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A POSSIBLE PROGRAM

The determination of the new Commercial Club directors and manager to make the club a greater force in the development of Bend during the coming year will be welcomed by all who have the interest of the city at heart. The spirit in which they have taken hold of the work shows clearly that the club has selected its governing body well.

Presumably the directors are maturing plans for the club work, which will be announced from time to time for discussion and action at the weekly meetings.

In addition matters not previously considered will arise during the course of the year which demand immediate attention. We believe, however, that to produce the best results the club should adopt a definite schedule of work to be accomplished and we venture the following as matters worthy of having a place on the program:

1. Rural delivery to Tumalo from Bend. The mail to Tumalo now goes from Deschutes, where there is no station agent. According to our information the arrangement is unsatisfactory to the people of Tumalo and they would be glad to join in a petition for a change. This would serve to link the two communities closer and improve business relations.

2. Free express delivery. At present express is delivered by private wagons and a charge is made which amounts to a large item in the business costs of the town. In many cities the express companies make free delivery. We do not know what volume of business is required by the companies before free delivery is inaugurated, but we know the matter was under consideration here in the past year, and we believe that the improved service could be obtained now.

3. Better sleeping car accommodations to and from Bend. Since the night train was put on only tourist sleepers have been run. This is a constant subject of comment by the traveling public. A change to better cars would be greatly appreciated by them and would cause the town to be viewed more favorably. A possible objection is the increased cost of the better service. That fact should be weighed, but if the decision is made that the better cars are desired the matter might well be made a part of the club program.

4. Downtown telegraph office. Announcements have been made that a downtown telegraph office would be established in the near future. The "near future" has been mentioned so many times in connection with the proposed transfer that it has ceased to have any significance. Action on the part of the club might make it a reality instead of a promise.

5. Opening the Benham Falls segregation to entry. This subject was fully discussed in the Wednesday issue of The Bulletin. It offers one of the biggest opportunities in this section.

6. Commercial Club rooms, and gymnasium. The proposal to combine the Commercial Club rooms and the new gymnasium was made last year and received with favor, a committee being appointed to work out the details. This matter should be pushed.

These are all clear-cut propositions. Club action should produce town benefits.

ATHLETICS

There is a real value in good athletics, aside from the benefits they give in physical upbuilding and the mental and moral improvement which inevitably accompany good health. Athletics not only improve individually, but they benefit community development. Especially that is true of successful competitive athletics.

By which we mean that community success in athletics is first rate community advertising.

A little while ago the University of Oregon football team defeated the eleven from the University of Pennsylvania. The best from the West "put it all over" one of the very best from the East.

That football victory attracted more national press comment than a small earthquake. Half of Portland could burn up overnight and the event would receive less newspaper attention.

It was a big thing, that Oregon victory, from an advertising standpoint. It really "put Oregon on the map." Everybody all over the country who has any interest in athletics—and that means probably eighty per cent of the population—"sat up and took notice." Whatever

their sentiment before, they are frankly interested in Oregon now. And their interest may very easily develop into fields other than those simply concerning football. They have their eyes on Oregon.

So it is when a school, or a college or a town has an especially high reputation for successful and clean athletics. Take Baker, for instance. The high school there won practically every baseball game and track meet for a dozen years and never had its goal line crossed in football for five years, as we recall it. That put Baker on the map. It attracted young men to the town. They wanted to attend a high school with such a record.

Here in Bend we are just getting started, but we have a good start. We had a splendid football team, and next season we can have another as good or better, and probably more games will be arranged. We had a creditable baseball team, and this year's will be better. And now basketball is coming to the fore, and a rattling good quintet will do much to live up interest in things athletic and afford opportunity for healthy competition with other communities.

It all pays. Just from the standpoint of community publicity, if from no other, development of athletics should be encouraged. It is good in the grade school, good in the high school and good for the "older boys." There never was a community where the young men went in for sports strong, and where the public supported sports willingly, that was not the better for it, morally as well as physically.

And it all helps to make folks keep their eyes on Bend.

DOLLARS THAT TRAVEL

Last season 1,749 automobiles visited Crater Lake. That is only about one thousand short of the number which went to Mount Rainier National Park, and nearly half as many as visited the nation-known Yosemite, with its longer season, its closer cities and its better roads.

Bend is one of the three main approaches to Crater Lake. Probably at least a third of those 1,749 automobile parties passed through here, and practically everyone which came or went via Bend remained over night, if they did not linger longer.

Reducing the thing to dollars and cents, it is conservative to figure that each of the 530 autos which passed through Bend, either going to or coming from Crater Lake, averaged four passengers. Many carried six and seven, but there were some runabouts with only two. That means 2320 people in all, just from this Crater Lake travel. Say 2,000 of them spent a night here, which is safely conservative. On an average they did not spend less than \$4.00 each, in hotel accommodations, meals, gasoline, repairs and incidental purchases. Probably the average really would be nearer \$5.00. But even at \$4.00, those 2,000 transients brought to Bend \$8,000 in cash.

All of which is based upon conservative figures. We have taken into consideration only the automobile travel which visited Crater Lake. There is more than as much again which passes through Bend, staying here for a night or longer, which does not make the Crater detour.

Say, for instance, that the summer touristish auto travel totals 1,500 cars, or 6,000 people, of \$24,000. It will do that. As our roads improve, as we are better known, as the number of autos increases, the revenue will increase. And we are especially fortunate because Bend's splendid new hotel will go far to attract new travelers and give the regulars the "come again" feeling.

The German heroes of the sack of Belgium got the Iron Cross. A wooden cross marks the dead. Belgium herself, feels her share was the double cross.

BAD NEWS FOR PAISLEY.

What is probably the worst piece of news that the people of Paisley ever had is the report of the abandonment of the local irrigation project by the promoters. The act means the possible loss of their investment and the end of their expectation of making homes in a favored spot. It will come as a discouraging blow.

To the town, also, the news must spell disaster, or at least suffering. Undoubtedly it has been living in the hope of seeing the project completed and the growth of a prosperous and contented population on the irrigated lands. Now that hope is blasted and the only growth to be expected will be such as may come from the development of the segregation as a dry farming area.

One other project is also affected, the Oregon, California & Eastern railroad, now being promoted by Robert E. Strahorn. Over a year ago, Mr. Strahorn said that his success would be in a large measure dependent on the settlement of Central Oregon irrigation difficulties, and the consequent development of the country. Undoubtedly his calculations have included a promise of tonnage from the Paisley project, which now must vanish, unless a way to save something from the wreck is found.

Presumably the irrigation company's attorneys have good grounds for their abandonment of the case and yet it would seem best not to give up at this stage. Many a case has been won on appeal. If the company, the settlers, the people of Paisley, and possibly those interested in seeing Mr. Strahorn succeed, could join in the expense of an appeal, Judge Daley might be reversed and the project saved.

Indeed, since the company is a contractor with the state, and the state is morally responsible to the settlers as well as to the United States, it might properly come in in place of the company to take the appeal.

WOMEN TO THE FRONT.

Nineteen women have become office holders in Oregon. No longer is it a "man's world" in politics, any more than in other fields of everyday endeavor.

Indeed, the most notable social phenomena of the last quarter century has been the advance of women to a world position inculcably more important than ever before occupied by them. And no doubt the present decade will witness an even brisker advance of feminine equality and, indeed, superiority in some instances.

The war has literally forced women into new activities in the fields, factories and work places of Europe. From many of these new positions she will never retreat. She has come to stay.

In our own country, in no fiercer conflict than that of normal economic competition, women have strode forward mightily. She is not only our best nurse, but a physician as well. She is active in science, in the arts and in business of all kinds. She is even something of an adventure-seeker, and as recent records show, can fly through the air with the best of them.

And here in Oregon women have the same political rights as men, and the same responsibilities. So it is to be expected that the number of women office holders is increasing.

Each year it will become larger, for there is ample room for women in our public life, and able women to fill the positions which will call them. It is an inevitable development, and a healthy one.

The other day the proprietor of a theatre in New York was arrested and fined because equal privileges were not accorded United States sailors as civilian patrons. A couple of jacks were refused seats in a box, although they paid their money and were entirely sober. A mighty good lesson, that, for a management willing to discredit the uniform of the country which protects him, and the men who wear that uniform.

THE PAISLEY APPEAL.

The decision of the company back of the Paisley Irrigation project to prosecute an appeal from Judge Daley's decision, giving all the water of the Chewaucan river to a local cattle company, indicates a returning sense of responsibility. The only wonder is that the company should ever have let itself go so far as to announce an abandonment of its manifest obligations.

And yet, in the fact of what appears to have been an unusual decision, to say the least, it was perhaps only natural that the company should have momentarily lost heart and thrown up its hands. The grant of four acre feet to a cattle company to water its marsh lands is so plainly preposterous that the company must have felt that there was nothing it could do to gain a just decision.

As we understand the case, the cattle company was wholly unable to show a prior appropriation and beneficial use, the only grounds on which the decision in its favor could be given, it being impossible to use four acre feet beneficially on the cattle lands. Even in this section, one and eight-tenths and two and four-tenths acre feet are considered sufficient on the C. O. I. project and the Tumalo project, respectively.

Plainly, the company should take the appeal, and the Land Board and any other agency which has influenced the company's change of heart should be congratulated on the effort made in the settlers' behalf.

INAUGURATION PLANS

(New York Sun.)

An early forecast of Uncle Sam's spring presidential opening contains this paragraph:

"A new feature is being planned in connection with the inauguration that is expected to attract widespread interest. It is proposed to have a mammoth exhibit portraying all phases of government activity, and in the organization of the spectacle the government departments are co-operating."

Now if "all phases of government activity" could be exhibited just as they are, without any official varnish or whitewash, it would be a highly valuable sight.

Who is more governmentally active than a congressman? Let us have a procession of floats showing these tireless workers rolling logs, mending fences, raising pork and dictating immortal speeches for the Congressional Record. Indeed the whole process of compiling, expanding, editing, printing and mailing the Record to eager readers should be illustrated.

It is said that many Washingtonians are unhappy because the inaugural ball has been abolished and because this year the military parade will be curtailed. Surely an honest effort to carry out all the above suggestions would satisfy the most querulous clamor after a lively affair in March.

There seems to be a difference of opinion as to whether or not that peace is to be "made in Germany."

GRAFT RULES CHINA.

To Refuse to Accept It Would Create a Big Sensation.

Why can't China build her own railroads, dredge her own canals? She has engineers who are no slouches; she has limitless material and the cheapest of labor.

There are two reasons, sloth, and graft, the outgrowth of sloth.

Try to take one of the little steamers that ply from point to point along the coast of China. "Will the boat leave today at the schedule time?" you ask the agents at the pier. Well, no, probably not till tomorrow, the courteous Chinese tell you. Tomorrow again there is some delay, and you may hang about for a week before you get off in that steamer. How could such methods build a trunk line from Peking to Canton, even if the government could float all the bonds in the world?

Graft, which permeates all China, from the highest official to the poorest coolie, would make it very difficult for

a corporation to live. So many would take bites from the melon!

A missionary over here on a visit tells a story of a Chinese boy, educated in a mission school, who nearly upset a whole province by refusing graft. Sent on some expedition for the local government, he was given what in our money would be \$300 for expenses. When he returned he handed in \$50.

"What is this for?" they asked. "I spent only \$250," he explained. There was a great to do, and the governor of the province sent to see this lad, who had done what no man had ever been known to do before. But he was solemnly assured that he must not return that \$50 because it would mortify others who kept all they could get.—Eleanor Booth Simmons in World Outlook.

A MAN WE HAVE FORGOTTEN.

Matthew Fontaine Maury, Who Was a Really Great American.

Every one who has heard of Robert Fulton, certainly every one who has heard of S. F. B. Morse or Cyrus W. Field ought also to have heard of Matthew Fontaine Maury. But that is not the case. For my part, I had never heard of Maury until I went to Virginia. I have asked schoolboys if they have heard of him. None of them has. Yet Maury's scientific researches and accomplishments have had an enormous effect, not only in this country, but throughout the world.

It may be said that Maury laid the foundation for our modern weather bureau and that the science of meteorology began with him. He founded the national nautical observatory and the hydrographic office in Washington and discovered, among other things, the cause of the gulf stream and the existence of that plateau in the north Atlantic ocean which, if I am not mistaken, made possible the laying of the first Atlantic cable. Cyrus W. Field said with reference to this, "Maury furnished the brains, England the money, and I did the work." Further than this, the charts of the north Atlantic which Maury made years ago are today the basis upon which that ocean is navigated by all nations.

I am informed that though he was

decorated by many foreign governments, he was never given so much as a cheap little medal by that of the United States, and that his name has not been kept alive by any memorial or other token of his country's gratitude.—Julian Street in Collier's Weekly.

The Cruel Wolf Spider.

One of the most unnatural things in nature, if the expression is allowable, is the manner in which the young of the common wolf spider treat their mother. After the little creature has laid her eggs she envelops them in a silken covering, so as to make a ball about the size of a pea, and this she carries about with her wherever she goes and will defend it with her life. When the young are hatched they climb on her back, giving her a monstrous appearance, and ride about until nearly half grown, and as soon as they discover their strength they fall to and devour their mother.

A Bamboo Forest.

There are few spots imaginable more beautiful than a Japanese bamboo forest. It is the most lovely in color, the most aristocratic and the best behaved forest in the world. It whispers pleasantly and gently, and the severest winds cannot make it angry. The long, slim bodies of its trees are useful long after death, for they are made into water pipes, canes, fences, picture frames, vases, fishing rods, roofings, futes, fans, furniture and poles.

Following the Styles.

"The average woman spends most of her time thinking about what to wear."

"I fear you are mistaken."

"Why so?"

"She spends most of her time thinking about what to wear next."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

His Time to Talk

Judge—Have you anything to say before I pronounce sentence upon you? Prisoner—Yes, Judge. I certainly have. But it's dinner time. Let's wait until after we've had it. I have quite a reputation as an after dinner speaker.—Yonkers Statesman.

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VIEW OF THE TUMALO IRRIGATION PROJECT NEAR RESERVOIR.



Scene of proposed investigation by Desert Land Board to ascertain cause of leakage, impairing the system.