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A NEW RECLAMATION FUND.

It now seems apparent that the Mondell bill, by which it was hoped to obtain funds for the development of reclamation projects, and especially in this section, the construction of the Deschutes project, has gone by the board. The last heard of it its sponsors were waiting for action by the American Legion at its Minneapolis meeting in November. That meeting has come and gone and there has been nothing new on the bill. It may safely be considered as dead.

Because this bill has come to nothing is no reason why the Deschutes valley should give up hope of construction involving the Benham Falls reservoir and the watering of the thousands of now arid acres in this and Jefferson county. So long as there is a dollar to be spent by the United States reclamation service in irrigation work that dollar will be marked for attack by the people of this section who want to see this great project carried through.

Just now the point of attack is in connection with the Western States Reclamation association which, at its recent Salt Lake meeting, urged a direct appropriation of \$250,000,000 for expenditure by the Reclamation service. If this fund is made available some of it will almost surely be spent in the Deschutes valley. Urge your congressman to aid in getting the appropriation made.

A COUNTY LIBRARY.

In appropriating \$3,000 from next year's taxes for the support of a county library the county court has taken a step to put Deschutes in line with other of the more progressive Oregon counties. Wasco and Hood River have had county libraries since 1912, Umatilla since 1914. Josephine county allows a grant to the Grants Pass library for county expenses successfully and in the middle tension. In California the plan operates it is superceding local operation.

The Umatilla county library experience is perhaps the finest of the Oregon counties, outside of Multnomah, and may well be looked to for guidance in the local work. A central library is maintained at Pendleton and branches at Milton, Free-water, Ferndale school, Pilot Rock, Hermiston, Umapine school, Stanfield, Echo, Weston, Athens, Helix and Adams. Funds for the central building in Pendleton came from the Carnegie corporation which also made contributions for one of the branches. In the other branch towns the library was established as soon as the local library committee had prepared a suitable room or building which could be heated and lighted as needed, with an attendant or the committee to take charge.

The single fact that four years

after the Umatilla library was organized there were 4,814 county borrowers registered who never before had had public library privileges, shows how great a work the institution did and suggests something of what a county library may do in Deschutes.

Today Bend and Redmond have meagre library facilities. By the county system both will be greatly improved and in addition it will be possible to get books into communities which have hitherto had none. There is a fine work to be done and it is a pleasure to see it made possible.

VOLUNTEERS AND SOVIETS.

The announcement that all drafted men were now out of Siberia is made with an assumption of virtue on the part of the War Department that will have no weight with the people. The department would have us think that since the only troops left in Siberia were volunteers it is all right for an American army to be there. To those, however, who are taking any interest in the relation of the United States to the Russian situation this is merely an avoidance of the fundamental issue. We should like to know why American troops are in Siberia at all. The fact that they are volunteers makes no difference.

Indeed for the department to make a special point of the fact that the soldiers are volunteers suggests that hereafter it is to be necessary to get volunteers for every duty the army is to perform, and that is going a little too far. The American army ought never to go anywhere where it has no business; but if it has legitimate business to attend to it ought to go without calling for volunteers.

Curiously on the same day that this announcement is made there has been received here sample copies of a magazine called "Soviet Russia" printed in the city of New York, which is still in the United States. The magazine is stated to be the official organ of the Russian Soviet Government Bureau, it is carried in the United States mails, and its editors are living under the protection of the laws of the United States.

Now we confess to a large amount of ignorance concerning present conditions in Russia. There are those who urge that all those, Kolchak, Yudenich and the rest, who are fighting the Bolsheviks are merely reactionary representatives of the old regime; and there are others who say that the Soviet leaders are purity itself. Having no facts we cannot make any decision. But if, as appears to be the case, American troops are kept in Siberia for the purpose of opposing the Soviet government and armies how in the name of all that is sensible is a bureau of that government allowed to operate in the United States?

If the bureau is all right what is the army doing in Siberia?

FOR BETTER SIRES.

When improvement of livestock can be assured by the introduction of better sires it would be supposed that owners would be tumbling over themselves to buy better animals. Some do, indeed, as is shown by the record of the prices paid at the recent livestock show in Portland, and the list of the animals brought into Central Oregon in the past few weeks.

If any remain who are not converted they are to be sought out by a "Better Sires-Better Stock" cam-

paign recently inaugurated by the United States department of agriculture. The campaign looks forward to the future food needs of this country's increasing population and the plan is to hasten the replacement of the multitude of scrub domestic animals in the United States with purebred or high grade stock and also to improve the quality of purebreds themselves.

In a recent number of the Reclamation Record it is pointed out that the scrub hog requires a certain number of bushels of corn to make 200 pounds of pork, while the purebred or high grade hog takes the same number of bushels of corn and makes 300 pounds of pork. The purebred or high grade cow makes three gallons of milk out of the same quantity of silage that the scrub cow uses to make a gallon and a half of milk. The result is that the farmer gets more pounds of salable product out of his feed when he uses purebred sires at the head of his herds and flocks.

An illustration accompanying the Record article shows on one side five tubs of butter, four of 50 pounds and one of 28, the average production per cow in herds headed by purebred bulls, and on the other three, two 60's and a 49, the average per cow in herds headed by grade and scrub bulls. One set of tubs weighs 268 pounds and the other 169. The difference in value is \$59.50 per cow. This graphic method is used to show the results obtained by a cow testing association in Texas.

If purebred sires will produce such results in Texas they will do the same here and every effort should be made to promote their ownership and use.

THE LIBERTY CALENDAR.

There's a new scheme on foot to make over the calendar. An association has been formed and it is now at work trying to persuade Congress and the public that its proposed reform is desirable. Remembering that the calendar has been made over already a number of times, on each with a view to simplifying it, we may consider the latest proposal with open minds.

The plan is to divide the year into 13 months, instead of the present 12. The extra month would be called Liberty and would follow February. Each of the 13 would have exactly 28 days, or four weeks each, and each would begin on Monday. New Years day would become an independent legal holiday and would not be included in any week or month, and in leap years another independent legal holiday is provided called "Correction day."

The advantage that strikes one at once is the arrangement by which the days of the month are made to coincide with the same days of the week the year around. Monday would always be the 1st, the 8th, the 15th, or the 22nd. No longer would we have to mumble "Thirty Days Hath November, April June and September," etc., or run over our knuckles to discover where we were in the month. All would have 28 days and that is all there would be to it.

All that remains now of the Christmas season is happiness. The trials and worries of Christmas shopping are but a remembrance and the time when every heart is filled with a kind thought is fast approaching. Christmas morning when you gather around the well laden evergreen tree to present a token in remembrance of "Him Who Died To Save All Men," remember that it is our fervent desire to extend a wish for happiness to all.

THE PIONEER GARAGE CO.

As listed by the association their advantages are that:

"The saving of time and mental effort would be immense. All holidays and anniversaries would always fall on the same day of the week. A promissory note given for any number of weeks, months and years would always come due on the same day of the week-it was given. The plan also provides that Good Friday and Easter Sunday shall always be observed on certain fixed dates. This was contemplated when our present calendar was adopted."

Folks who are interested are urged by the association to ask their congressmen to support the measure.

In spite of the almost universal use of self starters we notice that cranks still abound.

Instead of money for street work what Bend now needs is a slush fund.

BEND COUNCIL IN FAVOR OF A NEW BRIDGE

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by the fire truck. It was also pointed out that construction would make possibly a delivery circuit which would be of material assistance to the merchants of Bend.

Recommendations for the type of bridge, and the best manner of financing construction will be made by the streets committee at the next session of the council.

Health Ordinance Draastic.

A new health ordinance making drastic regulations for abatement of nuisances, reporting of births and deaths, reporting of communicable diseases, and quarantine procedure, was introduced under an emergency clause, but on the motion of D. G. McPherson it was reduced to the status of an ordinary ordinance bill. The proposed ordinance carries penalties for violation of a fine from \$5 to \$500, or jail sentence of from 10 to 100 days, or both fine and imprisonment.

NEW VICTOR RECORDS FOR DECEMBER Now Selling



It's A Great List--

POPULAR SONGS

- 18619—Blues My Naughty Sweetie Gives to Me..... Esther Walker
- 85a Sweet Kisses..... Esther Walker
- 18621—When the Preacher Makes You Mine..... Adele Rowland
- 85c Granny..... Adele Rowland
- 18623—Give Me a Smile and a Kiss..... John Steel
- 85c Girl of Mine..... Charles Harrison
- 18624—Love You Just the Same, Sweet Adeline—Lewis James—Chas. Harrison
- 85c Pretty Little Rainbow..... Sterling Trio

DANCE RECORDS

- 18617—Alcoholic Blues—Medley Fox Trot All Star—Trio
- 85c Jerry—Medley Fox Trot—All Star Trio
- 18618—Tulip Time—Medley Fox Trot Joseph C. Smith's Orchestra
- 85c Yellow Dog Blues—Medley Fox Trot Joseph C. Smith's Orchestra

VOCAL AND INSTRUMENTAL RECORDS.

- 45171—Tell Me..... Lambert Murphy
- \$1.00 Yearning..... Lambert Murphy
- 45170—At Dawning..... Victor Herbert's Orchestra
- \$1.00 The Waltzing Doll (Poupee Valante) Victor Herbert's Or.
- 45172—Venetian Boat Song..... Littlefield-Baker
- \$1.00 Canoe Song (Ciribiribim)..... Littlefield-Baker

RED SEAL RECORDS

- 64828—Nellie Was a Lady—\$1.00..... Alma Gluck
- 64833—Caprice—\$1.00..... Jascha Heifitz

RED SEAL

- 64827—\$1.00—The Deluge Prelude (La Deluge) Efrom Zimbalist

HORTON DRUG CO.

Three more ordinances were read, one providing for the licensing of jitney drivers and expressing one amending the cardroom and billiard hall ordinance, aiming at the suppression of gambling and one fixing the salaries of city officials. No change is made from the salaries now being paid, and the object of the ordinance is merely to establish the amounts definitely in the city law.

To Extend Fire Limits.

Representing the school board and the library, R. W. Sawyer appeared before the council, suggesting first an extension of the fire limits to afford greater protection to the high school, and second the appointment of a committee to meet with the library board with the intention of reorganization on a county basis. In response to the first suggestion, the council issued a temporary order revoking all building permits falling to specify fireproof structures, the district included being all of the original townsite of Bend, and North Addition. Definite boundaries will be re-established at the next meeting.

For the library committee, Mayor Knates was designed as the sole member.

Recorder D. H. Peoples reported that the city garbage truck is seriously indisposed, and said that the council must face the necessity for purchase of a heavier and more suitable truck, or let the work out by contract. The matter was referred to the Health committee and Recorder.

E. O. Johnson again appeared to present his claim for damages to his car which ran into a newly dug basement just off Newport avenue, several weeks ago. The council voted disallowing the bill.

The Correct Word.

"Old Brown won't live long; he has one foot in the grave already."
"You mean one foot in the grave."
"No—he's going to be cremated."

Rag Paper Ancient.

Paper was made from rags in Arabia more than ten centuries ago and the method was introduced into Europe in the thirteenth century.



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You could put some of them away as savings

Saving is a pleasant undertaking. Cultivate it.

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Wishes you A Merry Christmas and A Happy, Prosperous New Year.