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DEVELOP THE SOUTH UNIT

Of the two Deschutes project units in which Bend is especially interested it now seems assured that one, the East unit, will be developed. There is needed only the allotment of sufficient water to make it possible for the North canal company to proceed; it may take a fight to get this water but surely it will be forthcoming sooner or later. That, of course, is what the community wants. It has no interest in the North canal company but naturally is favorably disposed toward it and its plans.

The other unit of local interest is the South unit, not in its entirety for it runs around back of Powell Butte and into the Prineville territory. There is a considerable section, however, lying to the east, adjoining the Arnold district and directly tributary to Bend the development of which is of the utmost local importance. This is public land withdrawn from entry pending reclamation and as matters stand today only the United States reclamation service can proceed with its development.

The Arnold irrigation company is in position to reclaim a portion of this unit—that lying closest to Bend—if water is given it for the purpose and it is the logical authority to undertake the job if the Reclamation service will not do it. The Arnold company has applied for this water but so long as there is in existence the ruling of the water board that water will be allotted only to those who own or control the land on which the water is to be used it has no chance.

It is probable that so far as the Reclamation service is concerned its attitude toward this unit is affected by the statement made in the Deschutes survey report that it is the least desirable of the four units. Taking the unit as a whole this may be true but the portion irrigable from the Arnold system is extremely good land. This fact should be brought out.

Under these various circumstances the question arises as to what can be done to obtain the desired development. We suggest that the proper course for the Commercial club and its irrigation committee is first to obtain a soil survey of that portion of the south unit tributary to the town in order to show its desirability for reclamation. This having been done the Reclamation service should be persuaded to come in, obtain an allotment of water, join in the Benham falls reservoir project and reclaim this section. This, of course, being on the assumption that the water board rule still holds. If the water board rule is changed and should be given the Arnold in getting this land to reclaim, in securing a water allotment and the necessary storage either in the Benham Falls reservoir or elsewhere.

Only in this way will this develop-

ment of such vital interest to Bend be secured.

THE SCHOOL ELECTION

Spite and antagonism against the school board, rather than opposition to the tax based on understanding of the situation, decided Saturday's election. When it is remembered that there was no word said against a higher tax proposed last June by the board which included leaders of last week's opposition no other conclusion can be drawn. There was no discussion by a parents' association in June, no advertising, no distribution of circulars. The association had its origin this fall in the controversy over the high school strike and the discharge of Mr. Paulson. In that matter it opposed the board; it kept it opposition alive and defeated the tax. Had the board, as reconstituted after the June election, continued the fight against Superintendent Moore and retained Mr. Paulson there would have been no parents' association to fight the tax.

It is a severe indictment to say that spite against the board rather than a desire for lower taxation caused Saturday's result but the facts admit of no other conclusion. The standards, the progress, and the efficiency of our schools, and the credit of the district have been sacrificed to vent ill-will against the board. The results will tell.

A commanding majority of the qualified voters have said that the schools shall be run for a sum that the present board feels is inadequate. It is manifestly too much to expect this board to handle the problems thrust upon it. We believe its members will be wholly justified in offering their resignations and electing in their stead those who have led the successful fight against the tax. The situation is one of their making. They should have the responsibility of working it out.

So far as the tax is concerned it has not been permanently defeated. It has only been postponed. Property owners will pay a lower rate next year but if they are wise they will create a fund with which to meet the higher tax of coming years caused by cutting the rate now. This, of course, assumes they expect to hold property which they now own. All who do not do so or who, having lots for sale, make sales before the 1923 tax is payable are permanently ahead of the game.

A CONFESSION OF FAILURE

The Portland 1925 crowd is getting scared. Its leaders have begun to hear the anti-tax rumble that is rising from every quarter in the state. They realize that while they may be able to jazz Portland they cannot jazz all of Oregon.

Evidences of this realization appear in the latest proposals in respect to the fair taxation plan. At first the argument was that new population and new construction brought about by the fair would mean more valuation and consequently lower taxation. That was the reason for the fair and the excuse for the taxation it would cost.

Now, however, the promoters are not so sure of making the voters see that taxation will be reduced and so they are proposing a means of incurring this result—by more taxation. Senator George Joseph, right hand man to Julius Meier, chairman of the 1925 committee, has proposed

that in 1925 the gasoline tax be doubled to reimburse the general fund of the state "as a means of relief to the tax payers from whatever extra burden may come from the proposition levy." Senator Joseph would catch the motorist who visits Oregon in 1925 and make him pay extra for his gas—surely a fine advertisement for the state and a great inducement to him to settle here—but he forgets that the tax would catch the Oregon motorist as well. The extra tax on the Oregon gasoline users would amount to \$500,000.

The Joseph plan is a plain confession that the fair will not reduce taxation. It is also a powerful argument in favor of a state tax for the fair. Is it not?

CAUSES

We are criticised by our morning contemporary for "not daring to uncover the real cause of the trouble" lying behind the antagonism against the school board which caused the defeat of the proposed school tax on Saturday. It takes issue with our statement that spite against the board rather than opposition to the tax decided the election, saying the school superintendent and not the board was the object of the animosity that expressed itself in the vote.

The Bulletin is quite ready to go a step further back in the analysis of the causes leading up to the defeat of the tax and to agree that dislike of Superintendent Moore was one of the foundation stones—the corner stone, let us say—of the structure of opposition reared against the board. To say, however, as our contemporary does that this was the sole cause of the opposition ignores too much. Not only the feeling against Mr. Moore but all the other things that have happened this fall have been pooled in an antagonism to the board that found spiteful expression on Saturday. "There was the celebrated Dewey case, there was the strike, there was the discharge of Mr. Rockwell, there was the refusal of Mr. Paulson to allow Dewey to take Rockwell's place, and finally the discharge of Mr. Paulson."

To say that the tax was beaten because of spite against Mr. Moore is an even more severe indictment than there is in the reasons we gave yesterday. It means that to "get" that one man, and for no other reason whatever, not because it was thought that Paulson and Rockwell were mistreated, not because it was thought the board erred in dealing with the striking students, not because of disagreement with any board policy, the Parents' association was willing to wreck the schools by repudiating financial obligations and refusing sufficient taxation for running expenses. If opposition to Mr. Moore were the sole cause why was not the Parents' association formed last summer and why have board acts of recent months, acts wholly unrelated to anything Mr. Moore has done, been the subject of protest and condemnatory resolutions?

So far as Mr. Moore is concerned the attitude of the voters was expressed last June when they refused to re-elect to the school board directors whose only platform was that he be removed from the superintendency. In this election all voters participated, not merely those with a statutory property qualification, and there was no outcry raised against the result. Nor was there any outcry until this fall when "trouble broke loose in great gobs" trouble that had its origin in matters for which Mr. Moore was absolutely not responsible. But those who disliked the man and who saw the opportunity to make trouble for him injected him into the controversy. At every opportunity the herring was drawn across the trail; Mr. Moore's personality and every other unrelated subject was brought in until all the real issues were obscured and actual school work, discipline and concentration, order and progress given a set-back that the teachers have only just begun to pull away from.

For a time following Saturday's election it seemed as though another blow had been dealt that would cripple the schools on the financial side. From this situation, however, the best legal opinion in the state has found a way out. But again our contemporary would drag in Superintendent Moore, an undoubted privilege but not, as matters now stand, of any interest, importance or value.

OUR POSITION RIGHT

News reports from Salem concerning the suggestions made for financing the 1925 fair and the attitude of the legislators in respect to them clearly indicate the correctness of the position taken by The Bulletin on the question.

When we first discussed the question we said that we could not support the tax plan unless other state taxes were reduced so that the total amount paid would be no greater than at present. In the absence of a provision for any such assurance there was nothing to do but oppose the tax. That this is the view of the people of the state at large—the up-

state counties—as opposed to the Portland boomers is evident in the agreement signed by a majority of the representatives not to vote for a property tax for the fair. These men know that the sentiment back home is against any increase in taxation and they have taken action that will effectually prevent it.

The plan proposed by Secretary of State Koser to eliminate items from the present state budget in a sufficient amount to provide the necessary \$3,000,000 carries out the idea of raising the money without additional taxation. Mr. Koser would cut \$50,000 here, \$100,000 there and more somewhere else and then devote these funds to the fair. If this were done there would be no increase in the state tax and a considerable body of objection would be removed. In this plan we also find confirmation of our statement that the Oregonian was wrong when it said that because of the six per cent limitation law no tax could be levied without a vote of the people. The Koser plan contemplates exactly what we said was possible, that is, the levy of a tax without reference to the people and the seeing to it thereafter that other expenditures were reduced so that the six per cent limit was not passed.

The latest number of The American Legion Weekly reports the turning out of an edition of a local paper by legionnaires who took charge for a day. The paper was entirely written and edited by veterans, says the weekly. It may be proper to point out that the entire news staff of The Bulletin is made up of members of the Legion or the Auxiliary and that a Legion man is circulation manager.

Speaking of "1925" here is what one legislator has written, "Surely there is some way to prevent Oregon from committing business suicide, for if more property tax goes on you know what the result will be. I am bitterly opposed to a property tax for our people here are unable to pay what we have already placed upon them."

The Oregon Journal says: "Taxpayers of Oregon, who were laboring under the impression that state taxes for 1922 would show a decided slump from the burden of 1921, are doomed to disappointment."

They will be still more disappointed if they vote a tax for the 1925 fair.

Fifteen Years Ago

(From the columns of The Bulletin of December 21, 1906.)

James McGuffie of Redmond is ill with typhoid fever in a light form. The settlers on the Columbia Southern Irrigation Company's segregation have decided to call off all deals with the company for the purchase of its works, and will carry the troubles existing between the settlers and company before the interior department.

A. B. Estebenet is petitioning for a license to sell spirituous, vinous, and malt liquor and fermented cider. A drive east of Bend a few miles will emphasize very clearly the fact that the Bend country is gradually developing and that the sagebrush and juniper must give way to fields of grain and fruitful orchards.

The largest load of lumber ever taken from the Pilot Butte mill left the mill Tuesday morning for Roseland for the new hotel. The load contained 8,216 feet.

James Breen has gone out to the Hightower & Smith sawmill and will work there for some time.

C. B. Allen was in Bend this week from his ranch at the Big Meadows. A. Drake returned Tuesday evening from his recent trip to Portland.

"1925"

(The Dalles Chronicle.)

The Chronicle is beginning to receive some response from residents of the county as to their attitude in regard to the 1925 fair tax, and everything indicates that public sentiment is strongly against a property tax. So completely opposed are those from whom we have heard that it does not seem possible that a straight taxation measure can possibly carry in this county next spring for any such enterprise.

Only yesterday we talked with one of the leaders of Wasco county ranchers, a man who has taken a prominent part in the activities of the Farmers' Union, and he said that he was absolutely opposed to the proposed tax. He would rather make an outright donation for the fair, he said, than to be subject to a tax.

And this feeling, he said, is shared also in the minds of most of the other ranchers through the county. These

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are not backwoody, old fashioned "jake" farmers. They are men who intelligently follow the questions of the day and who in the main, are just as well, or better informed on current topics than are their city brethren.

The plea, from Portland, that they will benefit far more from a fair than the tax will cost them, falls flat. They cannot see the idea at all. Nearly every farmer will tell you that he favors a fair, will contribute towards one, and will patronize it; but the idea of having a part of the bill assessed against himself just because he is a taxpayer doesn't appeal at all.

SKATING PARTY IS HELD AT DESCHUTES

DESCHUTES, Dec. 22.—A skating party was given Saturday evening on the Jim Lowe pond at Deschutes those present were: Lyle Thurston, Fredrick Stanley, Francis and Beth McCormick and Mrs. Glen Cox the teacher of Deschutes.

Mr. McRay was a visitor at the Lowe home in Deschutes Saturday. Mrs. W. Lowe was a visitor in Deschutes Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Cooley and children of Tumalo were visitors in Bend Saturday.

Wade Short and Mrs. F. S. Stanley were in Bend on business Monday. Mrs. C. W. Nelson and Mrs. D. D. Stanton attended the Ladies Aid society in Tumalo Thursday.

Walter Lowe was a business visitor in Prineville Thursday. Harold and Paul Cooke of Deschutes were in Powell Butte on business Sunday.

A Christmas program will be given at the Tumalo school house Friday. They will have a Christmas tree, presents and several plays and pieces for the children.

Mr. Jack Andrews of Deschutes will spend the winter at Fort Rock with his daughter.

Missed a Cash Sale.

A clerk who also delivers goods, is coming in for a lot of kidding about the following experience he had one afternoon recently.

A woman customer, not very hefty as to pay, called up and asked that a suit of underwear be sent to her house forthwith. The clerk did up the package, but before he left he received instructions from the boss to get the cash for the goods. Arriving at the home, he handed in the package and told the woman the amount of cash he required.

"If I have to pay cash I'll know that they fit," she snapped back, then went into a room adjoining.

"And would you believe it," the clerk said, "that woman kept me waiting in the hot sun for half an hour. Then she came back and said curtly, 'I don't want them. They are too short and clingy.'"—Smith County (Kan.) Pioneer.

Valley Lilies in Winter.

It is no trick at all to have the fragrant dainty white bell of the lily of the valley in bloom in the window of the living room for the greater part of the winter, according to the national garden bureau service. If you have a patch of lilies of the valley growing in your yard, dig up a few slips this fall, selecting only the plump ones which contain flower buds, pot them up, say eight or ten slips to an eight-inch pot. Let them remain outdoors until thoroughly frozen and then bring them in as they are wanted. As soon as they thaw out the lilies will send up their bloom with surprising speed. A number of pots may be planted and left outdoors to be brought in from time to time.

Temperamental.

"We have several famous movie stars dining with us this evening," whispered the waiter. "Would you like to have a seat near their table?" "No," replied the sour-faced patron. "I came in here to eat, not to stargaze, and besides if I were to overhear them talking about the salaries they got, I'd be so dissatisfied with my prospects in life I wouldn't feel that I could afford to tip you."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Origin of Gas.

There are a thousand uses for gas today, both in the home and factory, and yet only a comparatively short time ago the level-headed Scotchman, Sir Walter Scott, was scoffing at a "mudman in London who was trying to make a light without a wick," and people, thinking the gas pipes were filled with dirt, approached them with fear.

Insects Cause Small Loss.

It is said insects cause a loss of \$1,500,000,000 annually in the United States but that's a mere bagatelle compared with the loss caused by human stupidity and indolence.—Houston Post.

GIFT OF BOOKS MADE LIBRARY

WIFE OF CHARLES A. BROWN, HEAD OF B. W. L. & P., SENDS 47 VOLUMES ON VARIOUS SUBJECTS, FROM CHICAGO.

A list of 47 books covering a wide range of subjects, has been received by the Deschutes county library as a donation from Mrs. Charles A. Brown, of Chicago, wife of the president of the Bend Water, Light & Power Co. They have been catalogued and are now ready for circulation.

Mrs. Brown was a visitor in Bend last summer when she accompanied her husband on a trip taken for the purpose of making a survey of the company's interests, and became greatly attached to the Central Oregon country. That Bend and Deschutes county are still fondly remembered by her is evidenced by her gift to the library.

The books presented are as follows:

- Alsheler—"Sun of Quebec."
- Ballantyne—"Light-house."
- Benson—"Freaks of Mayfair."
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- Haggard—"When the World Shook."
- Haines—"Dragon-flies."
- Beith—"Scally."
- Hergeshelmer—"Three Black Pennys."
- Hill—"Cosmic Law."
- "How Diplomats Make War."
- Jellicoe—"The Grand Fleet, 1914-1916."
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- Keynes—"Economic Consequences of Peace."
- Knyvett—"Over There" With the Australians.
- Harris—"From Sunup to Sundown."
- Lucas—"Run-aways and Cast-aways."
- Malot—"La Petite Siree."
- Martin—"Lucid Intervals."
- Montaigne—"Essays."
- Moore—"Esther Waters."
- Ollivant—"Gentleman."
- Powers—"Things Men Fight For."
- "Problem of the Commonwealth."
- Putnam—"Watty and Co."
- Rhodes—"West is West."
- Rinehart—"Long Live the King."
- Dix—"Little Captive Lad."
- Root—"Over Periscope Pond."
- Rostand—"Cyrano de Bergarac."
- Saunders—"Wandering Dog."
- Seawall—"Neither Dead Nor Sleeping."
- Smith—"The Council of Seven."
- Terhune—"Lad, a Dog."
- Train—"The Earthquake."
- Turezynowicz—"When the Prussians Come to Poland."
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- Wallace—"The Secret House."

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