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The Bulletin wishes its many friends and subscribers a very Merry Christmas.

OPEN THE LANDS.

Through unfortunate delay the desires of this and other Central Oregon communities regarding the disposition of the lands embraced in the Benham Falls segregation were not brought to the attention of the Desert Land Board before it had sent its request to the Federal authorities that a renewal of the federal ruling tying up these lands be granted.

The Board apparently knew nothing of the feeling in this country regarding these lands. It heard only the request of the C. O. I. Company, and knowing nothing of opposition, it granted that request.

All of this is too bad. The communities of the district do not want those lands sewed up in another contract and withdrawn further from development. Prospective settlers do not want to be deprived of their possibilities. The railroads, existing and planned, will regret their continued non-productiveness.

Much of these 174,000 acres is good land. Most of it is apparently desirable dry-farm acreage. Its development now will give new-comers a chance. It will mean tonnage for the railroad, wealth for the communities and taxes for the county. The only way to get such development with any reasonable promptness is to throw the lands open to entry under the public land laws.

The irrigation scheme embracing them is an extremely expensive one. Already it has been found undesirable by competent investigators. It would be undertaken with public funds only after several large Central Oregon projects, already pronounced more feasible, were completed; and at the very best that will not be for many, many years, if ever. The company has never turned a hand with this segregation. There is absolutely no reason to suppose, from the present situation, that it ever will be able to attempt its development. There is less reason to hope that it, or anyone else, could interest the large amount of capital necessary. If the segregation of land is to be watered, it will be accomplished only under the district plan. And when the land is settled and developed, it will be as easy and easier than now, to bring that about.

This is a matter of first class importance to every Central Oregon community. Our representatives at Washington should so understand it. And our citizens, community organizations and newspapers should see to it that the well-founded wishes of this country in the premises become known at Washington, at Salem and wherever else it will avail. It will benefit all of us, and hurt no one, to avoid further contracts and open the land to settlement.

OPPORTUNITIES LATER.

A French commission is in New York arranging for the purchase of a vast amount of American machinery and material after the war. These gentlemen, who represent the best commercial brains of France, estimate that not less than \$160,000,000 a year will be spent by France in America for articles necessary in the rebuilding of her war-ravaged regions.

This one indication of the trade possibilities which await this country when the war is over. No slump in fundamental manufacturing, and taken as a whole, need be anticipated.

On this head the New York Times observes:

"Those who may be alarmed by the absurd prominence given to the munition and other war orders, those who dread lest American commerce should not be 'stabilized' forget how great a business the rebuilding after the war will bring to the only country in a condition to do it. The merest item of agricultural machinery will be stupendous. Russia's demands alone will be very great. And the development of her industries has been difficult she must remain predominantly agricultural, her industrial needs will also be great. Over much of Europe, outside of Great Britain, replacement and restoration will be the imminent task of nations. It is for the United States to do what service it can in such a situation and to take all the advantage it can get out of such a situation so long as it lasts."

C. O. D.

The Central Oregon Development League has significant initials. "C. O. D." means "cash on delivery." And the League, like all Central Oregon development, stands for that very thing.

Central Oregon is ready to deliver. It is going to "deliver the goods" to Mr. Strahorn. And in return, when he and his associates deliver their project, completed, Central Oregon will turn over to them the cash, in the shape of suitable returns for their investment and their foresight, ingenuity and courage.

And whoever will bank upon here in the way of brains, ability and investment, will get ample returns from his action.

Perhaps as never before Central Oregon is able to deliver. In equivalents of many kinds, there will be "cash on development" in Central Oregon.

Says the Oregon Journal: "Highway development in Oregon was put back years when Engineer Bowley was removed." Howby, it will be remembered, was the particular pet of West and Sam Hill, who in turn were p. p.'s of the Journal's. And those who read that paper realize that the present state administration isn't popular with it. Q. E. D. Further, it is interesting to note that during the ten months or so of the present road administration there hasn't been a row, a breath of scandal or any of the everlasting bickering which characterized the previous road work. Quietly, efficiently, the builders are doing the best they can with the moderate sums at their disposal. And we may depend upon it if there was anything really criticizable going on, the "friend of the people" (its own people, of course) Journal would air it all, gleefully. The very worst the Journal can charge is undesirable apportionment of state funds, and no matter how the money was divided up among the counties the Journal would have a kick coming. It just naturally isn't possible for the administration to do anything right—from the Journal's standpoint. And "Prasbe he!" says much of the state, for that very reason.

As the law stands, bonds probably are the only remedy for our city financial situation. But issuing bonds to pay current running expenses is a perilous expedient. It is like a man borrowing money to meet his living expenses. The day of reckoning is sure to come. There are already several Oregon cities who have got themselves into this kind of financial mire, and are having a fearful time not to sink in it. Bonds for improvements, if the improvements are needed, are sound. Bonds for amusement are dangerous. There is no other way out of it this time, but the exact nature of the step taken should be realized now and guarded against in the future.

The Deschutes river and tributaries have been closed to all-the-year fishing, no matter the size of the trout. That is a sound action on the part of the Fish and Game Commission, and meets with the approval of local sportsmen. Now let us do all we can to co-operate in seeing that the law is enforced vigorously. Our fishing is a really important asset, and as the town grows and the drain upon adjacent fishing waters increases, the necessity likewise increases for protecting them and encouraging and developing good sport.

Is it in bad taste at this juncture to reprint this paragraph from the platform adopted by the Democratic convention at Baltimore: "We favor a single presidential term, and to that end urge the adoption of an amendment to the constitution, making the president of the United States ineligible for re-election, and we pledge the candidate of this convention to this principle. * * * Our pledges are made to be kept when in office."

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Have you made your wants known? HAVE YOU SUPPLIED THEM? Don't have anything to regret. It is not too late. If you haven't done your shopping, DO IT NOW.

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Everything to Wear.

R. M. Smith Clothing Company

General Merchandise



"Safety first," says the king of Greece, with one eye on his German wife and the other sizing up the Allies' warships and troops at Salonki.

Henry Ford has scheduled Bryan for the job of first mate on his peace ship. Wouldn't it be more appropriate to make Bill purser?

A suggestion that is already saint in the east is that the Germans stink jokes on their submarines so the British can't see them!

The President has added a preparedness plank to his platform. And the ex-secretary of state would have him walk the plank.

The Crook County Journal reports a "crime wave" at Bend. We are sorry to say that nothing is going on at Prineville.

When Boy-Ed and Von Papen buy their passage to Berlin, they won't want round trip tickets.

Will irrigation congress delegates need alternates before or after the coming session?

Newspaper headline: "One Oregonian has \$300,000 income." What income have 300,000 Oregonians?

Yuan Shi Kai has 21 children. That's a good start to being a real father of his country.

It's another year before the next city election. And the next mill?

Doubtless Wilson thanks his stars that he hasn't a Kitchen cabinet.

Did you know that Wyoming has had woman suffrage since 1869?

The acme of salesmanship: To be able to sell pretzels in London.

Corkscrews won't be appropriate Christmas gifts this year.

The Maine was remembered. Is the Lusitania forgotten?

Bryan may be a pacifist, but he knows how to charge.

Have you bought your Red Cross seals?

MANY ATTEND CANTATA.

The cantata, "Light Eternal," given by the choir of the Presbyterian church was well attended. A special violin duet by Mrs. Elmer Ward and

William Sproat was one of the features of the Sunday evening program. Mrs. Myrtle Schlappi gave "The Charlot Race from Ben Hur."

—Merry Christmas.—

TO ISSUE CATHOLIC MONTHLY

The initial issue of the Central Oregon Catholic Monthly, under the editorship of Father Luke Sheehan will appear early in January. The new magazine will deal with current news of the local parish and general ecclesiastical topics.

—Merry Christmas.—

PANSIES BLOOM IN DECEMBER.

Despite the recent snows and low temperature in December, pansies are reported to be blooming in many yards throughout town. Mrs. E. M. Thompson reports that she had a large bed of pansies that are thriving and blooming.

—Merry Christmas.—

CELEBRATE ANNIVERSARY.

Rev. Franklin W. Keagy, pastor of the Methodist church, and Mrs. Keagy, were surprised last Saturday night by the members of the Ladies Aid Society on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of their marriage. Rev. and Mrs. Keagy were recipients of many beautiful gifts during the evening.

ONLY 2 DAYS Sather's XMAS BUYING

LAST CALL---Christmas Suggestions
In the final rush to secure Appropriate Gifts for Friends and Relatives, we here enumerate a varied list of useful presents for Mother, Father, Sister, Brother or Friends, and ask that you make your purchases from these suggestions.

Father	Mother		Sister	Brother
SUIT CASES TRUNKS BAGS GLOVES MITTENS Handkerchiefs BATH ROBES NECK WEAR NECK WEAR HOSIERY GARTERS ARM BANDS SHIRTS SWEATERS MACKINAW FOOT WEAR	HOSIERY Handkerchiefs BOUDOIR CAPS SLIPPERS GLOVES SCARFS NECK WEAR LINES SILKS WAISTS LINGERIE VEILS KIMONOS BATH ROBES SUIT CASES		RIBBONS LACES COMBS ORNAMENTS JEWELRY TOQUES CAPS KNIT SETS STATIONERY MIRRORS IVORY FOLLET GOODS INDIAN BLANKETS HOSIERY	GLOVES Handkerchiefs NECK WEAR UNDERWEAR SWEATERS MACKINAW CLOTHING HATS CAPS BELTS SUSPENDERS GARTERS SHIRTS PAJAMAS NIGHT ROBES

APPLES We have just received a nice assortment from Hood River	ORANGES New crop Navals from California. Nice and sweet. Doz.	CRANBERRIES Cape Cod, red ripe, and solid. Quart	BANANAS Good quality South American, per dozen
\$1.25	40 Cents	12 1/2 Cents	35 Cents

CANDIES FOR THE HOLIDAYS
We have received a large shipment of Fresh Candies, just right for Christmas giving, in Peanut Brittles, Crimp, Mixed and Sugar Candies, and we solicit your patronage at these prices per pound **12 1/2, 15, 20c**

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BOND STREET.

The Juggernaut

The colossus of Modern Railway Drama. Presenting Earl Williams and Anita Stewart. Of all the railway photo plays that have ever been placed on the screen THE JUGGERNAUT surpasses any other.

DECEMBER 25 AND 26