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RIGHT OF WAY BONDS

By CHARLES V. STANTON

Proposal for a state highway right of way bond issue attracted considerable attention when suggested informally at the recent conference in Roseburg with the legislative interim committee studying the highway situation. Members of the committee demonstrated a great deal of interest in the suggestion and said it would be given further consideration.

The point was made that the highway department should buy highway rights of way in and around congested areas, even though actual construction work might not be contemplated immediately.

As an example, the commission was urged a number of years ago to buy the right of way between Roseburg and Winchester. At that time few improvements had been made. Property values were low. The land was sparsely settled. The commission, however, contended it would be several years before money would be available to build the road and that it couldn't afford to tie up highway funds for such a period of time.

Traffic congestion now demands immediate modernization of the highway north of town. We imagine the department already has spent more in engineering costs alone, trying to find the cheapest location, than right of way between Roseburg and Winchester would have cost had the land been purchased when request was made several years ago. When the state finally buys right of way, the cost will be tremendously higher than would have been the case prior to the local expansion period. Now the state must buy land which has increased in value and also pay for improvements.

Would Aid Community Development

It was suggested to the committee that the highway department be authorized to issue long-term right of way bonds. The money would be earmarked to acquire rights of way, which study indicated would be needed in the future. Special attention would be given areas undergoing expansion.

The argument was presented that occasionally the department anticipates a location for a highway, but that economic conditions, a shift in community growth, or some other condition intervenes to make a change from the original site advisable. In such cases the cost of right of way might be lost.

On the other hand, the claim was made that even though change might be required in a few cases, the state would enjoy an overall profit because of saving in the majority of projects where the original site would be used.

More specific, however, would be the benefit to local investment and expansion, where, if a definite highway location were known, investment, planning, zoning, etc., could be guided, thereby reducing possibility of a later change of site.

Indecision Proves Costly

The situation at Roseburg can be used as a concrete example of cost of indecision on the part of the highway commission, which, even yet, reports it has no definite determination of highway location north of town.

Hundreds of thousands of dollars are represented in investment along the route of the present highway. Some of this investment will be adversely affected by highway relocation. At the same time, much investment money is awaiting the commission's decision on highway location. Had the commission, when requested years ago, bought right of way, even though construction was not immediately contemplated, many investors would be spared losses now impending, while other investors could have proceeded with contemplated improvements without fear of loss.

The proposal that money be provided through a bond issue to acquire rights of way adjacent to urban areas is one deserving of very thorough consideration. We believe it would save the state a large sum of money during the next decade.

Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses Issued
 OSBURN-OSBURN — Albert William Osburn and Alma Ruth Osburn, both of Sutherlin.

SONSERI-LIVERMORE — Salvatore Vincent Sonseri and Ester Agnes Livermore, both of Roseburg.

PIERCE-BUTLER—Sidney Miles Pierce and Jackie D. Butler, both of Sutherlin.

TALLEY-BURTON—Wayne Chester Talley and Jo Ann Burton, both of Roseburg.

Divorce Suits Filed
SNOW — Pat W. vs. Lavania Vaughn Snow. Married at Reno, Nev., July 22, 1947. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged. Property settlement asked.

BISHOP—Rosie Lee vs. Gerald L. Bishop. Married at Roseburg Nov. 18, 1946. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged.

HANSEN—Theo Leona vs. Golden Hansen. Married at Roseburg Nov. 26, 1929. Cruel and inhuman treatment charged.

News-Review classified ads bring results. Phone 100.

Sometime Dog's Best Friend Is Also A Dog

PHILADELPHIA —(AP)— Sometimes a dog's best friend is another dog.

Residents of suburban Upper Darby reported this incident: The neighborhood calm was shattered by the yelping of a little mongrel. Householders rushed outside to find a big dog with its teeth clamped on the smaller animal's throat.

Several men chased the larger dog with the aid of brooms and a bucket of water.

Fifteen minutes later the small dog was back—with a great big mongrel friend. For a half hour, the little canine strutted around the neighborhood, barking furiously. Then, injured honor apparently satisfied, the small dog trotted off again.

Youth played a predominant part in crimes against property in the U. S. in 1949. 27.4 percent of the persons charged with robbery, embezzlement, burglary, larceny, auto theft, fraud, forgery, counterfeiting, receiving stolen property and arson were less than 21 years old.

The mineral cobalt has been found essential in building the newly discovered vitamin B12.

In the Day's News

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have been watching Nugget Walker Korndyke's performance during the past year.

ONLY a few years ago, that would have been an achievement of the UTMOST IMPORTANCE. Now, one wonders.

The amount of butter in storage is large. It is INCREASING. Almost all the butter in storage is owned by the U. S. government. It is being bought to hold up the price.

Market reports indicate that per capita consumption of butter is decreasing slightly. Per capita consumption of oleomargarine is INCREASING RAPIDLY.

I don't know for sure what it all means, and I doubt if anyone else does, but it looks as if butter, one of the finest foods in existence, is being priced out of the market.

If that is true, I can't help wondering if Nugget Walker Korndyke's world record performance is as important economically as it would have been a few years back.

JOHN Maragon, who made the headlines in a big way a little while back when the Washington five percenter were in the news, has been charged with perjury. A grand jury has just accused him of lying five times to senate investigators who were inquiring into the business of getting government contracts for a five percent cut of the proceeds.

If he is guilty, I certainly hope he is convicted and sent to jail. This business of lying under oath and getting away with it could break down the whole structure of our governmental system.

IN New York the other day, a young policeman and his girl were sitting in his car (parked in front of the girl's home) and presumably were talking about the things young people talk about under such circumstances. It was his day off, and he was in civilian clothes.

Suddenly the car door was opened and a gunman shoved a pistol in the young cop's face. The gunman tied his victim up with a clothline, and made him get in the back seat. Then he slid into the front seat alongside the girl, said to her: "I want you, baby," and to her boy friend he said: "I'm going to give you a show." Then he drove off.

The young policeman wriggled until he got a hand free. With his free hand he got hold of the gun in his shoulder holster. With the gun, he SHOT the abductor.

WELL, I suppose he should have waited in the hope that the law would come to his rescue and take its chartered course. But I certainly think the abductor got what was coming to him and he might not have got it if the young cop had waited for the law to take its course.

STOCK CLUB MEETS

Riverside Happy Days Stock club met Wednesday at the home of the leader, Don Harmon, with Sandra Humphreys, president, in charge. Joanie Kruse was appointed reporter for the club. The next meeting was announced to be held at the home of Donnie Myers.

Scenes from the MENDING BASKET

By Viannett S. Martin

My father, who was born in 1869, could remember very little of his mother whose memory he revered so deeply all his life. When our boys were toddlers, the older sister who "raised" him, sent the little verse which that mother taught her small boy before he could read: I came across it the other day in a box of treasured things I was looking through.

"In silence I must take my seat, And give God thanks before I eat; Be quiet, and with patience wait Till I am asked to pass my plate; Must not crowd my mouth with food; To drop crumbs is not good; Must not move my chair about Talk up loud, or ever shout; Must drink the milk, or water, slow So not to make a noise, you know. If asked to have some more of these, Say, no thank you—if you please;

When through with meals, ask to be excused— Then to my play to be amused." I have a beautifully carved little hinged box containing her picture: crown of dark braids, long curl over shoulder, hoop skirts, a hint of a smile. I always use the cowrie shell she used for mending her children's stockings and socks; it gives me a feeling of continuity, of nearness, of "roots down deep."

Once her little boy used his new hammer and tacks to fasten her long train to the floor—it was almost the only thing he could remember afterwards.

And once I dressed my hair the same way and came down the stairs to where my beloved grandfather was sitting in a reverie. His hands gripped the arms of his chair. He leaned forward: "Rufina!" He brushed his hand across his eyes. "I—thought for a moment—you were your grandmother."

It gave me treasured memory!

Editorial Comment

From The Oregon Press

Irrigation and Excess Production
 (The Oregon Statesman)

What to do with the crops that will be grown on the million irrigated acres of the Columbia basin is beginning to worry officials. At a meeting of the Columbia basin interagency committee last week in Olympia Dr. C. M. Elkinton, economist at Washington State college, said disposal of potatoes and dry beans from the project may create a major marketing problem. Other crops, he predicted, could be absorbed because of population increase, but beans and potatoes will definitely be surplus.

The increase in spuds is estimated at 52 per cent of the state's present production, or 32 per cent, and dry beans will jump from 44,000 bags to 175,000 bags. With both now in oversupply the marketing agencies will face a problem when these new lands come into production.

A saving factor is that bringing water to the land will be spread over a number of years. It will take farmers time to level lands and bring them under crop. Even so the addition of so large an area of highly productive lands is bound to have its effect on marketing of farm crops.

In none of the statements of the reclamation bureau do we see any reference to the dangers of excessive production or any study of the timing of the expansion of our irrigable acreage. That is poor planning.

Reclamation has been so much the subject of political pressure on congress that little consideration has been given toward relating it to the whole problem of American agriculture, insuring a sufficiency of producing and avoiding price-breaking surpluses. The bureau itself is aggressive for expansion and local interests put pressures on senators and congressmen to secure congressional authorization and approval. If projects had to have the approval of a board of impartial review as recommended in the Hoover commission reports there would be less chance for ill-timed and ill-advised undertakings to gain approval.

Deb Addison in the Klamath Falls Herald & News Caught In The Rungs

There are lots of people who are strong for Bonneville power. The name, Copco, is poison to them. This column is no Copco lover, but you can't have both, and Bonneville scares us to death. Copco is small, as power companies go, and with all the restrictions there are now you can beat their ears down occasionally.

Actually Copco officials are people. Two of their big shots came up through the ranks here in Klamath. They speak English. Not so in public power shots. They speak gobbledygook, or governmentese language all their own. You can't understand it, so how would you expect them to understand you, if they did listen?

When Bonneville comes into a small community, you know who the dog, and who gets wagged.

Copco service sometimes is lousy. The only time the H & N unintentionally has missed publication was a year or so ago when the power went off. Then everyone gave Copco the devil, and they were close enough that they could hear. Work was done on the gadget that gave the trouble.

And, too, when there were blackouts and brownouts all up and down the coast, the worst we had here were clocks that ran slow and stoves that were a little sluggish.

Development of resources? For years Copco fought the battle to get permission to put more plants in the Klamath canyon. They never got that, and so turned to the North Umpqua. They finally got the go ahead signal, and in a couple of years will be generating a total of 265,000 kilowatts. The pre-war capacity was 120,000.

Rates? Copco's average residential rate last year was 1.63 cents per kilowatt hour. The national average was 2.95.

Concert Assn. Check-Up
Slated For Tonight

A membership checkup meeting of the Roseburg Community Concert association officers and committees is being held tonight at 7:30 o'clock in the office of Gladys H. Strong, association president, in the Masonic building.

Miss Strong emphasized that the membership campaign will definitely end Saturday at 2 p. m. No association memberships will be accepted after that date. Headquarters for the campaign, conducted by Miss Margaret Blackburn, are in the chamber of commerce.

Approximately 145,000 members of 3,152 farm youth clubs in new Japan are now actively engaged in pursuits similar to those of American 4-H Club members.

How Not To Solve The Farm Problem



Local News

No Meeting Saturday — Glide Grange has announced postponement of its Saturday night meeting and social hour.

Leaves For Portland—Roy Cummins of Roseburg left Wednesday for Portland to spend a couple of days on business.

Returns to Portland—Mrs. G. E. Stephenson has returned to her home in Portland after a visit in Roseburg with her two sisters, Mrs. Paul K. Ryan and Mrs. Billy Mohr.

Stops Here—Glenn William Wharton of Salem stopped over in Roseburg on business Wednesday. While here, he visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Wharton.

Doing Nicely—Mrs. Gladys Palm of Roseburg is reported doing nicely at Mercy hospital, where she underwent a major operation Tuesday.

To Meet Friday — Lookingglass Grange Home Economics club will meet at the hall at a 12 o'clock potluck luncheon Friday with Mrs. Susie Orr, Miss Arline Forbes and Mrs. Elsie Russell as hostesses.

Undergoes Major Operation — Mrs. Kenneth Bailey of Roseburg is reported doing nicely at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland, where she underwent a major operation the first of the week.

Box Social Friday — Riverside PTA will sponsor a 6:30 o'clock box social at the school lunch room Friday night, April 21. The public is invited. Prizes will be awarded owners of the best decorated boxes.

Postponed—Initiation planned by Sutherland Rebekah lodge for tonight, April 20, has been postponed until further notice. Visiting lodges in the county had been invited to participate in the evening's ceremonies.

Mrs. Sheppard Doing Nicely — Mrs. Roy Sheppard of Roseburg is reported doing nicely at St. Vincent's hospital in Portland, where she underwent a major operation this week.

Grange to Meet — Riverside Grange will meet at 8:15 o'clock Friday night at the hall. Refreshments will be in charge of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Cox, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Harmon, Mr. and Mrs. Ne Dixon and Mr. and Mrs. V. T. Jackson.

PEO To Meet Friday—Chapter B1, PEO Sisterhood will meet at a 1:15 o'clock dessert-luncheon Friday at the home of Mrs. Claude Kerr, 2430 Pothill Drive, with Mrs. M. M. Beery, co-hostess. Guest speaker will be Mrs. Ruth Hamilton from Chapter B2, Reedsport.

Visitor Leaves — Mrs. Gertrude Ellis left today for her home in Oakland, Calif., following two weeks in Roseburg visiting her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Holmes, and family, on East Douglas street. She was taken to Eugene by Mrs. Holmes and daughter, Miss Kay. Mrs. Ellis boarded the Shasta Daylight in Eugene to return south.

Money Demanded In Four Actions

Earl Corbett Valade and Thelma M. Valade have filed a suit in circuit court against W. M. Sandall and Edna M. Sandall, doing business as W. M. Sandall Co., demanding judgments for \$32.23, plus interest and \$150 attorney fees, and \$420.09, plus interest and \$150 attorney fees.

Both demands involve unpaid sums on promissory notes executed by the defendant.

M. N. Cox, doing business as Professional Credit Service, has filed suit in circuit court demanding judgment against Phers and Hazel Nelson on an assigned account for \$508.45, plus interest and costs, alleged due for goods, wares and merchandise.

The Oregon State Unemployment Compensation commission filed two suits to collect allegedly unpaid contributions to the unemployment fund.

The commission asks judgment of \$183.60, plus interests and costs, from James R. Daugherty, and \$386.33, plus interest and costs, from Claude Kellum, defendants in the two suits.

Corbett Confident That Suspension Won't Last

EL PASO, Tex., April 20 —(AP)— President Jack Corbett of the El Paso club in the Arizona-Texas league today is confident his indefinite suspension from baseball will be a short one.

Yesterday, George M. Trautman, president of the minor leagues, fined the class C club \$1,000 and suspended Corbett for defying rules of the National association.

Center of all the fuss is Ventura Morales, an outfielder, who played against Phoenix in El Paso's opener. Trautman said Morales was not qualified to play because he still was under contract to the Mexican league. Trautman in an order issued some days ago voided Morales' contract with the El Paso club.

Ulysses S. Grant's father was a tanner. The boy who was to become president started as an apprentice in the family sole-leather tannery.

One of the oldest Congregational church bodies in New York state is that at Orient, Long Island, organized in 1735.

The average person walks the equivalent of twice-around-the-globe in the course of a lifetime.

Housing Loans Desired By Most Colleges In U. S.

WASHINGTON —(AP)— The American council on education estimated that more than 70 percent of the nation's colleges are interested in getting direct housing loans from the federal government.

The council sent questionnaires to all institutions of higher education regarding a housing bill approved by Congress which would provide the schools \$300,000,000 for direct 40-year loans, for student and faculty housing.

The council said that of those interested in applying for loans "70 percent would apply only if

POSTMISTRESS O.K.'d

The appointment of Paula J. Burt as postmistress at Winston has been approved by the Senate an Associated Press dispatch from Washington, D. C., states.

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