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## RESERVOIR AND SPRING RIVER

When the Gilson Spring river water franchise was before the council for final action, one councilman said that he would not favor the measure if it were to interfere in any way with the proposed Benham Falls reservoir.

If he had taken the trouble to investigate the facts he would have found that there would be considerable interference. In fact, the situation is such that if water for the city of Bend is ever taken from Spring river the Benham Falls reservoir capacity must be greatly reduced or an impossible engineering feat performed to keep the reservoir waters from flooding Spring river.

Here is the situation:  
The reservoir plan calls for a dam 61 feet high. That is, the water at the dam, when the reservoir is full, will be 61 feet above the present water level at the dam site. The country back of the dam will be flooded, of course, everything under 4200 feet in elevation being submerged. That figure, 4200, is the contour line of the reservoir and to make this very clear we have obtained the reproduction shown here. This is from sheet 69 of the Deschutes report maps. Please study this if you are interested in seeing Bend get a good water supply.



The heavy black line, to which the two arrows point is the reservoir flow line. The upper arrow points also to the figures showing the elevation of that line, i. e., 4200. Now the head of Spring river, indicated by the lower arrow, is approximately 4165 feet in elevation. The map shows clearly enough that the head of the river is inside the flow line, and that is the whole story.

Let us add this much more:  
The river at the dam site is 4146 feet in elevation. When the dam is built and only 19 feet of water stored, out of the 61 feet planned, Spring river will be flooded. When

the reservoir is full, Spring river will be drowned under 35 feet of water and more.

All who wish to verify these figures may do so by looking up sheet 69 of the maps referred to above and reading the matter to be found on page 43 of the Deschutes report.

Heretofore we have said that no franchise should be granted to Mr. Gilson until he were able to show how he intended to finance his project. We say now that under no circumstances should the franchise be given, since any operations at Spring river can only interfere with the reservoir. Unless Mr. Gilson can show the people that he will not interfere with the reservoir they should vote down the franchise on June 7.

## TIMBER EXHAUSTION

In connection with Forest Protection week, the forest service points out that:

"The exhaustion of American timber has not come about because the forests have been used so freely, but because of the failure to keep down forest fires and to use forest-growing land. In a nutshell, the problem is that the United States is cutting wood out of its forest three or four times as fast as it is being grown. Much of the land on which timber stands or has been cut off will always be forest land. It is ample to grow all the wood needed for the use of the people of this country and for export trade in lumber, and products manufactured from lumber, if the land can be kept at work growing trees. Timber for the future is simply a matter of putting idle land to work.

"Every reasonable encouragement should be given to the land owner to grow timber on his own account in the ways best suited to his own purposes, but by some means or other the public must see to it that forest lands not needed for agriculture do not lie idle. The regulations imposed must be reasonable and equitable. Obviously, the owner of the land cannot do it all. The public must aid him in overcoming the hazard of forest fires and must recognize that the present methods of taxing forests in many regions are equivalent to taxing a farm crop twice a week during the growing season.

"To grow timber on the average tract of land, doing it as a public utility, three things must be done. The owner must be given the benefit of a moderate tax while his crop of timber is being grown. It must be protected from forest fires, due to the negligence of his neighbor or the negligence of the community, and he must be required to employ sufficient safeguards in the way his timber is cut, his slashings disposed of, and fire danger avoided to actually reforest the land.

"We can do our part by being careful with fire."

## WHITE STUFF

If the white coating being given the new pavement as it is laid is something that soon will wash or wear away, or be taken up by the oils in the asphalt, there can be no objection to it. We suppose it may be put on for some sort of finish, possibly to fill cracks that are not smoothed out by the roller, and on that ground is not objectionable. If, on the other hand, it will not shortly disappear, being put on as beautifying touch, we protest.



## Tedious Topics

There are so many cheerful matters of which a man may talk and sing, I wonder why a fellow chatters about the grim and grisly thing. I wander daily by the ocean, the wondrous ocean, vast and blue; it fills me with a high emotion, I want to talk about the view. And there are always people sitting on chairs and benches near the shore; old ladies with their endless knitting, old geats who find this life a bore. And they inhale the salty breezes, and they experience no thrills; they talk all day of their diseases, of warts and corns and liver pills. I turn to them at times, and thunder, "Forget your ring-bones for a day! Admire with me this glowing wonder, this sea that rolls from far Cathay. Oh, think of distant isles of coral, of lofty palm and banyan tree! To talk of goitre is unmoral when you behold this shining sea!" They look at me with grins sarcastic, and talk again of purple pills; they speak of operations drastic they've undergone, for divers ills. I have my share of dread diseases, they all are fatal, more or less; but when I breathe the ocean breezes forgotten is my form's distress. When Ocean, busy as a beaver, chants forth its psalm, grand and rich, I cannot think of chills and fever, of gout and mumps and barber's itch.

We protest against the idea of letting one man, because he thinks a thing is beautiful, jamming it down the throats, or into the eyes of a community that has, we believe, entirely different ideas. We give the pavement contractor credit for absolute sincerity in his belief that this white coat of whatever it is adds to the looks of the pavement. Probably he thinks this with all his heart and thinks he is playing the public benefactor by giving the city something not called for in the paving specifications. Parenthetically, we may mention a wonder that at the same time he refuses to permit the city inspection at the paving plant provided for in the specifications, but that is another matter. This white stuff is the present subject, and on that many hold views contrary to his.

We boast of our many days of sunshine and they are very real. In this high, dry atmosphere the sun is very bright. On a smooth white surface a glare comes from this sunshine that is most trying to the eyes. If this white glare is permitted on our paved streets it will bother motorists, it will hurt the eyes of all, it will even damage business by making it difficult for shoppers to use their eyes in examining window displays or goods in the stores. Anyone who has driven over the white concrete roads of California knows how his eyes have been affected.

Why force this on the people of Bend to humor the whim of one man?

## MCKENZIE-BEND

Every so often someone complains because the highway commission has designated the road running from Sisters to Redmond as the McKenzie highway. The law under which the state highway system was provided for, they say, had the McKenzie highway running into Bend, and the commission has "stolen" it and given it to Redmond and Prineville.

Now it is quite true that the law provided for "a road from Eugene connecting Willamette valley with eastern Oregon, by way of the McKenzie river to Bend," and, although the road so designated was not named in the act, it is quite reasonable to expect that the road between these points, called the McKenzie highway on the western end, would be called by the same name on the eastern. It is settled that the commission acted within its rights in placing the Sisters-Redmond line on the state highway map, however, and, subversive as it may be of the intention of the law, was again within its rights in giving it the name McKenzie.

The Bulletin has taken no part in the criticism of the commission for its acts in this connection because it believed that there were more important highway matters to be considered and that a continued quarrel without some positive action got nowhere. Recently the matter has been under discussion again in connection with the Ochoco extension of the road in question and it now seems to us time for some positive action.

For the highway leading from Sisters to Redmond, Prineville, and beyond, the name suggested, and possibly adopted, is the McKenzie-Ochoco. We suggest that the local quarrel over this name be forgotten and that the name be accepted. Then,

for the line from Sisters by way of Tumalo to Bend we suggest that the name McKenzie-Bend be presented to the highway commission and an effort made for its adoption. In this way the two branches from the highway that comes by way of the McKenzie pass will be identified with it, and at the same time their destination indicated.

We think it hardly likely that the commission will ever want to change its present designation of the McKenzie. The action we suggest gives Bend what it is entitled to and gives the Sisters-Tumalo road a name that ties it into the state highway system.

## THE BONUS BILL

This week we have paid tribute to the memory of the dead who have served their country in war. Next week, on Tuesday, we have an opportunity to express our gratitude to the living who participated in the last war from the state of Oregon by voting to them the bonus or aid fund provided by the last legislature for ratification by the people.

Under the law each soldier, sailor or marine resident in the State would be entitled to a bonus of \$15 for each month of active service, with a maximum allowance of \$500, or he could receive a loan of \$4000 on easy terms for aid in establishing a home. To provide the necessary funds the constitutional debt limit is raised and provision made for the issuance of state bonds. A two-mill tax is levied to pay interest and principal on the bonds.

Of those who will vote on the measure there is hardly one who was not in service whose financial condition was not improved by the war. Living conditions were made better because of the war, working conditions improved. And at the same time our men in service were making sacrifice after sacrifice, and doing it at meager pay. The bonus bill is an attempt to compensate them for their sacrifices. They deserve this recognition.

Outside this assistance to the service men the measure promises big things for the state. The loan feature of the bill means that homes will be established and a big development program inaugurated. Property should be added to the tax rolls that will help to meet the proposed tax. Men will be given a start that will react to the benefit of Oregon.

Do you remember how you used to sing about "When the boys come home?" Well, they are here, have been here for some time in fact. Is it not about time to put into deeds the sentiment you felt when you were singing that song?

We offer congratulations to the Crook County Journal on its 72-page edition descriptive of the resources of the country it serves. The Journal confesses that it is "somewhat proud of the issue" and it has a right to be.

Men trimming trees in the state house grounds at Salem have found a bottle of wine. Will the other trees survive the experience?

Anyway, we hope that the paving does not turn out to be a whited sepulcher.

## Fifteen Years Ago

(From the columns of The Bulletin of June 12 1906.)

Steps have been taken to postpone the letting of contracts for a new court house at Prineville until proper investigation and discussion of the question may be had.

J. N. Hunter and W. H. Staats, acting as sales agents for a large number of claim holders, have sold to John E. Ryan 40,000 acres of choice yellow pine lying in Crook, Klamath and Lake counties. The price ranged from \$8 to \$10 an acre.

The news reached Bend this week that the Santiam pass is now open.

There is a strange idea gaining prevalence in western Crook county, a belief that the county's business should be conducted in the interest of all the county rather than for Prineville.

Hugh O'Kane and C. D. Brown attended the ball game at Redmond last Sunday.

Warren Brown, of Haystack, democratic nominee for county clerk, was in Bend Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Staats returned to Bend last evening.

## DISTRICT SCHOOL MEETING IS SET

Election Necessary Because Budget Calls For More Than Six Per Cent Increase Over Last Year.

The annual school meeting of the Bend district, at which the voters will decide the fate of the \$127,000 budget for the coming school year, will be held June 20 at 2 o'clock p. m., in the high school auditorium, according to notices out this week. The budget was decided upon by the school board at their meeting two weeks ago as the amount of tax levy necessary to operate the schools next year.

An election is necessary because this amount is more than six per cent over the levy of last year. According to the notices, prepared by the board, the additional amount is made necessary to meet increased salaries and increased expense of operation. Growth of the school system since 1916 has been so great that the six per cent annual increase has not been sufficient to take care of the needs. The proposed levy exceeds the amount allowed by the regular increase by \$83,829.65.

The total of the school budget is \$149,500. From this is taken \$10,500, which is estimated as the amount of receipts from the county school fund, \$12,000 from the state school fund, making a total to be subtracted of \$22,500.

Items of the budget of estimated expenditures are: Instructional expense, \$76,000; operating expense, \$17,505; general control, \$5825; maintenance, \$3000; capital acquisition and construction, \$4802; sinking fund, \$10,000; bond interest, \$6960; emergency fund loan interest, \$3040; emergency fund, \$21,518; library, \$550.

At the same school meeting will be held the election of two members to the school board. The terms of Mrs. E. M. Thompson and H. E. Nordeen expire in July. It is understood that they will seek reelection. Mrs. Horace Richards and E. P. Mahaffey have been mentioned as candidates and have the support of the Woman's Civic league.

## BIBLE SCHOOL TO BE STARTED SOON

Five Weeks Summer Course, Featuring Advanced Work, Begins At Presbyterian Church Next Week

The summer session of the Presbyterian Bible school will open next Monday morning, Rev. H. C. Hartman, pastor of the church, announces and a daily attendance in excess of 80 pupils is expected, he states. Morning classes will be from 9 o'clock until noon, and evening periods will be from 7 to 10 o'clock. Five days a week will be devoted to the course, while will last for five weeks.

There will be four instructors, with Rev. Hartman himself acting as principal. Advanced work in Bible study will feature the course.

## Advice.

We hand this out and ask no price—And know that you'll forsake it. For you must charge for your advice—if you want folks to take it.—Arkansas Thomas Cat.

# POLL TAKEN ON COUNCIL STAND

## TWO DEFINITELY FOR FRANCHISE

Two Not Ready to Tell Attitude On Gilson Waterworks, One Would Give Irrigation Preference Over Mayor's Use of The Springs.

Out of five members of the Bend city council, interviewed Tuesday regarding any possible effect on their attitude toward the Gilson franchise which the information that Spring river would be entirely submerged by the waters of the Benham Falls reservoir, two stated that they are still in favor of the franchise, one continues in his former position that nothing should be done which could hinder irrigation development in Central Oregon, and two were unwilling to state whether they were in favor or against the franchise.

J. S. Innes merely reiterated his stand, previously expressed at a meeting of the council, that if the franchise has a tendency to retard the Benham Falls irrigation project, he would be against it. Whether or not the fact that the springs would lie far below the level of the reservoir would constitute such an obstacle is a question which he said could be more properly decided by engineers.

## No Faith in Reservoir.

H. E. Nordeen is unchanged from his former belief, namely, that the Gilson franchise should be passed. Until he has made a personal investigation of the information from the Deschutes report referred to by The Bulletin Saturday, he will not be influenced, he said. What effect corroboration of this information would have in determining his attitude on the question, he did not say.

"Nothing that I read in Saturday's Bulletin would change my viewpoint in regard to the Gilson franchise," said Councilman N. H. Gilbert today, when asked if his stand on this question, as expressed in his vote for the franchise when it was first brought up, had been changed. Gilbert declined to say what his stand now is.

Councilman C. J. Leverett refused to make a statement, but indicated that he would make known his stand before the election.

Lon L. Fox, too, was unchanged, declaring that he would vote for the franchise. He expressed it as his belief that the Benham Falls reservoir would never become a reality.

G. H. Baker could not be seen.

## REALTOR IS GIVEN 20 DAY SENTENCE

J. Ryan Arrested On Drunkenness Charge—Corn Moonshine Blamed—Plea of Guilty Is Entered.

J. Ryan, local real estate dealer, began yesterday to serve a 20-day sentence in the city jail, pleading guilty in police court this morning to being drunk and disorderly. A \$50 fine was also assessed.

Ryan was arrested Tuesday on Bond street by officers Carlson and Hoover, having in his possession a small remnant of corn moonshine. He was taken before Recorder Farnham, but, being too thoroughly intoxicated at the time, the recorder stated, to plead, was placed in jail over night. Ryan offered no resistance to the officers, they said.

## FARMERS APPLY FOR SEED CERTIFICATION

Must Register Early—Three Inspections Are Made—New Basis For Fees—Many Will Certify.

Applications are now being sent out from the office of the county agriculturist to farmers who wish to certify their potatoes this year. It is necessary for the farmers to register early in the summer. Two field inspections will be held and one of the potatoes in the bin.

A change has been made in the fee for certification, calculated to equalize the cost. Instead of paying \$2.50 an acre, an last year, farmers will pay three cents a bushel for certification, thus removing the burden from the less productive acre. A larger quantity of certified seed is expected in Deschutes county this year as the value is becoming recognized.

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His statement is just as true today as it was when "Poor Richard" listed it among his maxims for success. To have money you must save. The more you have, the more you can make.

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