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PRESERVE THE TREES.

A party of Bend people, recently returned from a motor trip through California, are showing their friends photographs of the various points of interest visited by them on the journey. One of these was a little hillock with a few scattered Torreon pine to which a paved road has been built and park or landscape effects created. Upwards of \$15,000 has been spent to beautify the spot and make it accessible and it is looked upon in the neighborhood, we are told, as a place of remarkable interest and natural beauty simply because of the presence there of these few, scrubby pine trees.

On hearing of this one is inclined at first to smile at the thought of paying so much attention to what an Oregonian would look on as a lot of inferior trees. Your Oregonian compares these with the pines he knows at home and thinks how much larger and more beautiful are the trees the traveller will find here. He is inclined to look on this little collection as a joke and the money spent in their setting as thrown away.

Second thought, however, tells him that there is nothing to scoff at in this California scene. The pines are the only native trees in the vicinity and the point is that they are preserved and made something of. Their value is recognized. They are an asset and are treated as such.

With us nature has been so generous that we pay no attention to our good fortune, but instead take it as a matter of course. We give no thought to the preservation of our own beauty spots until it is too late and then we awake to the realization of our irrevocable loss and appreciate such work as has been done at this California hillock.

Such criticism as is implied in the foregoing is intended more especially for other sections of the state which have only just now begun to appreciate the situation, as is evidenced by recent articles in the Portland newspapers. Here on the Deschutes The Shevlin-Nixon Company has generously promised much to ensure the preservation of timbered spots of scenic beauty but there are still many to be saved and that will be saved if we take to heart the lesson from California.

DISGRACEFUL

Some months ago we analyzed the vote cast at a school bond election, to show that there were only one or two voters with sufficient interest to exert themselves to visit the polls and

register their convictions on the question up for decision. The rest of the dozen or so who were recorded at that election were election or district officials, who were present primarily because it was their duty. We thought then that a shameful lack of interest was shown in this important school business, and now we have to call attention to the even more disgraceful record made at yesterday's district budget meeting.

The school district tax for the coming year was under consideration. Because of the six per cent tax limitation law, it was necessary to hold a special election, and, with the polls open from 2 to 7, there was ample opportunity for every elector to vote. Twenty-one in all came out and of these 12 favored the tax measure. Examination of the list of those voting will show the names of the five directors of the district, one former director, three election judges, the district clerk, the district superintendent and his wife, or 12 in all, and we think it safe to say that these were the 12 who favored the tax. Possibly all would have voted, even though they had no special interest, but there was not one other tax payer or school patron, if our conclusion as to the 12 favorable votes is correct, who cared enough about school matters to go to the polling place.

We make no criticism of the nine who voted against the tax. They were more interested in taxes than schools, but surely would not do away with the schools by refusing to vote taxes. If they thought the proposed tax too high, they should have taken part with the board in the preparation of the budget; but, we repeat, this is not criticism. Instead, we compliment them on having sufficient interest to come out to vote.

When the tax bills come in next spring, let no one who did not vote yesterday complain of the school district tax.

THE LIBRARY

It is a pleasure to note the growing success of the Deschutes county library and the increasing use being made of it by the people of Bend and other communities. Here at the central library, the number of readers seems to increase with each new accession of books. The same thing must be true elsewhere because, with a wider variety to choose from, more people find the volumes they are interested in.

What the new service means in the north end of the county is indicated in the latest issue of the Redmond Spokesman, which reports improvements in the Redmond library and the addition of a number of new books to the Terrebonne library, all made possible by the new county system. At Redmond the annual fee for use of the library has been done away with, better care is to be given the books, and more frequent opportunity to use the institution arranged. Slowly the service will become available all over the county.

In view of the leading part taken by Bend in the institution of the new library service, it is not improper, we trust, to point out the fact. The nucleus of the county library is the old Bend public library. The city has guaranteed support by tax levies and the board of trustees, with a

majority of Bend members, is doing everything possible to forward the development of the service throughout the county.

We trust that the country communities, that sometimes are inclined to criticize us, may remember these facts.

RILEY

Oregonians are fond of listing among the assets of the state Crater lake, Mount Hood, the Columbia highway, timber resources, productive soil, unequalled coast and mountain scenery, countless beautiful lakes and streams and a marvelous climate. We rise to suggest another—not like any of those named, but as truly an asset of the state as any of them, and that is Frank Branch Riley of Portland.

A lawyer by profession, an orator and wit by gifts of birth and training, and an out-of-doors devotee by choice, Mr. Riley is singularly equipped, and for the past three years, in the service of the Northwest Tourist association, has used his talents in telling the people of the east of the attractions of the Northwest. For the past four months he has been traveling in the eastern states and delivering his lecture, "The International Northwest," before clubs, business associations, chambers of commerce, and even the national congress. Everywhere he has taken his audience by storm. Scores of people have had their thoughts turned to Oregon, Washington and British Columbia and scores have made their plans to visit the Northwest as a result of his missionary work.


A former Oregonian, writing from New York, where he had just heard Riley, says: "Without any bunk, I want to tell you that Frank Branch Riley's talks here in the East are the finest things of their kind imaginable. They are making a tremendous hit. This seems to me the wisest publicity investment the Northwest ever made. He is going over big and reaching the people who can, and will, travel."

And so we say that Mr. Riley is a state asset. As such he should be sent out by the state of Oregon alone to talk about Oregon.

ALASKA

Much has been written of the wonderful bargain the United States got when we purchased Alaska from Russia for \$7,000,000. At the time there was nothing but criticism for Secretary Seward. For years his acquisition was called "Seward's Folly," but as the facts concerning the territory became known and its wonderful treasure house unlocked, the tune changed. Today there is none to deny that, save for Jefferson's \$2,000,000 purchase from Napoleon in 1803, this was almost the greatest purchase the United States ever made.

Renewed evidence of the great value of Alaska and of its wealth of natural resources is found in the latest Bulletin of the Alaska bureau of publicity. For the month of May the exports from the territory amounted to \$6,175,676, or almost as much as Russia received from Secretary Seward. Furs valued at \$4,227,720 comprised the greatest portion of the exports by value. Next



Financial Statement of
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
of Bend, at the close of business June 30, 1920

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts.....	\$ 882,437.51
Bonds and Warrants.....	78,549.62
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank.....	1,500.00
Banking House, Furniture and Fixtures.....	30,279.31
Other Real Estate Owned.....	7,701.39
Five Per Cent Redemption Fund.....	625.00
Cash and Exchange.....	\$348,783.53
Liberty Bonds.....	165,750.00
	\$1,515,626.36
LIABILITIES	
Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits.....	\$ 59,078.72
Circulation.....	12,500.00
Deposits.....	1,444,047.64
	\$1,515,626.36

in value was ore, at over a million, the rest being made up chiefly of fish products.

The total shipments for 1919 amounted to \$42,476,018 and the imports to \$29,396,569. Products for the year were valued at \$75,306,988.

Minerals run a close race with the fisheries for leadership in the territory. Other resources in process of development, according to the bulletin, will rapidly add to its wealth.

The candor of the bulletin in advising stenographers, nurses and school teachers not to look for work in Alaska is pleasing. "Stay where you are," it says, "unless HE writes and says that the cabin is ready and the preacher is at hand." If the rest of its material has been prepared with the same care as to facts, its editors are to be complimented.

In Bend, a city credited with 5415 people and a growth of nearly a thousand per cent in the last decade, 21 citizens took time to vote on a school budget of \$105,640. One of the ballots was thrown out because defective. Twelve voted in favor of the budget. Half of the 12 were members, either retiring or active, of the school board. Bend might save herself another experience so embarrassing by indefinitely enlarging the personnel of the school board. They, at least, would vote.—Oregon Journal.

We approve thoroughly of this Sunday-Monday holiday idea. Why not arrange all our holidays on this basis?

It will take only one ballot to settle it next November, anyway.

**SPECK WOODS
DEFEATS HOKE**

**PORTLAND BOY TAKES COUNT
IN FOURTH—KID TAYLOR,
GREEK GEORGE AND DUFFY
NORR WIN BOUTS.**

Speck Woods Monday attained the goal for which he been striving for weeks when he knocked out Ted Hoke of Portland in the fourth round of their main event bout at the boxing smoker at the gymnasium. Hoke's second threw in the towel before Referee Willard Houston had completed the count.

With the exception of the first round, in which Hoke perhaps had the better of it, the fight was all Speck's. He hit with both right and left, with more steam and greater ability as a boxer than he has ever shown before, and in the second round he sent Hoke to the mat for eight counts with a stiff right. In the third he sent the Portland boy down twice, and in the fourth Ted reeled to his feet after the count of nine and was immediately felled again. It was his last fall for the evening.

Kid Taylor of Bend won from Bobby Gay of Portland in a small fraction of a minute, dazing him so badly with a right to the head that Gay was literally out on his feet.

Greek George of Bend won a technical knockout from Jack Havlin of

Portland in the fourth round, Havlin's second throwing in a towel when the Portland boy broke his left wrist on George's shoulder. Havlin was saved by the bell in the third, after a terrific solar plexus punch from the husky Greek, and was ready to be put away when he met with his accident.

Duffy Norr of Terrebonne knocked out Roy Brown of Yakima with a right cross to the jaw at the end of 30 seconds of fighting.

**LIQUOR FINES NET
CITY OF BEND \$200**

As the result of arrests made last week by Chief of Police L. A. W. Nixon and Fire Chief Tom Carlson, the city of Bend is \$200 richer. Nick Davis and Dan Super, charged with having liquor in their possession, paid fines amounting to \$100 each after pleading guilty in municipal court.

**What's Doing in
the Country.**

**NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS
FROM ALFALFA HOMES**

ALFALFA, July 8.—J. N. Crow and family entertained Vivian Short and sister, Miss Mabel Short and Miss Olive Pratt last Friday evening.

Lova Crow returned from an extended visit in Washington Friday. Melvin Crow, Evelyn Crow, Lova Crow, Olive Pratt, Mabel Short and Vivian Short spent the Fourth of July camping at Suttle lake, returning Tuesday.

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