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MAIL TO BURNS.

Although the matter of a mail route to Burns has been taken up several times before by the Commercial club, each time unsuccessfully, it is worth while trying again and it is to be hoped that the committee appointed yesterday will get results. As pointed out in the petition which was prepared in Burns mail from the west will come in much more quickly by way of Bend than by taking the roundabout journey up the Malheur canyon, so that it is a very desirable thing from the viewpoint of the Harney county people, while from our own it is likewise important in giving an opportunity for the expansion of our trade territory.

A few days ago we pointed out here what Redmond had done in obtaining rural routes through the surrounding country. Extension of the route to Burns would be a step in the same direction on the part of Bend. And in going at the job it would be a good thing if Redmond's example of sticking at it until successful were followed. All the argument is in favor, and we imagine that the greatest difficulty to overcome will be the attitude of the present postmaster general toward extensions and improvements within the department.

By the way, while we are considering rural routes, it is a fair question to ask whatever happened to the Commercial club committee supposed to be working on a rural route to Tumalo? Will Redmond beat them to it?

THE TUMALO DISTRICT.

The plan to form an irrigation district out of the Tumalo project, outlined in the petition for an election which is published in this issue of The Bulletin, is likely to be the cause of considerable friction until the question is settled. Ever since it was proposed it has probably been the chief subject for discussion in every Tumalo home and already the pros and the antis must be pretty well established in their respective camps. Formation of a district has been proposed as a means of obtaining more water for the project. Although no more land was supposed to have been sold under the project than there was sufficient water for, it has developed, especially in the past season, that the new settlers and those at the end of the ditches, have not had enough water. If the leaks in the reservoir could be cured there would be enough for all and for much new land. It seems hopeless to obtain any aid from the state for stopping these leaks and so the settlers would take things into their own hands through a district.

Groundwork for the execution of such plan was laid at the last legislature by the passage of a bill authorizing the Desert Land Board to reduce the existing lien on Tumalo lands to such amount as it saw fit, the idea being that if a district were formed and additional liens added on account of reservoir expenditures the state might waive enough of its claim to leave the amount to be paid by each settler little or no greater than it now is.

As we see it the chief objection to the district idea is likely to come from the older established water right holders who see nothing to gain from the plan. That, however, seems the part of pure selfishness unless they can also show that they actually have a good deal to lose. To the newer settlers who are short of water the plan means everything, as it does, also, for the further development of the project.

For these reasons it seems to us that the district plan should have the support of the voters interested. If all who have signed the petition are in favor there should be no difficulty and we trust that this may be the case.

PRICES.

A dollar is worth what you can get for it. A dollar now isn't worth much because you can't get much for it. It will be worth more next year and twice as much five years from now when production catches up with demand.

Profiteering, no doubt, has something to do with the present depreciated value of the dollar but it is not the big factor.

In 1865, according to a Chicago account dated February 21, 1865,

Chicago consumers were paying 29 cents a pound for sugar, a dollar a gallon for kerosene oil, two dollars a pound for tea, and seventeen cents a pound for rice. Even in the face of present high prices a dollar now is worth about twice as much as it was then.

It was worse after the Revolutionary War. Martha Washington paid three dollars for a pound of sugar, one to two dollars a pound for meat, and \$25 a bushel for wheat.

The moral of all this is that prices are going down within the next five years which means that a dollar saved to-day will be worth at least twice as much five years from now. Therefore cut out luxuries and some necessities. Invest every dollar you can in United States War Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates. They bring four per cent interest compounded quarterly. Five years from now \$4.12 will be worth nearly ten dollars, taking into consideration interest and a certain drop in prices as production catches up with demand.

LUCKY FARM BOYS

In our items from Powell Butte this week there appears a bit of news that is worthy of more than passing mention. It is to the effect that a Powell Butte father has bought a small flock of sheep for his boys and that, though hardly in their teens, they are learning proper business methods.

How different from the sort of thing that according to farm experts has done so much to send boys from the farms into the city. In too many instances the boy has been given a calf or a colt which he has brought up and cared for as his own only to find, when the animal began to have a commercial value, that his father claimed it. That, so it is said, is one of the biggest reasons why farm boys do not like to stay on the farm but escape to the city just as soon as they can do so.

These Powell Butte boys have a father who knows how to keep his sons at home and, at the same time, to give them training in agricultural methods that will mean success in after years. It's a wise father and a lot of lucky boys.

The idea was well brought out in a verse published in The Bulletin several weeks ago, and, because of its real timeliness, reprinted here as follows:

"Why did you leave the farm, my lad?
Why did you bolt and leave your dad?"

Why did you beat it off to town
And turn your poor old father down?
Thinkers of platform, pulpit, press
Are wallowing in deep distress;
They seek to know the hidden cause
Why farmer boys desert their pas.
Some say they long to get a taste
Of faster life and social waste,
And some will say the silly chumps
Mistake the suit cards for their trumps

In waging fresh and germless air
Against the smoky thoroughfare,
We're all agreed the farm's the place,
So free your mind and state your case."

"Well, Stranger, since you've been so frank,
I'll roll aside by hazy bank,
The misty cloud of theories,
And tell you where the trouble lies:
I left my dad, his farm, his plow,
Because my calf became his cow;
I left my dad—'twas wrong, of course—
Because my colt became his horse;
I left my dad to sow and reap
Because my lamb became his sheep;
I dropped my hoe and stuck my fork
Because my pig became his pork;
The garden truck that I made grow
Was his to sell but mine to hoe;
It's not the smoke in the atmosphere
Nor the taste for life that brought me here;

Please tell the platform, pulpit, press
No fear of toil or love of dress
Is driving off the farmer lads,
But just the methods of their dads."

Speaking of that Oregon City legislation, if the law forces the banks to charge no more than four per cent and makes folks stop smoking cigarettes we shall all be making money fast.

Chicago is said to have a pro-German administration. That may be why it is having such a hard time stopping the Reds.

When Sam Hill has the King and Queen of the Belgians at Maryhill next week it will be interesting to know if he will propose a trip into California by his airline route.

According to the United States Public health service the rat causes millions of dollars of loss every year in the United States. It is one of the animal parasites for which no useful purpose can be found in nature's scheme of affairs and there is every reason to get rid of him.

GRANGE FAIR SHOWS WHAT FARMERS DO

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mussen and Julius Pederson.

Premiums Are Awarded

The following were the prize winners for exhibits: best exhibit of honey, 1st, Rolla Chase; 2nd Almus Neff; best exhibit of fancy work, Mrs. Joe Wornstaff; 2nd Miss Eunice Neff; best cake, 1st Mrs. G. L. Moore, 2nd Mrs. O. P. Dahle; best cookies, Mrs. Otto Kasemeyer; 2nd Mrs. R. E. Grimes; best doughnuts 1st Mrs. R. E. Grimes; best uns 1st Mrs. H. Helgeson, 2nd Mrs. O. P. Dahle; best bread, 1st Mrs. O. E. Grimes; 2nd Mrs. H. Helgeson; best lemon pie, 1st Mrs. R. E. Grimes; 2nd Mrs. O. P. Dahle; best cream pie, 1st Mrs. R. E. Grimes; 2nd Mrs. O. P. Dahle; best candy, Mrs. R. E. Grimes; 2nd Mrs. Fred Hettman;

best canned beans, Mrs. George Barclay; 2nd Mrs. R. E. Grimes; best canned corn, Mrs. R. E. Grimes; 2nd Mrs. Fred Reynolds; best canned peas, Mrs. R. E. Grimes; best canned gooseberries, Mrs. R. E. Grimes; best school exhibit, 1st district No. 21; 2nd district No. 22; best collection flowers, Miss Eunice Neff; best stalk of corn, 1st Otto Kasemeyer; 2nd Marres Chase; largest sunflower 1st Otto Kasemeyer; 2nd Almus Neff; best sheaf alfalfa, 1st E. E. Butler; 2nd H. Helgeson; best sweet clover, 1st and 2nd R. M. Culver; best alfalfa 1919 seeding Baltic, John Bielle; best red clover, sheaf, 1st E. E. Butler; best sheaf oats, 1st Fred Hettman, 2nd George Barclay; best sheaf wheat, 1st Julius Pederson; 2nd Knute Nelson; best sheaf barley, 1st Fred Hettman; sweepstake on potatoes, Rolla Chase; best half bushel Notted Gem potatoes, 1st Louis Ellingson; 2nd Fred Reynolds; best half bushel, early Obto potatoes, 1st H. Helgeson; best beets, 1st Geo. Moore; best cabbage, 1st A. Neff; 2nd O. P. Dahle; best carrots, 1st George Barclay; 2nd Fred Reynolds; best onions, 1st Rolla Chase; 2nd A. Neff; best parsnips, 1st Fred Reynolds; 2nd G. L. Moore; best rutabager 1st Otto Kasemeyer; best turnips, 1st Marres string beans, 1st R. M. Culver; best garden peas, 1st R. E. Grimes; best tomatoes, 1st R. E. Grimes; 2nd A. Neff; best pumpkins, 1st R. M. Culver; 2nd O. P. Dahle; best citron, 1st Otto Kasemeyer; best six ears corn, 1st Morris Chase; 2nd A. Neff; 1st cucumbers, 1st R. M. Culver; 2nd A. Neff.

The best of the vegetables and grain displays were collected after the fair was over yesterday afternoon by county agent H. E. Koons, who presided, and will be sent to Portland to be on display with other products of Oregon.

GOOD ADDRESSES TO BE GIVEN SUNDAY

Portland Men Who Will Appear on Program for Columbus Day Were Active in War Work.

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of the activities of the lodge during the war. Under the direction of Maurice P. Cashman local talent will appear in a musical program, announced later. The general public is cordially invited to attend. No admission charge will be made. The program will begin promptly at 8 p. m.

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