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A CHANCE FOR ACTION.

Opportunity usually knocks but once. In the case of the Benham Falls segregation she already has favored us with several generous warnings and still continues a friendly tadoo upon the door.

Will Bend open the door and welcome her?

There are 74,198 acres of worth-while land close to Bend. It has been sewed up in a contract for a dozen years. It has been, and is, useless, except for range purposes. It can be, and should be, an important factor in the upbuilding of our county and community.

The Bulletin has discussed this matter before. A year ago, when the C. O. I. Company urged extension of its contract, we voiced objection to such extension, and Bend and neighboring settlers did likewise. The extension, however, was asked, so far considering the question, the Interior Department demanded further facts, stating that if they were not forthcoming in 90 days the segregation would be cancelled.

A year has passed, and the further data required has never been prepared or presented, so far as records show. But no action whatever has been taken by the Department. The whole matter has been overlooked and forgotten.

It remains for the people of Bend and for the settlers of this territory to say whether or not things shall continue as they are, in a state of official stupor. If we are content to keep quiet, probably nothing will be done for years to come. The contract might as well have actually been extended.

But the Department specified distinctly that unless further showing was made within 90 days, the segregation would be cancelled. As stated above, such showing was not made. Therefore, it probably will be necessary simply to remind the Department of its previous statement.

If the proper kind of a reminder is forwarded to Washington, backed by the Commercial Club and the settlers' organization, and the interest of our representatives is aroused, the segregation list will be rescued from that departmental pigeon hole, where it has been tucked away. And the lands will be open for entry.

Now, it is simply a matter of business. Is it, or is it not, worth while for Bend to try and get those lands settled? Is it better for them to lie forever idle, or to have them taken up by homesteaders, who will live within comfortable trading distance of town, who will raise crops, pay

taxes, and contribute to the prosperity and growth of the county and every community in it?

We believe the question answer themselves. We believe every forward looking citizen of this community has identically the same interest under such conditions. That interest is to encourage the best development of the lands that lie about us. A big step in such development will be through the termination of the Benham Falls segregation contract, a termination which now can be secured with next to no effort and which can benefit many and injure none.

To people who accomplish things the sound of the hammer in a carpenter's hands is the music of success.

CONTRACT LET FOR NEW SCHOOL HOUSE

W. Huffman to Build Movable Structure for \$400—Total Cost to District Will Be \$725.

Bids were opened last night at a meeting of the Bend school board, for the construction of a school building for the Brooks-Scanlon logging camps, and the contract was awarded to W. Huffman, at \$400. It is expected that the building will be finished by January 22.

The school is to be mounted on wheels and moved from place to place as needed, the lumber company having agreed to furnish sidings. The car trucks on which the school will be mounted, will cost \$325, making a total cost to the district of \$725. Harvey Thompson, of Lebanon, will be the instructor.

GRAIN PRICES GIVEN

(By United Press to The Daily Bulletin)
PORTLAND, Jan. 10.—Grain quotations in the local market today, gave club at \$1.53, bluestem \$1.63, Red Russian \$1.51, and fortyfold at \$1.55.

LARGE AREA MAY SOON BE DEVELOPED

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storage and distribution system and required a delivery of two acre feet per acre within one-half mile of the lands, also fixed the lien for construction at \$60 per acre for the irrigable land, and \$2.50 per acre for the waste area with an annual maintenance fee of 80 cents per acre. The storage consisted of the construction of a dam at Crane Prairie sufficient to store 187,000 acre feet.

Agreement Entered Into.

The company agreed to prepare and present within 18 months from the date of their contract, detailed plans and specification, including a topographic map of the lands, and to complete construction work on or before October 17, 1915. On November 28, 1910, a supplemental agreement was entered into between the Central Oregon and the Desert Land Board, whereby the company was given until January 1, 1912, in which to submit the detailed plans and specifications provided for in the contract of January 5, 1909.

The Irrigation Company did not submit the required data within the extended period and the Desert Land Board, by supplemental agreement of February 5, 1912, again extended the time until one year from and after the date when the right of way for the dam and reservoir, to be located within the National Forest Reserve at Crane Prairie, should be obtained, provided this right of way was granted on or before October 17, 1915.

On November 18, 1915, the com-

Bend in Brief

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TODAY.

Miller vs. Martin, wrestling, Hippodrome, 8:45 p. m.
K. of P., Sather's Hall, 8:00 p. m.
Parent-Teachers' Association, 8:15 p. m., Emblem club.
Lyon Revival Services, Presbyterian church, 8 o'clock.

THURSDAY.

Minstrel Show, Grand Theatre, under auspices Parent-Teachers' Association, 8:15 p. m.
A. F. & A. M., Masonic Hall, 8:00 p. m.
Lyon Revival, Presbyterian church, 8 o'clock.
Basketball turnout, Hippodrome, 8:00 p. m.

FRIDAY.

W. O. W. Banquet, Emblem club, Rebekah Lodge, Sather's Hall, 8:00 p. m.
Lyon Revival, Presbyterian church 8 p. m.

SATURDAY.

High School Lyceum Number, Marlo the Great, Bend Theatre, 8:00 p. m.
C. O. I. Water Users Association, Council room, 1:30 p. m.
Lyon Revival, Presbyterian church 8 p. m.

Card Party, given by Catholic Ladies, Sather's hall, 8:00 p. m.

SUNDAY.

Preaching Service, in all churches, morning and evening.
Lyon Revival, Presbyterian church 8 p. m.

MONDAY.

I. O. O. F., Sather's Hall, 8:00 p. m.
Lyon Revival, Presbyterian church 8 p. m.

pany requested the board to petition the Secretary of the Interior for a five year extension of the segregation period. The Desert Land Board on November 24, 1915, petitioned the Secretary of the Interior to grant the five year extension. However, the Department, on December 21, 1915, required that a showing be made in support of the application for an extension and allowed 90 days from the receipt of notice in which to present the required data. The matter was submitted to the irrigation company in order that it might compile and submit such plans and other data, showing their ability to construct the project within the period of extension requested. To date no data has been filed by the company.

Protests Made.

Subsequent to the date of application for extension by the state, the Desert Land Board has received protest to the proposed extension from the Water Users' Association, and the Bend Commercial Club.

No action has as yet been taken by the department, although in its notice to the state it advised that unless the required data be filed within 90 days, the application, which was held for rejection, would be rejected.

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