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RECOMMENDED ROAD BONDING CODE IN DETAIL

Law Passed by Legislature to be Voted on by People at Special Election to be Held June 4.

(Editor's Note.—Through the foresight of C. C. Chapman, publisher of the Oregon Voter, the full text of the Road Bill as passed by the Legislature and to be voted on by the people, Monday, June 4, 1917, was received in time for this week's paper. We herewith publish same in full.)

An Act to provide for the construction of roads and highways in the state of Oregon; to provide for the issuance of bonds by the State of Oregon to raise money to carry out the purposes of this Act; to authorize the State Highway Commission to take such action and perform such duties as may be necessary to meet the requirements of this Act; to designate and authorize the construction of certain hard-surfaced highways and certain post road and certain forest road "and to provide for other post roads and forest roads; to provide for the letting of contracts for the construction, paving and maintenance of roads and highways; to make the surplus arising from the fees collected under House Bill No. 609 of the present legislative session a fund under the jurisdiction of the State Highway Commission with which to pay interest and principal on bonded indebtedness of the State, contracted by the State for road purposes, and other lawful claims incurred by said commission, and to provide for modifying the terms of House Bill No. 21 passed by the 29th Legislative Assembly of the State of Oregon, and to provide for submitting this Act to the people and for the calling of a special election therefor, and declaring an emergency."

Be it Enacted by the People of the State of Oregon:

Section 1. The State Highway Commission is hereby authorized, empowered and directed, during the next five years, to sell the bonds of the State of Oregon as hereinafter provided, in an amount sufficient to raise enough money to meet the requirements of this Act.

Provided, that not more than \$1,000,000 in bonds shall be issued hereunder during the year 1917, and that not more than \$2,000,000 in addition to any surplus unissued or unexpended out of the \$1,000,000 authorized for the year 1917, shall be issued during the year 1918.

Section 2. The State Highway Commission is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to enter into such contracts, appoint such officials and do any other act or thing necessary to fully meet the requirements of this Act.

Section 3. The Attorney General shall, under the direction of the State Highway Commission, prepare a form of interest-bearing gold bond of the State of Oregon, to be sold in order to provide funds for the carrying out of the purposes of this Act. Said bonds shall be numbered serially, beginning at Number 1, and shall be payable in the order of their issuance. Said State Highway Commission is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to issue bonds of the State of Oregon for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act in an amount not exceeding \$5,000,000.00, of which sum, at least \$600,000 shall be issued in denominations of \$500 each or less. The bonds issued in any year under the provisions of this Act shall be payable one-twentieth each year, commencing with the sixth year after the issuance thereof. One-half of the bonds payable each year shall be payable on the 1st day of April and the other half on the 1st day of October. Each bond shall bear upon its face a statement showing the date of its maturity. Said bonds shall bear interest at the rate of four per cent per annum, payable semi-annually on April 1st and October 1st. Principal and interest on said bonds shall be payable at the office of the State Treasurer at Salem, Oregon, and if said State Highway Commission shall so direct, said bonds may also provide for payment at some other place. Said bonds shall be in a form embodying an absolute promise of the State of Oregon to pay the amount thereof in gold coin of the United States of America of the value and weight and fineness of the date of such bond, and shall be in such denominations as the State Highway Commission shall elect. They shall be signed by the Governor, Secretary of State and

CITY ELECTION TUESDAY

Providing no Special Bursts of Enthusiasm, Election Will Be Quiet

The annual city election of Vale will be held next Tuesday, March 3. The following names will appear on the ballot: For mayor, Jay Kimball; for councilmen, Robert M. Beach, E. Dillon, J. H. Ellis, Walter Powers; for recorder, Robt. D. Lytle, Ross A. Soward; for treasurer, E. A. Boyd, Leslie L. Hope.

WILSON GIVEN POWER

Germany Attempts to Ally Both Mexico and Japan Against United States

Washington. — President Wilson Thursday night, in response to the senate's call, laid before that body official information that the United States is in possession of evidence which establishes the authenticity of the sensational document disclosing how Germany intrigued to ally Mexico and Japan with her to war on this country.

In response to a senate resolution, the president transmitted a report from Secretary Lansing stating that the evidence has come to the possession of the United States within the last week and that the authenticity of Foreign Minister Zimmermann's instructions to German Minister von Eckhardt in Mexico City is established.

Mexico, for her reward, was to receive general financial support from Germany, reconquer Texas, New Mexico and Arizona—lost provinces—and share in the victorious peace terms Germany contemplated.

Japan was to be offered separate peace by Germany and control of the Pacific and the far East.

Peking.—The French minister and the Belgian charge d'affaires, representing the entente allies, have invited China to enter the war, offering her a revision of the Boxer indemnity and a revision of the tariff as inducements. A cabinet crisis is imminent. The vice president and the premier are urging China to join the entente.

Washington.—A bill to empower the president to arm merchant ships, but not extending the authority he requested to use "other instrumentalities" in defending American rights against the submarine menace, was passed by the house Thursday night by a vote of 403 to 13.

Nitrate Company Organize For the Purpose of Developing the Deposits in the Sagehen District.

The Juniper Springs Nitrate company was organized last Tuesday afternoon at the court house at Burns, says the Harney County Tribune, when a majority of the claim holders in the Sagehen district got together and perfected a permanent organization.

C. C. Lundy, Frank Gowan and M. C. Athey were appointed to draft a set of by-laws, which, after some minor changes were adopted by the organization.

The officers elected were: Ray Dunsmore, president; R. A. Miller, vice-president; C. C. Lundy, secretary-treasurer and Messrs. Ned Connolly, Jake Gove, Vic Gibson and Geo. Hagey, directors.

The Juniper Springs Nitrate company represents 104 claims of 20 acres each of nitrate deposits in the Sagehen district, and from recent experience work done shows immense deposits of nitrate which local authorities believe will become of great value.

Tom M. Lowe, of Nyssa, was in Vale on business Friday and paid the Enterprise office a visit.

State Treasurer. Said bonds shall bear coupons evidencing the interest to become due thereon for each installment of such interest, upon which shall be printed the facsimile of the signature of said officers. Said commission may, at its option, cause a part or all of said bonds to be payable to the purchaser thereof and register the name of such purchaser in the office of the State Treasurer and provide an appropriate endorsement upon each of such bonds to the effect that the same will be paid only to the owner appearing on the register thereof, and providing a method for reregistering the same as the title may be passed, and it may also provide that a part or all of said bonds shall be payable to bearer and not subject to registration. Not less than ten days before the payment of the principal or interest falls due on any of the bonds provided for in this

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Senator Hurley Tells of Session

Senator From Malheur, Harney and Grant Counties Reviews Session and Explains Road Code

Senator Julien A. Hurley, joint senator from Malheur, Harney and Grant counties, the largest district in the State, kindly consented to write an article for the Enterprise about the last session. After reading this article you should refer to the Road Bonding Bill which is printed in full in this issue.

Vale, Oregon, February 26, 1917. Editor Malheur Enterprise, Vale, Oregon.

Dear Sir: In reply to your request for a letter for publication regarding the work of the Oregon Legislature during the session just closed, I will say, because it is the first thought that comes to my mind, that Gus C. Moser, President of the Senate and R. N. Stanfield Speaker of the House, are the two men who deserve the most credit for the success of the last legislative session of the State of Oregon.

These two men stand forth as the big men of the Legislature and their ability and pleasing personality made it possible to perfect an organization which resulted in more constructive legislation than any other session in recent years. Both of these men looked with favor upon the interests of Southeastern Oregon and I want to say to the citizens of this district, whom I have the honor to represent, that I thanked my friend, Gus C. Moser, in your behalf for the appointments on the different committees to which he saw fit to appoint me and as Chairman of the Senate committee on irrigation I was able to assist in preparing and passing an Irrigation District Code and amendments to the Drainage Code which will be a great deal of benefit to everyone in this section of the State who is in any way interested in, or connected with, the work of irrigation.

The Road Bonding Act which was referred to the people to be voted upon at a special election to be held on Monday, June 4, 1917, is, in my opinion, the best planned and most constructive piece of legislation ever submitted to the people of this State. Three kinds of roads are provided for under the provisions of this bill, hard-surfaced highways, post roads and forest roads and although there may be more of the money of the forest road fund, expended in this district than is provided for in the bill the post road is the class in which we are most interested because the roads designated in the bill through this section of the State are post roads and are to be constructed by the State

Vale Building Burns

Fire Destroys Mulkey Property and Tailoring Shop in the East Part of City.

A tiny electric spark from a motor ignited a pan of gasoline in the Economy Dye Works Wednesday afternoon, starting a fire which soon caused the destruction of the frame business building, the property of B. W. Mulkey, of Vale.

The complete equipment of the Dye Works, the property of Wm. Caton and valued at about \$250, were a total loss. Several suits of clothes, and articles of clothing were in the rooms at the time of the fire. There was no insurance on the building, which was valued at \$600 by Mr. Mulkey.

Mr. Caton will continue his business in the room east of the Fletcher rooming house.

Woodrow Wilson



New Derrick on Site of Western Pacific Well in Sandy Hollow Country. Where Drilling has Probably Commenced.



OIL STOCK IN GREAT DEMAND --PRICE RAISES

Western Pacific Company Will Secure Expert Drilling Engineer--Much Activity at Site of Well.

Reports from the Boise office of W. D. Meyers, general manager of the Western Pacific Oil and Gas company, say that the stock of the company has advanced to fifty cents on the dollar during the past week. Several large blocks of stock have been purchased and many financially strong parties are connecting themselves with the company.

President Meyers will leave soon for a short business trip to California and will bring back with him an expert driller to attend to the drilling of the main well.

The Western Pacific company are making a splendid record of prompt construction and business-like management. They have purchased practically all necessary equipment and have the field operations well under way.

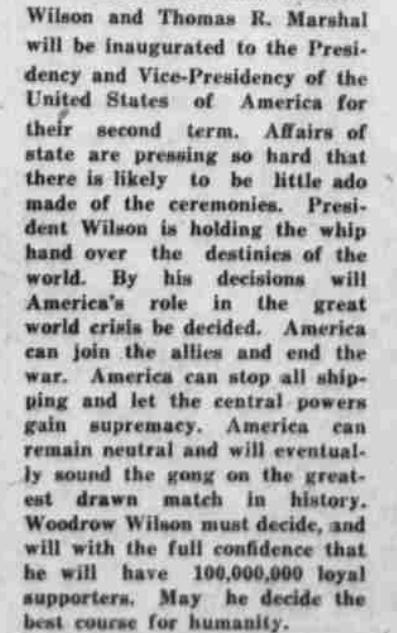
The greatest problem in the minds of those who are convinced by undoubted evidence that the oil exists under this field, is the correct methods of drilling, especially in regards to the handling of bodies of water that are likely to be encountered. In order to take no chances the company have decided to get one of the most experienced and best drilling engineers in America to personally attend to the entire drilling operations, and Mr. Meyers will probably secure such an engineer while in California.

High School Basketball

A double header basketball game will be played tonight at the high school auditorium at 8 o'clock. The games will be between the boys and girls basketball teams of the Caldwell High school and Vale High school.

Both promise to be fast and interesting games, as the Vale boys team are maintaining a good reputation this year, and the girls team has gained more confidence since they defeated the Ontario girls last Saturday night.

Thomas R. Marshall



Minstrels Score Hit of Season

Coontown Entertainers From Neighboring City Show Remarkable Talent--Minstrel a Success

With dash, vim and vigor that would have been a credit to any road show of professionals, the performance put on at the Rex Theatre Thursday evening, by the Ontario and Vale bands, with the Ontario Minstrels, was a crowded house success. Beginning with a number by the orchestra and ending with a chorus, "Take Me Back to U. S. A." every number was handled in a most pleasing manner.

The first part of the program, The Minstrels, was a laugh getter from the start. Songs and jokes intermingled came in rapid succession and the audience by applause showed its appreciation. W. W. Wood as interloper played a well chosen part, while the four funny end men were ably supported by a fine chorus of soloists and jokers.

The second part which introduced many local numbers was opened with "A Little Band Talk," by Attorney Lytle. Musical numbers and short skits followed in rapid succession. The song, "I'm Going to Be Neutral and Love Them All," by Miss Jones and chorus of young ladies was vociferously applauded, especially when the American girl draped in Old Glory made her appearance. The Wienie Trio and Lauder specialty and the Irish Sketch, in fact, all stunts, were exceptionally clever. All in all one might say it was a group of soloists appearing in solo and chorus work such as has never been equalled in southeastern Oregon. Financially, the entertainment proved better than expected. The home band received \$78 as their share of the total net proceeds. After the show a dance was held at the Isis hall.

The Program

- March - Orchestra - Frat
- Opening Overture - Down Home in Alabama
- Orchestra and Chorus - Mother Macree
- Ballad - Mr. Smith
- End Song - Another Rag
- Ballad - Mr. Browne
- The Songs - My Mother Used to Sing
- Mr. Von Readen
- Italian Song - On the Shores of Italy
- Mr. Conway
- End Song - Are You From Dixie?
- Mr. Lackey
- End Song - Willum Wilson
- Mr. Turner
- Second Part
- A Little Band Talk - R. D. Lytle
- Song and Dance - Mr. Browne
- Monologue - Percy M. Johnson
- Italian Clarinet Solo, Mr. Beanguard
- A la Weber & Fields
- Messrs. Turner and Dunnuck
- Song, I'm Going to be Neutral and Love Them All
- Miss Lela Jones and Chorus: Helen Mueller, Maurine Jones, Virginia Smith, Esther Pederson, Vina Mueller, Leaneor Stovall, Violet Childrens, Gladys Murray, Lillian Davis.
- Harry Lauder Specialty, Mr. Lackey
- Irish Sketch
- Messrs. Conway and Riddle
- Bursts of Harmony, The Wienie Trio
- Take Me Back to U. S. A. Chorus
- J. D. Conway

The Company

- Director - Byron Turner
- Manager - J. G. Smith
- Assistant - C. F. Trow
- Interlocutor - W. W. Wood
- End Men - C. T. Lackey
- Art Dnunck - B. Turner

Circle

- H. Von Readen
- L. B. Cockerum
- Sidney Robinson
- P. W. Campbell
- J. D. Conway

The Orchestra

- W. C. Beanguard
- Luella B. Callin
- C. B. Tapp
- W. M. Walker
- J. W. Bruning
- Ben J. Brown

MANY TITLES OBTAINED

26,495 Acres Have Been Added to the Tax Roll of Malheur County Past Year

Thos. Jones, receiver of the U. S. Land Office at Vale, has reported to R. M. Carlie, Malheur county assessor, that during the past year ending on March first, 153 final certificates had been issued on claims averaging about 175 acres for a total sum of 26,495 acres.

NEW SCHOOL LAWS

Eight Months Is Minimum Term and Others Passed by Legislature.

The legislative assembly of 1917 enacted a number of good laws for the benefit of the public schools, and passed a resolution introduced by Sheldon of Jackson county, placing on the ballot for the next general election the proposition of establishing a state normal school at Ashland, and one in Eastern Oregon to be located by the Normal Board of Regents.

The Thompson bill, introduced by Mrs. Alexander Thompson of Wasco county, requires every school district in Oregon to have at least eight months of school each year. To the school children of this state, the law authorizing this is the most important one enacted by the 1917 legislature. There were only five votes against the bill in the House, and it passed the Senate without a dissenting vote. The demand for the law giving each district eight months of school has come from the rural districts, and it is entirely in the interests of the children who attend the one-room rural schools.

According to the provisions of this bill, each school must have at least eight months of school each year. The apportionment law was not changed. In order to understand this new law, it is necessary to be familiar with the apportionment law. Each county levies a tax sufficient to produce a sum equal to \$8 for each child of school age. This fund is apportioned by first giving to each district \$5 for each teacher employed therein. The balance of the money is apportioned to the school districts according to the number of children of school age.

Now, under the present law, if the money received by any district does not amount to \$300 the district must levy a tax not to exceed 5 mills. If the 5 mill tax does not bring the amount up to \$300, then the balance must be appropriated by the county court from the general fund of the county (not the school fund).

The new law provides that each district must have \$400 instead of \$300, and eight months of school instead of six months. The present law is not otherwise changed, and the law does not affect the amount received in any other district. The additional money will be supplied by local tax in the districts not now having eight months of school, and by small appropriations from the general county fund. About 700 districts now have less than eight months of school. Of these only 157 will need help from the county, according to statistics secured by State Superintendent J. A. Churchill. The following counties will not have to make any appropriations: Clatsop, Curry, Gilliam, Hood River, Jefferson, Klamath, Lake, Marion, Sherman, Tillamook, Umatilla, and Yamhill. Eleven others will have to appropriate less than \$600 each. Many of the districts in the counties named above will have to levy only 1 or 2 mills of tax in order to have a fund of \$400. For example, in Umatilla county sixteen districts have less than eight months of school, eight of these will have to levy only 1 mill, and the others from 2 to 4 mills.

In making the estimate required by this bill, the state fund is not considered. Each district receives in addition to the amount apportioned from the county school fund, its share of the interest on the irreducible state school fund, which is apportioned according to the number of children of school age.

Under the provisions of Senate Bill 210, by Senator Cusick, a teacher, after signing a contract, cannot resign within thirty days before the term of school begins, or at any time during the school year without the unanimous consent of the school board.

Additional professional training for teachers who are not graduates of a normal school or college was provided by a bill introduced by the house committee on education. This act changes the law requiring at least six weeks of professional training as a pre-requisite for securing a teacher's certificate by examination to twelve weeks. The law takes effect

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VALE PRESENTS TRAIN SERVICE CASE TUESDAY

Vale Insists That Outside Towns be Allowed to Keep Satisfactory Service--Decision Soon.

Representatives from every point in Malheur county and many towns in interior counties were in Vale this week attending the Public Service Commission hearing of the case of the City of Vale versus the Oregon Short Line.

After hearing all the evidence and arguments from both sides the commission closed the hearing and will report their findings as soon as possible, which will depend upon the amount of other work ahead of them on their return to Salem.

The commission composed of Commissioners Miller, Corey and Buchel, heard the presentation of Vale's case wherein the testimony of Leonard Cole, I. W. Hope, John Rigby, J. P. Houston and others showed clearly the need of more adequate mail and passenger service or as Judge Davis put it in his closing argument the need of service. He said that Vale was not asking for additional service, but service. A service that would permit citizens of the community to receive their mail without unnecessary delay and that would permit of making reasonable connections with other lines.

Attorney Pat J. Gallagher called Dr. Horton of Burns, Otto Blackaby of Homedale, Mr. Kingman of Kingman Colony, H. C. Boyer of Ontario, C. H. Oxman of Jamieson, J. M. Addington of Brogan, J. L. O. Morrison of Crane, and others from outside points who told of their needs and most expressed their desire that no change be made affecting their schedules, and all testified that Vale should have better service and hoped that she would get it.

The railroad argued insufficient traffic to warrant any added service, and stated that they did not intend to give any.

The railroad officials here for the hearing were F. H. Knickerbocker, general superintendent of the Idaho Divisions; A. B. Stevenson, division superintendent; C. E. Brooks, assistant superintendent; Joel Priest, general agent at Boise; A. C. Hinkley, superintendent of motive power, John O. Moran, attorney.

COWS MAKE RECORD

Mr. C. W. DeBoer and Mr. Pete Tensen are the proud owners of great producing dairy herds. They are both Hollanders and as expected cling to their Holstein cows.

Each of these herds are filled with young cows, but the record for the past nine months is so remarkable that even with the young cows they are far above the average. Mr. DeBoer's herd has a daily average for nine months of 35.92 pounds of milk and 1.26 pounds of butter fat. Mr. Tensen's herd does not run as high as Mr. DeBoer's herd, but 13 out of 20 cows are heifers. Mr. Tensen's cows lately average for the nine months tested show 30.4 pounds milk and 1.09 pounds of butter fat.

Some of the individual monthly records of these herds would scarcely be believed if they were not made by an official tester. Nine two year old heifers in Mr. Tensen's herd averaged 30.5 pounds of butter fat during January, while three three-year old cows averaged 42.8 pounds of fat, and two of the aged cows averaged 54.7 pounds of fat for the same period. Mr. DeBoer's records are also remarkable, for five two-year heifers averaged 35.8 pounds of fat, and six aged cows averaged 63.7 pounds of fat for January. One of Mr. DeBoer's cows made a January record of 71.6 pounds of fat.

These records were made by the aid of alfalfa and corn silage. There is no place in the United States where these two feeds can be grown in greater abundance and with better quality than here in Malheur county. Figure the income that these cows made for their owners, and then let each farmer ask himself why he should not do the same. The Nyssa Cheese Factory for the past nine months has paid from 27c up to 42c per pound for butter fat in milk, which is a very good market price. Other farmers should consider the dairy business, for it means a good and steady income.

W. W. HOWARD, County Agricultural Agent