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WHAT WE OWE.

Figures available from seventeen of the smaller towns of Oregon show a combined bonded indebtedness of \$5,765,437. This indebtedness involves an annual interest charge of \$292,216, irrespective of sinking fund.

The towns under consideration have a total combined population of 65,550, based upon the estimates of the 1915 Oregon Almanac, which for the most part are fairly accurate. This means that the average share of the combined municipal debt born by each individual is \$87.95. On an average each person in these towns is publicly indebted to that amount.

With a bonded indebtedness of \$99,500 including the school district bonds and a population of 3200, Bend has an average per capita debt of only \$28.00. This, contrasted with the average of \$87.95, of the other municipalities listed, is encouraging and satisfactory.

Elsewhere in this paper The Bulletin prints a list of the towns, with their debts. Only the smaller communities have been selected, as a comparison of their condition with Bend's seemed more appropriate than if large cities were considered. But for that matter the average of the larger cities is about the same as those used here. The figures are from the Oregon Voter.

We go into this matter because doubtless before long Bend will have to face a further bond issue for municipal improvement purposes, as well as for the Strahorn terminal sites. Thus far we owe over \$60,000 in sewer bonds and \$29,500 for school buildings. Probably the sewer will have to be extended, and without doubt new schools must be erected shortly.

It is folly to encourage municipal expenditure just because the city happens to be "well off." But inasmuch as such expenditure is unavoidable and really desirable, it is gratifying to discover how well our record compares with that of other Oregon cities similarly situated. If we should double our bond issue Bend still would have a per capita debt more than a third smaller than the average. Further, it must be remembered that Bend's population is increasing rapidly, and without doubt will continue to grow steadily for months to come, so that the ratio in our favor is constantly improving.

All in all, we have no cause to begrudge the approaching necessity for further bond issues. It is a normal, necessary and business like method of city building, and provided it be not overdone, and that full value is received for expenditure of the borrowed money, there is no cause for protest.

In this direction, as in many others Bend is notably sound and promising. Let us not be niggardly in building up a bigger and a better city, but while we do it let us remember that a light debt is one of the best assets and most worth while advertisements a community can possess.

GOOD TRAINING.

Do you, as a parent, believe in some measure of military training for your boy? Do you, as a young man, feel that you would be doing well to learn the fundamentals of military science? Do you, as a wife or sister, believe it is best for your man to equip himself in at least the essentials of the things he should know if the calamity of war is ever visited upon us?

These are questions worth pondering. They may seem a little strange and remote in their application, but they are not. For they may be forced upon you suddenly, at any time.

Every thoughtful observer realizes that the United States faces a grave possibility of war. True, we have scraped through crisis after crisis for the last twenty months, and each time the dread step has been avoided. But because we have been fortunate in the past is no guarantee for the future.

And because the future very reasonably may hold a sudden call to patriotic duty for every American citizen, it is worth while for us to face the possibility and consider how each one of us regards our own personal responsibility and its effects close at home.

For ourselves, we incline strongly

to the notion that a modicum of military training is highly desirable. That holds good in the school and in "grown up" life. It is desirable not solely because it involves something in the way of a contribution to the Nation, however small; that is as it should be, and is little enough. But it is also desirable because the elements of military training involve mental and physical improvement. The discipline is admirable, for boy or young man. The drilling, study and experience in the field, limited though it is, all give one something worth having.

In short, regarded simply as a matter of normal existence, like learning to write a creditable letter or to ride horseback or cast a fly, it seems to us that some attention to the things which are taught members of the state militia is eminently worth while. And when the time comes for Bend to be in line for a National Guard company we doubt not that its organization will be supported heartily.

HUGHES ON THE BALLOT.

The Oregon Supreme Court has ruled that the name of Charles E. Hughes must be placed upon the primary ballot. The decision is an intensely interesting one. It enunciates the right of the people to place the name of any man on the ballot for whom they wish to express their choice for nomination, irrespective of the desires of the individual himself.

In other words, Hughes can't keep off the Oregon ballot. He did his best to prevent the use of his name. Respecting his request the secretary of state refused to use his name, and then Hughes' admirers brought mandamus proceedings against the secretary to compel the action. And the court sustained their prayer.

So such voters of Oregon as desire may express their preference for Hughes. For our part, we believe that he will carry the state overwhelmingly. It is a good thing too, that this legitimate voicing of popular opinion can be registered. It will permit real expression of the will of the people, at least so far as this state is concerned, in relation to the forthcoming convention.

Presumably other states may follow the example set by Oregon. Hughes supporters elsewhere may now force the placing of his name upon the ballot, irrespective of his desires. If so, it means a bigger and more popularly backed Hughes sentiment at Chicago than could otherwise be possible, for a goodly body of the voting public will have spoken officially, just as they have been speaking individually for months past.

With Hughes sentiment crystallized upon the ballots even in a few states, and that despite his efforts to keep his name out of it, and with Hughes popularity undeniably widespread, the likelihood of the Judge's nomination seems to increase. Should Hughes be nominated, it is almost inconceivable that a man would tenaciously refuse to become a candidate for president of the United States, when it is universally admitted that three words of acceptance would settle the matter beyond peradventure. And the silent Judge already has done that.

COMMENT ON MOORES.

(Pendleton Tribune.)

Through the united efforts of his many friends, Charles B. Moores, chairman of the Republican State Committee, has been prevailed upon to enter the primaries as a candidate for Secretary of State. Mr. Moores is a Republican, not only in name, but in fact. He should receive the united support of his party and in this event will be elected by a big majority.

The present Secretary of State, namely, Ben W. Olcott, is not in fact a Republican. He voted for Oz West and contributed financial aid to his election as Governor, later rewarded by being appointed by his friend West to the position he now occupies. Olcott soon joined the "non-partisan" combination which was designed to disrupt the Republican party in the hope of perpetuating in power the malleable Republicans and the sissy Democrats, selected by the combination because of their fealty to their lord, West.

Olcott parades as a Republican essentially but depends largely on Democratic votes for his success in politics and through his ability to fool Republicans by posing as a member of their party. It has become so generally known among Republicans at this time where he stands and the use to which he employs his high of-

ice to belittle the present Governor of that state that it is very doubtful if that last of the notorious tribe of Oz West now in public office, will be able to much longer succeed in his deception. He will be one of the alleged Republicans, seeking office at the hands of Republicans this year, that is sure to receive the hearty support of those Democratic papers parading as "Independent" for mercenary purposes. Olcott was doomed to defeat this year though opposed by a man of less high character than Chairman Charles B. Moores, known for years for his loyalty to the party, his high standing among his fellowmen and unquestioned fitness to fill the high office to which he aspires.

PRaise FOR SMITH.

(Crescent News.) Wesley O. Smith of Klamath Falls is a candidate for joint representative on the republican ticket for the 21st district, comprising Crook, Jefferson, Grant, Lake and Klamath counties. Mr. Smith represented this district in the last legislature when many measures affecting Eastern Oregon were up and we can truthfully say that he was always alert to the best interests of his district. The Albert and Summer lake leasing, irrigation and drainage question and all other matters of interest were handled by him in a most satisfactory manner. He is a good team mate for V. A. Forbes and it would be a serious catastrophe to Central Oregon if they are not both nominated and elected so that they may return the legislature and complete the work commenced two years ago.

In the Oregon Voter last week C. C. Chapman says: "The Governor and State Treasurer are Republicans and Olcott a Democrat." Chap is supporting Bend, too, and his frankness in "spilling the beans" about the Secretary's party affiliations seems as surprising as it is distasteful to Olcott admirers, who are doing their best to put the soft pedal on that sort of thing. That they are succeeding somewhat appears from a "flimsy" sent out by Mr. Chapman in advance of the next Voter, in which he speaks of this as an inadvertent reference.

We have received an anonymous letter filled with abuse of one of the mill companies and carrying some for ourselves, ending, "oblige the workman and put this in your edition." No workman with any guts will call people names in an unsigned letter, and The Bulletin will not offer a means to vent a spite, to oblige, or for any other reason, an anonymous coward.

Bend will be a spotless town if the efforts of Chief of Police Nixon can make it so. Once we are cleaned up why not stay clean. You do not wait until your face is dirty before you wash it. You keep it clean always.

Straw votes being taken here and there about the state indicate a combined vote for Hughes and Roosevelt considerably larger than the Wilson vote. And Hughes appears almost a two to one favorite over Roosevelt.

Says the Portland Telegram: "The Bend Bulletin boasts that even with Jefferson cut off, Crook county is larger than the states of Rhode Island and New Jersey combined." That isn't a boast. It is a sigh.

We now begin to see why Sam Hill picked the shortest auto route he could find across Oregon. But didn't he slip when he failed to make Hornbrook the first California town to be reached?

Says the Oregonian: "No, the wise men are not all dead. Bend has a population of 3200 and nobody has started a daily paper there."

The Crook County Journal says, "The only safe method is to watch Prineville." That is a good deal of a confession.

BUILDER TALKS

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les that had aided in extending lines and benefitted thereby. Whatever they had lost, he said, had been made up 10 times over by what they had gained through the opportunity of wholesaling and retailing to the larger population which the new roads brought in. Besides, he pointed out, the railroad would help the town directly. Bend should be the headquarters of the road. The movement for it had had its inception here and the town should have the credit and the many benefits.

Among the things the club could do to assist the road, Mr. Strahorn said, was to take steps to further the opening of the Klamath Indian reservation. In closing he produced a map of the first ten miles of right of way out of Bend which he left with the club to obtain deeds. Mr. Strahorn left Sunday morning with his chief engineer, N. H. Bogue, for a trip over the lines of the new road.

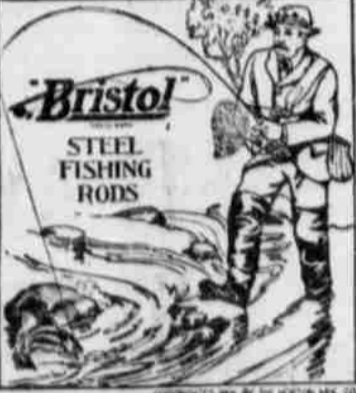
RESOLUTIONS PASSED.

The only other business taken up at the meeting was the passage of resolutions protesting against any change in the freight rates on lumber from this section. The resolutions follow:

OREGON MUNICIPAL DEBTS.

(Compiled from Oregon Voter and Oregon Almanac)

Table with 4 columns: Town, Bonds Issued, An. Int., Pop. Lists towns like Ashland, Baker, Bend, Cottage Grove, etc.



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"Whereas, a case is now pending before the Interstate Commerce Commission of the United States, known as Docket No. 8373, in which certain lumbermen operating west of the Cascade mountains have asked for equal rates with Bend and other points east of said mountains to territory in Utah and southeastern Idaho; and

"Whereas the granting of the prayer of complainants in the case above mentioned would result in breaking up the group system of rate making and cause numerous inequalities and cases of gross injustice and would be disastrous to the commercial development of the territory east of the Cascade mountains;

"Whereas the territory west of the Cascade mountains produce vast quantities of fir lumber under entirely different conditions, both climatic and manufacturing, from the production of pine lumber at Bend, and the situations of the two districts are in no way comparable; and

"Be It Further Resolved, that this organization use its influence in every legitimate way to prevent such change as that proposed in the present rate structure; and that Charles D. Mahaffie, attorney for the Hood River Lumber Manufacturers Association, one of the intervenors in said case, be and he hereby is authorized to present this resolution to the United States Interstate Commerce Commission on behalf of the Bend Commercial Club, and to support the same by argument."

"Whereas on the faith of the said rate basis large developments have been made at Bend and large production of pine lumber is about to commence; and

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Olga Petrova

THE TIGRESS

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Idler

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