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Even if the bond bill fails, auto licenses have been doubled and balance in fund goes to the state fund and not to the counties.

Even if the bond bill fails, the 1/4-

mill state tax remains and will go into the state fund.

Multnomah county gets nothing under the bond act. She pays three-eighths of state tax and half of auto

If bond bill fails Multnomah can demand her interest in state fund. Clackamas county pays one-thirti-eth of state tax, or about \$7,500 per year. Clackamas county pays about one-thirtieth of auto licenses, or about \$11,000 in 1918. For \$18,500 per year Clackamas county will be getting something under the bond act, but paying the same, sum under the

present state laws may get nothing. Clackamas county now spends large sums annually on the Pacific highway. Under the bond bill, when the state once builds the road Clackamas county will not need to spend money annually upon it, and will have this money for use on other roads not now getting aid.

Autos wear out the roads. Auto-ists want hard surface and are willing to pay the bills.

The rural district will become more attractive to the city dweller and the farm will be brought closer to the city, making farm life more interesting and profitable.

THE BACK COUNTRY

Because of the large state program that is pending, the people of Oregon are devoting a great deal of attention at the present time to state roads. It is proper that they should, for the problem of state roads is an important one. But it is a mistake to permit public interest to be monopolized by state road building, says the Eugene Register.

Through state roads are both desirable and important, but the real problem in Oregon is to open up the back country to the markets. Development is proceeding at a fairly rapid rate in the region that will be served by the state roads that will be built first if the present program is carried out, but it is not proceeding so rapidly in the regions remote from these roads. There are many promising communities in Lane county that are practically shut off from communication with market centers in the winter because of bottomless mud roads, and the condition that exists in Lane county undoubtedly exists in greater or less degrees in other counties. It is a condition that deserves attention.

While we are spending time in discussing paved state roads, let us not forget the needs of these communi-Let us not forget that it is important that each county shall determine upon a system of market roads that will serve the needs of its entire area and then proceed as rapidly as possible with the improvement of these roads in such a way that it will be possible to travel them with reasonable comfort in the winter season. On these roads pavement is out of the question at the present time, and attention must be centered on securing a good grade and a good surface of rock or gravel. Equally important is a system that will provide proper maintenance.

Oregon cannot afford to spend too much time on developing the cities and the territory immediately adjacent to the cities. It is the back country that really needs development, and it will be a mistake to leave this back country out of considera-

FOOD STATUS IN GERMANY

Dr. George Michaelis, Prussian controller of foods, who may be accepted as the highest authority on the question, is reported by way of Amsterdam to have said that the food situation in Germany is a serious one. His statement is represented as having been made in the Prussian Diet,

FACTS ABOUT THE BOND ISSUE and, if verified, ought to end the dis pute as to what the conditions really

From London and other outside sources we have had assertions from time to time that Germany was weakening fast under the stress of hunger. Back from Berlin came prompt retorts that Germany had enough to eat and that Great Britain, with her blockade, could not starve the Germans, no matter to what lengths of time the war might run. In turn these denials were weakened by the Imperial government, which alleged the menace of starvation as the chief cause for carrying on ruthless submarine warfare on the high seas against both belligerent and neutral ships of trade.

Dr. Michaels deplored that the regulations for the supervision and dis-tribution of foods had been so much abused and uttered a solemn warning that if these abuses continued the country soon would be in an extremely serious plight.

The minister of agriculture, defending himself against criticism, said that "for the small bread ration one can only blame the Almighty, who has not given us the harvest we expected." Possbly we shall hear soon that diplomatic relations between Germany and Paradise have been sev-

REAL CIVIL SERVICE

The democratic administration is seeking REAL civil service in post office administration, so real, in fact, that republican organs are already making light of the proposal, al-though they were the supposed originthe old position so often taken-if we 1 the appointment of all postmasters of the first, second and third class will be subject to competitive examinations. Nominations will be sent to the senate as in the past, but in making selections the president will be guided by the results of the examinations and will send in the names at the head of the lists.

Whether a civil service commission, under which fourth-class postmasters are now named, will conduct the examinations, has not been deter- his own oratorical attractiveness- that the explosion takes place immedimined. The president's forthcoming order will provide for a form of modified civil service classification under which all vacancies, whether caused be filled by competitive examination. Those already in the service will continue without examination until the hand and, not noticing who it can be thrown with the hand forty meters or with a 'howitzer' 300 meters. expiration of a four years' term beginning with their last appointment and will then, it is understood, have to undergo the competitive test.-Telephone-Register.

MAIL ORDER GOLD

The directors of a large Chicago quarterly dividend of \$2 a share compared with \$1.75 the previous quarter. This puts the stock on an 8 per approved a proposition to increase new light comes to me." the common stock capitalization from \$60,00,000 to \$75,000,000. The directors have also been authorized to distribute as a stock dividend on April 2 the \$15,000,000 new common stock on the basis of one new share for each four now owned.

Thousands of dollars are thus goshould be spent with home merchants. merchants should advertise their prices and impress on the readers of the newspapers the fact that the same goods can be bought from local merchants just as cheaply as from the mail order houses; that the transactions will be far more satisfactory and that the money will remain in the home town and continue in circulation there. Once it goes to a mail order house it never returns.—Dallas

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SEEN FROM THE OPTIMIST'S TOWER

The Optimist, like all the rest of the animal kingdom, has been hibernating during the winter. He may have to hunt his hole some more times before summer, but he'll risk it any-

During his long sleep his beloved friend, the Morning Exaggerator, has developed a new outside, and an antipathy for Canadian preachers. When he picked up the first number that fell into his hands, the Optimist sure that he had not by mistake fall-Journal and the Police Gazette. The fellow who writes the heads has astigmatism in his sense of proportion. For instance, he picked up the story of some geek up country who was seeking a divorce because his wife had attempted to smooth out a few matri-Yet the story of his woes occupied a two column space, with headlines larger than those describing the French cabinet crisis, and only a little smaller than those heralding the Russian revolution. Optimist then the column space, with headlines were for that reason called grenadlers. "The grenades were hollow balls of from or other metal about two and a half inches in diameter, filled with editorials.

The Optimist thinks he will start at parades and other formations. a column of ethical advice to professional men. He would like to start with the lawyers, but he is afraid to tackle a job unless he can see some foundation to work from. Accordingly he will begin with the preachers.

Every preacher should advertise. In advertising he should never be bashful. He should always write his personal boosts and excerpts from his sermons in the third person. Everyone will know that he wrote it himself, but it looks better. He should always remark that his "brilliant and scholarly address was given in the presence of a large and enthusiastic audience." This is sure to be true, for there will be at least one large man or woman present, and he can provide all the enthusiasm necessary Such personal advertiseators of civil service reform. It is ment of his natural abilities is really a necessity. He can't depend upon don't do it it is no good. After April the newspapers to help him out by furnishing a reporter. When they do they always send the sporting editor, who knows as much about religion as who usually mistakes the angels for gets Zion mixed with a Utah location that sometimes goes by the same that costs money, and his Board army rife at any range up to about would sooner have him deadhead half in the third person.

Once in a while I meet a man who itself in the soil. reminds me of the old Scotch story. by resignation, removal or death, will A woman was chasing a runaway cow kilogram and contains 215 bullets and up the village street. Finally she saw a bursting charge weighing 200 grams.

dividual threw up both hands and ad-

"Wumman, can ye no see that I'm not a mon. I'm a meenister."

It would be well for every man of the cloth to adopt as his own the last mail order house recently declared a article in the creed of the late Elbert Hubbard. It reads:

"I believe it is possible that I shall make other creeds, and change this The stockholders have one, or add to it from time to time as

A man is ready for the theological boneyard the moment he ceases to have a heart constantly open to the sunlight of God's truth, and a mind ready to accept what is good no matter where he may run across it.

It is a genuine pleasure to go into ing to this mail order house that a store and watch the delight with which every clerk in the establish-There is only one effective method to ment falls over himself to wait upon employ in fighting the mail order the preacher who feels it meet and pests-that is publicity. The local fitting his divine right to claim a ten per cent discount. Reminds one or the sweet young thing who looked over a pile of ginghams. Finally she selected one and asked:

"Do you give a reduction to ministers' wives?'

"Why, yes," said the clerk. "Are you a minister's wife?' "We-well, not exactly," she modestly stammered, "but I'm engaged to a

theological student." When a pastor boards a street car he should always make a rush for the best seat obtainable. He should occupy two seats, if possible, no matter how crowded the cars are. Then it is perfectly ethical for him to grumble at every discomfort he meets,

and to call down the conductor if chance affords. It will give people a due regard for his importance. They'll mistake him for a Doctor of Divinity or a bishop if he asserts himself I think the clergy will manage to how the world ever got along before subsist upon these few rules until I he was born."- Detroit Free Press.

get around to them again. Maybe I'll have some good advice for the doctors next week. No, you don't owe me anything. Keep your change. THE OPTIMIST.

Sues for Value of Dog L. O. Nightingale Monday brought suit in the circuit court here, charging C. H. Marsh with poisoning a trained shepherd dog valued at \$150. The complaint says the poison was wilfully placed by Marsh, and Nightingale seeks to recover the full value of the canine.

The Oregon City Courier and the Oregon Daily Journal (except Sun-

GRENADES IN WAR

Terrible Weapons When Charged With High Explosives.

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They Are Made Now to Be Flung by Hand at Close Quarters, to Be Shot From a Howitzer or to Be Planted as Mines and Fired by Electricity.

The use of hand grenades as an implement of war dates back nearly four had to look a second time to make centuries, and this deadly weapon remains today, as in the sixteenth cenen heir to a cross between a Hearst tury, one of the most effective weapons of warfare. In the United States Infantry Journal there is an article dealing with grenades which is a translation from the German military pub-Beation, Militar-Wochenblatt.

"Hand grenades," the article reads, "as an implement of warfare date back monial wrinkles with a flat iron. No many centuries. History records their one ever heard of the personage be- use as far back as 1536 at the siege of fore, and no one ever expects to again. Arles. Up to the close of the eight-

turned to the editorial section. In powder and provided with a fuse, Mac's day once in a while something which was lighted before being thrown. worth while could be found there. At first there were a few in each regi-But the editorial matter rivalled in ment, later entire companies were quality the type in which it was set formed, and still later every infantry forth. Well—it takes brains to write battallon had its own grenadier company, which in the different armies had precedence over the other companies

"During the war between Russia and Japan hand grenades were again used in great quantities by both sides, espe-cially in fighting at close quarters, and so deadly effective were they that it is not surprising the inventor's mind occupied itself with this means of combat and endeavored to adopt it to the requirements of modern warfare.

"First of all, it was very important to invent a projectile that would unite deadly effectiveness with complete safety of the thrower. Mr. Assen, the Danish inventor, constructed a number of hand, rifle and mine grenades which are said to fulfill these requirements.

"The hand grenades are carried by the man until required and then thrown by hand. The rifle or 'howitzer' grenades are fired from a firm rest such as a wooden stand made from a rifle placed on the ground and directed at various angles of elevation by means of stakes. The mine grenade is anchored in the ground and discharged by electricity upon approach of the enemy. In each case they are veritable death dealers.

"The rifle grenade weighs about 550 the city council does about peace, and grams. It contains seventy-two bullets weighing 2.5 grams and seventy-two a certain bunch of sporting fame, and grams of explosives. The seventy-two bullets cover a space of at least forty to fifty square meters. The rifle grename. He might run a paid ad, but nade may be fired from an ordinary a column or so with a description of fect of the grenade is due to the fact ately after the grenade strikes the ground before it has had time to bury

"The 'howitzer' grenade weighs one "Mon, will ye nae stop ma coo?" The 'howitzer' is a contrivance made As the cow raced past him that in- of a cylinder and weighs twelve kilograms. It may be carried like a rifle. The bullets of this grenade cover a semicircular space of at least eighty square meters and spread only to the front and laterally, but not to the rear toward the thrower. They are, therefore, of especial value for fighting at close quarters. They are constructed so that they may be exploded only after they have traveled eight meters toward the target.

"The hand grenade weighs one kilogram and contains 190 bullets weighing 2.4 grams and a bursting charge weighing 110 grams. In contrast to the above described 'howitzer' grenade the bullets fly in every direction, so that it is only used for throwing from cover.

"The last kind of these grenades is the mine grenade. It weighs about four kilograms and contains 400 3.3gram bullets and a 200 gram bursting charge. The 400 bullets will cover a space of at least 800 square meters. These grenades, together with their electrical connections, are placed about one-half meter under the surface of the ground, so that they are completely invisible to the enemy.

"When it is set off the grenade rises about three-fourths of a meter above the ground, then explodes and throws the bullets in all directions parallel with the ground. At a distance of ten meters the bullets will go through wood at least a hundred millimeters thick and retain deadly effectiveness for a distance of fifty meters. A detachment of a hundred men can lay a line of these mines over a front of 4.000 meters in less than two hours. "In a test three mine grenades were

laid in the corners of a triangle whose legs were thirty meters long among a group of 145 wooden double silhouettes that were scattered over a space of 2,700 square meters. The grenades were set off electrically one after the other. The result was that 120 silhouettes were hit 700 times."

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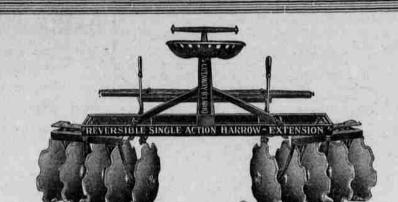
"Yes, indeed. He can't understand

Wrong cannot afford defeat, but right

DEFENDS THE FLAG

O. Grant Puts Boss in Tank for A leged Unbecoming Talk

When Otto Erickson, a foreman in the Hawley paper mills, Friday took it upon himself to tear from the walls a sketch of Uncle Sam protecting the American flag and at the same time made insinuating remarks, O. Grant, a laborer, rebelled, according to the story of Grant. When a little fracas ended, Erickson was botton end up in a china clay vat and he



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freed himself and discharged Grant, according to the latter's story.

"I didn't like the tone of Erickson's remarks," Grant told Night Officer French, "but I hit him before I considered well."

"I might have arrested you if you had not hit the man, if your story is true," French told Grant, who had feared arrest for his assault. The matter was reported to W. P. Hawley and Grant was immediately employed in another part of the mill.

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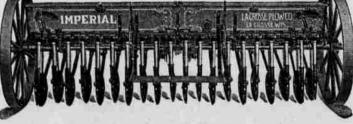
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