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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

Only in this way will this development 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.

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.

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.

So far as the tax is concerned 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.

A CONFESION 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.

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.

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.

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 to levy."

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?

We are criticized 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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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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 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 Rosland for the new hotel.

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.

"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.

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.

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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.

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.

"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.

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 star-gaze, and besides if I were to overhear them talking about the salaries they got, I'd be so disappointed 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 "man" in London who was trying to make a light without a wick, and people, thinking the gas pipes were filled with air, 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:

- Altsheler—"Sun of Quebec."
Ballantyne—"Light-house."
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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 Sire."
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 Bergance."
Sauders—"Wandering Dog."
Sewall—"Neither Dead Nor Sleeping."
Smith—"The Council of Seven."
Terhune—"Lad, a Dog."
Train—"The Earthquake."
Turezynowicz—"When the Prussians Come to Poland."
Wallace—"Jack o' Judgment."
Wallace—"The Secret House."

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