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THE VOTER AND FACTS.

From the latest number of the Oregon Voter we reprint the following:

"Everybody in Oregon who knows anything about the Bend country wants to see The Dalles-California Highway constructed through it at the earliest possible date. As a scenic route it is one continuous panorama of snow peaks, forests, canyons, roaring streams and turquoise sky, with clear weather most of the year. Bend is one of the liveliest cities of Oregon, with two of the largest industries of the State, and a hotel that Irwin Cobb wrote about in Saturday Evening Post as 'the best small-town hotel in the United States.'"

"Bend also has an exceeding live newspaper—full of pep. We regret to admit that this newspaper, the Bulletin, seems to think it can make more progress by abuse and misrepresentation as applied to the State Highway Commission than by the good old boosting for which Bend has been celebrated. It has done everything possible to discredit the Commission, especially the former member from Eastern Oregon, who as a matter of fact has wrought powerfully to bring about the early construction of the great highway through Bend."

"One of the Bulletin's latest suggestions is to have two of the three highway commissioners appointed from Eastern Oregon every other term. It thus believes it could secure one commissioner and while he was in office the highway would be completed."

"Eastern Oregon contains less than one third of the State's population, Western Oregon more than a third outside of Portland, and Portland a full third. At present each of these three sections is represented by a commissioner."

"Does the Bulletin imagine for a minute that Western Oregon and Portland, comprising more than a two-thirds majority of the State's population, will surrender one of its two commissioners? Or is it imagined that the populous parts of Eastern Oregon which are remote from Bend, would sit idly by and permit any combination by means of which Bend might acquire control of the Commission?"

"Bend will not achieve its wishes by any attempted manipulation or by compulsion. It will win by getting the good will of Eastern Oregon, Western Oregon and Portland, a good will that will be warmed by the enthusiasm that already exists for Bend and for the great north and south highway through it. The thing for Bend to do is to capitalize the good will that already exists, not to wreck it by unwarranted abuse of the Highway Commission. The Commission has accomplished wonders, considering the magnitude of

its task and the limited funds available. It has let many contracts for the highway in question and has offered yet more. The highway is not being overlooked or neglected. "For a spirited community like Bend to be placed in the attitude of a chronic complainer is unfortunate. The balance of Oregon is proud of Bend and Bend needs the good will of the balance of the State. The way to get that good will is not by creating resentment. The people throughout Oregon who have had experience with the Highway Commission and know its members as square shooters do not take kindly to vindictive slanders at its expense."

The foregoing explanation from Brother Chapman as to how Central Oregon can get action on its highways from the state commission confirms the idea we have been nurturing for some time, namely, that while he is long on statistics he is usually short on facts. Give him a census report or table of election returns and he will produce comparisons and percentages until one of the Lonesome Bunny goats begins to nibble his typewriter ribbon. In this chosen field he cannot be reached because he has his facts collected by someone else. Start him off, however, on an article where he has to get the facts himself he does not get them. And that's the trouble with what he has to say in the article quoted above.

So long as the Voter is arguing from a lot of incorrect assumptions it is impossible to discuss a question with it. It takes too much time to get it straight on the facts. If Brother Chapman will find out what he is talking about we shall be very glad to consider with him whether or not we were unduly critical of the highway commission over what it has done on The Dalles-California highway commission over what it had "wrought powerfully" and what it "had done," the reason being that since we last discussed what we consider the commission's shortcomings it has actually done something.

In the meantime, and as a possible aid in getting the facts, we respectfully request that the Voter point out just how ex-Commissioner Thompson "wrought powerfully to bring about the early construction of the great highway through Bend."

Will the Voter also indicate when it was the commission "let many contracts for the highway in question?" It says "the highway is not being overlooked or neglected." Will it say that "it was not being overlooked?"

If the Bulletin were as wrong as the Voter would have its readers believe it would not have been necessary for seven eastern Oregon counties to associate for the purpose of getting their dues from the commission, nor would a member of the Bend commercial club have felt justified in suggesting that a bill be initiated to secure the election rather than the appointment of the members of the commission. It would not have been possible for the chairman of the commission to make such charges against ex-Commissioner Thompson as have been made.

But—let us have the Voter's facts.

Ruth St. Denis lost over \$100,000 worth of clothes in a recent fire. The news is especially interesting because from the various pictures we have seen of the lady we had an idea that she was kind of short of clothes.

ANNEX CRESCENT.

Having been active in the movement which resulted in the division of Crook county to form Jefferson county and later, Deschutes, and having urged in the campaign the advantages to follow from the creation of a smaller county we anticipate that we may be called inconsistent in what we are about to propose.

We see no inconsistency, however, but only a logical step in the rearrangement of county lines in Central Oregon.

The proposal is that the northern section of Klamath county, from a point somewhere south of Crescent, be annexed to Deschutes county.

As residents of Klamath county the people of Crescent are under a severe handicap due to their distance from the county seat. Distance 100 miles by road in the summer time, they are even further away in the winter when it is almost impossible for them to travel the road to the south, and all the year round they are unable to communicate with Klamath Falls by telephone, and by telegraph only by going way round the state.

Their relation to Bend, on the other hand, is much closer. Their mail comes from Bend, they have a telephone connection with Bend, the road to Bend is the one they travel all the year round, most of them, we imagine, bank in Bend, and they come to Bend to take the train. In short, Bend is by far the more logical county seat for them than Klamath Falls ever was or could be, and for the sake of general convenience that section should be a part of Deschutes county.

We do not know that the people of Crescent would like to see their country a part of Deschutes county but because of the convenience that would be occasioned we should suppose they would. Deschutes county, we are sure, would like to see the tie that is already close made closer.

Because of the loss in assessed valuation that the annexation would involve possibly the rest of Klamath county would not consent to letting Crescent go. And possibly, if Crescent wanted to go the rest of the county would see the reasonableness of the request and make no objection.

There are a number of matters that should be looked into in case the idea is favorably received by Crescent.

ARMISTICE DAY.

So far as we know no country has hitherto celebrated the day which marked the end of hostilities in any war in which it was engaged. The United States, at least, has never done so although it had good cause in the ending of the Civil war. We celebrate the day on which we declared our independence of Great Britain but not the end of the war which actually gave us our independence, a great event in our history and well worth observance.

Why is it then that the nation, without discussion and without argument, almost as a matter of course, has universally given itself over to celebration of armistice day, which saw the end of the Great war?

In the first place, we suppose, the day is celebrated because of that very thing about the war which is suggested in the name, "Great." It is fitting that we should celebrate the end of the greatest war the world has ever known. Here, as in most of the warring nations, the thoughts and hopes and lives of more people were bound up in the struggle than had ever been in a war before.

With anniversaries recur the thoughts and emotions of the former day and the relief that the nation felt a year ago is poured out again in today's celebration.

Beyond the idea of personal relief and joy at the end of the war was there not something deeper, however, that caused the rejoicing of a year ago? Did we not then celebrate the Independence day of the world, freedom from the shackles that had bound nations and peoples and classes? Prussianism was ended and the world looked forward to a new era. We felt we had come to the end not only of the Great war but of all war. And today all those same hopes and aspirations are renewed within us. The year has not seen the progress that we expected toward the better day but progress has been made and the future still holds promise.

And so we celebrate the end of the war and, just as at New Years, the hope in a new era.

THE CENTRALIA CRIME

The four Centralia young men who were shot down by the I. W. W. on Tuesday while participating in an Armistice day parade died for America just as though they had met their death in the Argonne forest a year ago. Cruel and needless as their deaths were they have brought before the country as nothing else could the



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They said, these murderers, that it was industrialism that they fought that it was the so-called capitalistic system they wanted to change, but when they fired on former soldiers

of the United States, members of the American Legion and representatives of the highest type of Americanism their true purpose was revealed. They are anti-American revolutionists and they have signed their own death warrants.

"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church," and the blood of these young men is the seed from which will spring the new American purpose to exterminate this crew that would pull down the Stars and Stripes and raise in its place the red flag of revolution.

By the drying up of the waters of Silver Lake there has been developed the fact that it had a golden bed, for in the past season there has been raised on the reclaimed land an abundance of hay and nearly 5,000 bushels of grain.

Would it not be a good plan to take it up with the Crescent people and get ready to start the matter off in case its advantages are found to be sufficient?

Wear your Red Cross button so it will be easy to know who has joined and who has not.

Red flag wavers are beginning to waver.

How Much You Should Weigh.

A simple way to ascertain one's ideal weight was told recently by Dr. Harvey G. Beck of the University of Maryland, in an address before the Los Angeles County Medical Association at Los Angeles, Cal. First, put down 110. Then multiply by 2 1/2, the number of inches by which one's height exceeds five feet. Add the result of the multiplication to the original 110 and the sum is one's "ideal weight."—Popular Science Monthly.

Four chairs at your service at the Metropolitan. No waiting.—Adv.

Put it in The Bulletin.

WARD TO ADDRESS WOOL CONVENTION

R. A. Ward has received an invitation to address the coming convention of the Oregon Wool Growers Association on the "Application of Sulphur to Alfalfa Lands," at the coming meeting in Portland. The association will hold its 22nd. annual convention in the Exchange building at the stockyards on the 20th. and 21st. and all wool growers of Central Oregon are urged to attend to take part in the discussion of the question concerning the portation of foreign wools.

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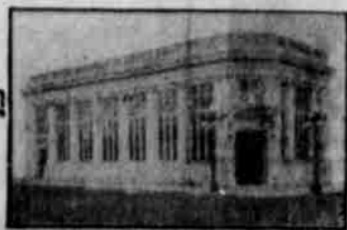
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