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ABOUT THE LAKE LEASE.

For reasons best known to themselves some people have attempted, from time to time, to block the lease of Summer and Abert lakes by the est stage. State to Jason Moore. And since the I are was consummated by the Legislature they have sought to discredit the proceedure of the State Land Board in its dealings with the lessee.

In view of the general interest attached to the subject throughout Central Oregon, it seems appropriate to state our understanding of it, as

fmatters stand. Moore offered to lease the lakes from the State and to develop their saline products, paying a royalty to the State upon what was sold. He put up \$10,000 as a guarantee of his good faith. If he failed to utilize his rights to the lakes, the money forfeired to the State.

There was litter opposition to rat-lfying the lease (which previously had been approved by the Land Beard) in the legislature, Oppon-ents declared the State was practically giving away rights of vast value for a mere pittance. It was further sought to make a lease to Portland promoters instead of to the Moore interests, who had first offered the best proposition to the Land Board.

Finally the Legislature approved the lease. In due course the first period as provided under the contract expired and Moore had none of the required development. He asked for an extension, plending inability to a collective loan secure the necessary funds. At that As for the fa secure the necessary funds. At that As for the failure of Government time no other bona fide offer was and Carey Act projects to become made and no other would-be lessess appeared. The Land Board granted extension, still retaining the

that the lease was unfair to the fin-ancial best interests of the state but that behind it was a wild cat stock tobbing scheme. The public must be

s'on. Again there was no other of-fer, no other leasing proposition being put forward. Again the \$10,000 was kept by the Hoard. And again And again these out of sympathy with the plan proclaimed that the lease should be

he would have to incorporate under the laws of Oregon, so that all stock saies, possible "watering" and cor-porate juggling would be under the devote himself to an effort to or-jurisdiction of our excellent and strictly efficient blue sky laws. And there you are

Jason Moore is now showing some signs of life. He is taking water from the lakes for thorough testing, upon a commercial scale, at eastern

mon a commercial scale at eastern manufacturing centers. He still declares that he has a "good thing" and that his promised big developments will become realities.

Mr. Moore, to be sure, has not made a very favorable impression. His large assurances have rather frayed out. It is possible that he is solely a promoter, and possible also that his past record, may be unacceptat his past record, may be unaccept. that his past record may be unsav-ory. But on the other hand, he has ret ample time to make good, he may be able to accomplish just what he has said he could, and what he has done or not done in the past really has next to no bearing upon the present and the future. We hope he will make a success of his lake lease, and are willing to give him a generous chance to succeed.

Hut whether Moore wins or looses, whether he is a financier or a fakir, to be the propriety of the Legislature's action

in entering on the lease, and the Hoard in extending it.

As matters stand, at the very worst the State is \$10,000 to the good. If Moore fails, the money is forfeited. If he gets his project under way, fur-ther funds come to the State. And should be proceed the public is safe-guarded from stock jobbing under

the Oregon laws.

And shalls, the Board had no other proposition. It was Moore or nothing. At worst, Moore meant \$10,000 for the state; at best, he means hundreds of thousands. From a common sense business standpoint could have done nothing but what it has done.

STATE AID DISCUSSED.

Discussing State Treasurer Kay's objections to the proposed legislation for state aid to irrigation, drainage and rural credits, and his promised opposition to the scheme, The Oregonian offers the following excellent editorial comment: "State aid for irrigation need not

mean that the state intends to fin-acce the reclamation of public lands, constitute fiself a selling agent and endeavor to induce settlers to buy and cultivate the tracts herein. We and cultivate the tracts herein. expect to witness considerable opposition to such a plan, if not in the conference at Salem, then in the election that follows if the conference embraces the proposal in the

legislation it submits. There are, however, in Oregon lands already settled on and culti-vated by farmers who are eking out a bare existence by application of dry farming methods, which can and must be irrigated to bring them to a profitable state of development. There is enough of such land to which title has passed-land already the property of actual, not prospective, acttlers to consume. In connection with the drainage districts that need help and the farmers who need rural credits, all the financial resources that the state for a long time to come

ought to put into the cause.

To help these dry farm settlers to irrigate their lands is 'ut an adapted form of rural credits. The state aid extended would be a district for a single purpose, while under a rural credit system, as the term is common-ly understood, the aid would be extended to groups of farmers, each perhaps needing money for a different purpose. But in either case that aid would be the provision of cheap leans for the purpose of raising the productivity of the land to the high-

The rural credit idea comes from long-established communities where the larger problems of draining have been solved and irrigation is not a necessity. We have learned to con-sider rural credit as something apart from an encouragement to district drainage or irrigation simply because in the place of its origin it has no been necessary so to apply it. But what is the material difference between the case of the farmer who a portion of his land of stumps, and the case of the farmer who needs no money for clearing, but does need it

for water or for drainage? "The only difference i farmer who has logged off land, because of the character of the work required, can do as well with an in-dividual loan as if he and several neighbors co-operated to obtaining a loan, while by reason of the charac-ter of the works that must be constructed the dry farmer or the far mer on drainage land must perfore co-operate with his neighbors not only in obtaining but in spending the loan. Yet the needs of one are fully as important as the needs of either of the others, both as to himself and to the public generally. Why grant state aid to the farmer who can apply an individual loan profitably and deny it to the ones who can use only

fully settled, their condition is not argument against irrigation of ands that are already settled. Moredue to the high cost of irrigation The old opponents to the entire is due to the high cost of irrigation case continued to protest and find. That high cost has been promoted of pult. They declared now, not much bureaucratic inefficiency on the Government. bureaueratic inefficiency on the Government projects and by profits figured into the cost price of Carey Act projects. Irrigation has heen successful elsewhere under no letter self or climatic conditions and Then the second period expired, with no lesser topographical obstacles and again Moore asked for an extento exercise. The trouble in Oregon the multitude eliminated. now be a new deal."

A MAN'S SIZED JOB.

Folks heresbout have a kindly feeling for Charles L. McNary, ex-The Land Board granted another Judge of the Supreme Court, who, it will be remembered, wrote the opin action or quit, and, incidentally for-'cit his \$10,000 to the State Treas-ury for all time. Further, to guard against the possible stock jobbing which seemingly troubled the lease opponents, the board told Moore that be would have be incompared to the possible opponent of the percental Hawley for representative in Congress, but he has now stated positively he will not make the race. Instead of running for Congress



Spring Millinery Opening

To the Ladies of Bend and Vicinity:

I have made a careful selection of spring and summer millinery, and will be prepared about March 15 to show it to you.

The selection, complete, will include some of the latest French novelties in hats. A suggestion, Let me attend to your millinery wants early this season.

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Tuxedo Nights

by Walt Mason

When the day's work's done, and the good old sun has sunk in the well known West, then I stretch my form by the fireside warm, I sit at my ease and rest. Then I take my pipe which is mildly ripe, as the pipes of good smokers are, with a chortling soul then I fill its bowl from my glass Tuxedo jar. And I smoke at



ease, and my trouble flees to the place where dead troubles go; and my worries seem, in my waking dream no longer to have a show. And I say, "Indeed, it's a noble weed that drives all the ghosts away, and clamps the lid on the cares that skid around through the busy day. The worries and woes and such things as those

in the daytime leave their scar, but there's rest at night and a calm delight in my glass Tuxedo jar."

Wacx Mason

enable the farmer to market his pro- to put over such an undertaking. Mr. duce free from the exorbitant-roll McNary has all of these qualified which he pays to the broker and tions, commission merchant."

"If there was ever an opportually new system that will stop this plun-for a Moses," say the Benton County dering he will be a greater man than Courier, "if there was ever a demand Congressman Hawley will ever be. without a supply, it is the call for he man with brains, initiative and exocutive ability to devise and carry out a plan whereby the producer and consumer can be brought together and the leeches like Front street and multitude of rake-off takers be

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MOUNTAIN ALTITUDES.

This year's issue of the Mazama Magazine, published by the Mazama mountain climbing club of Portland contains many interesting articles and is splendidly illustrated. Among the great amount of useful informashowing the exact elevation of Ore gon peaks is of local interest:

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year intend to make their big trip in the Sisters country, probably climb ing the three mountains. They will get into the country by the McKenzie route from the west.

At Hillsboro the authorities, in a fit of misguided zeal, are trying to enforce the archaic Sunday closing law to the letter, and the Independent comments as follows upon some of its absurdities: "It is well known that the most earnest advocate of Sunday observance has seen no evil in having ice cream delivered for his Sunday dinner, or perhaps has drop-ped into a refreshment parlor for a cooling drink after a hot evening in Summer at his church. The old law recognized the necessity for permit-ting livery stables to do business on Sunday, yet Hillsboro stables have nearly been supplanted by garages which are now ordered closed. Recent funerals conducted in Hillsboro emphasize the absurdity of the rule. for in them the only horsedrawn ve-hicle has been the hearse. Indeed horses have so largely been sup-planted by automobiles that it is doubtful if even the dead may be buried on Sunday if the automobile is not permitted to operate

For a number of years all the rail-coads of the country have been enforcing Rule G with ever-increas-ing strictness, until now it is almost universal. The rule is against the use of intoxicants by employees. Booze and railroading have been di-vorced pretty effectively. Openin citizens are trying out "Rule G" in a modified form and seem to be get-ting away with it fairly well.

Hughes is the youngest of the prominent Renublican presidential possibilities. Here are the ages of likely candidates—and the record goes to show that after all a man is young at sixty and may have the biggest things of life still before him: Hughes, 54; Weeks, 56; Roosevelt, 58; Sherman, 58; McCall, 50; Mann, 61, La Follette, 61; Herrick, 61; Knox, 65; Fairbanks, 64; Burton, Knox. 63; Fairbanks, 64; Burton, 65; Cummins, 67; Root, 72.



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