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**A REAL REPORT.**

"Investigating" Crook county is coming to be quite a habit, and a rather tiresome one, at that. Nevertheless the report from the office of the State Insurance Commissioner, resulting from the latest investigation, is of too great importance and solid worth to permit our omitting any portion of it.

The report speaks for itself. It is fair and there is no taint of animus about it. It is businesslike, and its conclusions are set forth plainly. As a contrast to a previous report, it is a revelation.

It is a revelation in another way, too. For it cost nothing. The report which Judge Springer foisted on the taxpayers cost (should all the claims be allowed) near \$1200, and at that was totally worthless. Incidentally, this last official investigation consumed but a few days, while the Springer-Ball effort began to assume the proportions of a life job—at \$20 per day.

Therefore let us be thankful. And once and for all let it be clearly apparent that these facts are now established beyond the possibility of distortion.

The officials whom Springer and his "expert" attacked have been exonerated; the report which Springer defended has been shown up in its true colors, and the utter wastefulness of Springer's action has been demonstrated.

After all the fuss and feathers of the Ball report, the only criticism of officials which the state investigators give voice to concerns a laxity by the sheriff in compelling payment of delinquent taxes. No doubt this is well founded, and the present occupant of the office should bestir himself to get in the cash. But it should be borne in mind that the criticism, which is mild, concerns the last sheriff even more than the present one, and at worst implies only too easy-going administration of one of the departments of the office. While we may be totally out of sympathy with Mr. Elkins' administration of his office, it would be unjust to make capital against him from the baseless attacks of the Springriter. If he is re-elected, he will owe it to Springer.

And now comes forward Springer's henchmen and say that the official state report is worthless. The effrontery of it is farcical. Disgruntled because the Judge's hired man was cast out of a fat job, whose expensive results have been shown to be worthless, they seek to throw mud at the State's investigation. Could anything be more childish? And could anything be more laughable than the statements of the recall-seekers that the commissioners had shut off all investigation, appearing simultaneously with the very report they intimate was never to be made? It is a funny situation. Whatever the virtues and the vices of the officials against whom the Springer contingent is fighting, in face of the facts as they are the recall can result in nothing but another waste of taxpayer's money.

Farmers should come to the Saturday luncheon. They are not "hot air" affairs. They are being conducted for the profit of all concerned. Through them a real plan has been formulated, and by the co-operation of business men a creamery can be established under unusually satisfactory conditions so far as expense is concerned. It is now up to the farmers, who will profit most, to take hold.

Henry L. Benson of Klamath Falls is a candidate whose record justifies his election to the state supreme court. His work in the circuit court of Lake and Klamath counties has established him in a position of great esteem, both so far as legal ability and personal popularity is concerned. He is a wise judge, a scholar of parts and a progressive citizen. His selection at the primaries and ultimate election would be a credit to the state.

**FARMER BOOSTS CREAMERY.**

To the Editor:  
I want to say what I can to encourage other farmers to go ahead with the co-operative creamery. I believe it is a very good thing for all of us, and I am sure that even if we get only 300 cows to start on we can make a success. Here is one thing to remember: butter is getting higher every year. That means that cow owners will never be worse off than they are now. I looked up my records at the Waucoma, Iowa, creamery, and here is what I found. In 1889 our highest price was 14 cents

and our lowest 11 cents per pound. In 1899 it was 22 and 16; in 1900, 25 and 16; in 1902, 29 and 18. The average price paid during 1913 was 35 cents. L. C. ROBERTS.  
Bend, March 24.

**STATEMENT BY MR. STEIDL.**

To the Editor:  
It is probably well known to the public that on the 19th day of March 1914, the City Council by a tie vote rejected the application of Steidl & Tweet for an electric franchise for the City of Bend; the mayor casting the deciding vote against the franchise. It is very apparent that the generous warning given to the council by the representative of the Bend Water Light & Power Co. that it would be doing Steidl & Tweet a favor to vote against the franchise and save him the disgrace of going broke, struck deep in the receptive minds of some of the councilmen, so deep indeed, that it completely changed their attitude toward the franchise. That together with the present company's bluff that in the event that the franchise would be granted, it would make no more investments here, that it would give the city a "black eye" and that competition at this time would be an economic waste upon the public, were sufficient to transform an affirmative council into a negative one and defeat the franchise.

I ask the public to judge whether or not I am entitled to as much consideration for the investments I have made in and around Bend as the Bend Water Light & Power Co. I have at present about \$20,000 invested in my power plant, which must be absolutely lost unless I am permitted to come into this city and sell my goods, which requires a franchise from the City of Bend. Why should I not be allowed to realize on my investment if I can furnish the public with cheaper light and power than they now get? Would it not be a public benefit? Why should the public or its officers worry if I can undersell the present company and still make a profit and give the public the benefit of the lower rate? Let the present company look after its own interests. The commission will not interfere in the matter of reducing rates so long as I am able to show the required profit, notwithstanding the fact that the competing company or utility can not show a profit at the same price, and even though I undersell them.

The present company knows that I can undersell it and that is the reason it fights me, and not because it has the public interests so much at heart that it fears for the public welfare in the event of competition. Just remember the Bend Water Light & Power Co. is here for profit and not for public health.

There is room for two companies here now so why not let in competition? The people, I believe, invite it. It is a well known fact that competition produces first class service and cheaper rates. The utilities act was passed mainly to regulate and control competing public utilities, to prevent monopoly and to foster competition. Bend is now in the formative period and now is the time to get competition in and prevent any one company from getting a monopoly on the electric business here. The Bend Water Light & Power Co. says that it built on the future and admit that it would raise the same cry against competition five years hence as now, even though the town should experience great growth. The company will do well by the public so long as it is forced to but not otherwise. Profit is the incentive and not the public welfare.

I will leave it to any fair minded citizen of Bend whether Lytle, Westoria, Kenwood and Riverside would have had water and light now if we had not invaded the field.

We are not trying to invade or force our rights or desires upon the public, but we are willing to submit the franchise to the voters and let them decide whether or not we shall be permitted to furnish light and power to this city, and reduce the present rate. We have confidence in their judgment and will let them decide.

Why our public officers continue to fight the corporations battles when they think they are guarding the public interest is beyond my comprehension. How long will such be the case?

Yours very respectfully,  
JOHN STEIDL.  
Bend, March 25th, 1914.

**LETTER FROM MR. TWEET.**

Editor Bulletin:  
A few remarks to Mr. T. H. Foley's letter published in The Bulletin of March 11, 1914. He states in his letter that it would be an injustice to the present company in granting of another franchise at this present time. It is not an injustice to nobody—it would be a justice to all the people of Bend, and it would be a justice to Mr. Steidl & Tweet who have been on the ground at Bend for nearly 12 years and are in fact the first company and the oldest in Bend and it was more of an injustice to Steidl & Tweet that Mr. Foley and his company came into Bend to drive Steidl & Tweet out of their business in which they already had established a part already in operation. The people of Bend know that Steidl & Tweet have boosted Bend more than any other two individuals in Central Oregon. Some of the people of Bend know that Mr. Tweet was the first to go east to advertise Central Oregon and spent his own money in doing so and now been turned down by Foley, his company and some of the councilmen. Steidl & Tweet did not say anything against the other company's coming into Bend to operate another water, light and power plant. All Steidl & Tweet is asking is that their right is protected by the people of Bend in which they have confidence and believe they will do when the proper time comes which will soon be. Steidl & Tweet will not give up their right as easy as Mr. Foley thinks. They are here to stay. We have expended our money here (about \$20,000) and the other company claims to have expended \$50,000. We are not afraid of the other company's competition and

their great money power. We will take an even chance with them.

Yours truly,  
THOMAS TWEET.

**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the Republican nomination for county surveyor, subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primary to be held on May 15.  
1-10 Adv. R. L. BREWSTER.

**FOR COUNTY TREASURER.**  
I beg to announce myself as a candidate to succeed myself as county treasurer, subject to the approval of the Republican voters of Crook county at the primary election on May 15.  
1-10 Adv. R. L. JORDAN.

**FOR COUNTY CLERK.**  
To the Voters of Crook County:  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate to succeed myself to the office of county clerk, subject to the approval of the Democratic voters of Crook county at the primary election to be held May 15.  
1-10 Adv. WARREN BROWN.

**FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for re-election as a representative in the Oregon Legislature from this district, subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primary election to be held May 15.  
VERNON A. FORBES, 2-11 Adv.

**FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of county commissioner of Crook county, subject to the approval of the Democratic voters at the primary election.  
E. W. RICHARDSON, 2-11 Adv.

**FOR SHERIFF.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Crook county subject to the approval of the Democratic voters at the coming primaries, May 15, 1914.  
3-10—Adv. E. B. KNOX, Post, Or.

**FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.**  
I hereby announce my candidacy for re-election as county commissioner of Crook county subject to the approval of the Republican voters at the primary election May 15.  
3-10—Adv. R. H. BAYLEY.

**FOR SHERIFF.**  
I beg to announce myself as a candidate to succeed myself as sheriff, subject to the approval of the Republican voters of Crook county at the primary election on May 15.  
3-10—Adv. FRANK ELKINS.

**FOR STATE REPRESENTATIVE.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for election as a representative in the Oregon Legislature from this district, subject to the approval of the Democratic voters at the primary election to be held May 15.  
3-11—Adv. P. H. DENCER.

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