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**THE C. O. I. MATTER.**

While Mr. Stearns' sarcastic letter is no doubt intended to chastise our spirit, we confess to feeling fairly well satisfied with it; for the communication echoes the very characteristics to which we have objected in the management of the Central Oregon Irrigation Company, and, in effect justifies us further.

The letter tells us to keep our hands off. It intimates that the matter concerns only the company and the Insurance Commissioner.

Wrong. This matter concerns the water users and the public. It was initiated by the former and affects the latter vitally. As it concerns them it is the duty of any newspaper in this territory to discuss it. The company's affairs are not sacred. Especially because they often have been conducted so grossly, they must remain open to criticism. "The public be damned" is no doubt a theory upon which the C. O. I. acts, but at least that public is privileged to come back with a little damning on its own account.

Furthermore, in this instance, the statements of The Bulletin have been particularly timely and justified, because of the extraordinary blindness with which a high official of the company has placed himself in a hole and showed his disposition to play fast and loose with the interests and just demands of the water users, even at the sacrifice of his spoken word. Roscoe Howard has denied making a statement which a score of tolerably honest men heard him make. Does such an example compel or even encourage our silence?

Perhaps that investigation may be made. Perhaps it will be blocked permanently. Perhaps it will be delayed so long as to be useless. But at least we can tell the facts of the matter to date, and to do what we can to establish them before the public.

That the settlers are in full sympathy with the stand taken by The Bulletin is evidenced in statements elsewhere in this paper. At least the Howard-Stearns-Stanley crowd will not be able to say that this is simply a personal matter, and is unsupported in the community, as they so often have said of individual settler's complaints.

Which brings up Mr. Stearns' allusions regarding our stand in the past toward the C. O. I. and its officials. Perhaps Mr. Stearns is so blinded by the halo of his own virtue that he does not realize that for months this paper has been roundly criticized here because it was too lenient with C. O. I. methods under fire. Probably Mr. Stearns does not know that we have been accused of favoring the company, at the expense of the settler. And all because we tried to be fair, and realized and admitted the difficulties under which the management labored. Even Roscoe Howard told us that our account of the July 25th meeting was "extremely fair"—and it chronicled his offer to open the books to examination, which he now denies making!

We have been urged to let the company alone, because it would discourage investment, because it would hurt the country, because it would injure the eastern bond and stock holders who have dumped good cash into the project. For the last we are sorry. It is time they sent responsible investigators to get the true story of the roads their dollars have been made to follow. The charges of the ex-cashier may be false. There may not have been anything actually "crooked" in the conduct of the company. Even the charges of the settlers may be ill-founded. If an audit would show all this, by all means hasten that audit. But it will be hard to convince local observers that from the first there has not been wasteful extravagance and blind folly. The Central townsite venture, the salaries paid, the road building, the alleged juggling of income, the apparent neglect of settlers' interests, are in themselves enough to show the impossibility of success crowning the efforts of those in the saddle.

We are ready to let up on the company as soon as it does its duty by the settlers and only then.

**TAXES.**

It is gratifying to discover that the taxes in the city and in this school district undoubtedly will be considerably lower than they were last year. There are many reasons to hope that every effort will be made to prune them down to a minimum. The economy of course will suit all our pocket books, and the contrast of a lower local tax, in face of the higher county tax, will furnish special food for thought in certain districts where the recent opponents to county division plead that retention of the present county meant economy and division meant heavier taxes.

The city shows itself in first class shape. Even with our splendid sewer, and the interest on its bonds, and a generous allowance for running expenses in all departments, there can be a considerable cut in the levy. The year now ending has been financed comfortably on the estimates made for it, and a notable lot of street improvement has been put through. With the collection of outstanding sums due the city from unpaid sewer and street assessments, it will be in remarkably sound shape.

In the school district the promised lowering of the levy is most satisfactory. While the cost of the new school house ran far and away above the estimates, thus knocking out hope for a big cut in the levy, as foreseen earlier in the year, even at that a decrease of four or five mills will be welcome, and in the future no such drain from the general fund for

building need be anticipated as appears this year.

The county situation is more complex.

There seems no reasonable doubt that Jefferson county will go, as it is entitled to. That being so, we of the west side, who pay the brunt of the taxes, will catch it hot and heavy. We won't relish that, but at least we can say "I told you so" to our neighbors who allowed themselves to be misled by our antagonists in the recent county division fight.

But whether or not Jefferson goes, there is no earthly reason why that budget cannot be pared. We believe the new sheriff himself will be content with a lower figure. Without Jefferson the assessor's estimate should be cut largely. The widow's pension estimate is a scandal; as administered it is a joke, and should be cut off altogether. The allowance for indigent persons is extravagant. We won't quarrel with the high school appropriation, except to say that it is simply a contribution of the taxpayers at large to Prineville. The surveyor's office has been a notorious money-grubber; shall it continue to be? The expenses of the water master's office are absurd, and out of all proportion to the work he does; why not, for instance, limit his salary to the irrigation season, just as the fruit inspector's salary very sensibly has been limited to the fruit season?

But enough with these, and other, merited cuts, our taxes will be high enough. Let us of the city of Bend rejoice that we can at least offset the county increase with our decrease at home.

**MAKING A BUDGET.**

Consideration of the different budgets now before the tax payers is hard or easy depending on whether or not they are informed as to how their tax money has been spent in the preceding year. School district 12 and the city are to be congratulated on having the figures for next year given to the people along with this year's expenses, but the county figures are blind. Undoubtedly the insurance commissioner's accountants have kept the records of costs up to date but none of the information gets to the tax payers.

Professor Sowers of the University of Oregon has recently made up a list of facts that should be known when a tax levy is being fixed. We believe that the information should be put in the hands of the tax payers so that they can take an intelligent part in the budget meeting to which the tax layers invite them. The county court, in particular, should

see to it that this information is prepared and published.

The Sowers' list of necessary facts is as follows:

- "a—Whether last year's appropriation had been spent economically and wisely;
- "b—How much of the supplies purchased the previous year were still on hand;
- "c—How much it cost to maintain each of the various offices and departments;
- "d—How much would be needed to conduct each office or department for the following year;
- "e—How much equipment would have to be purchased for each and all departments; how much would be needed for new buildings; how much new activities would cost;
- "f—What was the total amount needed to conduct the city's business efficiently."

While celebrating his success in the county division campaign it must be an especial pleasure to Guy E. Dopson to let his mind rest on the methods he used to obtain his end. It is doubtful if the Hood River Commercial Club, which now demands that he explain his misrepresentation of Hood River conditions, will be as easily fooled by him as were the voters he influenced.

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**TO MAKE SCHOOL LEVY.**

A special meeting of the freeholders in school district 12 has been called for Saturday, November 21, at 2 o'clock in the principal's room at the Reid school. At this meeting the tax levy for the district for the coming year will be determined.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**

- Issued by Crook County Abstract Co.
- U. S. to Jean C. Boilers patent SE 21-16-15.
- Sheriff to J. H. Haner tax deed SW 28-17-20; 1/2 interest NW NE 23; NW NE, SE NW 26-12-12.
- J. H. Haner to John McCormick SW 28-17-20.
- Bend Park Co. to J. H. Thompson H. 17, blk. 114; 1st add Bend Park #209.
- Same to Chas. Thompson H. 6, blk. 114, same, #209.
- A. R. Bowman to W. M. Killingsworth section 16-29-18.
- The Bend Co. to Bend Park Co. Its. 15-16, blk. 42, Center add, Bend.
- Paul Held to Mollie E. Held SW 26-18-19; It. 2, 4-19-19.
- Nettie M. Abbott to Matt Kulesch SE SE, 13-NE NE, 24-15-12.

**WAR NEWS**

**THE PAST WEEK**

Except for the capture of Dixmude from which it is now reported they have been driven by the Allies, the Germans have been unsuccessful in their attempt to push through to positions on the coast opposite England. This temporary success was gained at the cost of enormous loss of life. Since then the Allies have reduced the territory occupied by the Germans causing still further losses. For the present all efforts seem to be at a standstill on both sides due to weather conditions. Elsewhere along the battle line the situation remains unchanged.

Berlin reports successes against the Russians who had invaded East Prussia but to the south Cracow is reported in flames after having been seized by the Russians. Austria is said to have advanced into Servia, and the Turks report victories over Russia and a battle with English troops on the Persian gulf in which severe losses were inflicted. The British superdreadnought Audacious has been sunk by a mine or a submarine off the north coast of Ireland. The loss occurred three weeks ago but the news was kept secret until the arrival in New York of steamers who had assisted in the rescue of the crew. German sources also claim destruction of three English vessels off the coast of Belgium. The Boer revolt is said to have been crushed.

**NOTICE.**

Having sold my interest in the second hand store formerly conducted by me on Bond street to H. G. Rainey, I hereby give notice that Mr. Rainey assumes all bills now existing against said business and that same are not to be presented to me. J. A. Kelley. 37-41 p

**SOCIAL HYGIENE LITERATURE.** The literature on social hygiene has been received at the library. All those who were to distribute the pamphlets are requested to call at the library for them.

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FOR RENT—Two small furnished houses near school house. S. R. Hogan, half block north and half block west of depot. 33if

**LOST AND FOUND.**  
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TAKEN UP—On September 15; one 2 year old steer, roan and white; one 2 year old heifer, red and white spotted; one spring calf with right ear split. Will deliver for costs. F. V. Swisher, Laidlaw. 34if

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FOR SALE—We are offering two young cows in milk and two A. J. C. C. bulls, a two year registered Jersey, strong, vigorous fellow; and a three months old registered bull. Phone or call at the White Rock ranch, Laidlaw, Oregon. 32if  
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FOR SALE—Edison "Home" phonograph and records. Also good piano player with records. Reasonable terms. Inquire H. E. Allen, Bend Company office or residence. 37if  
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FOR SALE or TRADE—Registered Jersey bull, price reasonable. Wimer and Spaug, Laidlaw, Ore. 37if  
FOR SALE—Horse, weight 1300 at \$40.00; Holstein heifer, bred, at \$45.00; Jersey bull calf, 5 weeks, registered sire, \$12.00. G. Syrad, Pleasant Valley, 4 1/2 miles north of Deschutes or 1 1/2 south from Redmond. 37 a  
FOR SALE—Thoroughbred Jersey bull, five years old. Eligible to register. Phone or call on William Alt, 4 1/2 miles north of Bend. 36ife  
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FOR SALE—320 acre homestead relinquishment at a bargain. Land level, good location. Inquire Bulletin. 29if  
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