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## ENTHUSIASTIC GOOD ROADS RALLY HELD

Five Hundred Oregon Boosters Indorse \$6,000,000 Bonding bill.

Five hundred good roads boosters, representing 33 of the 35 counties of the state, at a state-wide good roads rally in Portland, Saturday, April 28th, unanimously indorsed the \$6,000,000 good roads bond bill and voted to wage an aggressive campaign in behalf of the measure until the date of the special election on June 4th.

Stirring addresses were delivered by Governor Withycombe, John Hartman, Frank Terrace, Andrew Eggeman, Simon Benson, E. J. Adams, C. C. Chapman, Mrs. Charles H. Castner, president of the Oregon Federation of Women's Clubs, and representatives from each of the counties represented at the gathering.

Reports from all sections of the state were optimistic in their tone and it was confidently predicted that the road bond bill would be approved by the voters of the state at the special election in June. It was decided, however, to prosecute the campaign aggressively that the favorable majority for the measure may be decisive.

## GOOD ROADS POINTERS

The \$6,000,000 bond issue is a move in the step to secure good roads and should be supported. A movement of this kind must have a beginning and as the roads are built the demand will grow until eventually what is now a system of proposed main highways will be but a part of a system covering the entire state.—Burns Tribune.

The law doubling the automobile license fee has nothing to do with the \$6,000,000 road bond bill. The automobile license was increased by another law passed at the last Legislature. It is now a law. The increased license will be collected whether or not the road bond bill, which is a separate measure altogether, is approved at the June election.

The Herald is heartily in favor of the \$6,000,000 bond issue, because the automobile licenses will pay the bonds and interest, and the taxpayers will not be out one cent for the construction of our main thoroughfares, and the regular road funds raised in the several counties will then be used to build good lateral roads from the rural districts into connection with the main highways.—Houlton Herald.

When state bonds for good roads were first proposed in California six years ago, 15 counties voted against the bonds. At a second bond election for the same purpose last November, every one of the 58 counties of the state gave a majority for the bonds. Could better proof be asked that the people of California have found that the issuance of state bonds for the construction of a system of permanent roads is a profitable investment?

The success of the \$6,000,000 road bonding bill at the special June election lies in the justice displayed in the recognition of all localities of the State in need of more roads; and better roads. Recognize all of them and build them as soon and fast as possible. If Good Roads and More Roads is the slogan, cover the whole State with the system and bury the hatchet of clique or clan rule, otherwise, vote the bill into oblivion.—Drewsey Sun.

"The tax burden in Oregon is so intolerably heavy," says the Union Republican, "that it is believed that most of the taxpayers will prefer to bond at the expense of the auto license fees, as contemplated in the road bonding act, rather than vote a big increase of direct taxes to accomplish the same end. The people insist on having the roads built, and the whole controversy is as to methods of financing—direct taxation or bonds based on auto license fees."

The automobile owner should remember this: The law increasing his license is now in effect. He will have to pay the increased license. The \$6,000,000 road bond bill will be voted on at the June election. If it carries, the money raised from increased automobile licenses will be used in building roads. If the road bond bill fails, the money may be used for other purposes. Every automobile owner should not only vote for the bonds but he should be a booster for the measure because of his direct and personal interest in the revenue derived from his license and the manner in which it is expended.

The Outlook is in favor of good roads and therefore in favor of the proposed bond issue. It will do all it can, legitimately, to help carry the coming election in their behalf.

It is true that several strong interests are opposing the bonds, but in one case at least the opposition is presumptuous and not the real sentiment of many who are being misrepresented. We refer to the Grange and its self-imposed champion, State Master Spence. He is trying to make it appear that he has the support of the Grange in his opposition, but in reality he is only voicing the sentiment of a minority. It is a pertinent question to ask who gave him the authority to use the name of the Grange.—Gresham Outlook.

## THE GODS of MARS

Do Not Miss Our New Serial

STARTS THIS WEEK IN THE WEEKLY OBSERVER-STAR AND SATURDAY EVENING OBSERVER.

### Alicel New Notes

Alicel, Ore., May 7.—(Special)—Weather conditions have changed for the better and plowing, seeding, gardening and a general spring clean-up are now in full sway. All the school joined forces and cleaned the school grounds Friday afternoon. Many of the children have measles which reduces the number of primary pupils to eleven. The Basket social which was to be held May 4, has been postponed until May 18, on account of so much sickness. Ed Jasper has moved his cows and

horses from his ranch near Alicel to Palmer Junction for the summer. L. F. Wright has taken his cattle, except those for home use, to the foothills for pasture. Mr. Bridges of La Grande has his orchard southeast of Alicel practically cleared of trees now. H. H. Cleaver is also removing many of his trees and using the land for farming purposes. Church services were held Sunday. Lewis Smith was Epworth league leader. Mildred Webb, who has been very ill with measles, had an operation performed on her ear recently. She is recovering slightly. Since spring work has commenced

the high school is composed of girls, all the boys having quit to work on the farms. Sunday saw the first baseball game of the season for Alicel's team. The game was played between Alicel and Imbler on Alicel grounds and resulted in a score of 9-10 in Alicel's favor. The game was close until the end and is merely a promise of what the team intends to do. Mrs. Jesse Spencer and children spent the week end with their grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. Plass. R. C. Plass has caught the "clean-up" spirit and has repainted his house. The girls of the Epworth league will return the entertainment to the Big Mitt society Friday evening. The girls promise a good time and are hoping that every member is present. The president of the Big Mitts will necessarily be absent on account of the measles. Four of the Ledbetter girls have the measles but are expected back to school in a short time.

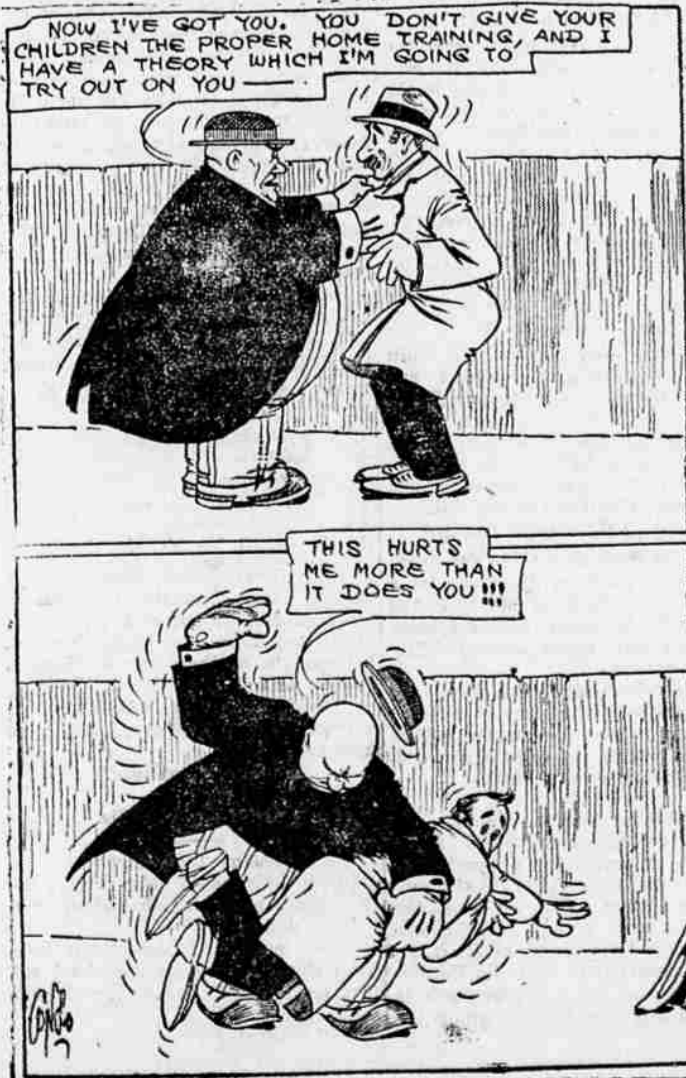
### Students Leave School, Work On Farm

Seeing the need of their help on account of the late spring, a large number of La Grande high school students have left school and are working on the farms surrounding this vicinity. The local board of education has passed a resolution granting them credits in those subjects that they were doing successful work in up to the time of their leaving the school. They are required to present to Principal Hampton letters from their parents stating that conditions compel them to go to work. These letters are then put away on file to be referred to at any time necessary. The following students have withdrawn from the school: Joe Reynolds, Russel Marquis, Grant Bean, Harry McClure, Frank Carroll, Allyn Hunter, Chas. Smutz, Alfred Owsley, Lial Russell, Weslie McDonald, Frank Young, Phillips Heidenrich, Dallas Green, Lee Chenault, Earl Blockland, Harold Hough, Chester Thompson, Elaine Briggs, Elwood Lyman, Rollo Lyman, Howard Pierson, Eugene Moon, Gilas Simmons, Harry Proctor, John Prouty and Chester Millering.

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