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## FROM MADRAS

Under the caption, "Is This the Old, Well Known Seattle Spirit?" the Madras Pioneer, in its latest issue, carries the following:

"While Bend was getting its Elks' sanitarium, its visit from Irving S. Cobb, its motion picture publicity and the many other things which the energetic Commercial club of the Deschutes county metropolis has so successfully put across, and while Redmond was securing her county fair, her good roads and her irrigation, Madras and the greater portion of Jefferson county, as would any other community in which the result was its life or death, has for more than five years been working for the North unit irrigation district. Success seems close at hand.

"With none other than the kindly feeling of one community toward another, this great work has been accomplished with no idea or thought of damaging either the communities of Bend or Redmond. We neither have the space nor inclination to rehash the fight which this community has experienced in its effort for irrigation. Needless, however, to say that it has practically worked alone. Other communities, as undoubtedly was right, were working for their own best interests, as was this. We needed the North unit; they did not. They were informed of our plans and their assistance was solicited.

"At this late date they have no fight, only a cry. The Redmond Commercial club, as did the Commercial club of Bend, have appointed committees to investigate. Better they had appointed committees a few years ago to assist in securing this united project.

"The Bend papers, and the Bend correspondent to the Portland place, have made an effort to place the North unit in an unfair light. It is doubtful whether they will succeed, as those who are interested, and who will help put over the project, have investigated and are correctly informed as to conditions."

We do not know just what our Madras friend means by his reference to the Seattle spirit and must ask for an explanation. Further, before we engage in any discussion of the matters referred to in the article quoted above, it would be desirable to have an understanding as to the facts involved.

It has been understood that the North unit plan was to take all the storage waters of the Deschutes, leaving nothing for the other units of the Deschutes project. The Pioneer now says there has been "no thought of damaging either of the communities of Bend or Redmond." Just what does this mean? What is the fact as to the North unit plans? The Pioneer is in position to know about these things. Will it explain? If the North unit does not want all the water, what coopera-

tion does it want toward the construction of the Benham falls reservoir? Since the completion of the successful cooperative effort in obtaining the reservoir examination and bringing the appropriations committee through Central Oregon there has been nothing more heard from Jefferson county about cooperation. What is now wanted?

## FOOD OR FROCKS

Asked the other day by a Bend merchant what we believed to be the biggest manufacturing and retail business in the country, we guessed, "The tobacco business." "Wrong," he said, "the biggest is jewelry, the next, phonographs and records and the next, automobiles."

We wondered if right there were not the biggest reasons for high prices, and then we came upon a discussion of a recent article by Roger W. Babson, in which just that point was made. Mr. Babson's article was entitled "Food or Frocks." The discussion reads as follows:

"There is much food for thought in the facts to which Mr. Babson calls attention. It is estimated, he says, that last year the American people spent over \$22,000,000,000 on non-essentials. If millions of men are engaged in producing materials for making luxuries, or in manufacturing or selling luxuries of any kind, they have not time to devote to raising foodstuffs and making the essentials of life."

"According to Babson, seven-eighths of the selling effort today is directed to getting people to buy luxuries, and it is plain that until people stop buying luxuries, and thereby release the materials and labor that are going into them, there will not be enough of the necessities of life produced so that they can be sold at more moderate prices.

"But an even more deplorable fact is that most people are becoming lazy and careless as well as extravagant. Consumption is not only increasing, but production is falling off. Production per man has fallen in industry by 20 to 40 per cent.

"There are, of course, many other factors that enter into the solution of these pressing problems of the cost of living, but it seems to us that a consideration of the facts mentioned must lead every right-thinking person, who wants to discharge his obligation to society and to aid in the solution of its problems, to realize that he must stop buying luxuries and increase his output.

"If just half the people who are complaining about the cost of living would practice as well as preach this doctrine, this bugaboo of the high cost of living would quickly disappear."

## CITY ADMINISTRATION.

Although little has been heard lately of the plan suggested by the Community Clearing House League to adopt a city manager form of government for Bend we trust that the idea has not been entirely abandoned.

Without reflecting in the slightest degree on the present city administration we think it fair to say that a change in the form of our municipal government is extremely desirable. Bend at present operates under a charter adopted in 1911 when its population was less than 1000. In the nearly ten years that have elapsed the population has increased more than five fold. With the increase have come scores of new problems requiring for their proper solution more time and attention than any unpaid official can afford to give. To the credit of our mayor and our

councilmen it should be said that they are doing everything they can to care for the city work, frequently at a loss to their own business, but it is too much to expect of them and a change should be made.

Whether a commission form of government or a city manager plan is the name of the new form is not especially essential. What is needed is the employment of an official who can give his whole time to the job and be paid accordingly. This might be done by enlarging the powers of the city recorder under the present charter leaving the mayor and council as advisors to whom reports could be made at frequent intervals. Or a new charter may be adopted following the corporation idea and placing the administration in the hands of an executive official with a board of directors through whom he will be responsible to the stockholders, that is, the people.

Whatever the plan steps looking toward the change should be made at once and if the initiative is not to be taken by outside organizations we believe the mayor and council themselves should make this their own business and present to the people as soon as possible the proposal for a change.

## RATES AND PRICES

In yesterday's news appeared statements concerning the effect on living costs of the recently granted increase in freight rates that make very interesting reading. A prominent railroad attorney said that the increase "may" bring a revelry of high prices, while an economist connected with the railroad labor organizations said that if prices were increased to any appreciable extent it would be due to deliberate profiteering. The two statements are not contradictory. One recognizes that prices may be increased; the other asserts that if they are there will be no justification.

As we see it, both men are right. Mr. Thorne foresees a condition like that created by the excess profits tax. Mr. Lauck condemns it in advance. If the condition occurs it will be worthy of condemnation, for it will simply mean a return to the present state of affair by which higher prices have brought a demand for higher wages, and the granting of higher wages has made higher costs. Unless that circle can be broken, the country is doomed to unrest and turmoil. The opportunity to break it is in the hands of the men who set the prices.

In the case of the excess profits tax every man through whose hands an article passed on its way to the ultimate consumer has added something to meet the tax cost. Corporation reports of the past two years have shown increases in earnings and in surplus that make it clear that the percentages added for taxation and profits have tremendously and unnecessarily increased costs to the consumer. If the same process is followed in connection with the rate increases, the wheels will be motion again, and the result may be disastrous.

The Pioneer carefully refrains from asserting that requests of the North unit for assistance have ever been refused, but, at the same time, gives the impression that such is the case. Will it be more specific and advise what requests have ever been refused?

Last week The Bulletin urged that the cooperation in evidence until a few months ago be resumed. State Engineer Copper has pointed out that, if results are to be obtained,

the communities interested in the Deschutes project must pull together instead of apart. Will the Pioneer tell us if the North unit wants to pull along with the other units, or does it want to go out to fight the other portions of the Deschutes project?

When we have these facts we can proceed with our discussion more intelligently.

When Burleson warned the postal clerks against pernicious political activity he might have included a word in regard to his own plans for benefiting mail deliveries.

## WILL REMOVE OLD CHURCH BUILDING

Burned-Out Baptist Church Building Sold To Local Man; Start Work Immediately.

The old burned-out Baptist church building has been sold to Mr. Corbin, a local man, and will be removed immediately, was the announcement made by H. E. Nordeen on Tuesday. The purchaser plans to have the structure torn down and the lumber saved.

As soon as the ground is cleared plans to rebuild will be under way. The church already has some funds, including insurance on the old building, the money received from its sale, and some already subscribed. Assistance from the state convention of the Baptist church is expected, but most of the money will have to be raised locally among the church members and friends.

## PLANS COMPLETED FOR NEW HOSPITAL

Architect Lee A. Thomas has completed the plans for the St. Charles hospital, the new four-story build-

ing to be built by the Sisters of St. Joseph. Bids will be called for immediately, and plans may be secured at the architect's office today. Plumbing and heating plans will be out a few days later. Ten days will be allowed for the turning in of figures.

The big rose window in front of the Catholic church, of which S. A. Thomas is the architect, and which when completed, will be one of the most beautiful windows in the state, is being put in. It is not known just when the church will be finished, as there has been some delay, caused by failure to receive the glass for the windows, and the altar cannot be put in until this comes.

## FINED FOR MISUSE OF AUTO LICENSE

Athena Man Gets Off Easy For Violation of State Automobile Law.

E. E. Rothrock, of Athena, was arrested Tuesday by Officer Carlon and fined \$20 and costs in justice court by Judge Eastes, for violation of the state automobile law. Rothrock was driving a Ford car with a license taken out for a Buick car at Paisley. He was also required to apply for a valid license before the car could be released.

Judge Eastes pointed out that the penalty provided for any violation of the state automobile law is punishable by a fine of \$400 or a year's imprisonment or both. When a license is taken out, it is taken out for a particular car and can be used on no other. This is the second violation within a week of this particular part of the law.

Sell your poultry through Bulletin classified ads.

## Fifteen Years Ago

(From the columns of The Bulletin, August 4, 1905).

A. B. Estabene purchased the A. C. Lucas residence property last week for a consideration of \$1100, and will move in this month.

The Deschutes Irrigation & Power Co. this week advanced wages of men employed on canal construction from \$2 to \$2.25 a day.

The Spokane Spokesman-Review has a picture of the Deschutes desert, and a comprehensive statement of the reclamation enterprise under way here, which will be useful in directing homeseekers this way.

Dr. Rosenberg, of Prineville, came over to Bend Wednesday to consult with Dr. Coe.

J. H. O'Neil will build a new house in the near future on one of his lots in the east part of town.

T. W. Triplett has sold his house and lot near the Baptist church, to C. D. Brown.

A. M. Drake returned last week from his Portland trip, well satisfied with what has been accomplished for opening the Deschutes country.

Notice of dissolution of partnership between R. B. Mutzig and C. P. Becker, is being published.

## Atmosphere Above Earth's Surface.

The atmosphere is believed to extend much more than 100 miles above the earth's surface. Its density decreases rapidly for the first few miles of ascent, then much more gradually. From the phenomena of twilight, due to refraction of light, it may be demonstrated that the air extends up to a height of 45 miles; but other phenomena, such as the behavior of meteors and the aurora, show that rare air exists at a much greater height.

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## Showing of 1920 Autumn Latest Models in SUITS-COATS-DRESSES



The 1920 Fall season is bountiful in its showing of Women's Ready-to-Wear. This year of all years the place to choose your Clothes as you select the Clothes themselves—is

### THE PEOPLES STORE

With a seasoned buyer accommodating the needs of more than 40 stores over the United States, in direct touch with New York markets, we know that we will have the Fall and Winter styles that will measure up to your expectation.

This year be prudent; avoid the cheap, the fleeting fashion; select the dignified, the conservative, the characterful. We help our customers to avoid expensive mistakes by showing our customers only fashions which have passed the most critical examination.

Our new Fall stock of Women's Ready-to-Wear will be ready for showing in our store on or about August 18th. Watch for our future announcements.

## An Important Announcement to Ladies of Bend and Central Oregon

Miss Nolan, the Binner Corset Company's expert corsetiere, direct from the shops of Binner Corsets, will be in Bend for six days, August 16th to 21st. Miss Nolan will be pleased to meet the women of Bend and vicinity during her demonstrations here, when she will offer timely and valuable suggestions to every woman about corsets.

## To Help You Select Your Fall Apparel

As in the past we are pleased to lay away for any women the garment of her choice with the deposit of a small sum. Come in early, make your selection, place a deposit on the garment of your choice. We will hold it until you are ready to take it home.

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## Think This Over!

Saving money is like swimming; you just save, that's all. There is no patent way.

You can only do it by spending less than you earn.

Once you get the Saving habit, you find a good bank, open an account and keep it up. It's not how hard you work that gets you ahead, it's how hard you save!

The time to begin your Savings account is RIGHT NOW. The place to begin is at

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