

SOCIALISTS' DEPARTMENT

By C. W. BARZEE

According to a statistical report of the department of commerce there is in circulation in the United States money to the amount of three and a third billion dollars.

The irresistible conclusion from these figures is that the people turn over to the banks a stupendous amount of money, without any real assurance that they will get it again.

If that money were deposited with the government exclusively, it becomes evident that the government would have seventeen billion dollars every year for use in conducting the enterprises of the nation and employing its people, without being out anything for the use of it.

The new banking system in no way relieves the farmer of the condition described under the old system now passing away.

Now it ought to be plain to the farmer at least he who gives the surety that for the very small rate of interest for government supervision of the transaction, he might have his land appraised and the money issued direct to him since he furnishes the surety.

Socialists demand in their platform "the collective ownership and democratic management of the banking and currency system."

This would give the benefits to the people who would be the surety.

When the farmers study socialism, including the socializing of money as well as that of manufacturing, transportation and all other monopolies, and join the working class in electing a president and congress that will serve the people instead of the money interests of the country, the bankers' game will stop short.

When will this come to pass and special privilege cease? When democratic farmers and Republican and Progressive workers unite to elect farmers and vote with their class—the working class.

Workers Must Be Temperate No man is at his best when he is drinking, and the situation is such now that to the workers need their best faculties to meet it.

SAVE THE BOND INTEREST George Hicinbotham Outlines a Road System he thinks Will Work

I have read with a good deal of interest the letters in last week's Courier, on the subject of good roads. While one advocates one way, another advocates another way.

People seeking homes would not be afraid to come to Clackamas Co., because it had a heavy bond hovering over it.

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SPECIAL SESSION OF CITY COUNCIL

WATER PROJECT AND CITY PRINTING TAKEN UP

Rumors of Bidding Leaks and Tips to Printers and Lawyers

The first official step towards securing pure mountain water for Oregon City was taken Friday night of last week, when at a special meeting of the council an ordinance appropriating \$500 from the general fund for expert legal advice in preparing the bond issue and its various details was passed to second reading.

Councilman Templeton was the leading role in a number of matters that came before the city fathers. Soon after the council had been called to order he, as chairman of the committee on streets and public property, submitted a report setting forth that a concrete or other kind of culvert would have to be constructed to carry the flow of Singler Hill creek under the sidewalk on the south side of Seventh street, and asking that power be given his committee to act in the matter.

This matter being attended to, Mr. Templeton submitted a second report, asking power to act for his committee in the matter of the construction of an old barn or any other property recently deeded to the city by H. E. Cross, of Gladstone.

Councilman Templeton jumped to his feet. "I cannot believe it possible that anybody has seen the figures of those bids but myself and Councilman Albright," he said.

The report of the fire and water committee on the question of pure mountain water and the preliminary work for the proposed pipeline was then submitted and read.

This matter, referred to by this committee report, said he, "is the most important undertaking that Oregon City will ever be officially concerned with, and it therefore behooves this council to be very careful in the bond issue which it should place in the hands of the people if the people it will force every property owner in this city to place his property in pawn for a term of years, to secure the payment of the bond issue and the interest thereon.

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When the matter of opening bids for the legal work necessary in connection with the bond issue came up, it was found that but two bids had been submitted; one from a Boston, Mass., legal firm, of \$500, and another from a Pacific Coast firm, which was blank.

Tooze, who had been selected as chairman of the committee of the whole; and Mr. Tooze introduced this ordinance of the council reconvened in an executive session.

The \$500 will pay all charges of the Boston firm of bond attorneys, who will pass upon the bond issue plan, draw up such ordinances and agreements as may be necessary, and make it possible for the submitting of positive bids on the bonds, instead of conditional ones.

Following this action Chairman Andrews, of the committee on streets and public property, asked that all fractional differences in regard to the water question be dropped and that the council get solidly into line on the pipe line idea.

"This matter has been before the printing committee once," said Councilman Metzner, "and they reported no recommendation. The Courier bid on the printing, and it appears that the Enterprise got news of the bid submitted, and cut beneath that bid.

"The bids were on the table here, before the whole council," said Mr. Metzner, "anybody could have seen them."

Councilman Templeton again got the floor. "There was a disposition," he said, "when this council first organized, to work for economy, and that has been the policy of the city printing taken up. It was not taken up with any idea of having competitive bidding, but simply to help the city.

A Courier reporter rose, and was asked by Mr. Templeton to state what he believed to be the Enterprise bid, if he had heard it.

"The Enterprise submitted two bids, as I understand it," said the reporter, "first a verbal bid of 28 and 25 cents, and later a written bid of 25 and 20 cents—25 cents for the first insertion and 20 cents for subsequent insertions."

"As I thought, you are wrong," said Mr. Templeton. "The Courier submitted only one bid."

"You asked me about the Enterprise bids," interrupted the Courier reporter.

"As I said, you were wrong," reiterated Mr. Templeton. "The Courier submitted but one bid."

"Perhaps this discussion will be needless," interrupted Mayor Jones, "if we take a vote on your amendment first. The council will vote on the same amendment."

The amendment, referring the matter again to the printing committee was voted down. Councilman Templeton, Hackett and Andrews voting to support it; and Councilman Albright, Metzner, Long and Van Auker voting against it.

he added, "I do not think we ought to take snap judgment on the matter, and if it is brought to a vote I will ask to be excused from casting my ballot."

Councilman Metzner demanded that the question be put. Mayor Jones said he would like to have the city attorney look up the charter on the matter first, and ascertain what the rule was in regard to the city official paper.

"I move we adjourn," interjected Councilman Hackett.

Councilman Albright rose to a point of order, but Mayor Jones ruled that a move to adjourn was always in order, and called for a vote on the motion.

Councilman Metzner opposed adjournment, the others present supported it, and still motion ended with the matter still undecided.

SOME ROAD QUESTIONS

Louis Funk of Redlands, wants Some Good Roads Information

Editor Courier:— I have received no answer to my former queries from the Town Bond Boosters.

As for the others, outside of H. E. Cross, we shall have to be shown what they have done for Clackamas county before we will believe that they are working for the best interest of the farmer.

What will be done with the 425 miles of the rural delivery routes, and 1,400 miles of other roads in the county? Under the \$1,000 contract system where would they come off at? I would like to have the Oregon City bunch travel 2 miles cross road on R. F. D. 2. They would find out the reason why we don't favor the Pacific Highway bond issue.

Last week the auto club had a show in Portland and among other things was a map outlining the scenic route from coast to The Dalles, and through the state to California with a few side loops all parallel with the river or railroads.

In the same issue we find queries by a legal firm of Boston on the interstate bridge.

Can the state virtually assume the interest on a county debt without violating the constitution? Can the county be required to give its property to the state? Do you realize the drift of these questions? It involves the \$1,000,000 voted by Multnomah county for an interstate bridge for a link of Sam Hill's highway.

Continuing the discussion, Councilman Hackett took the floor. "I wish to corroborate Mr. Templeton's statement," said he. "Brodie told me that he had voluntarily reduced his bid on the city printing, because he desired to support this council in its move for economy."

E. R. Brown, business manager of the Enterprise, also supported Mr. Templeton's contentions, saying that he had been present when Mr. Templeton talked with the proprietor of the Enterprise and that the Courier bid was not known to the Enterprise at that time.

Councilman Metzner rose. "I will never believe it is true that the Enterprise did not know in advance of the Courier's figures," he said. "And besides that, all through the past year the Enterprise has done nothing but ridicule this council, and we ought to make the change on general principles."

Councilman Albright, who was chairman of the special printing committee, then took up the matter. "I telephoned to Mr. Tooze," he said, "on the evening of the seventh of the month, and asked him to meet with this committee and take up the matter of awarding the city printing. He answered that he was a member of the finance committee and had to meet with them, and could not be present. Mr. Templeton had the bid meeting of the council after that, and the bid lay here on the table, where everybody could see it. Next day it leaked to the Enterprise, and they must have got their tip from somebody who saw the figures here on the table."

Mr. Templeton said he was not interested in either paper, but thought the printing ought to go to the lowest bidder. Mr. Albright asked him why he didn't vote that way in executive session, when he voted for the higher bid on the matter of legal work for the bond issue.

Mrs. Elliott was called to Morrison, Iowa, on account of the serious illness of her husband's mother. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Freeman are taking care of the place during her absence.

Miss Fredolph and Miss Cox called on our new neighbors, the Nelsons, who have recently moved onto the Martin Anderson place.

Miss Bertha Bittner, of Oregon City, visited recently at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Park.

Adolph Freeman called on Fred Bauer of Colton, who is very ill with pneumonia.

A few of the young people spent Sunday evening at the home of Rev. and Mrs. J. Park, the former having been ill and unable to be out, but who is now convalescing.

Ernest Valien, who has been working for some time, is at home.

Hattie Freeman is troubled a great deal with rheumatism.

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