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A TIME TO VOTE "NO"

A special election has been called in Independence for next Thursday, April 27, for the purpose of amending the charter so that \$16000 worth of bonds held against the city and drawing six percent interest may be recalled and sold again to another company that will take them for five and a half percent interest. The last named company, having received a guarantee that it will get the bonds, is paying all the expenses of the election.

From a financial standpoint, it will save several hundred dollars in interest, but there are two objections that every voter should weigh carefully before casting his ballot. First, it will be noted that the company secured a guarantee that it could buy the bonds, thereby eliminating all competition. Perhaps there are other companies that would make a better offer if the usual method of advertising for bids was carried out. However, this objection might be overruled by declaring it a supposition. Second, at the end of Sub-division 2 of the proposed amendment, which was prepared by the bond company, this proviso is found:

"And provided also that the debt limitation contained in the charter of said city shall not apply to the bonds hereby authorized."

So, should this amendment be adopted, the debt limitation of this city would be increased from \$45000 to \$61000. While this \$16000 would not be a part of the debt limitation it would be a legal claim against the city just the same and added to the present limit of \$45000 would make \$61000.

The council, without expense to the city, has put it up to the voters for acception or rejection and The Monitor because of the "debt limitation" section advises a vote of "NO."

REDUCTION OF HOP ACREAGE URGED

All over the United States and in the leading hop growing centers of the world, agitation for the reduction of acreage is growing. Statistically there is almost double the acreage devoted to hops in the world to produce the requirements of hops during normal seasons.

This means that despite the ideas of many interests that beer makers must eventually come to their terms regarding the price of hops, the fact remains that the brewers have almost enough hops in their ware-

houses at this time to supply their requirements for an entire season, even though not a single bale was purchased in the coming crop year. This does not mean that all brewers have a surplus of hops on hand. Some purchase only for immediate requirements and carry no surplus, but this is by no means true of the general brewing fraternity. Some of the larger operators generally carry sufficient stocks of hops to meet their requirements for two seasons. They

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U. O. GLEE CLUB COMING

24 GIRLS IN PARTY

Will Appear in the Independence Opera House On Saturday Night, April 29

Citizens of Independence will have an opportunity to assist in the raising of a fund to construct a Woman's Memorial Hall at the University of Oregon when the Women's Glee Club of the State University appears at the Opera House Saturday night, April 29. The concert to be given by the glee club in this city is but one of five that are to be given in various towns of the Willamette Valley. The proceeds of the tour are to be turned into the Women's Building fund.

Ordinarily in the case of a charitable entertainment, the support of the public is expected because of the worthiness of the purpose rather than the real merit of the entertainment to which the proceeds are to be put, but such is not the case with the concert given by the University of Oregon Women's Glee Club. This year's club is undoubtedly the best women's glee club that has ever been produced at the University. At least music critics say so.

When the club appears in this city, it will present a program so well balanced and including such a wide variety of talent as to please the most cosmopolitan audience. The program will consist of solos, quartets, ensembles, duets and skits.

The club carries three soloists in the persons of Miss Virginia Peterson, soprano, Miss Martha Tinker, soprano, and Miss Leah Perkins, contralto. All three have well-rounded voices and sing difficult numbers with consummate skill. The program is not without a humorous aspect. The skit, "Ten-Twenty-Thirty" is a guaranteed laugh-producer and cure for the blues. A troupe of New York actresses are stranded at a small railroad station. They soon become the objects of curiosity on the part of the "natives" of the village. The conversation which takes place and the humorous situations that arise make the skit funny to the extreme.

The club has a membership of twenty-four. While here the University women will be entertained at private homes.

Dean Ralph H. Lyman of the University School of Music, is the director of the organization and has given months in perfecting the quality of the club.

The program is as follows:

- PART ONE
 a. "The Dusk Witch" - Ambrose
 b. "Will o' the Wisp" - Sproso
 Glee Club
 Soprano Solo - "A May Morning" - Denza
 Miss Virginia Peterson
 "To the Spring" - Grieg
 Glee Club
 Soprano Solo - "Lullaby from Jocelyn" - Goddard
 Miss Martha Tinker
 Violin Obligato by Miss Meiba Williams
 "The Fountain" - Bartlett
 Glee Club
 PART TWO
 "Serenade" - Strauss
 Glee Club
 Piano Solo - Paraphrase on the Quartet from "Rigoletto" - Verdi - Last
 Miss Mona Dougherty
 Quartet - "The Sweetest Flower That Blows" - Hawley
 Misses Gillette, Tinker, Wood and Perkins
 Skit - "Ten-Twenty-Thirty" - Dolph

WOMAN WANTS \$300

Mrs. Charles Lee, a resident of North Independence, has asked the city of Independence to pay her \$300 as she desolated an ankle when she fell upon a sidewalk near the residence of Mrs. A. A. Nelson on North Main St. The city authorities are not sure that it is responsible for the defective condition of the walk, as the Oregon Power Co. had been excavating at the place where the woman fell and had left the walk in the shape it was.

Dogs, kids and speeders were swatted by the city fathers at their regular meeting Wednesday night. It is claimed that dogs are running loose again and a special "catcher" will be put on the job. Kids are also running loose after nine o'clock and the marshal was instructed to notify parents that their roaming offsprings must be properly restrained. As it has again become a fashion to speed with autos and motorcycles on the paved streets of the city, it was deemed advisable to put the motor cop back on the job.

BOOSTS SLAUGHTER

A. Slaughter, the new manager of the Capital City Co-operative Creamery, arrived in the city yesterday and is now in charge of the business. He is regarded as one of the expert and scientific butter makers of the state. After graduating from the Minnesota university in the dairy division, he engaged in butter making in several co-operative creameries in Pennsylvania and at one time had charge of the dairy department of the Dunn county school of agriculture. Later he was in charge of a co-operative creamery at Pethuma, California where his special work was in testing and pasteurizing cream. For the past two years he has been in charge of the Independence creamery while living in the east. Mr. Slaughter was connected with the American Society of Equity, a farm marketing organization. For the past two years he has been on the executive board of the Oregon state butter and cheese makers association. He is the author of the Wisconsin co-operative law from which the Oregon co-operative law was taken. -Salem Capital Journal.

CLEAN-UP WEEK

Mrs. J. E. Hubbard, Sherman Hayes and Ed. Owen appeared before the city council Wednesday night and Mrs. Hubbard in a neat little speech told the councilmen that she was one of the committee selected by the Civic Club to inform the city authorities that "clean up" time was here again, that swatting the rubbish, cans and flies was a yearly necessity and suggested a union of city officers, Civic Club and citizens, for a grand "clean up" the first week in May. The council gladly accepted the offer and will assist in the good work.

DYKSTRA RE ELECTED

R. G. Dykstra has been re-elected as principal of school at Perrydale at an increase of salary. Mr. Dykstra has made a good record at Perrydale.

EASTER SERVICES

There will be Easter services in all the churches Sunday evening, splendid programs having been prepared. See page 3.

THE NEW BRIDGE

Provided the county court of Polk county approves plans drawn by State Engineer Lewis for a steel bridge across the Willamette river at Salem, bids for its construction are to be advertised for immediately. The county court of this county approved the plans Saturday afternoon, and they also met with the approval of the viewers.

The bridge as designed will consist of four 161-foot camel-back steel spans, with 138-foot vertical lift span and a reinforced concrete viaduct approach on the Polk county end, 850 feet in length. The roadway is to be 36 feet in width with six-foot walks on each side. The lift span will be balanced by counter weights and operated by simple rack and pinion gearing, with power transmitted by shafting motors installed in an operator's house at the center of the span.

"This type of bridge was selected for the reason that borings for foundation of piers showed a blue mud and sand formation entirely unsuited for concrete arches of the necessary span, but which was of sufficient bearing power to support a steel structure on concrete piers carried by wood pile foundations," said Engineer Lewis.

"The cost of the steel structure is estimated at \$143,100, including foundations, and the reinforced viaduct approach at \$55,400. The floor of the main spans is to be of wood on steel joists with bituminous surface. If a concrete under floor is substituted \$4500 should be added to the cost of the structure."

Astronomer Mellish, who has discovered his fourth comet, deserves much praise, though we could have worried along with the comets we had.

"STOP IT" SAYS WILSON DELIVERS ULTIMATUM

Germany Must Modify Submarine Warfare At Once; War Possible

President Wilson has notified the German government that its submarine warfare must be modified without further parley and unless the United States' wishes are complied with, relations between the two countries will be severed. The refusal of Germany to comply with the U. S. demands will probably mean war.

"SINGLE LIFE"

A fair sized house greeted the members of the Tuesday Evening Club when they presented "Single Life," a three act comedy, at the opera house last Friday night. All those taking part were inexperienced in acting upon the stage and did remarkably well under the circumstances. Miss Dolly Dearing deserves special mention for her clever work and showed much ability. W. B. Barnett, the instructor, is to be congratulated for his part in making the show a success.

Banbury Tarts.

One cupful of seeded raisins, chopped fine; mix well with one egg, one cupful of sugar, the juice and grated rind of one lemon. Make a pastry of three cupfuls of flour, one-half cupful of lard, one-half cupful of butter and a small pinch of salt; mix with cold water and roll thin for under and upper crusts. Put a spoonful of the tart between the crusts and bake in a quick oven.

"PAYING TOO MUCH FOR THE WHISTLE"

The first thing to do in reducing the high cost of maintaining the school superintendent's office in Polk county is to cut out the supervisor and save over \$1000 a year to the taxpayers. Any candidate for superintendent, who will not agree to eliminate the supervisor should be defeated as it is an indication that he or she if elected will continue the same extravagant system.

A POLITICAL SUBMARINE.



-Bronstrup in San Francisco Chronicle.

ONCE THAT TEDDY CAN'T SAY A WORD.



-Westerman in Ohio State Journal.