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**THE COLUMBIA SOUTHERN.**

The bombshell that burst in the midst of the plans for the completion of the old Columbia Southern project was, we suspect, chiefly loaded with gas. At least, we, together with every Oregonian who desires a square deal for the Laidlaw settlers and a speedy development of the state as a whole, sincerely hope so. But vaporous as were the bomb's contents it is a poisonous gas—so charged with secret spite and pettiness that its stench is disgusting.

Mr. McMahon's contentions that the utilization of the funds, placed at the disposal of the project by the legislature, is purely for a local benefit, seem illfounded. How better could a state spend money—if the cash actually were being invested permanently, which it is not—than in aiding the development of a great project that must bring prosperity to a considerable body of its citizens? How better than in finally erasing the blot of shame that has so long darkened this special phase of Oregon's irrigation history? How better than by finally acknowledging Oregon's responsibility to its settlers, and undoing the injustice that has been done them? And, especially, how better can money, thought and time be expended, than in successfully adopting a course of broad, far-sighted development that must mean a revolution in reclamation matters in the Pacific Northwest, renew a faltering confidence in irrigation enterprises and set an example that will place Oregon in the front rank of western states actually working for the good of their settlers, and offering those settlers real opportunities?

Even if these questions could be answered, is not the very backbone of the McMahon complaint broken at one stroke by the bare statement of the true financial facts? His contention, it appears to a layman, is chiefly based on the assumption that the state is spending money for the special benefit of a special district. But the facts of the matter are that the state is permanently spending no money at all. Oregon is simply lending the funds to the segregation; every dollar advanced is amply secured; every dollar draws interest, thus actually creating profit for the state; every dollar will return to the treasury. How could Oregon's funds be better utilized?

Mr. McMahon may have the best intentions in the world. There actually may exist some reasonable and honest excuse for this eleventh-hour attempt to hold up the Land Board in its effort to bring the long and disgraceful Columbia Southern history to a happy conclusion. But if so, we are unable to discern it.

And if all this fuss and feathers is fathered by political ambition, if, perhaps, the sudden cry for economy comes from throats simply desirous of embarrassing the Governor and members of the Land Board, let us sincerely hope that the dirty work, if such it be, prove a boomerang fatal to the political aspirations and public respect of those responsible.

To confound the sublime with the ridiculous, we wonder if the current political recognition of writers—see list of recent diplomatic appointments—doesn't put heart in our county judge. Surely if writing is a

recommendation to honors at the hands of President Wilson, Mr. Springer stands a splendid chance of high political reward, for never was there such a persistent and voluminous author as he. It is an open secret that Crook County's Judge aspires to occupy the circuit bench; but why stop there? Does not his literary work warrant greater recognition? But that brings upon a painful commentary. Last week that excellent letter written by Mr. Springer and sent to most of the papers in the county, was published by but three of them; surely that shows a distressing lack of editorial appreciation. And the most humorous part is that The Bulletin, which was one of the papers that published the letter, was the one paper to which Mr. Springer carefully did not mail a copy of the communication.

**CO-OPERATION.**

E. R. Hill, president of the La Pine Commercial Club, says:

"We are going after publicity of the proper sort and every other thing that can benefit our country, not forgetting that 'our country' is large, that we have neighbors whose interests are identical with ours in many respects. We want the co-operation of The Bulletin and the citizens of Bend generally and trust that our relations may be the friendliest and that our efforts will result in good to all."

That, gentlemen of La Pine, is the proper spirit. Bend's interests truly

are identical with yours, and The Bulletin and the people of Bend stand ready to aid you as best we can.

With a scholar in the presidents chair, the day of political recognition of literary ability seems to be dawning. Witness the appointment of Walter H. Page to the Court of St. James, Thomas Nelson Page to Italy's ambassadorship, and Meredith Nicholson officially slated for some diplomatic plum. We seem to be returning to the rare old days when the United States was represented abroad by such men as James Russell Lowell, Washington Irving and Benjamin Franklin.

The endorsement that County Judge Worden of Klamath County received in the recent recall vote demonstrates that the taxpayers want progressive administrations and good road building, even if the latter costs much. Conversely, it may be taken as an instructive indication that officials who carp against good roads movements may expect little support—and perhaps that shoe fits a foot close to home.

In his letter setting forth the qualifications of a school voter, Superintendent Myers solemnly asserts that "in a family consisting of a man and wife the man is considered the head of the family." Perhaps Mr. Myers knows what he is talking about, but we can't help wondering if he himself is married. It at least sounds as if he wasn't.

**BEND WINS TENNIS TOURNAY**

Three of Four Matches With Redmond go to Local Players.

In the tennis tournament held here Sunday with Redmond the local players came off victors, winning three of the four matches played. Although the rains came at noon, the morning was excellent for playing, the two courts were in good shape, and visitors and home men found much enjoyment in what is expected to be the first of many matches.

In doubles, J. P. Keyes and W. R. Sproat for Bend, defeated J. Barr and W. S. Rodman, 6-3, 6-4. Donald May and G. P. Putnam won from J. A. Moore and J. F. Hoach, 6-6, 7-5, 6-2. In singles Keyes defeated Hoach, 6-2, 6-3, and Moore won from Putnam, 7-5, 6-4.

The Redmond tennis enthusiasts say that they will build two good courts at Redmond immediately, and the local men have agreed to go there for matches on July 4th. Bend players are trying to arrange a tournament with Hood River, and, probably in September, a free-for-all tournament will be held here, in which handsome cups will be offered for the singles and doubles winners. It is expected that such a tournament would prove of general interest, and probably bring players from outside points as well as from Crook county towns.

**REDMOND CELEBRATES FOURTH.**

REDMOND, June 9.—Last week Redmond business men went to Prineville and as a result of their efforts the county seat town has consented to call off its Fourth of July celebration and instead to join in with Redmond. A large delegation is expected over from Prineville, and as Bend and other towns are planning no celebration, it is expected



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