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STATEMENT OF BOND ISSUE MADE TO PUBLIC BY BUC'S MEN AND FARMERS

Supporters of Bond Issue Make Public Statement Regarding Reasons Why Voters Should Support Measure to Be on Ballot on June 7.

On June 7th next the voters of Douglas county will be called upon to determine a question of vital importance to the future development and welfare of Douglas county as a whole. The question is, shall the county court be authorized to issue and sell one million one hundred thousand dollars in bonds for permanent road construction? Each voter should thoroughly inform himself on this question and express his opinion at the polls.

The undersigned taxpayers who favor the issue, submit the following facts in support thereof. There is urgent necessity for the immediate construction of permanent roads. The benefits to be derived therefrom require no argument. This is the opportune time. Why? Because, first, the state, upon the completion of the Pacific highway, will have expended approximately five million dollars in Douglas county on its roads, and the county has contributed thus far only approximately two hundred thousand dollars. The state has expended two hundred and twenty thousand dollars on the Coos Bay road and must maintain the Coos Bay road at its own expense and pay all the expenses taxed against us for overhead crossings and bridges. The costs of which the state would otherwise share equally with us.

If we do not avail ourselves of this opportunity we will lose two hundred and fifty thousand dollars the state would expend on the road to Coos Bay and must maintain the Coos Bay road at its own expense and pay all the expenses taxed against us for overhead crossings and bridges. The costs of which the state would otherwise share equally with us.

This is an opportune time as labor is plentiful, material and supplies are cheaper, and we can get more value for our money, besides furnishing employment for our people and putting into circulation in this county approximately a million and a half dollars, including the state's expenditures with our bond issue, and this at a time, when on account of industrial conditions, it is needed.

The cost to the taxpayers is approximately \$1.80 on every thousand of its assessed valuation for interest on the bonds for the first five years. When we commence retiring the bonds at the sixth year, it will cost him approximately, in both interest and principal, \$3.67 on each thousand; during all of which time the taxpayer will have had the benefit of the use of the improved roads. The issuance of the bonds will relieve the strain on the general road fund and, with the market road money, the county will be enabled to build and improve all lateral roads, and with the money from the bonds we will be able to secure a good and lasting road system.

Based upon the present assessment roll the farm property will pay approximately 28 per cent, and that all (Continued on Page 6.)

Dixonville Posse Holds Postoffice Robber at Bay Until Officers Arrive

Dixonville was treated to some real excitement last night when Forrest Haines, believed to be a professional burglar and safecracker, was captured by a volunteer posse while engaged in robbing the Dixonville store and post office. John Hatfield, postmaster and proprietor of the store, who is also a member of the Douglas county band, was returning home late last night after being in Roseburg for the bonus mass meeting, and before going home had a "hunch" that there was something wrong at the store. He went near the building and listened and heard something moving about the store room and then saw the sudden flare of a match which was quickly extinguished. Mr. Hatfield at once called several of his neighbors, who armed with rifles, revolvers and shotguns, quickly responded. P. F. Hirsch, C. F. Krogel and others were the first on the scene and surrounded the store building. W. A. Beards, local real estate dealer, chance to be passing in his car and the powerful search lights were thrown on the building where the robber was held at bay. The officers were summoned and made an immediately quick trip to Dixonville. In the meantime the volunteer posse closed in on the building and his posse were found a gun, chisel, hatchet, knife and the money from the post office cash drawer, the money amounting to approximately \$20.

He was taken in custody by Sheriff Starnes and Deputy Webb and brought to this city and lodged in the county jail. He shows in many ways that he has had former experience in the law and although he pretends to discuss his crime or his past career, the officers are of the opinion that he is a professional at the game. He gives the name of Forrest Haines and says he is a transient in this state. The government will probably handle his case.

Photographer Charles Clark, has completed a number of large photographs taken at the cabin of Abe Givens. The pictures show the various points connected with the case, depicting the cabin, the position of Givens when he was shot, the place from which the body was dragged and the place where the body was burned. These pictures will be of great value in assisting the jury that hears the case in visualizing the scene.

WHEAT PRICES SOAR.

CHICAGO, June 1.—New soaring wheat prices brought July delivery up to nine cents. The closing price was eight and one quarter cents to eight and three-quarter cents per bushel higher than yesterday's close. A bullish crop report and European conditions are responsible.

ROAD MEETING ARRANGED

Several road meetings have been arranged for this week. Today A. C. Marsters speaks at Perdue and Days Creek. Thursday Attorney Dexter Rice will be at Glendale, Attorney Carl Wimberly at Drain and Attorney O. P. Coshov at Wilbur. Meetings will be arranged for Friday but have not yet been decided upon. Attorney Coshov will speak at Oakland on Saturday.

MASS MEETING WAS HUGE SUCCESS

Bonus Measure For Vets Was Given Mighty Boost—Speakers Talk.

Attendance Was Big Program Proceeded Speaking—Predicted That State Aid Measure Will Get Big Majority in Douglas County Tuesday.

Red fire, bands playing, banners floating and speakers speaking all combined last night to make the monster mass meeting for the state aid measure for ex-service men of Oregon a roaring success. Crowds began to assemble on the corner of Cass and Jackson streets shortly after 7 o'clock, and all four corners of the intersection were blocked while hundreds massed around waiting the program, which had been announced by the American Legion. Just a few minutes before 8 o'clock, the appointed hour for the big opening, the fire siren shook the city and the fire truck dashed up Cass street from the depot, with whistles tooting and bells clanging. The truck halted at the intersection where red fire was blazing and without a moment's delay a large truck with a platform for the speakers was hauled into place and the big thing started.

The Douglas county concert band played several snappy marches and received a thunderous applause. Del Jewett, the big voiced wailer of the A. E. F., mounted to the platform and sang "Frenchy" in the "frog" language. He was cheered to an echo. Another number by the band was followed by several songs by the Overseas Quartette, ere in the Finnish language. The saxophone band marched through the crowds at this time and the vaudeville program closed.

Dr. E. B. Stewart, of the American Legion, took charge of the meeting and introduced Guy Gordon. Mr. Gordon gave a brief outline of the state aid measure for ex-service men and enumerated the benefits the state would derive as well as the veterans. He made no plea for support, but simply stated the facts concerning the measure and his explanation of it was very clear.

Rev. C. H. Hilton was next introduced and he made a whirlwind address, one of the best ever heard in the city. His support of the measure is sincere, his reasons for voting for it are good and his staid to aid the vets is of the right sort. His comparison of the war wages received by civilian labor and war wages of \$30 per month received by the service men made a hit. His plea for adjusted compensation in the form of a loan or a small cash bonus in lieu thereof was answered by vigorous applause and shouts of approval and he won many votes for the measure in his splendid address last night.

Hon. A. C. Marsters was the next speaker and he also made a determined stand in favor of the veterans measure. His logical arguments in favor of the bill could not be disputed. "Some of the opposers of the bill say it is class legislation," said Mr. Marsters. "The soldier boys are in a class by themselves. The best class in the world and we are going to see that they get some adjusted compensation. They will make the finest home-owners in the state. A vote for this measure means a vote to build up the state—it creates the finest class of citizens we can possibly hope for." Mr. Marsters received cheers throughout his address.

Hon. O. P. Coshov was the closing speaker and he pounded home some arguments for the measure that convinced everyone of the merits of the bill. His talk was short and to the point and he spoke from the standpoint of patriotism. He said that patriotic motives would prompt the citizens to pass the measure and he predicted a landslide in its favor.

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WAGES ARE SLASHED.

(By Associated Press.) CHICAGO, June 1.—Approximately two-thirds of the wage increase granted the railroad employes last July was ordered deducted beginning July 1st by the railroad labor board today. The average decrease is 12 per cent, affecting two million men. Executives Disappointed.

CHICAGO, June 1.—(United Press.)—The railroad executives declared disappointment in the decision of the railroad labor board in cutting the wages of all classes of railroad employes 12 per cent, thus slashing \$400,000,000 annually from the railroad payroll. President Myram, of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul, declared: "We hoped the decision would wipe out the entire \$600,000,000 of last year's increase. We cannot predict rate decreases yet. We must discover how much this cut affects operating expenses before attempting to predict anything about rates. The step is in the right direction, however."

PRESIDENT DISCUSSES RATES.

WASHINGTON, June 1.—A downward revision of railroad rates, particularly on the necessities, was discussed today with the interstate commerce commission by President Harding, who walked to the commission's headquarters. Harding inquired particularly about the modification of rates on fruits. The commissioners were understood to have told him that they are making considerable progress on the plan for obtaining voluntary reductions by carriers.

Suit For Wages Put Out of Court

Because the proper parties were not represented in the action, the case of Claude vs. the Smith Lumber Company was declared a voluntary non-suit in the circuit court this morning. The suit was one in which Clayton, a minor, appeared by his guardian, ad litem, Attorney O. P. Coshov, for the purpose of collecting wages alleged to be due from the Smith Lumber Company. It was shown that the widowed mother of the boy, would be the one to receive the wages and that consequently she would be the one to bring the suit and upon this showing the plaintiffs filed a motion for voluntary non-suit, the motion being sustained.

In the case of Robert Gorman vs. Bert Wells and Charles Sharp a verdict was rendered for the defendants. The case of the Yroka Lumber Company vs. the Lystul-Staveland Lumber company was heard today. This is a case that has been dragging along for four years, having appealed to the supreme court and remanded to the circuit court. It involves an alleged breach of contract for the delivery of lumber, damages in the amount of \$1812.50 being claimed. Attorneys Porter J. Neff, of Medford and Carl Wimberly of Roseburg appearing for the plaintiffs and Attorney George Neuner for the defense.

Road Bond Meeting Glendale Thursday

Attorney Dexter Rice last night conducted an enthusiastic road meeting at Riddle, where he addressed a large audience on the subject of the proposed issuance of \$1,100,000 in bonds for the construction of permanent roads in the county. Mr. Rice explained the nature of the proposed bonds, their intended use and the manner of retirement, together with the necessity for the immediate cooperation of the county with the state. Preparations are being made for a big meeting tomorrow night at Glendale. So far there has been little activity on the bonds in that vicinity, and Mr. Rice, together with the three members of the county court, will go to Glendale tomorrow evening for the purpose of explaining the proposed bond issue to the residents of that locality. County Judge George Quine and Commissioners Weaver and Long will be present and will meet with the residents at the meeting relative to the county court's position.

In addition to the discussion of the road bonds, the speakers expressed themselves in favor of the bonus measure for ex-service men. The Riddle community seems to be unanimous in their approval of the bill and they are planning on casting a heavy vote for the bill next Tuesday.

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BOY GOES ON TRIAL.

WARSAW, Ind., June 1.—Eighteen year old Virgil Decker went on trial today charged with murdering his pal and "double," Leroy Lovett. The prosecution hopes to prove that Virgil killed his friend that \$24,000 insurance Decker carried might be collected.

TILLER NEWS.

J. O. Newland and wife were among the visitors at "Tiller Inn" on Sunday. A party of vacationists who spent Sunday and Monday at Tiller fishing were, R. K. Elliot, Portland; O. E. Bean, Portland; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Lockwood, Roseburg; Mr. and Mrs. W. Gilbert, Roseburg; Mr. and Mrs. Ponsler, Roseburg; Herbert McKenzie, Portland; Jack Russell, Portland; Peggy Lockwood, Roseburg; Fred Lockwood, Laurel, Ind.

BLACKS AND WHITES FIGHTING IN TULSA

Streets Are Battleground For Race Warfare—Hundreds of Negroes Captured.

HOMES ARE IN FLAMES

Five Hundred Whites Pitted Against 1000 Blacks in Terrible Fighting—Assault on White Girl Caused the Trouble.

(By Associated Press.) TULSA, Okla., June 1.—Martial law was put into effect about noon today, following the order received from Governor Robertson. It was estimated that six whites and fifty negroes were killed in the fighting. Scores were wounded. Fires started by the rioters threatened the destruction of the city but halted the bloodiest race war in the history of the southwest. The fighting started last night when negroes attempted a jail delivery of a colored youth under charge of assaulting a white girl. Nine white men were known to be killed in the race clash which raged until noon today. Chief of Police Gustafson estimated the negro dead at 65. Major Daley, of the police force, estimated the total dead in the clash at 175, believing that many negroes perished when their homes were burned. The fire department officials said this afternoon that the white residence section would be saved from the flames still raging in the negro quarters.

(By Associated Press.) TULSA, Oklahoma, June 1.—Nearly ten square blocks of the negro section was in flames early today following a battle between the white men and negroes which raged since early last night. The fire was reported spreading and threatening the adjoining white sections. At dawn motor cars filled with white men formed a circle around the negro section. Half a dozen airplanes circled overhead and there was much shooting and shouting. Five hundred white men and a thousand negroes last night faced each other, firing across the railroad tracks. Negro bodies were seen lying in "no man's land" between the lines of fighters. Reports of casualties were varied, one being 75 persons, including whites and negroes killed. The trouble started after the arrest of a negro charged with assaulting a white girl. The state troops arrived on the scene soon after the fighting started and supplemented the local guardsmen. The negroes engaged in the combat were rounded up in the jail, convention hall, baseball park and other places, where they were carefully guarded. Bullets Sweeping Streets. TULSA, Okla., June 1.—(United Press.)—Tulsa is the battling ground for the whites and blacks. Race warfare rages through the black belt. Despite the presence of three units of national guardsmen, hails of bullets swept the streets today. Two white men and one negro are known dead. Rifle and pistol bullets and hurled bricks injured men. The first negro was killed when he resisted a policeman's attempt at arrest. Additional troops are expected on the scene hourly. Three hundred negroes were reported captured by the allies.

Thelma Brown, of Wilbur, spent the morning in this city visiting with friends and attending to business matters.

FIRST DEGREE MURDER CHARGE IS PLACED BY GRAND JURY AGAINST ROMAINE

Confessed Murderer of Abe Givens Appears In Court This Afternoon and is Given Until Tomorrow Morning At 10 O'Clock In Which to Enter His Plea.

Murder in the first degree was the charge placed against Floyd Romaine, confessed slayer of Abe Givens, by the grand jury which returned its indictment into the Circuit court shortly before noon today. Romaine appeared this afternoon at 1:30 and was given until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning to enter his plea. Attorney Carl Wimberly being appointed as his counsel.

In the indictment Romaine was charged with premeditated murder and in the event evidence is introduced into the trial to prove this, a death sentence will doubtless be the result. The jury made a thorough investigation of the case, even obtaining a board of physicians to examine into the man's mental condition. The doctors reported Romaine to be sane, but found his mentality below par with no traces of emotion. He lacks all sense of emotional feeling and even under the most severe stress exhibited no increased pulse action or nerve tension. He freely discussed all matters with the doctors and conversed with them on any subject broached by them, exhibiting a perfectly normal mind in practically all respects. Upon his appearance in court this afternoon he exhibited no fear, nervousness or curiosity. He entered the courtroom closely guarded by Sheriff Starnes and Deputy Hopkins and took his place in the chair provided for him. He responded to his name and when questioned by Judge Hamilton answered in calm and even tones in which there was no trace of nervousness. When asked if he had obtained the services of an attorney he responded that he had not and that he was without means to employ one. The court then appointed Attorney Carl Wimberly as his counsel and the bailiff was instructed to find Mr. Wimberly who was not in the courtroom at the time. During such waits the ordinary prisoner usually displays the strain of the delay in the procedure, but Romaine dropped easily back into his chair without even exhibiting sufficient curiosity in his surroundings to gaze about the room, calmly waited for his attorney to appear. Upon the arrival of Attorney Wimberly the arraignment was resumed and time was

given in which to enter a plea, the time being set for 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. In a first degree murder case it is necessary to hold a hearing of the evidence in spite of the admission of guilt of the defendant and the trial will doubtless be heard during the present term of court. Telegraphic information from Portland bears out Romaine's story that he did not use the axe in the slaying of Givens. The substance on the blade proved to be wood sap instead of blood, failing to react to the blood tests given. Some of those who made an examination of the body, however, still contend that a club or other implement was used to batter in the skull and that this mutilation was not caused by a rifle bullet or the concussion. Romaine, under a severe examination admitted that he might have used some other implement than a gun during his excitement, although he stated that he could not remember doing so. He expects to hang for his crime and has so stated. He has asked for a Bible and has been engaged in studying its message and yesterday at his request representatives of the Salvation Army conducted a service in his cell.

Mrs. S. F. Strange left this morning for Woodburn to spend several days visiting with friends.

BAND NOT GOING.

A telegram was received by the management of the Douglas county concert band today stating that the shortage of funds in the music budget for the Portland rose festival would prohibit the committee from hiring the services of the local organization. It is to be regretted that the Portland committee could not raise enough cash to finance the trip of the local band boys. The band would have been a boost for Roseburg and a fine attraction at the festival. The telegram expressed disappointment at not being able to complete the agreement concerning the trip.

County Court Definitely Commits Its Self to Carry Out Road Bond Schedule

The following statement of facts concerning the proposed road bond issue was prepared today by the county court and submitted to the people of Douglas county in answer to those oppositionals who are spreading the false statement that the court does not expect to carry out the program. Roseburg, Oregon, May 15, 1921. "To the voters of Douglas County, Oregon: We have been asked by representative citizens and people residing in rural communities of this county as to the policy of the county court of Douglas county, Oregon, with reference to the construction of roads and highways in the event that the present bond issue carries, and therefore have thought it advisable to make known our policy before the election, and which is as follows: "If the bonds are voted, it will be the policy of the present county court to get in touch with the roads upon which the money is to be expended and consult the people directly interested or living on said roads, either as a whole or a committee selected by them, as to where the money should be expended. We will then take this information, direct our county engineers to prepare plans and specifications for the expenditure of this money upon the places of which the construction is most needed and will do the greatest good to the greatest number, and upon completion of the plans and specifications we will advertise for bids. If the bids are in our opinion not fair and in accordance with the estimate filed by the roadmaster, then we will reject the bids and place a competent, practical man in charge of the work and proceed to do the work under the county's direction. "We shall endeavor not to give preference to any locality as against another locality, but we must also

take into consideration our limited means and forces that we have and must take them up in the order that the requests for work are filed; but it will be our endeavor to give our utmost consideration to each particular community and to give each of them relief as early as possible. "If the money is voted, it will be our aim to immediately advertise the bonds for sale and begin work upon the projects at once, and it will permit the county court to use the general road fund and market roadway money to build and improve lateral roads not provided for by the bond issue. "Signed: Geo. K. Quine, County Judge; Edwin Weaver, Commissioner; R. W. Long, Commissioner."

Pioneer Resident Passes Away

Arthur M. Jack passed away at the county hospital yesterday afternoon following a long illness. Mrs. Jack is the mother of Mrs. A. J. Ford of this city and some nine or ten months ago was taken to Avery hospital eight days ago. Mrs. Jack was born in Lane county, and was 74 years of age at the time of her death. She is a pioneer of Oregon, and has many close friends who mourn her death. She leaves to survive her besides her daughter, Mrs. Ford, two sons, John L. Jack, of Astoria, Calif., and Fred L. Jack, Los Angeles. The body will arrive in this city tonight or tomorrow morning. The body will be shipped to Brownsville, where interment will follow in the family cemetery, with a minister of last vicinity officiating.