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WHY THE EAST ROAD?

It is difficult to understand the action of the state highway commission in designating as a secondary federal highway the route from Prineville to Lakeview. It is true that Crook county has the funds and has arranged with the commission to build a road up Bear creek to a junction with the Central Oregon line and equally true that a north and south highway should be built in Lake county from the south county line to Fort Rock, but why the road should then run north and east to connect with that Bear Creek road and no plan be made to connect Fort Rock and La Pine is not understandable.

Years ago Sam Hill advocated a road from California to the Columbia river on the east side of Lake county and then through Prineville north. Possibly the plan was then a good one if the only object of the road was to provide an all-year route to and from California. With the development of the state highway system, however, and the building of the paved Pacific highway such need as there may have been for carrying out Mr. Hill's plan vanished. If the commission has acted to carry out that scheme, it is forgetful of the work it has done itself.

Lake county has always wanted a winter route out to the railroad. Some have thought that east of Pine mountain in the Millican valley a road could be built that would be comparatively free from snow and it is possible that the commission has had this idea in mind in making its designation. At the same time it has forgotten that The Dalles-California is to be improved to La Pine and beyond, that it will be kept open through the winter, that the logical route to Fort Rock is by way of La Pine and that the cost of keeping this last section free from snow would be only a fraction of the cost of building a road from Fort Rock to the Central Oregon highway.

Testimony concerning the road to the east is that while in that country there may be less snow there is so much wind that bad drifts are unavoidable. There is that much to be said as to snow conditions there. Further, if it should come to a choice between the two routes from Fort Rock north, it must be remembered that the east route runs for nearly 70 miles through an uninhabited desert, with no water, no scenery, no attractions for the tourist and makes a longer course necessary to get to the railroad. The west road has water, a telephone line along its full length, passes some settlement and leads to the lakes and mountains of the Cascades.

Our Prineville friends will say that we are trying to keep a road from them. Prineville is well supplied with state highways. The objection here is not so much to giving the town another as to action on the part of the commission which ignores a logical road and puts an unnecessary and illogical one in line for aid ahead of the road desired most by the people to whom it will give daily service and most needed for the development of tourist travel.

THE AGRICULTURIST'S BUDGET

The recent agitation over the proposal to abandon the county agriculturist work in Deschutes county has ended with the decision of the county court to include an item for this expense in the budget for the coming year. It was interesting to observe that the only objection which was voiced at the budget meeting yesterday was not to the work itself but to certain acts of omission and commission on the part of individuals who have served as agent in the past. The same speaker admitted the value of the work when he said that hardly had an agent come to know local conditions when he was attracted by higher pay to some other work.

In general we believe that the incident has been a good thing. It has served to bring out such criticism as there was for the work of the agriculturist, which should aid in avoiding future controversy. It has shown that the big body of responsible public sentiment is in favor of the work, and it has made clear to the farmer that other classes of the county are interested with him in helping to solve his problems.

We believe, as we have said before, that the agent should not represent anyone in buying or selling. He can and should advise, give dealer's names, make seed tests and give general counsel; but there should be nothing done in competition with county business establishments. It

is not fair that they be taxed to support competition. If the farm bureau wants to do these things, it may at the expense of its members, or by supporting the work through the profits of cooperative buying and selling.

We now wish for Agriculturist MacDonald a most successful operation of his office.

WHAT THE SCHOOL BILL DID

One of the arguments against the school bill was that it would have a tendency to keep away from Oregon people who wanted to educate their children in private or parochial schools. Already the passage of the bill has had that result, according to the La Grande Observer, which says:

"Picking flaws with the majority is never very pleasant, but try as best one can it is hard to agree with the majority who voted in Oregon for the compulsory school bill at the late election.

"The first direct business result we have heard of comes from the Ochoco irrigation project in Crook county. Everyone knows there is a fine project, irrigation ditches in, bonds issued and interest piling up, and the thing that is lacking to make it a success is people.

"Driven almost to exasperation on account of lack of settlers, leading men in the Ochoco project, together with Prineville business men and railroad officials of the O.-W. jointly formed a plan to send a colonizer into Wisconsin and secure settlers for this fertile area. This was progressing well and a number of Lutheran families had formulated a colony to come to Oregon when the news of the election reached Wisconsin.

"Bing! It was all off! No Lutheran families would think of entering a state to make their homes where the compulsory school bill prevailed.

"As a result Prineville has lost a lot of prospective citizens, the Ochoco project will have to look elsewhere for people, and Oregon as a state suffers a setback in business and population which cannot be denied."

CHRISTMAS SEALS

The purpose of the Christmas seal is to raise funds to aid in the fight against tuberculosis. That fact is generally known. What is not so well known is the success that has attended the work since it was begun by the National Tuberculosis association in 1905. A bulletin from the state association now sets the facts forth in a graphic manner.

In 1905 the tuberculosis death rate was 202.6 per 100,000 population. Last year it was 114.2, a decrease of 43.6 per cent. At the 1905 rate there would have been 210,000 deaths from this cause last year. There were 122,000, a saving of \$8,000 lives. Taking the cost of a life lost through tuberculosis at \$8,000, Professor Irving Fisher's figure, the dividend on the health work done by the Christmas seals is \$704,000,000.

In 1915 there was an association in Oregon, but little else. Since that time there have developed 18 county health associations, 13 county nurses, 33,017 modern health crusaders, and one model open air school. Thirteen clinics were held in 1921-22, and the number of hospital beds for tuberculosis patients has increased from 100 to 271.

This is a remarkable record, but the work has only begun. The fight is on to eliminate tuberculosis completely, thereby adding two and a half years to the expectancy of human life. The little seal is the means of gaining this end. It is about the biggest Christmas purchase anyone can make.

RADIO CHANGES CONDITIONS

In the past few weeks many have recalled the storm of a year ago that tied up the railroads, stopped mail service for nearly two weeks, and put telephone and telegraph wires out of commission. In the first week after the storm, it will be remembered, the only news from the outside where the storm had been most severe was a few items received by The Bulletin by way of Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Silver Lake and Millican, and the bit taken out of the air by the wireless station that was set up for The Bulletin in an effort to get in communication with Portland.

In the short year that has elapsed how conditions have changed. Given the same conditions again, it is doubtful if there would be the least difficulty in receiving news because of the development of radio communication and the setting up of many receiving stations here in Bend. A similar storm might put the Portland sending stations out of commission temporarily, but news could still come in from the many more distant points whose broadcasting has been received in Bend.

The future of radio communication as a day to day affair cannot yet be foretold. At present the craze for this new development of science seems to be dying down and the chief interest to be taken by "fans" and boys with a mechanical turn of mind.

Later it may settle down to something with a real commercial value and importance. In the meantime it is interesting to remember that in certain sorts of emergency it is ready to serve as a means of communication that cannot be affected, unless for very short periods, by local and occasional weather conditions.

Astoria has had a staggering blow, but she will come back. That's the American habit.

Fifteen Years Ago

(From the Columns of The Bulletin of December 13, 1907)

Word was received in Bend Tuesday that lists for patent numbers 3 and 4, submitted by the Deschutes Irrigation and Power Co. through the state of Oregon, has been approved by the federal officials, and that patents to this land would be issued by the state at once. The lists approved comprise approximately 38,404 acres and the land lies in the Pilot Butte segregation.

The body of an unidentified man, believed to have died several weeks ago of thirst and hunger, was found in the timber near Pine mountain by two Indians on Monday.

George W. Winer and sons, of Tumalo, are erecting a large barn. At the last meeting of the city council, orders were given to the Bend Water Light & Power Co. to repair its bridge over the town lateral at the Mutch corner and also at the J. N. Hunter place.

C. P. Becker of Laidlaw has brought a contest against Herman Spicer, the hearing of which was had before Commissioner Ellis last Tuesday.

The stork left a baby daughter at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Spencer of Silver Lake on Sunday, December 1. Mrs. Spencer was formerly Miss Florence McCann.

NOBLE TO HEAD PYTHIAN LODGE

Jay B. Noble, vice chancellor for the past year and one-half, was advanced to the office of chancellor commander of Deschutes Lodge No. 103, Knights of Pythias, at last week's annual election. He succeeds Harry J. Fissel. Ralph Curtis was elected vice chancellor, H. Hagen prelate, W. H. H. Williams master of work, Clarence Gould inside guard, and Lee Turmire outside guard. Officers reelected were L. M. McReynolds, keeper of records and seal and master of finance; L. G. McReynolds, master of exchequer, and Carl N. Peterson, master at arms.

Arrangements for entertaining the grand and supreme officers of the Knights of Pythias order here December 21 were made, a committee being named for the purpose consisting of Jay B. Noble, Frank E. Hunter, Ralph Bartlett, H. H. Beach and Carl N. Peterson.

For the "Bible class" to be initiated in the first rank on that occasion, a number of applications were approved by the lodge. Other candidates will come from the Redmond, Prineville and Madras lodges, which have been invited to take part.

REGISTRATION GAIN FORESEEN

School registration in Bend for the next semester will show an increase of at least 40, in the opinion of City Superintendent G. W. Ager, expressed at the regular meeting of the board of directors last week. The burden will fall upon the senior high school, for a new primary class will be started and promotions made all along the line. No class will be graduated from the high school until spring, however, meaning that the increase will be chiefly felt in the last three years of school work.

Discussion of routine matters, presentation of bills, and reports by the superintendent on educational tests recently made, took up the greater part of the meeting.

WITNESSES RETURN FROM BONUS PROBE

Five of the witnesses who have been in Portland to testify before the federal grand jury in the investigation of the Deschutes county soldier bonus tangle, returned to Bend Friday morning, and from them it was gathered that the probe on this matter may last until after Christmas. Examination of witnesses is proceeding very slowly, it was stated.

H. M. Stephens, E. O. Stader, William Lane, C. S. Hudson and William Belmont are the returned witnesses.

SNOW MASKING BOOZE PLANTS, SAYS SHERIFF

Somewhere in the mountains of Deschutes county, cunningly hidden against detection, moonshiners are starting big distilling plants in operation for an all winter's run of illicit liquor. Learning from sad experience in the past they are taking extra precautions this year, reducing to a minimum the clues which are ordinarily followed by officers in apprehending them.

Information on which this statement is based has been secured by Sheriff S. E. Roberts, but it does not go far enough to give anything but

a hazy idea of the location of the moonshiners. During the open months of the fall, corn and sugar, chief ingredients of the liquor turned out in Central Oregon, have been purchased by the ton, to be hauled out of Bend to unknown destinations.

Predicts Record Output

The coming of the snow found the booze makers snugly quartered for the winter, with all supplies on hand, and no necessity for leaving until the snow goes off in the spring. Then the plants will be broken up and scattered, and thousands of gallons of whiskey cached in various places throughout Deschutes and Crook counties to insure a busy season for the bootlegger.

In past winters, tracks made by moonshiners going to and from their plants have in many instances enabled the sheriff's office to run down the law violators, but this year the snow will be a help rather than hindrance to the distillers, Roberts believes. From the quantity of raw

material purchased, he predicts that the output of booze this winter will be the largest since prohibition went into effect. Moonshiners are apparently undeterred by the number of arrests and convictions made in the last two years, the sheriff says.

Experience in manufacture, as well as the accumulation of stocks permitting aging is resulting in a gain in the quality as well as the quantity of liquor turned out, according to information gathered by the authorities.

PILOT BUTTE USED FOR SKIING PARTY

Pilot Butte was the scene of Sunday's skiing party, the winter sports enthusiasts going there after finding it difficult to get to Lava butte. After trying the recently constructed road on Pilot butte and finding it not steep enough for skiing, they found a fair slope on the west side. Twenty pairs of skis were in use most of the day.

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