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The Bulletin.

were assured some time ago

should not appear in the court records, and such authorization, and final clinching assurance of the

money, is what the people have de-

TO A REAL ESTATE AGENT.

The following paragraph is quot-

I would like to ask you for a lit-

ed from a letter recently received by

tle information. When I was in Bend a year and a half ago I took

up some matters in a business way with the firm known as * * * . I

have heard nothing from them for

long while and fail to note their card or advertisement in the paper.

May I ask whether they are still in

business or not? I am desirous of keeping in touch with some one in

that section who is making a business

of looking out for the development of the lumber business.

ing from you regarding this matter and if the firm mentioned is not now

doing business, kindly refer me to

a good reliable firm interested in the handling of the timber proposition."

Bulletin it is necessary to record its loss of one who has contributed greatly to its success. U. N. Hoff-

man, who has been managing editor

for nearly three years, has left the paper and will leave Bend. His abil-

ity and painstaking loyalty to The Bulletin and to the town are recog-

nized, and have been of very mater-ial aid in the development of both. His departure from this office is a

matter of sincere regret to those who have worked with him, and who wish

him well in whatever fresh fields he

L. H. McMahan of Salem is thifking of running for the Progressive nomination for Governor. He prob-

ably wants another turn at the Tum

alo law through the recall of judic-

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C. S. Hudson's.

To The Editor:

On this eleventh birthday of The

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WHY DID SPRINGER OBJECT.

Considerable criticism of The Bulletin has been voiced in the past year because of the stand it has taken against Judge Guyon Springer. For this stand The Bulletin has no apology to make. No malice has actuated it and no hope of favor from other sources has urged it on. It has seen in the man at the head of Crook county affairs a vanity and incompetence that have produced friction and inefficiency as well as wastefulness and extravagance and it has felt it necessary to point out to the tax payers and voters of the county what it saw. To all who would still crit-icise, The Bulletin recommends a careful study of the following facts. Last December Judge Springer hired A. McE. Ball to "expert" the books of the county and since then Mr. Ball has been intermittently in Prineville and at work on the books. Early in February he made a report on a number of the county officers in which it was plain that he had tried to show his worth by going down the line with criticism for every officer he touched. For the most part he sought to fortify his criticism by citations from the statutes of Oregen that only served to show his unfitness for the work he was doing. complete lack of understanding of the situation and needs of Crook county was indicated in his comment the high school agriculturists, We do not believe your county has reached a stage of advancement when this department should be maintain-ed." For what has been done to date this direction the county is out In not less than \$1200.

If hostile minds are now saying that in the preceding we are offering conclusions as facts we ask that they bear in mind the two undoubted facts, that Springer hired Ball and the cost has been high.

Then we ask them to observe this -that the last session of the legislature provided that the sate in-surance commissioner should annually make an audit of the books of each county at the expense of the county, and this-that when the tax payers sought to put an end to the expense connected with Ball's em-lowing reasons: BEND BULLETIN, BEND, ORE., WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 1914.

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and he deserves full credit for it. Fur- is shown that nothing can be gained for the city, if the applicants for the ther, the plan he outlines for the distribution of its expenditures apfranchise are sincers and really are pears to please all sections pretty able and mean to compete for the business?

The money and the improvements If this company was not progreswill be welcomed. Probably they would have come anyway. Perhaps sive and did not take ample care of the enlarging needs of the town, or even gave poor service, there might be a question; but such is not the case

For the information of anyone who does not understand the functions of the State Public Utilities Commission, I would say that if at any time the members of the council or private citizens wish to know whether they are being over-charged, the on-ly action necessary is an application to the Commission for an investiga-tion and a revision of the rates. While the Commission can compel lower rates, it also, in some instances raises rates, if it is found they are lower than will allow a fair return on the investment, A reason for this is that the so-called power trust can come into a town and give rates so low that they can drive a weaker lo-cal company out of business, and when that is accomplished the rates are raised again. The object of the Commission is to protect both the public and the companies. There are hundreds of instances in the North-west where specifiators have applied for franchises and put in a rattle trap plant to harass the existing company into buying them out,

For the information of the public I will say that ours is one of the few independent power companies in the Even in the Deschutes and West. Crooked River valleys every town, with the exception of Bend, is paying tribute to the so-called trust. doubt it gives the trust great satis-faction to look on while two local companies scrap, because in the end the trust will get them both and Bend would became but a small cog in the big power trust wheel,

In conclusion I might say that per-sonally and privately, as a citizen of Bend, I honestly believe that the association of the men behind the Bend Water Light & Power Company with Hend is one of the best things that ever happened to the town. I only ask for them the same fair treatment that we have always tried to give. and are always willing to give. They can succeed only if Bend succeeds.

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FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

Very truly yours. T. H. FOLEY. Bend, March 11, 1914.

MCKAY GETS MORE GAME.

Clyde McKay returned from Portland this morning, after attending a meeting of the Oregon Forest Fire Association, of which he is a trustee. Mr. McKay reports that he has secured from the state game authorities a shipment of Hungarian partridge and pheasants, which will be in next

ceptionally strong and hardy. They are selected with great care and will The attention of all owners of poultry is called to City Ordinance No. 34, providing that fowls shall bloom this year. The entire pro-ceeds from the sale of these roses go to the library fund. The price is 25 cents per bush, and roses can be had at any time by calling at Mrs. not be allowed to run at large in the city. All such owners are warned to keep their poultry yarded. S. E. ROBERTS, Chief of Police. 1-2c PROTESTS AGAINST FRANCHISE. REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF An application is before the City Council for a franchise to furnish electric light and power to the citi-No. 51. zens of Bend in competition with the present company. I think the grantat Bend, in the State of Oregon, at the close business Masch 4th, 1914. ing of another franchise at this time RESOURCES would be an injustice to the present \$39.791 \$3 company, and would be against the best interests of Bend, for the fol-



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and harness for \$185, A. B. Gertson. 111 Bend. WANTED-A woman to do family

I beg to announce myself as a can washing. Set tubs, Apply at Hulletin office.

for setting, \$1.25 for 13. Leave ders at Sather's store.

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FOR SALE-Mule team. Inquire D. George's barber shop SOLE

FOR SALE-Thoroughbred White Orpington, Rhode Island Red and Black Langshan chickens. G. W. Shriner, Park Addition. 4stre

FOR SALE-80 acres irrigated land, close in; water right, etc. \$1200. Inquire Bulletin Office. 48tfc FOR SALE-Full blooded black

Minorca roosters and pullets. 4711 FOR SALE-Tobacco at 8.12€

Star and Horseshon 45c Ib Bend Cash Grocery, east of depot. 49t COMPELLED TO SELL-Two 50

foot lots, one of them a corner. water. Or one lot with tent 12x14. Four blocks from First National Bank. A bargain for some one. In quire Henkle & Ryan. 500 50(1

FOR SALE-All kinds of rough and dressed lumber, at Anderson Bros, sawmill half way between Bend and Laidlaw, on old Tumalo road. Reasonable prices, rough lumber \$10 per M. Delivering to Bend of Laid-1911

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benefits of a protective tariff, it is selling at a higher price than that obtained last year. So is President Wil-son justified. 'The Ladies' Library Club have several hundred choice rose bushes which they are now offering for sale. There are eight varieties, two years

week.

the insurance commissioner Springer fought them.

These are incontrovertible facts. What does their study suggest? The insurance commissioner must make an audit of the county books some time this year. The law so provides and officials to be investigated have demanded it. Why did Springer try demanded it. Why did Springer try to postpone the investigation by the state official? He denies that poli-tics had anything to do with the em-ployment of Hall. Why did he fight to retain him? Springer has made professions of economy. Is it econ-omy to pay for work that must be duplicated? Why did not Springer merk out the insurance commissioner seek out the insurance commissioner in the first place? Is he ignorant of the statutes of Oregon? Those who would defend the coun-

ty judge in this matter are in a dif-ficult position. He has wasted the county money in the unnecessary employment of an accountant, he has sought to continue the employment and increase the waste, he has sought to prevent the employment of the state official by whom the work should properly be done, and he has fought against an investigation of all the county offices.

Why has he done these things?

When Springer's "expert" Ball was combing the statutes of Oregon to find something to quote against other officials showing their extrava-gance and disregard of the law he must have come across Chapter 286 with its provision for an audit by the insurance commissioner. Why did he not call Springer's attention to it and point out the wastefulness of paying him for the work that must done again by the state official? He criticized everyone else for spend-ing a little more than he thought the getting the service of but onstatutes allowed. Why no criticism of Springer for incurring the expense of a double audit? Why?

BETTER ROADS.

About that road matter again. The gures given by The Bulletin, show-ig expenditures for roads in differ-at districts, simply concerned last ar. We are aware that many subfigures given by The Bulletin, showing expenditures for roads in different districts, simply concerned last year.

It is now pledged that the west portion of the county is to get \$27.-800. That is almost entirely due to

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The owners of the Bend Water Light & Power Company have been interested in this city but little over a year, and in that time they have expended over \$50,000 in improvements in the power plant, with the result that Bend has the sest power equipment in the United Sates, size considered, so that when strangers come here it is pointed out as an un-

on their investment, as would be the case should a franchise be granted a competing utility in a town as small as Bend.

While we do not admit that our rates are in, any way excessive, it is not necessary to take our word for it. Oregon has a Public Utilities Commission whose business it is to pro-tect the public against excessive charges by public service corpora-tions. It has been stated that com---tition is good in any business, but the furnishing of light and power is not a business in the accepted sense of the term. It is simply sell-ing service, and I think that any thinking person will agree that it would be foolish to pay two servants if one can be made to do the work. Competition in the light and power business in a town the size of Bend would be a losing proposition for everyone concerned. Splitting the business in a small town means that both companies lose money, and after they have exhausted themselves financially in useless competition it usually ends by one company getting control of the other and the public would be paying two servants and

What Bend needs is no duplication of public utilities, but new enterprises. For instance, if a new grocery or other store should come to town, under present conditions, it would not help the town-it would

stantial improvements were made in many districts in previous seasous on both sides of the county. For in-stance, the Bear Creek road received attention under the Ellis-Bayley re-sime.

the effort of Commissioner Bayley, a new franchise, particularly when it