

# NATIONAL BONUS PLAN EVOLVED BY OREGON CITY MAN

### Method of Handling Finance For Payment of Veterans Is to be Placed Before Senate Finance Committee.

### LOCAL ACCOUNTANT OUTLINES SYSTEM

### C. M. Baker Submits Draft of Idea to McNary; Benefit Is Claimed to be Two-Fold.

A plan for the financing of the national soldier's bonus, which is occupying the spotlight in national governmental circles, has been evolved by C. M. Baker, of Oregon City, auditor of the Willamette Valley Southern Railway company, and is under consideration by the Finance Committee of the U. S. Senate.

Mr. Baker, who for a number of years has been an expert accountant, holding positions with some of the largest roads in the country, is an authority upon financial matters. The idea of his plan is to formulate some system which will accomplish two things—defer the payment of the period of years so that the country will not be called upon to meet the obligation immediately, and at the same time prevent the inflation of the national currency as would the ordinary schemes of financing through taxation or similar methods.

Mr. Baker's plan, as outlined in a letter to Senator Charles McNary, together with the senator's letter, follows:

If bonus amounts to \$3,500,000,000. Issue \$1,750,000,000 in bonds, one-half due in five years and one-half due in ten years, without interest and not transferable, direct to the ex-service men.

Issue \$1,750,000,000 in bonds, one-half due in fifteen years and one-half due in twenty years, without interest, payable to "any National bank of United States, only."

Have the National banks purchase these bonds, fifty-fifty to the extent of their circulating bank notes now guaranteed by the government and substitute the present issue for the interest bearing bonds now on deposit with the government. These interest bearing bonds so released to form the reserve required in National banks. The money paid in for the fifteen and twenty year bonds would allow the government to pay the bonus one-half cash, one-fourth five year bonds, and one-fourth ten year bonds, with no additional taxes for the time being, and no interest—no inflation of the currency and would give this country a breathing spell for five years in which to meet the first quarter of a special preferred debt of the country.

The half payment in cash would immediately revive business in all sections of the country and greatly relieve the pressing needs of ex-service men. Five and ten years hence the additional payments would also greatly help a certain portion of the ex-service men who might fail to have been prosperous—would not be hard to take for those who had, and again increase the volume of business in all sections at times of disbursements.

Create an annual sinking fund of \$175,000,000 to cover the retirement of the four issues—and in this way call these issues at maturity. National banks would then substitute interest bearing bonds as their fifteen and twenty year bonds were paid.

This plan would allow the National banks to be patriotic without cost and the farmer and business man would both be benefited and the Government could pay its greatest debt, now past due, to the boys who made it possible for us to still have a United States of America.

Mr. C. M. Baker, Auditor, Willamette Valley Southern Railway Co., Oregon City, Oregon. My dear Mr. Baker:

This morning I read your very interesting letter of the 21st inst., discussing the Bonus Bill and outlining a plan whereby funds could be raised for that purpose. His question and various things much agitated here, and various things have been suggested. In fact, the Ways and Means Committee of the House has not yet formulated a plan for the payment of the bonus.

I am taking the liberty of presenting your letter to the Senate Finance Committee, as I want to place your thought in the channel where it will receive careful and considerate attention.

Yours very truly,  
CHAS. L. McNARY.

### DRILL BENEFITS PUPILS

PORTLAND, March 2.—Children at the Sellwood school marched out in perfect order this morning when sparks from the chimney ignited the roof of the building. School authorities said fifty seconds saw the 830 children in safety, but fire authorities said it required one minute and twenty seconds. The damage was set at \$50.

### BOOTLEG KILLS 19

DETROIT, Mich., March 1.—Bootleg liquor was responsible for 19 deaths in Detroit during the four weeks ending yesterday.

This statement was made in a report of the coroner's office made public today.

### MARY PICKFORD WINS

NEW YORK, March 2.—Mary Pickford, film star, has won in the suit brought against her by Mrs. Cora C. Wilkenning to collect \$105,000 commission for securing Miss Pickford a million-dollar contract with Adolph Zukor to make pictures for Artcraft.

# GLADSTONE NEWS

## Former Resident of Edgewood Passes

Mrs. Elizabeth Farnsworth Eby, a former resident of Edgewood, passed away at her home in Vancouver, Washington Thursday morning after a brief illness. The immediate cause of her death was heart failure. Mrs. Eby is survived by her husband, S. M. Eby, of Vancouver, Wash.; two daughters, Mrs. J. Minnie Soule and Mrs. Rose E. Taylor of Portland, Mrs. Clara Marston, deceased, of Gresham, four sons, W. A. Eby, S. F. Eby of Portland; O. M. Eby of Vancouver, and E. W. Eby of Gladstone.

Mrs. Eby was 78 years of age and had she lived until March 8, would have celebrated her sixty-third wedding anniversary. Mrs. Eby was a member of the Daughters of the Revolution. Mr. Eby served through the Civil War in the infantry, joining in Iowa. For a number of years Mr. and Mrs. Eby resided on their farm on the banks of the Clackamas near Edgewood.

## Rev. Clay Resigns Gladstone Pulpit

Rev. B. F. Clay, pastor of the Gladstone Christian church for the past five years, has tendered his resignation to take effect April 1st, he expects to return to his farm near Cornelius. Rev. Clay was pastor of this church some years ago and resigned to take up farming and was recalled. Mrs. Clay has had charge of the Helping Hand class with approved success. Rev. and Mrs. Clay expect to take charge of their farm on or before the first of April. They will be greatly missed in this community.

## Visitor Suffers Painful Accident

Mrs. LaShay, mother of Mrs. Geo. Fromong of West Gladstone, met with a very serious accident while visiting her daughter last week. While walking on the porch she slipped and fell breaking three ribs. At present Mrs. LaShay is doing nicely. Mr. and Mrs. LaShay formerly lived here on Arlington street.

## Mothers of Cradle Roll Entertained

Mrs. Grant Olds entertained the Cradle-Roll Mothers of the Christian church Thursday afternoon at her home in Claridon street, in a most charming manner. The Olds home was prettily decorated with potted

## VETERANS GATHER AT DINNER; INTERESTING PEOPLE PRESENT

On Saturday old Civil war veterans enjoyed the regular pension day dinner at the Willamette hall, when members of the Women's Relief Corps acted as hostesses. At the long tables were seated the G. A. R. and Women's Relief Corps. There were veterans among the guests who had fought in some of the greatest battles of the early days, and there were women whose fathers or whose husbands and brothers had served during the four years of war.

Many interesting people were there and among these was Mrs. J. A. Tufts of Gladstone, whose father was Robert Rickaby, who served in the war of 1812. He was taken prisoner when a mere lad while on his way to the United States on a British ship. He was but 12 years of age at that time, and never before held a gun, but compelled to fight. When leaving the British army he served with Uncle Sam's army in the Civil war, and four sons, all of whom were wounded, were also in the Civil war. J. A. Tufts, late husband of Mrs. Tufts, was also a Civil war veteran.

Mrs. M. I. Shortledge, of Gladstone, who attended, well remembers the time of the assassination of President Abraham Lincoln. Her great-grandfather served in the war of the rebellion, and her father was in the Civil war.

Among the veterans was David McArthur, color bearer of the Meade Post for 42 years, who was in the Civil war, and recalled the time that during the thickest of the engagements where the color bearers were killed, and he ran to the rescue of the flag and carrying it high above his head saved the colors on three occasions. He still proudly carries the old flag on special occasions of the Grand Army. Mr. McArthur is engaged in farming at New Era, and is still hale and hearty and never misses a meeting of the Meade Corps.

Rev. J. S. McCann, of Portland, a Civil war veteran, was in attendance. The master of ceremonies was A. J. Hobbie, commander of Meade Post No. 2, G. A. R. During the dinner hour Mrs. E. H. Cooper sweetly sang "Tenting Tonight," with Mrs. Walter Bennett as accompanist. This solo was followed by an interesting address by Rev. H. G. Edgar, pastor of the Presbyterian church. Rev. Edgar exhibited a number of old coins and Confederate bills used in war time, and also a muster roll of the Confederate army dated 1864. The latter is the property of Mrs. M. C. Toban, of this city, which she found while sorting papers in a large paper mill when she was a girl. Among the coins was one used by the Spanish people known as 5 pesetas, which was found on Cover's flagship "Vizcaya" after the destruction of the ship, and which was presented to Mrs. Edgar while visiting the Brooklyn navy yard. Another coin with a history, that was found hidden away in a sack with 79 other coins placed there by an old comrade, who left a note telling where the money was hidden. There were 80 half dollars, one of which was dated 1814, and bears the head of Liberty and 13 stars, while on the opposite side is the eagle. In the collection of Confederate money are found 75 cents in Virginia bill; 50

# CONTRACTS FOR LAST SECTION OF LOOP ROAD LET

### Highway from Hood River to Booth Hill, 6.1 Miles, to be Graded by E. A. Webster & Co.; Price Is \$114,392.

### NORTHEN COUNTY TO GIVE AID IN PAYMENT

### Stretch from Forest Line to Be Improved; Cost Will Total More than \$70,000.

Contracts for the grading of the last two remaining units of the Mount Hood loop highway from the Multnomah county line through Clackamas county, the National Forest reserve and Hood River county to Hood River, a distance of 87 miles have been awarded by the state highway commission on bids submitted at the meeting in Portland on February 21.

Contract for the grading of the Hood River-Booth Hill section of the Mount Hood loop highway in Hood River county, 6.1 miles, is awarded to E. A. Webster & Co., on its bid of \$114,392.50.

Contract for the grading of 12.1 miles of the Booth Hill forest boundary section of the Mount Hood loop highway is awarded to the Johnson Contract company on its bid of \$74,121.

The awards have been approved by the county court of Hood River county, which is cooperating with the state highway department to the extent of 50 per cent of the cost. "The award of these two contracts provides for the grading of the last two remaining units of the entire Mount Hood Loop highway, beginning at the Multnomah county line near Sandy and extending through Clackamas county, the national forest reserve and Hood River county to Hood River, a distance of eighty-seven miles," says a statement by the highway department.

## Union High Notes

(By Jack Hemstead) Despite the very inclement weather a large crowd turned out to the concert held in the Union high school auditorium last Friday evening and the last program on the Lyceum course proved a success in more ways than one.

It would be hard to designate the best of the many surprising features of the evening although the biggest surprises to the audience was a song, Yankee Doodle Boy, by the Boys' Glee club in which at just the proper instant Old Glory was unfurled and saluted with precision by the boys.

Another feature of the entertainment was the Grecian drill and the novel lighting system, added much to the beauty of the scenes. Various colors were thrown on the girls in the drill by red, purple and white slides from the moving picture machine.

The closing number of the evening was a song "We Love Old Union High," sung by both the Girls who wore white dresses and red caps and jackets, and the Boys' Glee Club. Just before the last number, Mr. Gary awarded William Mootry with a gold fountain pen for selling the greatest number of Lyceum tickets and gave the second prize, a large box of chocolates candy to Miss Gladys Chambers who sold one hundred and twenty-one dollars worth of tickets during the Lyceum course which was seven dollars less than the amount turned in by Mootry.

Sophomore English classes are studying the classic "A Tale of Two Cities," by Charles Dickens.

First prize in the poster contest, a Green and Gold annual was awarded to Eugene Vedder by a vote held by the student body last Monday morning and second prize a large box of candy went to Flora Kanak who ran him a close second in designing the posters for the concert.

Basketball schedule for the Green and Gold has ended with the possible exception of a game with Oregon City high school and the season was a success although the team was defeated in a majority of the contests played.

Johnny Michels and Sylvester Pettit, juniors have completed their wireless radio outfits and are spending most of their spare time learning the continental Morse signal code in order to be able to understand the wireless messages that the outfit will receive.

Miss Gleason, domestic science instructor will not be able to return to her duties for at least a week. A student of Oregon Agricultural college has taken charge of her work until it is possible for her to return.

BUNCO MEN MAKE HAUL JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 21.—Tourists to the Florida resorts have been fleeced out of \$1,500,000 by confidence men so far this season. Losses of this amount have been admitted by victims at preliminary hearings following the arrest of 19 men here as bunco steers and wire tappers.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Bucket shop brokers are fleeing by the score before the storm of the district attorney's investigation, it developed today. Detectives searching the financial district for men wanted on grand jury indictments have found only empty offices in most instances. Of nearly 50 indictments to date, only six arrests have been made.

# WOMAN'S PAGE

by Florence Riddick Boys

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## The Gossips

During the War we rose above the level of gossiping—the favorite indoor sport of people of little interest. The gossip is especially adept in "putting two and two together;" but the trouble is that the resulting sum is not "four" but forty—so elastic is the gossip story. "Behold how great a matter a little fire kindleth."

The harm gossip may do is incalculable. Thanks be, we probably shall never slump back into the malignity of ante-bellum gossip; but since no progress takes a bee-line but is always zig-zag, we are still certain to suffer from more or less of it.

Some people's only exercise is jumping at conclusions. Their landing place from a broad, high jump is a mire of deep delusions. But let 'em jump; and let 'em talk; And wag their tongues away. Oh, you and I "should worry," dear,— A fig for what "They say!"

## Milady's Bonnet

Bonnet, hat, or chapeau or by another name, it will look as sweet; and there are four distinct types to choose from:

First, the turban type, close fitting, framing the face and following the lines of the head. From this an ornament sticks up straight somewhere, or it is circled by a wreath of flowers or a ribbon tied in a bow on one side.

Secondly, there is the perfectly round-crowned hat with a small, rolling brim—very nice and modest.

Thirdly, newest and most popular of all, is the tri-cockade, Napoleonic or such as the minute-men wore at the battle of Lexington. Their brim turns sharply up from the forehead, is shortest at the back, and wide over both ears where it droops sweetly.

And last—but not least—is the very large hat, resembling the "picture hat" familiar for weddings and the mid-summer garden party, but now a spring hat which bids fair to "occupy a large place" in hattery, both literally and figuratively.

Hat materials are: crepe, yarn, satin, camel's hair, cloth, and metallic braids. Frames are pliable and hats are delightfully collapsible, or non-squashable, just the thing for sport.

The big hat is a non-conformist. It is sleek and stiff and slightly drooping; unless at some unexpected vantage point, it flares suddenly up. It has almost no trimming, and what it has is under the brim. Its wide, untrimmed expansiveness is what gives it the audacious neatness and chilly formality which constitute its swiftness.

Feathers, birds, ribbons and bows, and a few flowers are among the trimmings, but the most popular are the grotesque metallic ornaments. We even find ear-rings and combs, promoted from the head to the hat. The single feather ornament pierces the hat with the quill end pointing upward and the tip extending over an ear.

In the less trimming on a hat the greater its aristocracy.

## Birds

Mothers, your boys can help save the birds, if you teach them to shoot with the camera instead of the gun.

Birds are a great blessing to a locality on account of the immense number of destructive insects they consume. They eat beetles, wood-borers, weevils, moths, flies, grasshoppers

## RECIPES

Perennial Shortcakes. Pies are apt to be soggy institutions, fit only for the stomach of the outdoor worker. Many people get the pie-habit when young and active and continue it a "retired farmers," overweight adults, or indoor workers.

Pie is not a good food for children. It is too rich and heavy. Better far are the fluffy, puffy shavers, made with plenty of baking powder and not too much shortening.

With a hot, flakey upper and under crust, buttered and sugared, there are infinite shortcake possibilities. Any fruit may be mashed, chopped or mangled and spread between the layers and on top. If figs, raisins, prunes, dates, pears, bananas, or any mild flavored fruit is used, it may be tartened up a bit with lemon or orange or dashes of jelly or jam. These bright colors add to the artistic value as well as to the flavor. If the fruit is too dry, it may be liquidated by combining it with a cream dressing or thin blanc-mange. If too juicy, thicken with gelatin or corn starch.

## SMILES

There's a Reason. "How do you get such tender meat?" "For flavor it is hard to beat." "I select a butcher, then stand by him." "Where is his shop I should like to try him." "I stand by him, not from loyalty, but—I stand by him while my meat is cut."

## WOMAN-TORIALS

What's This—a "Fathers' Association?" The species "Mothers' Club" is well known but we often wonder if Daddy does not love their children, too. Philadelphia answers the question with its "Fathers' Association," organized to buy supplies for the boys of Frankfort High School. They act now as a civic club, backing, and initiating, school enterprises and, incidentally, they have a wholesome influence on school discipline.

## East is East and West is West.

In the Occident, married women are as we know them, as free, respected, and independent before the law as if unmarried. In the Orient they must "come under the yoke." A married woman in Japan can not own real estate, take or reject a gift without the consent of her husband. As a rule, marriages are arranged by controlling parents.

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