

# The Bend Co. and Bend

(From Portland Spectator.)  
A recent number of The Spectator, a Portland monthly, was devoted largely to the growth and development of Bend. The following article on The Bend Company is reprinted therefrom.

Years before the railroads ever thought of conquering the Deschutes Canyon, Mr. Drake, ex-railroad builder and capitalist saw in Bend the metropolis of Central Oregon. He acquired 2,000 acres of land where now stands this modern city and it speaks well for his selection and judgment when it is known that there is not a single street, bank or business house in the city that has not purchased its site from his original holdings. He acquired the old Sismore ranch, covering both sides of the Deschutes river, because it was the only practical and economical location to mill the vast forest of timber lying to the south and west, and it is so this property that both of Bend's large mills and most of its manufacturing plants now stand.

He built a dam across the Deschutes and erected a modern electric light plant, and installed a water system, ran canals for irrigation purposes, built and operated sawmills, and lent financial aid to the local merchants and others desiring to locate at Bend.

The present Bend Company was organized about five years ago, and took over the entire Drake holdings, and has since disposed of a considerable portion of the original tract. The present Bend Water, Light and Power Company was sold to Chas. A. Brown and K. B. Miller of Chicago, men of large means and foremost among hydro-electric experts. The old sawmill, which was practically the only payroll the city had for several years, was operated until about a year ago, when it was dismantled, and sold to make room for the present mills of the Shevlin-Hixon and Brooks-Scanlon companies' plants. Today the company's holdings consist of the original townsite of Bend and the seven adjoining additions, as well as farm lands and considerable timber.

The Bend Company long ago established a very liberal policy, it donating in all to the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company 120 acres of land for its mill site, and deeded for a nominal sum 272 acres to the Shevlin-Hixon Company for its mill site, and has made either free gifts or liberal concessions to all enterprises, religious, educational or in-

dustrial. During the past six months it has built many houses and sold them on easy time payment plan, besides assisting in building several business houses, and has contracts let for the erection of about fifteen additional homes.

The company is headed by able and prominent men. Dr. D. F. Brooks, the president, is also president of the Brooks-Scanlon Lumber Company, and is one of the heaviest investors in Central Oregon.

D. E. Hunter is the vice-president and is also vice-president of The Central Oregon Bank, with many years' experience as an investor and builder in Central Oregon.

Clyde M. McKay is secretary, and besides being a stockholder personally, represents the Mueller Lumber Company of Davenport, Iowa, which is also interested in the Bend company.

D. E. Hunter expressed himself very forcibly as to the policy of the company, which he made in the following statement: "We believe Bend will be just as big as Central Oregon and our investment east of the Cascades is the best evidence of the faith in this country. There is much yet to do, but we have made a good start. We have the largest section of good farm land now left undeveloped in the United States, with approximately 8,000,000 acres available for dry farming, and an additional million acres that can be put under irrigation from the water in the Deschutes river.

"Our payroll in Bend amounts to over \$1,500,000 a year, which will greatly increase during the next two years, and we feel that we have just started in a manufacturing way. We have sufficient waterpower for all time, as next to the Falls of Niagara the Deschutes can develop more waterpower than any other stream in the United States—a statement that the Geological Department at Washington will verify.

"We have railroads to build, irrigation projects to finish, good roads to build and dry farming lands to develop. We have always felt that the second largest city in the state would naturally be located in Central Oregon, and the splendid progress made during the past 12 months is a substantial endorsement of the future of Bend."

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### WARDEN HADLEY HERE

On a trip to look into the present fish and game situation in this section Warden W. O. Hadley of The Dalles spent Thursday of last week here. Mr. Hadley is interested in a plan to build fish ladders on the high falls of the Deschutes, which impose a bar to the ascent of salmon from the Columbia and hopes to interest local sportsmen in the proposition. Already he has several hundred dollars subscribed with which to put in a ladder at Sherar's Falls, which will be done this fall. Mr. Hadley went to Prineville and Redmond on Friday.

## STOCKMEN WILL MEET

Steps Will Be Taken to Organize at Fort Rock.

Steps to organize the stockmen of the Fort Rock Valley, so that they may be enabled to take advantage of the large range afforded in the Deschutes National Forest, will be taken October 29 at Fort Rock by Supervisor W. G. Hastings, at a meeting of the Fort Rock valley stockmen.

The forest service is desirous of having the large timber range north of Fort Rock used by the stockmen. Its value for this purpose rests upon its development by the stockmen through obtaining water. It is estimated that nearly \$10,000 is necessary to bring water upon the range in sufficient quantity to make it valuable for range purposes. Mr. Hastings believes that there is room enough on the range for 5,000 head of cattle or approximately 50,000 head of sheep.

### WILSON FORMERLY ASSAILED THE LABOR UNION.

The President is now a candidate for office and speaks well of labor. Until he became a candidate for office, and as long as he was President of a University, he, with entire safety, ignored or assailed the Labor Union, indeed, he was then their bitter, ungenerous, and often unjust critic. At the People's Forum on February 25, 1905, he said: "Labor Unions drag the highest man to the level of the lowest." In an address at a dinner in the Waldorf-Astoria on March 15, 1907, in speaking of the capitalists, he said: "There is another equally formidable enemy to equality and betterment of opportunity, and that is the class formed by the labor organizations and leaders of this country." In a letter written January 12, 1909, he said: "I am a fierce partisan of the open shop." In June of the same year, speaking at Princeton, he said: "The usual standard of the employe in our day is to give as little as he may for his wages. Labor is standardized by the trades unions and this is the standard to which it is made to conform. I need not point out how economically disastrous such a regulation of labor is. The labor of America is rapidly becoming unprofitable under this regulation. Our economic supremacy may be lost because the country grows more and more full of unprofitable servants." I have no question that when Mr. Wilson thus spoke he expressed his sincere convictions. Less than two years later he was in public life and immediately his attitude changed. There is no reason to believe that his convictions changed.—From the Speech of Colonel Roosevelt at Battle Creek, Michigan, in Behalf of Mr. Hughes.

"President Wilson settled himself in his chair."—News item. Well, he has settled something, anyhow.

### WILSON STRIKES WHEN THE IRON IS COLD

President Wilson refused to speak in Independence Hall on the one hundred and twenty-eighth anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence in that hall, and he so refused because inasmuch as over one hundred of our men, women and children had just been murdered on the high seas he regarded it as "the very moment when he would not care to arouse the sentiment of patriotism." Mr. Wilson has a positive genius for striking when the iron is cold and fearing to strike when the iron is hot. If one hundred and twenty-eight years ago Washington and Jefferson, and the other men who signed the Declaration of Independence had felt the same way about patriotism, and the same way about fighting as Mr. Wilson does, we would never have had a country. Had Lincoln felt the same way, there would be no such thing as the American Republic now in existence.—From the Speech of Colonel Roosevelt at Battle Creek, Michigan, in Behalf of Mr. Hughes.

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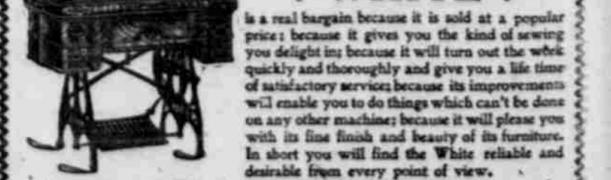
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