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"Few love to hear the Sins they love to act."—Shakespeare, Born April 23, 1564.

BONDS WILL BUILD ROADS AT NO EXTRA COST TO TAXPAYERS.
You who are talking against the road bond, think of this. For years Eastern Oregon has been paying for the roads the state has been building in the Willamette Valley. The new highway plan provides that at least 60 per cent of the post road money shall be spent in Eastern Oregon. Further, Multnomah county, which pays 40 per cent of the automobile license and one third of the mileage tax will not receive one cent for road construction.

Read the officials argument in the state pamphlet which Secretary of State Ben W. Olcott will send you in a few days. Also read the road bonding argument in this issue of the Enterprise and you will see that the funds for this proposed \$6,000,000 bonding plan have already been provided for in other laws. To issue these bonds will not increase our taxes one penny, and will give the state a fund that will enable the Highway commission to render a lasting service to the state.

There are many several million acres of \$100 per acre land in the state of Oregon that will not bring over \$10 per acre at the present because of lack of transportation facilities to market. Good roads will bring this land up to its proper valuation.

The citizen who is against bonding the state for roads from general principles, and who bases his conclusions from the theoretical standpoint, who argues that bonds are bonds and a thing to shun at all times, and says he is "agin" bonds as completely as the standpatter is "agin" all change, and the anarchist is "agin" the government, has a great deal of hard facts to overlook. No great industry has ever been developed, no war of liberty ever waged, no railroad ever built, no irrigation project ever constructed, no rural credits plan ever enacted that was not made possible by the issuance of bonds—plain, cold, interest bearing, gold bonds.

Tell Walter M. Pierce, C. E. Spence, W. H. Strayer and other political grandstanders, as long as they borrow money under the rural credits acts, that their anti bonding stampede looks like a whirlwind to you and won't get them anywhere.

DO YOU KNOW THE POSSIBILITIES OF MALHEUR COUNTY?

There are ten counties in Oregon whose combined territory is less than that of Malheur county's, yet each of these counties has more population. Malheur county has as much uncultivated but tillable land as the total area of the state of Connecticut. This county is as large as the whole of the Willamette Valley and contains over 10 per cent of the state's area.

This county is as rich as it is undeveloped. With an exceptionally low ratio of assessment, the taxable valuation of this county is about \$1000 for each man, woman and child in the county. But the great and dormant wealth of the county lies in the barren benches that will be made productive from irrigation, from the hill lands that must be dry farmed, from the thousands of acres of bunch grass range, from the nitrate, oil, iron, gold and other minerals that exist in great quantities.

The two most important development plans for this county are, first, irrigation, including the successful completion of Warm Springs, Willow-Alder, Owyhee and many smaller projects. Of almost equal importance are good roads. The county should step forward and assist the state and federal government in the construction of a complete system of good roads throughout the length and the breadth of Malheur county.

By the proper procedure it seems possible that the county can obtain more aid from the state highway commission than has as yet been promised. Considered as one county we have been fortunate to secure a large number of miles of state highway under the proposed bonding measure, yet considered from an area standpoint no other section of the state has secured so little, while in no other section would good roads accomplish as much. We believe that the Highway commission can be made to see these things, and that through their aid and the raising of a somewhat larger road fund by the county, that Malheur county can successfully construct a county system of graded, drained and graveled roads that will connect every post office and community in the entire county from Riverside to Ontario and from Malheur City to McDermitt.

Germany, and the world, will find out that Uncle Sam understands the meaning of system before they settle with him.

Lay your plan to be, in Vale the week of June 18-23 for Malheur county's first Chautauqua assembly.

There is going to be a hot time in the old town of Brogan on May 5th. We are going, are you?

It is more virtuous to clean out the rubbish piles now than to swat flies all summer long.

It kind of slows the inland towns down a bit, to have so many of their live young men leave.

Advertisers, Correspondents, Readers, Notice.

Beginning with this issue, the Enterprise goes to press earlier in the week, in order that the paper may reach as many parts of the county as possible before Sunday. This change will work a hardship on the management and force of the Enterprise, unless the advertisers assist by getting their copy in the first of the week, and the correspondents and others send their news in as early as possible. We must have "live copy" as early as Monday. It will be appreciated if correspondents, advertisers and others will send in their "items" or "copy" so as to reach us not later than Wednesday. The forms will positively be closed Thursday night of each week. This move is made in order to better serve our many readers in the outlying districts, and we believe that it will prove a benefit to all of our advertisers as well.

GEORGE HUNTINGTON CURREY, Editor

PLEASE
If you don't get your paper regularly, please drop a line to the editor, as in that way only can we find out the trouble and take steps to correct same. It is our aim to make sure that each subscriber gets his paper promptly, every week. We will not stop your paper unless you order it without notifying you of the fact, so please let us know whenever you miss a copy.

EDITORIAL COMMENT

We Need the Help.

Reports are coming that considerable opposition is being developed against bonding for the State Highway. It is feared that Malheur county will not get its portion of funds if the bonds carry. Whether this be true or not, one thing is sure no section ever secured anything without striving for it: Sit down and oppose every public improvement or do nothing and you may rest assured you get nothing. The State is going to spend a lot of money on highways whether the bonds carry or not and those counties that oppose this measure stand a mighty good chance of "Holding the Sack" while the other fellow gets the plum. Eastern Oregon has been contributing to the state road fund for years and received little or nothing in compensation. Let's eat the bond and you still get nothing and help pay the bill. You can't afford to do this. The only hope we have for better roads is to pass this measure and have confidence that the action of the legislature and the recommendation of the Highway Commission will be sustained. No one questions that the highways are needed and will be of great advantage to us. Portland and southern Oregon must have these connecting links if the tourist travel is to come their way therefore it is advantageous to them to assist in promoting the highways we are so much interested in. Either we bond for these highways in Malheur and other eastern Oregon counties or go on over the same impassable roads, or the individual counties must put up the money to construct and maintain them. Which do you consider the more economical, pay for them yourself or have the state and federal government help. Better roads will come one way or the other. —Juntura Times.

Praises Volunteers.
No finer young men could have been secured than the volunteers who left this week from Ontario and Vale to join the colors. As is always true the boys who first answer the call are the flower of the young manhood. And as is always the case there are left here still a few who without the responsibility for supporting a family could be better spared. —Ontario Argus.

"Good" Jail at Huntington.
A headline in a newspaper the other day, "Prisons Are Bad," occasioned the Portland Evening Telegram to ask "Whoever heard of a good jail?" We've got one in Huntington. It has not been occupied for 10 months, and an old man is given a cot in one of the cells free of charge to guard the jail in order that no one not under arrest will break in. —Huntington News.

"LEND A HAND"

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The little magazine is doing good work. Inside the walls it helps make life worth living, recording incidents of interest and offering prisoners opportunity to express themselves. On the "outside" it performs a useful function in telling people about prison happenings and prison hopes.

The subscription rate is \$1.00 per year. The men who create the magazine want to make it a little larger and better. They can do this if the income increases, and subscriptions are the only revenue.

"No one makes a cent from the publication; it simply tries to be self-supporting and there is no profit in it for anybody," says G. P. Putman, secretary, to Governor Withycombe.

Subscriptions should be addressed to "Lend A Hand," Box 1 Route 6, Salem, Oregon.

Pride Regulated.
America was "too proud to fight" a helpless and pitiful country like poor old Mexico, but as in the days of Washington she is not too proud to fight the foes of liberty and humanity. —Nyssa Journal.

Closes Large Sheep Deal.

Jas. F. Mahon, the stock king of the Princeton district, was interviewing merchants here Tuesday, says the Crane American. Jim says there is more truth than poetry in the report that he has disposed of his entire band of 4000 sheep. The sheep will be taken over by A. L. Sproul of Ontario on April 10. The realization of the sale was \$50,000. Mr. Mahon declares he is not retiring from the lucrative stock game, but on the other hand will devote his spare time to raising cattle for the market.

Incidentally we might mention that Mr. Mahon is the possessor of one of the finest ranches in Harney county, comprising some 6000 acres of productive soil. He believes in irrigation and has two large reservoirs for the conservation of water, one holding 3600 acre-feet and the other 1280 acre-feet of water.

WEISER MAN SHOT

Sheepherder Shoots Kenneth Prouty, Six Times—Expected to Recover —Fields Claims Self Defense

Weiser, Ida.—Kenneth Prouty, aged 21, lies in a hospital here suffering from six bullet wounds inflicted Saturday afternoon by George Fields, a sheepherder, but will recover. Fields is in jail awaiting the outcome of Prouty's wounds.

The shooting took place Saturday afternoon at the Prouty ranch, about six miles west of Weiser. Prouty's story is that Fields, who is an employe of the Butterfield Sheep company, had driven a band of sheep out to land belonging to Prouty's father and when he went over to induce Fields to move the sheep away, the latter opened fire and shot him down. —Claims Self Defense.

It is understood Fields claims self defense, saying that he was grazing his sheep along when Prouty came over to him and ordered him gruffly to move his sheep off the land and "move them quick." Fields, it is said, claims he tried to argue the question with Prouty but the latter told him to "get out" and hunting around seized a rock to enforce his order. Fields then says he drew his gun and opened fire.

PASTE IN DIRECTORY

Vale, Oregon, April 11th, 1917.

- New telephone subscribers and changes not listed in the present directory.
- Barkley, Ella Res. No. 138-R Changed from F. E. Barkley.
 - Boston, J. B. Res. No. 104-R Changed from No. 37-F-9.
 - Balgemann, R. H. Res. No. 92-R2
 - Cook's Auto Livery Ofc. No. 98
 - County Treasurer Ofc. No. 33
 - Crandall, C. R. Ranch No. 67-R
 - Currey, George Huntington Ofc. No. 42 Malheur Enterprise.
 - Diven, Ernest Res. No. 94
 - Glenn, A. T. Res. No. 119-R
 - Gray, H. L. Res. No. 61-R
 - Green, Josephine A. Res. No. 55-W
 - Hanna, W. G., Prop. No. 30 Vale Meat Market.
 - Hanna, Walter Res. No. 128-W
 - Hansen, J. H. Res. No. 49-W Contractor and Builder.
 - Harland, A. B. Res. No. 57-R Changed from 67-R.
 - Johnson, The Percy M. Co. Ofc. No. 124 Land Attorney & Real Estate.
 - Johnson, Percy M. Res. No. 126-R
 - Johnson & Nordale No. 143-W Second Hand Store.
 - King, Myra Res. No. 69-W
 - Morton, M. R. Res. No. 57-W
 - Pritchett, W. F. Res. No. 97-R Changed from 37-F-12.
 - Richardson, Jas. Res. No. 102-R
 - Rigby, John Res. No. 123
 - Robinette, Ike Res. No. 115-W
 - Siddoway, R. H. Res. No. 29
 - Venable, Janie Rooms No. 38 Alco Rooms
 - Walker, Donald No. 39-W City Bakery.
 - Warm Springs Irrigation Dist. Ofc. No. 117 John Rigby, Secretary
 - Watkins, Grace C. Res. No. 108
 - White, Rev. T. M. Res. No. 134 Pastor of Christian Church.
 - Wells, C. W. Res. No. 63-R

MALHEUR HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY

UNION PACIFIC INSURES MEN

Railroad System Insures 250,000 Workmen for \$250,000,000.

Two hundred and fifty thousand workmen employed in American industries have had their lives insured by their employers, says Ballard Dunn in Leslies Weekly. This represents insurance policies to the total amount of about \$250,000,000. The premiums on these insurance policies are paid by the companies for which the men work. This system of insurance for employees, paid for and maintained by employers, has been growing over a period of about five years, but has attracted little public attention. The whole subject was forced to the front the first of the year by the action of the board of directors of the Union Pacific system, which took out insurance policies covering every one of its employees from sixteen to seventy years of age who have been in service one year or longer and who are not receiving more than \$4,000 a year in salary.

Each of those who has been in the employ of the company for one year or longer and whose salary is not more than \$4,000 per annum is given a life insurance policy for an amount equal to his annual salary, payable to his beneficiaries upon his death. There is a minimum policy of \$500 and a maximum of \$2,500. If an employee is permanently disabled before he reaches the age of seventy years, at which time, under the company's rules he is retired under its old age pension plan, his life insurance may be paid to him as an annuity—thus becoming a sustaining fund. The plan also includes health insurance and insurance against accident. Under this feature employees who are compelled to remain away from work because of illness or accident are paid benefits to the amount of one-half their yearly salary, the minimum basis for such benefits being at the rate of \$5 per week. The total maximum payments for the period of incapacity may be as much as \$2,500. The payment of benefits under the latter features of the plan in no way affects the payment of the life insurance. The life insurance also covers those employees who may be retired on pension from and after the establishment of the plan, January 1st, 1917.

"The object which the directors expect and hope to accomplish by this insurance," said R. C. Lovett, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Union Pacific, in announcing the plan, "is to afford the employees of the company the satisfaction of knowing, that so long as they are in the service, some financial provision, although comparatively small in some cases, has been made for them and their families against the misfortunes of death, injury and illness. It is a measure prompted by good will toward the employees and their families, whose welfare is borne constantly in mind and whose co-operation in establishing the success of these properties is greatly appreciated."

Loyal Not Partisan.
This is no time for partisanship in municipal, state or national affairs. The time for divided allegiance is past and the citizen, whether he be native or foreign-born, who is not loyal to the government is a traitor and an enemy of the Republic. —Nyssa Journal.

Bend to raise \$500,000 for Central Oregon railroad.

Special Notice!

Owing to the high prices and the scarcity of help, we are compelled to enforce the following delivery hours on and after Monday, 16th.

- 1st Delivery at 8:30 a. m.
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- 3rd and last at 4:30 p. m.

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- (2) BETTER FRUIT—1 Full Year. Better Fruit is published at Hood River by men who are familiar with the particular needs of fruit growers and horticulturists in the Northwest. The authority in its particular field. Better Fruit sells regularly at \$1.00 per year.
- (3) THE HOUSEHOLD—1 Full Year. Already going to over 800,000 homes, The Household is one of the best of the monthly home magazines. Interesting stories, helps for the busy housewife, the latest fashion and dressmaking advices and many other departments go to make this paper one of the most widely read and best liked papers in its field.
- (4) MALHEUR ENTERPRISE, the paper that is read in every nook of Malheur County, giving news of all parts of the county, prints the county official news, and reviews all matters of interest to Malheur County readers.

New, Renewal, or Extension Subscriptions Accepted

In Addition

- (5) A Big 26-Page Atlas FREE—Special Added Inducement: To all those sending us acceptance of this offer, within ten days, we will include FREE a Big, Special, 26-Page Atlas of The Pacific Northwest States and of the World. Invaluable for Home, School or Office, this Atlas is far and away the biggest Newspaper Premium ever offered our readers. A big collection of late, accurate maps, and down to date information of vital interest to everyone. The atlas alone is worth more than the price of the entire offer. Call at our office and see this premium for yourself.

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