute to carry boards from the planer to the wagons for grading and loading has been installed and is found to work very satisfactorily.

Nils Hagen broke ground for a garden Sunday.

MORE CHICKENS
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score as follows:

	Pts
1. Failure to send in reports when called for	5
2. Reports coming in late	2
3. Feeding rations that are not practicable	2
4. Methods that entail too much labor	2

It will be observed that this branch of the contest is designed to increase the number of hens in Bend, to afford the school children an opportunity under careful supervision to learn how to raise chicks to the point of egg production and to give them an incentive toward profitable employment of their spare time.

The other branch, the report contest, aims at training their powers of observation, in their ability to recount what they see and do, in punctuality and in neatness. In a way it will be an enlargement of the record keeping feature of the poultry contest, differing from that, however, in being, instead of a dry record of weights and measures and quantities and amounts, personal accounts by the contestants of their experiences with their flocks as the fortnights pass. These reports will be published by The Bulletin from time to time during the contest and will furnish a valuable guide to others who may later undertake the same work in the neighborhood.

All reports must be in the handwriting of the contestant, written on one side of the paper and handed in at The Bulletin office not later than 4 p. m. on every other Monday after the contest begins.

In this branch the scale of points

will be:

1. Fulness of report.	Pts
2. Form	30
3. Accuracy	20
4. Punctuality	20

The Prizes.
The prizes will be as follows:
In the poultry contest, first prize of ten dollars in gold offered by the First National Bank of Bend.

Second prize, five dollars worth of feed, offered by the Bend Milling & Warehouse Co.
Third prize, five dollars worth of garden tools, offered by the Bend Hardware Company.

In the report contest:

First prize, ten dollars in gold, offered by The Bend Bulletin.
Second prize, five dollars worth of poultry equipment, offered by the Skuse Hardware Company.
Third prize, five dollars worth of carpenter's tools, offered by N. P. Smith.

In addition, the Deschutes Banking & Trust Co. offers to the winners of the first and second prizes in each contest a cockerel from the pens of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis. These birds are from extra good stock from a laying standpoint and are valued at two dollars each, so that it will be possible for one contestant, by taking first in each class, to obtain prizes of the total value of \$24.

Besides the interest taken by business men of the town, The Bulletin has been able to enlist the services and cooperation of the department of poultry husbandry of the Oregon Agricultural College, headed by Professor James Dryden. Professor Dryden is enthusiastic over the plan for the contest here and has written The Bulletin offering his assistance and indicating that he or others of his department will make one or two trips to Bend with moving picture poultry films to instruct in the poultry business and to assist in the judging.

His letter in part is as follows:
"I have your letter of the 1st inst. I am glad to note the practical manner in which you are going at the poultry contest and you may count on us doing everything possible to help you in carrying it through. If you can conduct the contest along those lines you will find a great deal of interest will be developed in it, not only in your immediate vicinity but throughout the state. The Portland contest not only created a great interest in Portland and the state but it has had a great deal of publicity in other states in the East. I think your plan of starting now in a hatching and raising contest is a good one and if you desired in the fall you could start in another contest with mature laying fowls. It is to be started now it is important that it be started at once, because if the hatching is delayed much their chicks will be too late to make winter

layers, besides the earlier chicks usually do the best. I should say that the hatching should be started inside of two weeks.

"When the contest closes in the fall it would be a good plan to have a little exhibit made showing the results of the contest and the prizes given. We would send cockerels to be there at the exhibit and distribution of prizes. We have two breeds that we have been working with, the Barred Plymouth Rocks and White Leghorns. We have been breeding up the laying qualities of these two breeds for several years here and we believe we have extra good stock from the laying standpoint.

"We will certainly be glad to cooperate with you. As to what we can do, there are several lines I think in which we can help you. First, we will send you bulletins. We have one on 'Breeds of Chickens,' another on 'Housing of Chickens,' another on 'Hatching and Raising the Chicks' and several circulars. The No. 5 is probably the most important at present. It explains about hatching, setting the hens, caring for them and feeding and caring for the chicks. Some other information along this line we will also send.

"There should be, I think, some blanks prepared for the contestants on which to keep their records. In the Portland contest we furnished the records, one for keeping the daily record of eggs laid; another sheet for the feed consumed. The contestants also kept notes and made observations on other points. The completeness of the record was the main point in awarding prizes and I think that should be the leading feature of any such contest because after the contest is over you have got some records that will be of value not only to the contestants but to the public, to show what can be done and how it is done. I will enclose a sample sheet of each of the records used in the Portland contest.

"It would also help and I think it would be necessary to have visits made to the contestants by someone who could give advice and note the condition of the yards and chicks at different times. The prize would be awarded first on record keeping, second on condition of the yards and the condition and health of the chicks. That should be noted down at each visit.

"Records should be kept of the number of eggs set and the number of chicks hatched and possibly the number of infertile eggs. The record should show the number raised. If any died or were lost, a record of it should be made and if possible the cause of death. The completeness of all those records would govern the awarding of the prizes.

"Professor Hetel of the extension department is heartily in sympathy with your movement and he will no doubt write you. It will be possible

for me, or someone of the poultry department to visit you a little later, say towards the end of June or July. We have been so busy here the past month that we have had to discontinue institute work, having refused about a dozen different places. We could have a session at Bend some time then and possibly bring the moving picture poultry films down, which would be very instructive as well as entertaining both to young and old. During that time we could visit the contestants and inspect the yards and some time later on at the end of the contest at least, we could make another visit and if desired assist in the awarding of prizes.

"Another way we could probably help would be in the publishing of a little bulletin giving the results of the contest, if the results warranted publication, and I have no doubt they will if the contest is properly planned and supervised."

Judges of the Contest.
The local judges who will work in cooperation with Professor Dryden will be: The poultry contest, J. B. Shouse, H. J. Overturf and R. W. Sawyer; for the report contest, the editor of The Bulletin.

Entry blanks for each contest may be had at The Bulletin office. The contest will commence April 20 and close in the week beginning October 20. In judging, the age of the contestants will be considered, so that a boy or girl of 16 or 12 years will have just as good a chance to win as one older.

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