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## ROAD BONDS.

A committee of taxpayers of Lane county has agreed upon a plan to submit to the people of Lane county a proposition to bond the county in the sum of two million dollars for the purpose of building main feeder roads. Of course, the people of the county have not yet agreed to vote the bonds, but that is a minor detail—as yet.

All parts of the county were given fair representation upon the committee and an honest effort was made to give fair representation to every kind of business in the county. Cottage Grove was given representation and its voice was heard at the meeting, even if little heed was given to what the voice said.

Probably the most profitable result of this meeting will be that those who attended now have some idea of the tremendous size of the road system of the county and of the royal fortune that will be required to put those highways into the condition the people want. The two millions in bonds would not complete the program. In fact, twice that amount would hardly complete the network of roads included in the proposed program and four years would hardly be time in which to build the proposed roads.

It is this fact which is likely to defeat the proposed bond issue. If each community could be assured that it would get the roads to which it feels that it is entitled, and get them right away, it is more than likely that a live campaign would put the issue over, but when the full bonding limit of the county must be used to complete the program and four years are required to complete the half of the program which these bonds will finance, the voters are likely to feel that the chances they would take are not warranted by the returns. They are likely to feel that as long as they have to wait they prefer the system with which they are familiar.

One of the best things about the road code of Oregon is that in a proposed bond issue the measure upon the ballot must tell where every cent of the money is to be expended. When the measure goes on the ballot the Cottage Grove voter will know just how much his road is going to get and how much every other road is going to get.

That is both favorable and unfavorable to the proposed bond issue. The fact that the money must be spent at certain places within a specified period of time gives the voter confidence that the money will be thus expended but it also tells him whether or not he is getting what he thinks is a square deal.

It is probable that every community outside of Eugene has an idea that Eugene proposes to get a little the best of the apportionment of this proposed melon, for the map which was shown those who attended the taxpayers' meeting showed three great arms extending from Eugene, while the arms extending from other communities were much smaller.

Of course, if Eugene got only a square deal she would get about one-half of the road money spent in the county. Possibly the county seat is not asking for more than a half, possibly the amount she would get out of the proposed bond issue would not be over a half of the total receipts, but on paper Eugene does not look larger than

Florence, or Mapleton, or some other small community, many of which haven't a road as good as Eugene's poorest roads and when the voters of those communities see those long arms extending out from Eugene, three of those arms, just as if two weren't enough to grab the money with, it is going to appear to the voters of those communities that they are getting a whole lot the worst of it while it will appear to them that the county seat is getting far the best of it.

It was suggested by one of the representatives from here that there is nothing in the entire road program to coax Cottage Grove into voting for the bonds.

Yes, there is an appropriation for the Row river road, but that already is a good macadam road which the county must maintain.

There is an appropriation for the Coast fork road, but that always has been an excellent macadam road and the county is obliged to maintain it.

The Cottage Grove-Lorane road is included in the program, but that too is a road already promised to this community.

The Cottage Grove voter is likely to reason like this: "We are given nothing under the proposed road program other than what we already have or have been promised; the Delight valley road, never anything but a dirt road, and wrecked through its use as a Pacific highway detour, is not even shown as a faint line on some future road building program, while roads which serve fewer people and appear to be more for scenic purposes than for market roads, get a large part of the money to be raised under the bond issue; I know that there are some roads on the program that are almost imperative; I know that other parts of the county, as well as those living on the Delight valley and Lorane roads are suffering hardships that are little less than a crime; but when we would get almost nothing here out of the proposed program, why should I sanction at this time the issue of two millions of road bonds at the worst time in the history of the country in which to sell bonds, at a time when labor is the highest and the scarest in the history of the country, at a time when a road-building program of any magnitude will deplete the ranks of employees of the industries of our own and other states and add further to the high cost of living; we will be little worse off by waiting a year or so, then perhaps two millions in bonds will build the whole program; I'll vote no and play safe; I can vote the bonds any time I want to but I cannot recall my action in case I vote for them and find that I made a mistake."

The Lane county voter is a conservative voter, especially when taxes or bonds are concerned, and unless he can be shown that the proposed bond issue is going to insure his roads, as well as the roads of all the rest of the county, a special election is likely to prove a useless expense. It may be that the county court can show that if relieved of the roads provided for in the proposed bond issue it can care for all the other roads during the same time. If that can be done, it may be possible to put the bond issue over, but unless that can be done a special election is likely to prove a useless expense.

The Sentinel does not like to throw cold water on a proposition without offering a better suggestion, and in this case it thinks it has a much better one. That would be to confine the bond money to the improvement of impassable roads, such as the Lorane loop, the Delight valley road, and all other roads of the county of like condition and to the construction of new roads that are absolutely imperative for the welfare of the people, such as the road to Florence, and to eliminate money for the improvement of such roads as the Row river road, the Coast fork road, the Willamette-Coast road, which is down for half a million, and other such roads which are passable and can and must be kept up out of regular county funds. If all communities will be as reasonable as Cottage Grove will be, a million dollars or less in bonds will be sufficient and the county will be given a road system which by proper patrolling will very well answer all requirements until such time as we can afford better ones. The Sentinel believes a road program of this kind can be mapped out that will satisfy the entire county.

The Sentinel hopes to some day see hard surface on every road shown in the road building program proposed at

the taxpayers' meeting in Eugene, but there is such a thing as making progress too fast. The same principles must be applied to the county business that are applied to private business.

This is a time for caution, for steady hands and for wise and conservative, yet progressive leadership. Go slow! Watch your step! Look out for the cars!

## THE PRESIDENT'S PROGRAM.

The president has proposed a most ambitious program to the new congress. The adoption of a budget system for public expenditures is one recommendation and one in which congress beat him to it. Certainly the extravagances of the past few years have been a warning that the president and congress cannot disregard. The wealthiest nation in the world must adopt a business system.

Readjustment of the tariff system is another recommendation. Republican leaders have long pointed to the fact that this would be necessary if we are to preserve our commanding position as a producing nation.

Measures which will remove the causes of industrial unrest are recommended. The administration largely responsible for this unrest may well attempt to provide a cure.

Reorganization of the taxation system, relief for veteran soldiers, measures to foster the dyestuff industry, enlarged program of rural development and legislation to deal effectively with enemies of our form of government are other recommendations.

An ambitious program and a good one. A republican president could hardly have mapped out a better one.

Florence West: The sentiment in favor of restoring hanging in this state as a punishment for murder in the first degree, has recently been greatly increased by a number of most brutal crimes. The opinion is increasing that life imprisonment does not have as great a restraining influence on criminals as does the death penalty. Mayor Baker, of Portland, is among those who are working actively to bring about the change in the law. Hon. L. E. Bean, of Eugene, has suggested calling a special session of the legislature to submit this question to the voters at the next election.

A Portland speed fiend was given a fine the other day that will be a real punishment to him. He was forbidden to drive a car for a year. More fines of this kind would doubtless prove effective in curbing reckless driving. A sigh of relief would go up from the public if similar punishment were inflicted on the paranoids who persist in driving down residence streets at midnight with cutouts wide open.—Eugene Register.

## THINGS WE THINK

Things Others Think and What We Think of the Things Others Think

All fiery orators are not shining lights. . . .

In a short race the little dollar wins the prize. . . .

The high price of steak is meat for the beef trust. . . .

Let not your tongue know what your brain thinketh. . . .

A man made of common clay is not always a brick. . . .

Some men like to blow about having been on a toot. . . .

You cannot rise in the world without a solid footing. . . .

A limited train of thought is not always the quickest. . . .

Anyway Adam didn't trail around on Eve's apron strings. . . .

No one knows quite so much about raising babies as those who haven't any. . . .

The ships that you expect to come in are, no doubt, the ones that pass in the night. . . .

Money doesn't go very far, but it has an exasperating way of getting out of sight. . . .

The man who tries and fails is of more value to society than he who says he can't and succeeds at it. . . .

When looking for help the employer usually passes up the man or boy who seems to have nothing to do. . . .

With the progress of aviation and the propagation of balloon trusts we will have more inflated stocks. . . .

The fool often thinks himself a wise man and the wise man often thinks himself a fool—and often he is. . . .

If the prohibitionists should win in a national election, the ship of state would ride on a cold water wave. . . .

The Lord does not always provide, but he will get behind and push the fellow who goes after what he wants. . . .

Some sinners who refuse to give up their street car seats to ladies may be glad to get standing room in heaven. . . .

"Ucinara duodinalis" is the medical name of the hook worm. When you get that in your system and imbedded in your vitals you are all in. . . .

A paragrapher asks: How many people are there who ask questions they know you can't answer? There would be one less if this paragrapher had kept quiet. . . .

A man in Philadelphia claims to have gotten drunk eating onions. This is a happy combination—making it possible to get drunk and kill your breath at the same time. . . .

We never recognize ability at its true worth when we live too close to it. That is why a man does not rise as fast in the community in which he was raised as he does among strangers.



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## NOTICE OF FINAL SETTLEMENT.

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Lane. In the matter of O. P. Adams, deceased.

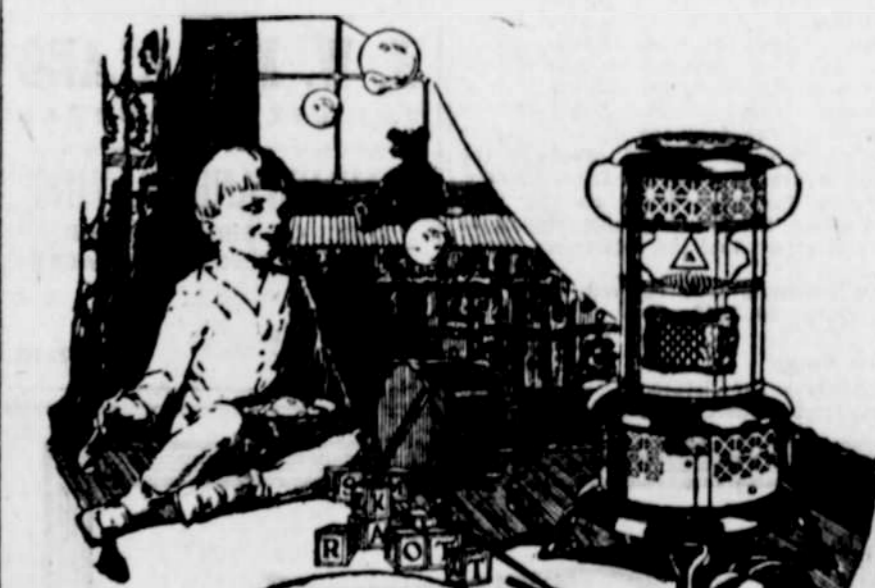
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executor of the estate of O. P. Adams, deceased, has filed in the County Court of Lane County, State of Oregon, his final account as the executor of said estate, also a petition praying for an order of the Court for the distribution of the residue of the said estate, and that January 12, 1920, at 11 o'clock a. m. at the Court House in Eugene in said County and State has been fixed by said Court as the time for hearing and passing upon said final account and objections thereto and of the hearing of said petition and of the final settlement of said estate.

The first publication of this notice shall be on the 12th day of December, 1919, and the last publication on the 9th day of January, 1920.

GEORGE W. McFARLAND,  
Executor of the estate  
of O. P. Adams, deceased.

Scalloped Potatoes—Cut cold boiled potatoes into dice. When ready to use, season them well with salt, pepper and melted fat. In a greased baking dish arrange alternate layers of potatoes, grated cheese and white sauce (medium), having sauce on top. Heat in the oven and serve. . . .

Potato Soup—Pare and boil 12 large potatoes. When done, drain and mash



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