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SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

Table with columns for 'By Carrier' and 'By Mail' rates for various durations: Daily, Weekly, Monthly, Six Months, and Yearly.

DIGEST OF MEASURES TO BE VOTED ON AT THE JUNE ELECTION.

(For the information of the voters of the state, the following brief digest of all proposals to be submitted to the electorate at the special election of June 4, has been prepared. Effort has been made to state the real purport and result of each proposal without bias and solely for the information and possible guidance of the voter in deciding the attitude he desires to assume at the polls.)

A bill, referred by the legislature, sixth on the ballot, entitled "Four Hundred Thousand Dollar Tax Levy for a New Penitentiary."

The bill was enacted by the legislature and referred to the people because the appropriation of \$400,000 it carried, taken with other legislative appropriations, would have exceeded the six per cent increase limited by the recent constitutional amendment, and, therefore, to be effective must receive the affirmative vote of the people. The bill provides, in brief, that an appropriation of \$500,000, divided into four annual parts of \$100,000 each, be raised by direct taxation, for the purpose of constructing a new state penitentiary building.

The bill resulted from the report of the commission appointed by the governor to make a survey of the prison which reported that the present building was overcrowded, incapable of proper sanitation and so arranged that there could be no adequate segregation of prisoners or attempts at vice control.

Those who believe that the appropriation should be given should vote "312 X Yes"; those who do not "313 X No."

The measure designated as the "Six Million Dollar Road Bond Issue and Highway Bill" provides for the issue within the next five years of \$6,000,000 of 4 per cent serial state highway bonds from which to hard surface main trunk highways, designated in the bill.

The issue of the bonds is restricted as follows: One million the first year; two million the second year, and the remaining three million between the third and fifth years at the option of the state highway commission. Beginning with the sixth year, they are to be retired at the rate of one-twentieth each year, making the total bond period 26 years.

An act of the legislature already in force creates a fund for the redemption of the bonds out of the revenue derived from the increased motor vehicle tax and the quarter mill property tax. It is estimated that the total revenue from both of these sources will be approximately \$530,000 per annum \$220,000 from the quarter mill tax and \$310,000 from the motor vehicle tax.

The quarter mill tax and the motor license will be in effect, irrespective of the action taken on the bond bill.

The voters who are in favor of the bond issue will vote "314 X Yes"; those who are opposed will vote "315 X no."

Support The Government!

At this critical period in our history our manufacturers are offering their mills, and our young men are offering their services to the United States Government.

Do your bit by subscribing to the Liberty Loan. This bank can furnish Bonds in denominations of \$50, \$100, \$500 or \$1000. You can pay for bonds in installments.

Come In and Talk It Over

La Grande National Bank

700 RAILROAD ACCOUNTING OFFICERS ASSEMBLE IN CALIF.

San Francisco, May 30.—(United Press)—Seven hundred delegates from all parts of the United States met here today for the annual national convention of the Association of American Railway Accounting Officers. Important questions brought to an issue by the war will be taken up.

OYSTERVILLE WILL GIVE AN OYSTER BALL

Yaquina, Ore., May 30.—(United Press)—Let joy be confined! The oystermen of Oysterville will give an oyster ball. And the couple that ends the dance nearest a certain secret spot in the hall will be given two quarts of oysters, the grand prize of the evening's festivities. Oysterville is a town on Yaquina Bay, where the succulent bivalves thrive and grow fat.

ANSWER THE ALARM!

La Grande People Should Not Delay. If your kidneys are inflamed, Don't stand around and do nothing. Like a fire it will soon be beyond control. You will get the alarm in time—Backache, or dizziness or disorders of the urine. Heed the warning. Give your kidneys a rest by living more carefully. Use Doan's Kidney Pills to help stamp out the cause. Profit by a La Grande woman's experience. Mrs. F. J. Bartlett, 603 Adams St., La Grande says: "I was subject to backache. At times I was in a great deal of misery more so when standing much. Knowing the value of Doan's Kidney Pills, I got a box and used them. I was permanently cured of that misery in my back. Since then, I haven't experienced any backache or kidney trouble." Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Bartlett had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.—Adv.

THE BOOK OF BOOKS.

Of all books the greatest is the Bible. If you can have only one book, take the Bible in which you will find concentrated the poetry, wisdom and experience of the ages. The best advice that can be given to young people is to read the Bible. No great writer ever lived who was not familiar with the Bible, the greatest orators, poets and judges all show in their writings and utterances their friendship and acquaintance with the book of books.

PAY THEM A LIVING WAGE.

On the ground that the laborer is worthy of his hire The Observer is in favor of raising the pay of members of the legislature from \$3 to \$6 a day. No legislator can break even on \$3 a day at Salem. It is unfair and unjust to ask a legislator to give up 40 days of his time and not to pay him sufficient to cover his expenses. The law should be amended so that a poor man might aspire to serve the state in the legislature. Legislators should be well paid by the state. They should not have to draw upon private or outside funds while engaged in the service of the state. This argument is elementary but nevertheless true.

A NEW NEWSPAPER.

The U. S. Government is publishing a daily newspaper called "The Official Bulletin." It is the only known rival of "The Congressional Record" for dullness. It is another example of how public money is wasted.

KNOW THEIR BUSINESS.

Swiss farmers who have settled near Stanfield are operating a cheese factory. They understand their business and will no doubt make a success of it. This is one of the prime requisites to success. Many new enterprises are started by those who have never made a success of anything. That is why they fail.

CATCHING THE SPIES.

The United States government has undertaken a big job when it undertakes to catch the German spies who tipped off the departure of the United States destroyer fleet. It would not be surprising if the spies were located in the employ of the government departments in Washington. It is hard for an American to understand the worldwide organization of the German spy system which has been in operation for a century.

WHAT SPECIAL ADVANTAGES HAVE THESE LIBERTY LOAN BONDS?

One especial advantage no other bonds, National, State, municipal, or corporate, have is that if the United States during the continuance of this war shall issue other bonds at a higher rate of interest, the holders of these Liberty bonds have the right to exchange their Liberty bonds for bonds bearing the higher rate of interest, dollar for dollar.

WHAT OTHER SPECIAL ADVANTAGES DO LIBERTY LOAN BONDS POSSESS?

They are nontaxable. If your city, county, and State taxes are three mills on the dollar, a not unusual tax, these bonds are equivalent to ordinary corporate bonds or other investments bearing 6 1-2 per cent.

In addition, no Federal tax which war conditions may later make necessary will affect these bonds. The only tax these bonds are subject to is the inheritance tax, which applies to all property of all kinds whatsoever.

Have you seen our new line of bathing suits? If not, now is the time, before yours is gone.



Ladies' Cotton Hosiery in colors, grey, white, pink, etc. Pair . . . 50c

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Ladies Silk Sweaters

These new Silk Knit Sweaters are the newest arrivals at our store. If you have not seen them, you have missed a beautiful display.

They are in green, purple, blue, yellow, rose and white; also in combinations of these colors.

All have belts, some in plain contrasting colors; others with stripes.

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PRICE \$12.50



HOW ARE LIBERTY BONDS OBTAINED?

Blank forms of application for the purchase of these bonds can be obtained from the Treasury Department, any Federal Reserve Bank, any National, State, or private bank, any express office, and any postoffice in the United States. Any bank or postmaster will aid applicant in filling out his blank and the other acts necessary to obtain these bonds.

COMMENT OF THE PRESS.

Great Chance for the Upstate.

Although Multnomah county, who will pay over 35 per cent of the cost of the road bonds, will receive not one foot of these roads, yet the indirect benefit will greatly repay her. For the future of Portland depends upon the development of the upstate country, and that at present depends upon better roads. And after all the Federal Government and the auto owner and Multnomah county pays the bill, that is, at least, 80 per cent of it. There will likely never again come a time when the taxpayers of the upstate will be able to get roads built for less than one fifth of the actual net cost. And when we consider that that tax and auto license must be paid in any event, it seems that no one unless they want bad roads and enjoy the misery they create could vote against the road bonding measure.—Vale Enterprise.

The Senatorial Succession.

There is much interest in the Senatorial situation caused by the death of Harry Lane, and there are many candidates for the vacancy. The Governor announces, as a matter of self protection, that he has already made up his mind as to the appointee, and requests that the candidates refrain from approaching him upon the question. Many ambitious citizens are seeking the honor. The Tribune is of the opinion that the executive would do well to select some representative of the great agricultural interests of the state. Perhaps he will do that. His affiliations have been long with the agricultural college. The farmers elected him. The country needs sound sense in Congress, not political acumen.—Pendleton Tribune.

Observe Memorial Day This Year of All Years.

The nation will do well to observe Memorial Day this year with special ceremony. Too often in recent years it has been substantially forgotten. The rush for money, for business, for pleasure, has crowded from the public mind the lofty sentiment which lies behind the occasion. This year is a martial time. Patriotism is being instilled into our daily walk. Memorial Day will be revived.—Wallowa Sun.

Company M to Visit Elgin June 3.

The coming of Company M to Elgin on June 3rd for the purpose of giving a complete military drill will provide a rare treat for the people of a large section and no one should fail to see the maneuvers. Elgin residents feel grateful to Captain Neer and his men for arriving at a decision to honor the town with a visit.—Elgin Recorder.

Let Its Great Grand Children Build 'Em.

The present generation has a right to vote against good roads if it wants to, and let its great, great grand children build 'em.—Weston Leader.