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BOND ISSUE A MATTER OF PATRIOTISM.

Of all the opposition advanced in reference to the bond issue for improving the public highways of Douglas county, the dominant feature standing out most prominently against the issue is that time-worn and thread-bare statement—poverty.

If it is not good economy to construct and maintain permanent highways, what does economy mean, anyway?

Is it good business judgment to let our roads leading to the main highway passing through the county go untouched for from three to five years, and perhaps much longer, in order that conditions generally might become normal?

In what shape will these roads be when every person in the county is willing to sanction their improvement?

Is it fair to believe that at the end of five years it will be possible to put these worn-out thoroughfares in first-class condition at a lower price than they could be improved today, all things considered—their early use, the advantage to the farmer and public generally, and the prestige that will be brought to bear in helping to build up the county through the method of greatly improved highways?

Is it not a fact that when the first approach was advanced to pave the main street of Roseburg, some fifteen years ago, that a storm of disapproval was voiced by some of the best and most substantial property owners of the city.

What was the result?

After a heated campaign the project was successfully carried and the first paved street in Roseburg soon became a fact and genuine asset. By this patriotic move on the part of its citizens this community has grown from a mere country village to a beautiful city of almost five thousand people, and included among its most highly prized assets is approximately sixteen miles of paved streets—and progressive citizens demanding further paving throughout the residence district at this date.

Ask the property owners who live on and have paid for these paved streets if they would return to the days when the streets of Roseburg were nothing more or less than a common roadway.

We venture the assertion that not a single person who has been served by the modern improvement would reject it at twice the cost.

The above instance is chronicled merely as a matter of comparison and to demonstrate this one fact: that there is always opposition by well-meaning and substantial citizens to every progressive movement.

However, the opposition to the bond issue for improving the roads of Douglas county will result in practically the same manner as applied to this city. When the bond issue goes "over the top" next Tuesday there will probably be many persons who fear future results. But when our roads are put in first class condition, easy access is given the farmer to bring his produce to market, the value of all land holdings advanced by a thorough and systematic method of permanent and well built highways, much pride and satisfaction will be expressed, not only by those now endeavoring to do greater things for Douglas county, but by the opposition as well.

The matter of issuing bonds to improve the highways of this county has practically resolved itself into a question of patriotism.

If you think the county is going to the bad—on the verge of "backing up" in all matters of progress—then it is your duty to vote against the issue. On the contrary, if you are an optimist, have the sincerest faith and utmost confidence in the future of this big county and its thousands of prosperous home-builders, fearing not what the future may bring forth, but dealing with the present, you have a like duty to perform—that of supporting any measure or undertaking that has for its purpose the betterment of the people of this county as a whole.

THE CHILDREN OF BROKEN HOMES.

Some radicals and innovators in these times regard marriage as out of date as an institution, or at least that marriage ties should be made quite light and easy to annul. When you tell them that such a plan sets adrift a lot of children without parental care, they reply that if such children can not be provided with a satisfactory home by either parent, they can be equally or better cared for in some institution.

Some of them argue that in a home the children get too much attention, which makes them nervous and selfish, while in a good institution they learn discipline and have to adjust themselves to the good of the whole.

Yet few people feel happy to see their own little ones thus cast adrift. There is something about parental care that is unique and the machine like routine of an institution does not take its place. The institution may preach its sermons and enforce its rules on its herd of youngsters. But they have missed the father and mother love that is the greatest power for holding young folks straight that is found in this life.

Multitudes of people would have gone bad when temptation came, if the thought had not come to them that the fathers and mothers that loved them and had cared for them, would be grieved if they went astray. The moral maxims and rules of conduct handed out by an institution furnish no such incentive.

So when a home is broken up by a light view of marriage, an irreparable loss is caused the children. Even if the little ones have a good mother, they lack the tonic inspiration of a father's example. People who contemplate breaking up their homes for trifling and frivolous reasons, and casting their offspring off on some school or other agency, should reflect on the pitiful loneliness of the youngsters thus set aside, and the irreparable loss caused by the lack of parental guidance and inspiration.

Several articles have been received at this office dealing with the local bond issue for good roads. Some against the issue, others supporting the measure. In each instance the writer elects to keep in the background, choosing an assumed cognomen. This paper believes that "every tub should stand on its own bottom," and unless contributors wish to assume direct responsibility for their utterances in reference to this important question they should refrain from expressing an opinion. It is an imposition on the public to deal with the bond issue—no matter what your opinion may be—hidden behind a fictitious name. This is a matter that should be discussed openly. It is too important to attempt to camouflage.

Keep your eye on the bonus bill for ex-service men when you go to the polls next Tuesday. The number to be voted is 302 yes. Hit her good and hard for the boys. Douglas county is going to roll up a big majority for the measure. The sentiment is unanimously in favor of the bill and every voter should be proud of having an opportunity to cast his ballot on this very important issue.

HON. BINGER HERMANN GIVES UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT TO PENDING ROAD BOND ISSUE

Pioneer Resident of Douglas County States His Reason Why All People of the County Should Vote For Bonds at June 7 Election.

(By HON. BINGER HERMANN)

The pending bond measure is one of the most important to the county that has ever been presented to the people. No subject comes so close to every household as that of the common roadway. The more improved it is the more it can serve the commercial and the personal conveniences of inhabitant and traveler, and the more it enhances the material value of the premises it affects.

To the producer, the nearest, quickest and cheapest approach to the market place is a vital consideration. The lesser the cost of transportation the greater the profit on what he produces. Everybody must concede that farm and factory values increase with good roads. Even a poor farm on a good road is more valuable than a good farm on a bad road. Farm buyers avoid poor roads everywhere. This being true, what earthly reason can induce any property holder on or adjacent to roadways to oppose their improvement.

All over the world it is the poorest nation, history tells us, and the most ignorant people, who have the poorest roads. The Indian trail and the Turk's trackless waste illustrate this, and among them, churches, schools and modern conveniences are unknown.

Everywhere an industrious and progressive people have three primal objects. They are production, transportation, and market place.

Taxation.

In the bond measure is taxation a question? It is claimed to become a burden? If so, be undeceived. First, it provides for long time payments, maturing in fifteen years, with six per cent interest per annum, and redeemable one-tenth annually from the fifth year, on a principal obligation of one million one hundred thousand dollars, for the construction and building of 25 permanent roads in our county. These are all named, with the terminals for each.

Second: The State Highway commission is to meet the two items of \$200,000 and \$185,99 with like sums to complete the highway to the Coos county line, and for the bridges, overhead crossings and right-of-way, respectively, through the county on the Pacific highway, and to such an extent our taxpayers will be relieved, on such completed improvements. Should the bond measure fail a like offer may never again be proposed. Also remember that aside from the 25 roads named the county takes care of the others from the market road, and the regular maintenance funds, provided by law, and those will be exhausted.

Third: It is fair to assume that long before the final maturity of the bond payments, interest and all property values adjacent to the proposed highways will have become so greatly enhanced, even before a dollar is due from the taxpayer, as largely to return a revenue many times greater than that at present paid, and requiring a greatly less than present levy. Instead, therefore, of increased tax burden, the bond proposal will create a future relief in lower taxation from greatly increased property valuation. No present tax increase on bond principal is required.

County property values have already increased over six million dollars since our last bond issue, although not all of that has yet been expended. Yet it stimulates such a highway endeavor that much work was accomplished, and the increased county expenditures, therefore, absorbed the favorable balance, which the subsequent levy would have shown. But the county is gainer by a largely extended road levy, and yet the present tax levy is less than that in eight of the largest populated counties of the state, while twenty others pay a higher per capita tax than ours.

The bond obligation, if paid now on our levy of about a thirty mill tax would be a cost less proportionately on a five thousand dollar farm than would alone pay for the annual preservation and replacement of the tires for an automobile, which a good smooth road would protect.

Less Farm Taxes. Then again, not how much less is

paid on farm values than on other classes of property in our county, as the records now show, farm properties are assessed for \$12,380,609, while all other properties in the county exceed \$21,787,837. It will thus be seen that those most benefited by county roads, bear the least burden.

The proposed roadways are impartially selected, and some of them extend into remotely populated sections of the county.

The highways of Douglas county have proven more difficult and costly in construction than in any other county in the state, the Pacific highway alone thus far through the county having cost about, or more than \$5,000,000.

With this great highway paved and bridged through our county and now soon to be complete, the lateral roads will have improved access to all the market places. Willingly and untriedly, therefore, should all our people generously welcome this glad day. And more so should they realize that all of the 35 roads now proposed for improvement must be cared for soon, otherwise one or more rainy seasons will require great cost to reclaim them, and strain the utmost resources of our county to remedy the waste.

Other Than Money Values. But is there nothing beyond money values to be considered? Is there no thought or pride in reaching the outer world ourselves and inviting the entrance of the people of other states into our midst? Thousands of tourists are now crowding into Oregon, and many will seek the side roads, and bring buyers and revenues to us. One such way is that of the coast route to California from Roseburg through Coos and Curry counties. Aside from the commercial traffic and travel, there will be a pleasant and easy journey for visitors to the sea shore and for restful camping facilities. Such highway is more than county or state. It is interstate, and even California is building up along the coast to meet us at the Oregon line.

A further long desired aim has been for a continuous roadway to our seaport and towns on the lower river. This is with others specially promised by our county authorities, for the earliest consideration should the bond issue succeed.

Douglas county is noted for its large proportion of automobiles owned by our own people. The self satisfaction of personal enjoyment in their use among neighborhoods and distant communities over safe and smooth highways should be of itself a pleasurable contemplation. The expenditure of one million, one hundred thousand dollars in our county reaching all classes and entering our own markets and providing labor for the unemployed would be an event of rare good fortune, and if perchance there should come to us, in the present readjustment of world affairs a lean year to interrupt our prosperity, doubly welcome would such a fortune be.

A brightening prospect, however, for increased home transportation is the present assurance from congress, the departments and railway systems of a near reduction in railway freight rates between market points from which must follow increased demands and better prices for home products. And now to defeat the present most all that it means for the well being of our whole people will be a calamity beyond repair and beyond recall, and we might well despair until again upon any public measure involving financial aid through popular approval.

To intending investors and home-seekers here, such a defeat would be a bid for them to "move on." Nor could we credit those who oppose and yet claim to be good road supporters, as we compare them to those in the Civil war as Natchy told us, "who are for the war, but agin its prosecution." Our friends opposing us are for good roads, but perhaps against the means for successfully building them. With all deference for such opinions, let us hope, however, that at this time they will waive their objection, vote with us and—keep us out of the mud.

Perfect Symmetry Lends Right Note Of Dignified Hospitality to the Hall



A short time ago, in the field of interior decoration there came a reaction against the antique. The modernists said that new life was needed, creative originality in the place of copying old models, bright colors in the place of the accustomed grays and sands. And so we had eddily constructed couches, quaint chairs designed for spectacular effect rather than comfort, cushions of orange and black and purple and all such things as proclaimed a breaking away from adoration of the old artists.

Purple cushions and odd wicker lounges, lamp shades in green and orange, black and white rugs—all these are perhaps attractive for the summer porch. They may even serve to express the individuality of the debutante in her own room. But the hall is a place which introduces the house to one's guests and its furniture, to be successful, must have something of the qualities of the ideal host. It must have dignity mixed with a delicate suggestion of cultivated taste, comfort and beauty without a too emphatic insistence on the luxurious.

Antique furniture seems to be able to carry out this purpose better than most types of interior decoration. Though everyone may not be able to afford the often ridiculous prices asked for genuine antiques, the humblest housewife may borrow useful suggestions from such halls as the one sketched above. It is taken from a reproduction of the hall of a famous old English home, to be used in "The Great Moment," a Paramount Picture of which Ethel Greytales is the author and Gloria Swanson the star, and it illustrates the use of symmetry to produce an effect of simple dignified comfort.

AROUND THE TOWN

Derailment Causes Delay

A derailment, just the other side of Junction City this morning caused train No. 53 to be three hours late in coming to the local yards.

From Coos Bay

Henry Smith, well known resident of the Coos Bay country, is spending a few days in the city attending to business matters.

In From Dillard

Miss Ruth Miller spent the morning in this city, from her home in Dillard, spending several hours shopping and visiting with friends.

To California

Miss Lauris Giles recently left for Southern California, where she will remain until her health permits her return.

Peel Visitor

Harry C. Boyle, prominent resident of the Peel section, spent the morning in the city attending to various business matters.

Here On Business

R. C. Barclay, prominent resident of Eugene, is spending several days in this city attending to important business matters.

Condition Improved

Leroy Howard, who has been critically ill for the past week is again on the road to recovery. It is now hoped that he will be able to be about again real soon.

Passing Through

Col. J. C. Kay and wife, and Col. and Mrs. Margaret of Los Angeles, passed through this city this morning enroute to Portland, where they will enjoy an extended vacation.

Dix Creek Visitors

Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Terrill, of Central Point, are spending several days in this city attending to important business matters. They are registered at the Unqupa hotel.

Heinline Recital Tonight

The pupils of the Heinline Conservatory will be presented in a recital this evening, at the Methodist church, at 8:00 o'clock. These series of recitals are an annual event, and much looked forward to by all music lovers.

Speed Bug Fined

Jim Logan, well known resident of Grants Pass, also having many close friends in this city, was recently fined in the Salem courts for speeding. The fine imposed upon Mr. Logan was the nominal sum of \$25, this being his first offense.

Riverside Residence Sold

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Whiston of Kansas purchased the George Inks residence in Riverside addition, Mr. and Mrs. Whiston with their two grown sons will occupy the home soon. Mr. Inks will return to his former home in Grants Pass. The deal was made through J. W. Tollman, local real estate agent.

Will Have Pic Social

There will be a pic social and entertainment at the Gleggery school house, on Monday evening, June 6, at 8:00 p. m., for the purpose of raising funds to be used in standardizing the school. The pupils of the Gleggery school have prepared a good program

In From Peel

F. B. Decker, of Peel spent yesterday in this city attending to business matters.

Left For Portland

F. M. Conn, of Portland, who has been visiting at Melrose with his brother, Nery Conn, left for his home in Portland.

Leave For Vacation

The Boy Scouts left in the morning, in machines, for their camp near Rock Creek, to spend two weeks enjoying the outdoor life. Their equipment was taken up in trucks, and a beautiful camp is now in evidence. Professor Miller is in charge of the boys, and an instructive program has been planned for them.

Missionary Society Meets

The regular monthly business meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the M. E. church, south, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:00 o'clock at the home of Mrs. C. E. Thomas, on 911 South Main. Following the business session a missionary program will be rendered, closing with the usual Bible study. The presence of all members and friends is requested.

Enjoying Auto Trip

Miss Gertrude Hildebrand, who with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. James Hildebrand are on their way to auto to New York City, via Winslow, Ariz., that they are having a delightful trip. They are being forwarded to them and state that they are enjoying the home news at the trip, the paper having reached regularly.

Embroidery Club Meets

The Roseburg Embroidery Club met this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Miller, on Flint street, with a large number of ladies present to enjoy the delightful affair. The afternoon was spent with sewing and music, after which a delightful luncheon was served by the hostess.

Consisting of two short plays, monologues and songs. Everyone is requested to bring a pie or come prepared to buy. No admission will be charged.

Here From Myrtle Point

Geo. W. Bryant, of Myrtle Point is spending several days in this city attending to important business matters.

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Are You Up-To-Date?

Do you load it at the muzzle When you want a shot or two? Do you wind it with a watch-key Like your father used to do? How'd you like to hop a horse-car Like you did long years ago? Don't an auto beat an ox-cart? Well, I rather reckon so. Do you argue that an hour-glass Beats a Waltham all to smash? Do you use the same old system Keepin' books and countin' cash Do you trim a goose quill neatly— When you want the ink to flow? Don't you think there's been improvement In the last decade or so? Tell us, are you advertising In the same old foolish way That your grand-dad did before you And persist, "It doesn't pay?" Think the whole world knows your address "Cause it hasn't changed in years?" Wouldn't the pathos of such logic Drive a billy goat to tears? Just a card is all you care for? Hidden, lonesome and unread, Like the sign upon the tombstone Telling folks that you are dead. Wake up, and take a tonic, Bunch your hits and make a drive, Run a page and change your copy. Advertise and keep alive! —Edgard.

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