

TO THE VOTERS OF REDMOND

It seems that some misapprehension has arisen as to the purpose for which the bonds will be used which are to be voted upon at the coming special election. Therefore the council considered it advisable that I explain the situation.

Last summer an issue of \$10,000 in bonds was authorized by a vote of the people. At that time we supposed the bonds would be sold immediately and the proceeds thereof used in building the reservoir and other repairs on the water works system. With this idea in view the use of such proceeds was restricted to that purpose. Now, before we got around to sell the bonds the war came on and no bonds were being taken by the bonding companies, as there was no money for investment purposes to be had. However, the work on the water works system had to be done as the condition of the plant was such that it would have been dangerous to enter the winter without repairing it. Therefore, the council went ahead and built the reservoir and otherwise repaired the system and issued warrants to cover the expense.

When the market for bonds opened this spring we found that instead of wanting money for the purpose of repairing and rebuilding the water system we wanted money for the purpose of taking up the warrants heretofore issued to pay for the making of the repairs heretofore mentioned. The bonding attorneys took the position that authority to issue bonds for the purpose of repairing and remodeling the system did not authorize the issue of bonds for the purpose of paying off and discharging warrants, no matter for what purpose the warrants were issued.

It therefore became necessary to authorize the council to issue bonds for the express purpose of taking up and paying said warrants. And this is the purpose of the coming election. The warrants now outstanding amount to about \$10,000.00, and are drawing ten per cent interest. The issue of bonds will amount to \$10,000.00 and draw seven per cent interest, thus affecting a saving of about \$300 per year in interest charges and in no wise increasing the indebtedness of the city.

A favorable vote on the proposition now before the people will repeal the authority granted to the council last summer to issue bonds. In other words, the adoption of the present proposed amendment to the charter repeals all former amendments as well as Section 66 as originally adopted, and the authority of the council to issue bonds is limited to the amount specified in the amendment.

J. A. WILLCOX,
City Attorney.

GERMANS TORPEDO

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appeared as suddenly as it came into view.

"We saw the track the torpedo made in the water and we got it fairly amidship. The Lusitania listed forward and started to settle. Then the submerged submarine discharged two more torpedoes which also struck us and our ship sank in 20 minutes.

"After the submarine dived it was not seen again. It went off after accomplishing its work and did not attempt to save men, women or children, but left them to drown like rats in a trap.

"The scene was frightful as the ship went down. A great many persons were carried down at once by the suction of the big vessel. About 100 persons jumped overboard and clung to floating wreckage or upturned boats which were blown off the ship by the explosion.

Washington Is Stunned by Loss of Liner, and Grave Issue Caused

News of the torpedoing of the Lusitania struck official Washington like a bomb. While disposed to wait for full details before expressing opinions, all administration officials realized the incident was probably the most serious Washington has faced since the beginning of the war.

A few days ago American officials heard privately from personal sources that Germany intended to destroy the Lusitania at the first opportunity, to terrorize British shipping and restrict ocean commerce with the allies.

It was taken for granted by the officials that if there existed a plan in the German admiralty to torpedo the Lusitania every precaution had been suggested to the submarine commander to insure the safety of the passengers.

"Germany Gained Not," Says Consul

"Although the destruction of the Lusitania is a terrible thing," said Mr. Erskine, British consul at Portland, "it is only an incident in the war. It will have no effect upon the British public and will not advance the interests of Germany one bit, so far as the final outcome of the war is concerned.

"Until this time the British people have entertained no hatred for the Germans. Until now I have not believed the stories of atrocities by the German soldiers in Belgium, but

this act makes me less incredulous. I now could believe almost any of the stories that have been spread about.

"I don't see why they should attack an unprotected merchant vessel carrying innocent non belligerents. The vessel was unarmed. If it was carrying munitions of war the Germans should have warned the officers and the passengers, giving the passengers at least an opportunity of seeking safety. Then they could have taken the vessel into port and confiscated the contraband material. In the event that the liner could not have been taken into a port, the rules of war would have permitted her destruction after all persons on board had been given an opportunity of saving themselves."

Berlin Hails Act of Sinking Vessel As Great Triumph

The Exchange Telegraph Co. in London has received the following telegram from Copenhagen: "Berlin newspapers print the news of the sinking of the Lusitania in colossal type and hail the successful torpedoing of the ship as a new triumph for Germany's naval policy."

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THE COMPLETE DECLAMATORY PROGRAM FOR SAT., MAY 15

PUBLIC SCHOOL DECLAMATORY PROGRAM
Ehret's Hall, 10:30 A. M., Saturday, May 15, 1915.

Piano solo (selected).....	Marie Prouse
Song, "Beautiful Bells".....	Intermediate Grades, Redmond
"The Two Roads".....	Olga Olson, Madras
"What William Henry Did".....	Ada Taylor, Sisters
"Whip-Poor-Will Song".....	Second Primary, Redmond
"It Takes a Man to Be Brave".....	Olga Maloney, Metolius
"How the Cap'n Saved the Day".....	Hazel Yancy, Prineville
Song, "Robinson Crusoe".....	Boys of Inter. Grades, Redmond
"A Yankee in Love".....	Ruth Burns, Bend
"Little Red Thing in the Shawl".....	Isabel Lawson, Pleasant Valley

Piano duet (selected).....	Emma Atkinson, Irene Kendall
"Biddie's Troubles".....	Alta Mohler, Redmond
"Drafted".....	Bernice Peck, Culver
Music, The Human Flute.....	Bessie Uhles, Redmond
"Fight of the Paso del Mar".....	Gladys Groves, Terrebonne
Piano duet (selected).....	Marie Prouse, Margery Young
"Slumber Song".....	Girls of Inter. Grades, Redmond

Judges' decisions.

HIGH SCHOOL DECLAMATORY PROGRAM
Ehret's Hall, 7:45 P. M., Saturday, May 15, 1915.

Piano solo, "Grande Polka de Concerte"..... Miss Noble, Prineville

ORATORICAL DIVISION

Ruth McFarland, Madras.....	"Toussaint La Overture"
Hila Morse, Redmond.....	"Benedict Arnold"
Chorus, "Fairylend Waltz," "Anchored".....	Madras High School

DRAMATIC DIVISION

Margaret Scheider, Bend.....	"Mask of the Red Death"
Vada Ringo, Madras.....	"Scotland's Maiden Martyr"
Cornet solo, "La Paloma".....	Ernest Estes, Prineville
Lydia Strasser, Metolius.....	"Blind Girl of Castel Guila"
Beatrice Johnson, Prineville.....	"Benedict Arnold"
Girls' Glee Club, "Swing Song," "The Shower".....	Redmond High School
Judith Donahue, La Pine.....	"Joey's Flowers"
Lottie Mead, Terrebonne.....	"The Combat"
Vocal solo, "A Perfect Day".....	Miss C. V. Conway, Prineville
Human Flute.....	Bessie Uhles, Redmond

HUMOROUS DIVISION

Margaret Thompson, Bend.....	"How Ruby Played"
Pearl Russell, Prineville.....	"The Courtin' of Dinah Shadd"
Sam Bates, Redmond.....	"A Racy Stump Speech"
Vocal duet, "Shadowtown".....	Mrs. Roberts and Miss Hedges, Redmond
Awarding of the Cup.....	Supt. J. E. Myers
Presentation of Track Medals.	
Vocal solo.....	"The Last Rose of Summer"
Muriel Edmunson, Sisters	
Judges' decisions.	Awarding of Declamatory Medals.
Mixed quartet, Metolius School.....	"Schubert's Serenade"

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CARE FOR BLUE GRASS LAWNS

BLUE GRASS MUST HAVE NOT ONLY A PROPER AMOUNT OF MOISTURE, BUT PLENTY OF PLANT FOOD AS WELL

Several persons have inquired regarding the condition of their blue grass lawns in this section, in most instances because of poor growth of grass in spots in the lawn.

As with alfalfa and other crops on a desert soil, such as we have here in most sections, it is surprising that we have obtained as good results as we have with these crops and grasses. In practically all cases where lawns have been planted in this section, the seeds have been put into the raw land and, in the majority of cases, without any addition of manures or humus to the soil. It is not hard to find men in almost any neighborhood who are "cussing" the country because it will not grow better crops; yet these same men know that there

is little or no humus in a desert soil such as they are working, would be surprised if land of this kind produced as this does were they to find the same in the locality from which they came to this country.

Blue grass as well as the farm crops must have not only a proper amount of moisture, but also the required amount of plant foods. Any one of these plant foods or moisture being deficient, the crop suffers accordingly. It would indeed be surprising if, taking a raw land which has grown nothing but sagebrush for decades, we should find plant foods, etc., in proper proportions and amounts for the growth of any crop we might wish to plant.

Then, if we wish to raise a good lawn, the first thing is to prepare the land for the lawn. Add large amounts of barnyard manure to the soil and prepare it as for a garden. Furnish sufficient water at all times and, too, be careful about supplying too much water. If the lawn has grown fairly well for a year or so and then spots appear where the growth is not good, it indicates a lack of necessary foods which may include moisture for those spots. An application of mixed fertilizers especially prepared for lawns will prove beneficial on these spots, and in fact over the entire lawn.

The application of fine, well rotted barnyard manure will prove very beneficial, especially if applied in the fall or early winter. The application

of this kind of manure at any time of the year will not injure the lawn. With the application in the fall, the rains and snow will wash the plant food to the roots of the grass and furnish food for its nourishment. If you have these spots in your lawn at the present time, rather than see the grass die you should apply fine and well rotted barnyard manure at once and water thoroughly whenever water is needed. Although lawns may be helped through this method to an appreciable degree, the best policy is to prepare the land for the grass before planting and any work worth doing at all is worth doing well. A lawn is a permanent crop and deserves very careful preparation before seeding.

A. E. LOVETT,
County Agriculturist.

Fairfield—A mill ditch to drain district here will cost \$10,000. Twelve million dollars required to finance the salmon pack this year. Toledo—County court received bids for five bridges May 7. Travel with the procession. Advertise in this paper.



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