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THE DARK SIDE

The dark side of the North Unit irrigation plan is set forth in the following article in the Oregon Voter.

"In 1914 the cost of completing the North Unit irrigation project of 99,300 acres, as estimated by the United States reclamation service co-operating with the office of the state engineer, was \$5,519,500. This gives an per acre charge of \$55.58. The recent proposal of the North Unit irrigation district board, in conjunction with a syndicate of bankers and bond houses, which has twice been turned down by the state irrigation securities commission, called for a bond issue of \$5,000,000.

"It is not unreasonable to expect that the 1914 cost, which is an estimated cost, not a cost-plus contract cost, would be less than actual cost of constructing this system of dams and ditches in 1922-23. The details of this government estimate of cost can be found on page 136 of a report on the "Deschutes Project," one of the series, "Oregon Cooperative Work."

"So much for the cost. Let L. A. Young, who has "dry" farmed for 21 years four miles north of Madras, tell about the value of the land. Mr. Young, whose gnarled and hardened hands attest the fact that he has fought hard to raise and educate his family of eight children, is strongly opposed to the North Unit project. He does not believe it is justified, from either the standpoint of demand from the majority of permanent settlers affected, nor on the basis of actual value behind the bonds, once they are issued.

"The half section of winter wheat land farmed by Mr. Young is assessed at \$10 an acre. He claims a conservative estimate of its value is \$15 to \$20 an acre. There are large tracts in this district, Mr. Young states, though equally as fertile, cannot be credited with even this low per acre value due to poor farming and the short growing season which this section of Central Oregon enjoys.

"Yet on the basis of the 1914 costs of the project the per acre debt would be \$55.58. While there may be some land of slightly more value, it is equally certain that there is at least 10,000 acres which have a market value much below the land farmed by Mr. Young. This leaves \$9,300 acres to bear the cost of the construction work, or \$61.80 an acre, based on the 1914 estimated cost.

"These per acre values are based upon the crop return from the land. What chance, therefore, has the owner to wrest an income from the soil which is carrying a debt of four or five times its value. With some of the acres carrying this load practically worthless, non-irrigable land, incapable of bearing its share of the cost of the irrigation system, those assessments must be shifted to the land that is producing. Mr. Young claims that the value of the land will be virtually confiscated by the charges arising out of cost of the project.

"Reports indicate that there is no unanimity of opinion among the residents of the area included in the North Unit district as to the desirability of this irrigation project. Mr. Young contends that had the voting on the project been based on an acreage basis, it is very doubtful if the formation of the district would have been sanctioned. Those supporting the project, according to Mr. Young, are principally the small holders, many non-resident farmers, and some who are not farming, simply holding the land with the speculative hope of getting water, then selling.

"Mr. Young, as a leader of the "dry land" faction, states that the residents whom he represents are apprehensive lest the district eventually finds itself with such a high per acre debt that they, the older residents who are actually farming large tracts of land, will be wiped out. One or two bad crops will put the farmers back so far that they will have little or no chance to keep their heads above water, but the charges for the water. After a strenuous struggle for a fifth of a century to amass a competence, Mr. Young finds little to satisfy his public spirit that urges greater state development in an irrigation law which permits land owners with little to lose and much to gain to fasten a heavy debt on farmers who have everything to lose and little to gain. And to do this through the creation of an irrigation district whose bonds are much backed for the retail profit which they hold, once the state's seal of cer-

ification is placed on them."

The foregoing article seems to be unduly pessimistic in that no allowance is made for the increased value that will be given to the land by bringing water to it. If the land in question is now worth from \$15 to \$20 an acre, it will undoubtedly be worth \$80 to \$100 an acre when irrigated.

FROM PRESIDENT GRAY

Bend's chief interest in the situation created by the unmerging of the Southern and the Central Pacific is based on the results that may follow in the way of railroad construction south or east. We have pointed this out before and called attention to the possibility that Union Pacific control of the Central might mean to Bend a loss of the direct line east to Crane for which it has always hoped.

Confirmation of this understanding is found in a message received by The Bulletin from Carl R. Gray, president of the Union Pacific, in answer to a question submitted to Mr. Gray as to his company's plans for construction out of Bend in case it secured the Central Pacific.

The telegram appears elsewhere in this paper. Mr. Gray's frank statement makes the matter very clear. Whether a line is built from Odell to Ontario depends on the relation the Union may have to western Oregon traffic. If it gets the Central, it will have a direct connection. If the Southern gets the Central, there will be no reason for the Union to make a connection at Odell, unless it can be assured of a good share of the western Oregon traffic, and that would seem unlikely. Again, if the Southern gets the Central, the Union is more likely to build east from Bend and possibly go after western Oregon traffic by a line through the Minto pass, said to be 500 feet lower than the Natron.

If the Union gets the Central, the direct connection from Bend to Crane seems improbable. As a purely selfish matter, it seems to us that Bend may well favor the retention of the Central by the Southern. This should ultimately assure the direct line east. Another, more constructive method of securing the line would be to collect figures showing the traffic to be expected from Bend and other points in this vicinity, including the diatomite mine at Lower Bridge, and other possible sawmill centers. These submitted to the Union Pacific officials might aid in influencing their decision. The collection of such figures should be actively undertaken by the Commercial club, either through its recently appointed railroad committee or by a special body.

REMOVE THE DANGER

Although Bend's Fourth of July injuries and damage were light, they amounted to enough to raise the question whether it would not be desirable to take steps to prevent just that sort of thing another year. A child was burned when playing with a spark making device; the returns from such things, either in profit to those who sell them or pleasure to those who use them could never repay for the life of that child had its burns been fatal. And how simple it would have been for those burns to have been fatal, or for another child to lose its life next year from the same cause.

Cap pistols and matches caused a fire which the speed and skill of the fire department kept in small bounds. The whole thing was unnecessary and would not have occurred had the pistols been kept away from the small boys who were using them. The cap pistol was long ago found to be a common cause of lock jaw and on that account is outlawed in many cities. Does Bend want to wait for a real fire or for a child dying in all the agony that comes with lock jaw, before it forbids the cap pistol?

Every year the observance of the Fourth becomes more safe and sane. The highly dangerous explosive fire cracker is pretty well banished everywhere, as are most other of the things that have caused a loss of life. These things are gone and are never missed, nor will the few remaining life takers be missed when they are finally gotten rid of.

Another year also the confetti throwing should be regulated. During the street dancing it frequently happened that confetti was gathered in handfuls from the gutter and thrown about, a most unsanitary procedure. We understand that in other places the same difficulty has occurred and has been satisfactorily regulated without doing away with the proper use of confetti and streamers, which do help in creating a carnival spirit.

We believe the best celebrations will come when the dangers are gone.

THE SUCKER LIST

Every get-rich-quick operator has a list of "prospects," names of people whose money he hopes to get in exchange for his own get-rich-quick scheme of big financial gain. The lists are built up in various ways. If a

man once buys oil or gold mine stock, or an interest in some remarkable invention his name gets on a list and around it goes. Lists are exchanged. They are sold. Your oil stock promoter cleans up on his oil list and turns it over to the gold stock man. And so it runs.

Another way of getting up a list is to take a city directory and select so many names from it, or all the names of those in a given classification, taking the chance that out of so many that will be the average percentage who will bite. Lists of Liberty bond purchasers were very useful after the war. Every one named in the telephone book in a small town sometimes gets on a list.

And the purpose of the whole business is to get money away from those on the list by promises of big, quick returns. Some people fall for the bunk and kiss their money goodbye. Others remember what waste baskets are for and use them.

All of which is suggested by the recent receipt by many Bend people of a newspaper telling of the oil activities in Kevin, Montana. Some one has put their names on a sucker list. They may invest and they may win but the chances are better than 100 to 1 that they will lose. If they have any money to play with let them give it to the library or the Red Cross.

Don't be a sucker just because your name is on a sucker list.

A PIONEER HISTORY SERIES

Believing that its readers are deeply interested in the early history of Central Oregon and the Bend vicinity, The Bulletin has been for some time engaged in collecting facts on which to base a series of articles concerning those times. In Saturday's paper will appear the first of a series which will cover not only the facts of early discovery and settlement here, but will endeavor to describe the thrilling occurrences of pioneer days.

The series is not yet complete, and The Bulletin will welcome any stories which early settlers may write or tell, or which their families may wish to submit, bearing on these early times.

Because of the interest recently created through the naming of Todd lake, formerly Lost lake, after John Y. Todd, pioneer settler here, a comprehensive biography of his life will be the first article. Todd was not the first settler on the Deschutes, but was one of the first to work toward future development of this territory; and the consistent pioneer spirit revealed in his life makes it one well worth recording.

FLAG DISPLAY RULES

In last week's observance of the Fourth the flag was naturally very much in evidence. In other holidays to come, especially Armistice day, it will be used in decoration and general display and since there are right and wrong ways in which to display it we are giving here the right ways. Cut this out for reference on the next holiday.

These are the rules:
"When in a horizontal position looking at it from the south or west, the field of stars should be in the upper left hand corner. When in a perpendicular position the field of stars is in the upper right hand position.

"Don't sew the flag on sofa pillows.
"Don't use it as a silk handkerchief.
"Don't twist it into fantastic designs.
"Don't use it in any form of advertising.
"Don't keep your hat on when it passes.
"It is a mark of disrespect to use the flag to drape the back of an automobile. When used on cars always have it in front and flying from a staff. When used with other flags place the Stars and Stripes always on the right."

The Southern Pacific has said that if it is allowed to keep the Central, it will build the Natron cut-off at once. The Union says that if it is allowed to acquire the Central, it will build the cut-off. One or the other is bound to get it. Why not let them arrange to proceed jointly with the construction and then adjust things when the interstate commerce commission has acted? This will give the state the road now and avoid a lot of delay.

As few as four forest fires in the holiday period are too many when they are caused by careless campers or anglers. Fires caused by lightning are unavoidable. Every man made fire is avoidable. If we are to save our forests for timber and preserve the beauty of our lakes and streams, we must eliminate every man made fire.

Klan officials have filed articles of incorporation in Salem for a woman's organization, the Ladies of the Invisible Empire. We suppose they will be called the Liers and that their official song will be "K-K-K-Katy."

Fifteen Years Ago

(From the columns of The Bend Bulletin of July 12, 1907)
S. Debing has recently bought the stock and saloon fixtures of G. W. Whitsett, and is now conducting his business at the old Whitsett stand.

Another improvement for Bend is being added by the opening of a hospital by the Scofield Drug Co.
The latest developments in railroad possibilities for the Bend country came to light during the past week when one J. Gardner appeared in Bend with a proposition to build and equip a railroad from the eastern terminus of the Corvallis & Eastern into Central Oregon, financing construction through popular subscriptions.

An action that is pleasing many Bend people is the reduction in water rates for irrigation made by the new management of the water company. Elmer Niswonger and family have moved into the Estebenet house on Hawthorne avenue.

At a meeting of the city council Tuesday, A. C. Lucas was elected councilman to fill the vacancy left by the moving away of Millard Triplett.

Charles D. Brown will leave for Lakeview tomorrow and will be gone for a week or 10 days.

Ed Brosterhouse reached Bend yesterday after spending some time in Washington.

W. H. Staats has been putting up hay this week.

MOTOR SERVICE CO. NOW INCORPORATED

Incorporation of the Bend Motor Service company with a capitalization of \$16,000 was announced Saturday. M. O. Wilkins, president, will also be territorial manager, with R. D. Sullivan, formerly assistant manager, promoted to the position of manager, and R. H. Shaffer advanced to assistant manager. W. P. Evans is secretary-treasurer.
To offer the twice-a-year service which the Paige factory customarily gives owners of its cars, J. R. Wise is at the local agency's garage and will remain here for several days.

Romance of a Book.
The romance of a book is not always inside its covers. The priceless Cloverdale Bible in the British museum was bought by an amateur from a butcher, who was delighted to get \$250 for it.

FEDERAL APPRAISERS WILL BE HERE SOON

Joint Stock Land Bank of Portland First to Open Under New Law.

Federal appraisers will be in the Bend country within a few days to appraise farm lands of farmers who have applied for loans through the Oregon-Washington Joint Stock Land Bank of Portland, the first joint stock land bank to open for business since the federal act creating them was declared constitutional.

Under the act, the joint stock land bank makes loans up to 33 years and charges only six per cent interest. Advises from Portland are to the effect that the Oregon-Washington Joint Stock Land Bank has already closed loans for more than \$1,000,000 and the bank has been open just one month.

An analysis of the first month's business of the Oregon-Washington Joint Stock Land Bank shows that the majority of the applicants for loans are wheat men, alfalfa raisers and live stock men in the order named.

FEED IS HAULED FOR TROUT IN ELK LAKE

Additional feed for the eastern brook trout of Elk lake is being provided by Pearl Lynes, superintendent of the Tumalo hatchery, in the shape of truckloads of crawfish brought from other lakes where the feed is more abundant. Rapid increase in the number of trout at Elk lake has greatly reduced the amount of natural feed.

If requests of the Bend Rod and Gun club are complied with, by the state game commission, all of Elk lake will be open to fishing next summer until September 1, when it will be closed to protect spawning beds. The club believes that such a plan will have better results than this year's order which closes a part of the lake for the entire season.

COUNTY INSTITUTE DATES ARE GIVEN

Dates for the annual Deschutes county teachers' institute in Bend are announced for 13 to 15, inclusive. Only once before will the institute have occurred earlier in the term.



Mid-Summer Clearance
Things You Need Now at Money Saving Prices

A Few of the Many Small Lots Are Here Listed:

- Justrite Corsets, a \$2.00 line at - \$1.45
A \$3.50 Line at \$2.75
- Brassieres, white or pink, about all sizes, 49c
- Women's Nainsook Unions, a \$2 line at \$1.45
- Women's Knit Bloomers, white. Special...29c
- Girls' Knit Bloomers, pink, all sizes. Special at29c
- Women's Knit Union Suits, 85c line, at69c
- Girls' Nainsook Unions, nearly all sizes. To close49c
- Fissue Gingham, French Gingham, Voiles, Batistes and Cotton Suitings, 20% Discount

- Girls' Hats, to close out the line One-Fourth Off
- Girls' White Canvas Pumps\$1.49
- Child's Play Oxford, sizes 8 to 11.....\$1.59
- Girls' Black Calf Oxford, sizes 11 to 1.....\$1.79
- Child's One-Strap Slippers, patent or brown kid, turn soles, 1 to 5, \$1.45; 6 to 8, \$1.75
- Women's One-Strap White Canvas Keds, low heel. Special\$2.45
- Bathing Suits for men and women.....\$1.49
- For boys and girls\$1.15
- For the little tots89c

Women's Lisle Hose
Special 45c

WARNER'S

Child's Ribbed Cotton
Hose, white, 15c