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## FOR AMERICA'S VICTORY

These God-given liberties we have been preaching about over the wide and turbulent world for a hundred years are due to be trampled on if Oregon and the rest of this mighty nation does not get more powerfully behind the Liberty loan bond issue than it has been during the first two weeks of the campaign.

The United States government has asked Clackamas county to subscribe a minimum of \$768,125 to the Liberty loan and as much as \$1,110,000, if our finances will permit. If we raise the larger figure in this county it means that \$30 must be invested for every man and woman in the county. If every man and woman could buy a \$50 Liberty bond Clackamas county's minimum share of the loan would be subscribed considerably more than twice over. That would be fine!

But brought down to plain terms, we have to turn on more of the steam of patriotism in this county. We are up against a two-sided proposition in America. If our people are loyal our war shall be recorded as democracy's greatest victory. If we fail to provide our government with funds to prosecute the war and prostitute the kaiser, our armies and our navies shall suffer the inevitable defeat of unprepared forces.

Shall Betty Ross' Star Spangled Banner that carried America's ideals through all the wars of our history be allowed to droop in shame over the heads of a wealthy mass of prosperous people, indolent, unattentive to the dire needs of a nation facing the greatest crisis of its life? Shall the banner that waved over Valley Forge, the same flag that mounted San Juan hill and guided General Scott into Mexico in 1878 be blackened with the evil hand of prussianism? Shall the principles of democracy and world freedom, the principles that have made of America the chief modern exponent of Christ's civilization, be allowed to perish from the earth under the withering winds of inattention?

We face a grave situation. We must grapple with a monster that will sap our very life blood if we do not awaken to the call of our country. We can save our nation from disgrace and from the awful sin of unpreparedness with our dollars. Uncle Sam, dear old top, Clackamas county's dollars are ready for you. We must and we will buy Liberty bonds, for America must and will be triumphant in its war for right over might. Buy YOUR bond NOW.

## SOME HOPE LEFT

The decision handed down last week in the Clackamas county circuit court by Judge Bagley, who occupied the bench for Judge Campbell, is important and of widespread interest. The decision involves the jurisdiction of county highways within the boundaries of incorporated communities and it may prove an effective bar against the diversion of municipal funds.

On the other hand it may prove a disaster to some small cities in this and other parts of the state, where the municipal government has taken over the county road and called it a street. Such a state of affairs may call for solution at the hands of the state legislature, which, in fact, is responsible for the law that brought Judge Bagley's decision forth.

Where the little city may get out of the mess is through the paragraph in the decision which says that the county court may delegate municipal officers with the right to improve county roads and to such officers the county could turn over funds apportioned to the city as a road district. The 1917 legislature passed a law designating incorporated communities as separate road districts.

When the county has no funds or desire to improve its roads through a certain incorporated district, that district will, perforce, suffer the miseries of bad roads, even though the road may be the main street, as it is in Oswego. That appears to be the

tangle into which Judge Bagley's decision has put the thing. Perhaps incorporated towns can get a little meat from the bone of the paragraph that provides a power by which the county court can "delegate" the right to make improvements.

## MAKE THE ROAD HOG PAY

What is the disease in the brain of a man who will cause suffering and never lend a hand to relieve it? It must be a disease rooted in the mind and the heart alike. The fellow who dashed past Frank King and family after their machine had rolled over an embankment last Sunday was a scallawag and the utmost penalty at law would be none too much for him. A sound thrashing might also help to teach him a few of the rules of human decency and the rights of man.

Going over an embankment in an automobile usually means death and The Courier, whose publisher was at the scene of the King accident Sunday, cannot see why the road hog who causes such disasters should escape all the penalties of murder. The man or woman who will deliberately pass by such a scene as this was, or when he is the cause of it will speed out of sight of the result of his folly and the reach of the law, lending neither sympathy nor aid, is little better than the snake that crawls in the grass. We do not like the shape of the faces of such people. They should be kneaded with the fists of some husky blacksmith.

The badge of honor for those of us who stay at home is the Liberty bond that abides in the safety vault.

"Over there" we have our boys in khaki. They are in camp and cantonment. They have responded to the call. "Over here," what are you going to do?—News Letter.

Newspaper story says paymaster at Camp Lewis, American Lake, finds silver dollars are scarce. Some folks don't have to go as far as American Lake to make such a finding.

Some of the soldiers we have had in Oregon City seem to think that their uniforms are a license for the unmolesed violation of all our laws of order and decency. Their actions reflect upon the upright young men in the service.

While the Hon. H. Hoover and other conservationists ask that we do not eat beef on certain days, The Courier assumes the preacher's role and asks that congress set an example and declare a "porkless" session.

It looks like good business on the part of the automobile owner to subscribe for Liberty bonds. If the government cannot raise funds through bond issues it is apt to slap a tax on motorists. Then where would the gay motorist get off?

We would have a nice pot of porridge on our hands if Governor Withycombe undertook to retire 13 county clerks in Oregon because they had not complied with a certain late law. County Clerk Harrington was one of the 13.

With the Oregon City water board earning some \$6,000 a year from the operation of the South Fork water system we wonder if it is not about time that its owners, the public, begin to share in its profits through a reduction in rates.

Iowa has joined that large group of states whose people figure that John Barleycorn is a bum citizen. Some Iowans will suffer terribly from the want of liquor, but the next generation, not educated to the taste of the stuff, will reap the harvest of benefits from prohibition.

Uncle Sam has asked Oregon to raise a minimum of \$16,500,000 in Liberty loan subscriptions. Uncle Sam wants Oregon to raise as much

as \$24,000,000. That means that Clackamas county is asked to subscribe at least \$768,125 and \$1,110,000 if possible. Will Clackamas county do it?

Is subscription to the Liberty bond issue a good investment? During the war with Spain the United States government sold \$200,000,000 worth of bonds at 100 cents on the dollar. They were oversubscribed seven times and were quoted immediately at a premium. Two years after the war the price of \$100 bonds went to \$111, bringing a profit to the holder of 11 per cent in addition to the regular interest on the issue.

Church people in Oregon feel that a crime has been committed in tearing down the old Taylor street church in Portland. How fondly we cherish the memories of another day that are brought to mind by such structures as the McLoughlin home. Is there no sentiment left in Oregon Methodism? Is there no tug at the heart string as the old church crumbles away under the hammer blows that batter into oblivion the traditions and the histories of this shrine of Oregon's pioneer worship?

## LETTER FROM LINCOLN PRIZED BY THORNTON

A personal letter, which his father had received from Abraham Lincoln, America's martyred president, was one of the highly treasured mementoes left by the late John W. Thornton, whose death occurred Monday last at his home at Wilsonville.

It was while John W. Thornton, was a boy of 10 years that his father wrote to Abraham Lincoln, who was at the time practicing law at Springfield, Ill., in regard to his serving as a law instructor for a friend of Mr. Thornton.

This letter, mellowed, with age, but apparently in as good condition as the day it was written, December 2, 1858, reads as follows:

"James F. Thornton, Esq.:

"Dear Sir—Yours of the 29th written in behalf of Mr. John H. Widmer, is received. I am absent altogether too much to be a suitable instructor for a law student. When a man has reached the age that Mr. Widmer has and has already been doing for himself, my judgment is that he read the books for himself without an instructor. That is precisely the way I came to the law. Let Mr. Widmer read Blackstone's Commentaries, Chitty's Pleadings, Greenleaf's Evidence, Story's Equity and Story's Equity Pleadings, get a li-

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cence and go to the practice, and still keep reading.

"That is my judgment of the cheapest, quickest and best way for Mr. Widmer to make a lawyer of himself.

"Yours truly, A. LINCOLN."

The elder Thornton treasured the letter during the later years of his life, and passed it down to his son, John W. Thornton. Mr. Thornton's death last week lost to the state a business man of wide experience. Coming to Oregon in 1904, after having been a railroad official in the middle west for years, he settled first at Independence. He was right-of-way man during the location and construction of the Oregon Electric railway, and after its completion organized the Farmers' Bank of Wilsonville, and served as its president until his death.

Although he was but 13 years old when the Civil war broke out, Mr. Thornton enlisted in the spring of 1864 and was made a corporal when only 15 years of age. On the expiration of his enlistment he was asked by President Lincoln to re-enlist and because of his continued bravery in action he received a parchment roll of honor signed by President Lincoln and Secretary of War Stanton.

Mr. Thornton was born near Des Moines, Ia., June 8, 1848. He was married to Kate Lincoln in 1877. Two sons, Joseph and Robert, survive him.

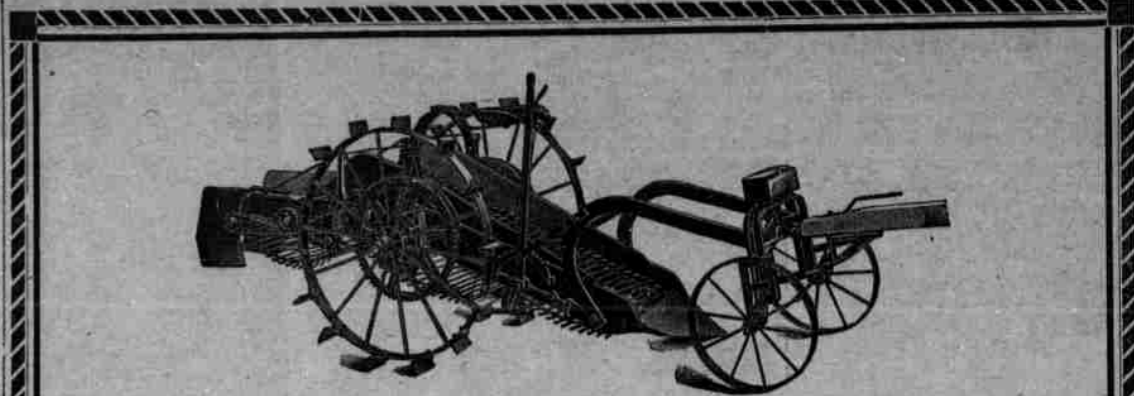
## O. & C. GRANT LAND TAX WOULD BUY LUXURIES

Sheriff W. J. Wilson yesterday received from Washington a treasury warrant for \$100,255.18, which is within about \$8000 of the approximate amount coming to Clackamas county for tax, interest and penalty on the Oregon-California railroad grant lands. Approximately a million and a half dollars being apportioned to the counties of western Oregon and the amounts in most cases, if properly expended, will accomplish great good in the state, it is said.

With its share of the tax moneys Clackamas county could put down more than 125,319 square yards of hard surface on the roads of the county or it could build a new suspension bridge over the Willamette at Oregon City. The money would buy a properly located county fair site and pay for the erection of buildings that would rival those on the state fair grounds, or it could give every married couple in the county a \$50 Liberty bond and have money enough left over to buy lots of candy for the children.

The general sentiment in the counties which will profit from the payment of the O. & C. taxes, however, seems to be that it should be expended on road improvement, for, in addition to the back taxes the counties are to receive a percentage for roads and bridges from the sale of lands and timber. It has been suggested that those counties through which the Pacific highway runs apply the accumulation of back taxes to bring the grade up to the standard required by the state road bond law.

In Clackamas county the road between Oswego and the county seat



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will have to be improved before it will be taken over and paved by the state highway commission and there have been suggestions for putting the railroad grant tax money on this job. But the county court has said that it will distribute the money about the county as it should be, as nearly as possible.

The approximate amounts coming to the western Oregon counties in

tax, interest and penalty are:  
Benton, \$72,988; Clackamas, \$108,530; Columbia, \$50,374; Coos, \$151,060; Curry, \$7896; Douglas, \$316,182; Jackson, \$241,879; Josephine, \$129,229; Klamath, \$38,756; Lane, \$277,560; Lincoln, \$7799; Linn, \$44,002; Marion, \$28,749; Multnomah, \$10,905; Polk, \$51,079; Tillamook, \$10,905; Washington, \$15,871; Yamhill, \$15,847.

Scandinavian Service  
There will be Scandinavian services in the Methodist church in Oregon City, next Sunday, October 21 at 3 o'clock. Sermon by Rev. John Ovall and good songs and music.

LOST—Airdale Dog—head yellow. Finder please notify Brady Mercantile Co., Oregon City.



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