

BURDEN OF TAXES ON ROADS SMALL

J. B. Yeon Tells of Low Rate Which Will Result if Bonds Are Issued.

GREAT BENEFITS CITED

Progressive Business Men's Club Hears How King County, Washington, Is Building Up Country by Good Highways.

By the good roads bond issue, an election for which will be held next month, the citizen paying taxes on an assessed valuation of \$100,000 will pay only 18 cents a year for the first four years for good roads, while the man whose property values are small, taxed on an assessed valuation of \$400, will pay only 9 cents and the laboring man will benefit greatly by the work, asserted John B. Yeon, the principal speaker on "Good Roads" day of the Progressive Business Men's Club yesterday at the Multnomah Hotel.

Mr. Yeon went into details of the campaign for the \$1,250,000 bond issue for the benefit of Multnomah County roads, showed by figures how far this county was behind King County, in which Seattle is situated, and the benefits of good roads, and told in detail how beneficial the paving of miles of country road in the county would be to this metropolitan.

Seattle Outdoing Portland. "Did you know, young gentlemen, that King County in Washington has constructed many miles of paved roadway, some of which cost \$25,000 a mile?" asked Mr. Yeon. "And what more, that county is going to build many more miles this year. That is how far Seattle is outdoing Portland. The raspberry growers and the milk canneries in the Puyallup Valley today are doing a business estimated in the millions, due to good roads as well as good railroad transportation. The berry men are doing close to \$300,000 a year business with the railroads on eastern shipments, which have proved a good market for the Puyallup berry. The White River milk canneries are doing a trade of \$2,000,000 only 14 miles from Seattle, and that short distance from Seattle.

"Some may ask, 'What are we going to do if we have the bond issue?' and continue the construction of these fine roadways?' First of all we will put 22,000 acres between Shaniko and the Upper Siletz covered up with more access of a big market; we will place \$800 acres between Troutdale and Portland on an avenue unexcelled in the United States; we will place \$1,000,000 in the southern part of the county to put Eastern Oregon and Idaho in easy touch by vehicle with Portland and we are going to place the beautiful Crater Lake country in easy access for the California tourist who wants to get away from the hot, burning and dry Summers of the southern state. "We need and ask your help."

Plans of Organization Outlined. Previous to Mr. Yeon's address, Julius L. Meier, president of the Columbia Highway Association, told in a few words the history of the organization of the work it had done, was doing and expected to do, and gave in printed form a few reasons why "citizens' support" was needed in favor of the bond issue, which will be voted upon on April 14. The reasons follow: "In those communities where good roads abound the taxpayers are not more than a guaranteed article at the same price as one not guaranteed is preferable. In the matter of roads, the cost of maintenance for 10 years is cheaper to the taxpayer than a macadamized or other road, the yearly average maintenance expense for 10 years exceeds the original cost of a good paved road. "The case with which a farmer can haul a load on a paved road is about four times that of the usual dirt road. "Paved country roads are available and in use all the year around. "Paved country roads make larger and better townships and cities. "The country schools are always filled where good roads exist. "The development of the boys and girls. "Good roads invariably increase the value of adjoining property. In proportion to assessed valuation add a little tax on the farmer, but he produces more, makes more money. Taxes are decreased and equalized in all communities. "One of the greatest of all crops is the tourist crop for a state like Oregon, with its scenic wonders and its unlimited resources. Good roads are the means to an end to secure this tourist trade. "All around, not mentioning those who will take up a permanent residence. "Multnomah County has 215 miles of paved roads outside the city. King County (Seattle) has 110 miles and a prosperous farming community. Multnomah County more prosperous by securing 10 miles additional of paved highways, including all the main trunk roads leading into our city. "Every dollar expended on good roads, excepting a small fraction that remains in the community affected and provides employment for thousands of men. "The improvement of the roads enumerated in the present petition will open up to the farmer undeveloped land in excess of 200,000 acres. "A. S. Benson was chairman of the day, and aside from making a short address introduced the other two speakers. "Marshall N. Dana told of the Larch Mountain trail trip of the club members last Sunday. He was followed by a saxophone solo by Stanley Baker, accompanied by Mrs. Baker at the piano.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. N. Moore, of Salem, is at the Nortonia. "D. H. Hill, of Castle Rock, is at the Perkins. "William Smith, of Baker, is at the Imperial. "W. Follach, of Albany, is registered at the Oregon. "Adam Aulbach, of Murray, Idaho, is at the Carlton. "Mrs. Stanton Griffin, of Medford, is at the Portland. "T. C. Stevenson, of Salt Lake City, is at the Multnomah. "Riley Maxwell, of Buhl, Idaho, is registered at the Perkins. "J. D. Gordon, of Hood River, is registered at the Cornwell. "Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones, of Spokane, are at the Cornwell. "R. C. Hall and family are registered at the Imperial from Hepper. "S. A. Parker, a prominent ranchman of La Grande, is at the Perkins. "J. R. Hamer, of Astoria, is staying at the Nortonia for a few days. "A. D. Morrison, of Carlton, Or., registered at the Carlton yesterday. "Miss M. Burke, of Forest Grove, was registered at the Eaton yesterday. "L. Hochle, of Woodland, Wash., registered at the Cornwell yesterday. "Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Hawkins, of Astoria, Or., registered at the Carlton. "C. W. Sample, of Seattle, was among yesterday's arrivals at the Perkins. "W. C. Knighton, State Architect, is registered at the Seward from Salem. "Among yesterday's arrivals at the Portland was M. E. Bowers, of Seattle. "Clyde Kiddle, a prominent stock-

grower of Island City, is at the Imperial. "Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Thompson, of Oak Point, Wash., are registered at the Eaton. "Russell H. Conwell, who lectured at the White Temple last night, is at the Oregon. "One of yesterday's arrivals at the Carlton was Mrs. William Schnabel, of Hillsboro. "Harry Collins, of Goldendale, Wash., was among yesterday's arrivals at the Nortonia. "Paul T. Shaw, of Tacoma, president of the Shaw Drug Company, is at the Nortonia. "C. A. Johnson, of Seattle, was among those who registered at the Portland yesterday. "H. E. McDorman, of San Francisco, was among yesterday's arrivals at the Multnomah. "Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Coppermith, of Minneapolis, are registered at the Multnomah. "Professor W. S. Brown, of the Oregon Agricultural College at Corvallis, is at the Seward. "Mrs. H. A. Spruill, of New York City, is registered at the Eaton on her way to the exposition. "Frederick Post, of Kelso, is passing a few days in Portland and is registered at the Portland. "C. P. Stone, of Klamath Falls, a member of the State Game Commission, is registered at the Imperial. "Mrs. Jack Appleton, of Deer Island, wife of a prominent Columbia County stockman, is at the Cornwell. "F. R. May, a prominent lumber man of Days, Wash., arrived at the Seward yesterday for a few days' stay. "Fred L. Stewart, State Senator in Washington and president of the Kelso State Bank, is at the Oregon. His home is in Kelso. "W. H. Beach, of Holland, Mich., who is touring the Pacific Coast states, is passing a few days in Portland. He is registered at the Multnomah. "Mrs. E. T. Tuttle, of Brooklyn, and Mrs. A. McCaslin, of Philadelphia, who are associated with the Conwell Lecture Service, are at the Oregon. "Charles W. Olsen, of the C. M. Olsen Trucking & Storage Company, has returned from an extended Eastern trip. Much of the time was passed visiting the large storage warehouses in Springfield, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Detroit, Chicago and Denver.

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MAYOR TO URGE ACTION

PLAN FOR WORKHOUSE AND DETENTION HOME TO BE FOLLOWED.

Proposal to Enlarge Health Bureau Bulletin to Municipal Newspaper Is to Receive Support.

Recommendations for workhouses, a municipal newspaper, a thoroughly scientific detention home for women and other municipal needs in Portland, as outlined in the annual report of Mayor Albee issued last Thursday, are being urged up by the Mayor with the hope of the improvements sought being provided by the City Council. The Mayor said yesterday that he has had the recommendations of his report as a part of his policy and to attempt to bring them to a realization as soon as possible. "It is my purpose," said the Mayor yesterday, "to try to help the derelict and the down-and-out. It seems to me that it does no good to lock a man in jail and keep him there idle for months at a time. "The workhouse system has been a success in many of the Eastern cities and I believe it would be in Portland. I have considerable data on the subject now and expect to get more. Owing to the fact that our appropriations have all been arranged for, the conditions adopted last Fall there is little likelihood of our being able to do much in the way of actually establishing a workhouse this year. "The Mayor said he is busy now with plans for the detention home for women, which is to be erected on a tract of land purchased in the near future in Multnomah County Farm. There is more than \$30,000 available for this project. The Mayor says his plan now is to establish the home on the corner of 12th and Taylor streets, rather than to have one large building. "Establishment of a municipal newspaper is one of the possibilities for the near future, the Mayor says. He proposes to enlarge the bulletin issued by the Health Bureau each month so as to allow space for general news of city affairs. It is proposed to purchase these publications among the taxpayers and the public generally.

MR. DALY WON'T COMPLY

COMMISSIONER DECLINES TO OBSERVE EFFICIENCY ORDINANCE. Civil Service Board, While Admitting Need for Revision, Holds That Statute Must Be Obedied.

More complications in the tangled surrounding the city's so-called efficiency system set in yesterday when it was announced that Commissioner Daly's department had refused to pay any further attention to the system or the ordinance requiring its enforcement. This announcement was followed by a declaration of the Municipal Civil Service Board that in every case hereafter the efficiency records of employes will be taken for their full face value by the Board when charges of inefficiency are filed against an employe. If the records do not show that he is inefficient he will not be found guilty of inefficiency by testimony of officials. Commissioner Daly recently declared the efficiency system to be an extravagant farce and he introduced an ordinance to abolish it. This did not meet with the approval of a majority of the Council and the system was continued in effect. Now it is said Commissioner Daly has refused to continue the practice of sending in efficiency records. "Therefore the bureaus in his department have sent in the reports in blanks, giving neither merits nor demerits. His action was merely a technical compliance with the ordinance. "In case Mr. Daly continues the policy which it is said he has assumed of ignoring the system, it will be impossible for him to get rid of employes on a charge of inefficiency. The Civil Service Board, although favoring changing the efficiency system, holds that as long as it is in effect the records should be taken. "Father and Stepfather Seek Child. PASCO, Wash., March 18.—(Special.)—Judge Bert Linn held a short term of court here Tuesday and Wednesday. The case in which the Prosecuting Attorney is attempting to take a small daughter away from A. I. Cummings was up for trial and many witnesses were heard. The case has stirred up a bitter legal fight in which the stepfather of the child is seeking to retain the custody of the child against the wishes of her father. "Because of modern fashions a Philadelphia advertiser has figured that women should at 10 per cent more food than formerly to maintain their normal temperature.

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WIFE USED CIGAR, IS PLAINT

George Ellis Asks Divorce on Charge of Cruelty.

"Smoking a cigar and associating with 'a certain plumber' are instances of cruel and inhuman treatment charged against Mrs. May Ellis by George W. Ellis in a divorce filed in Circuit Court yesterday. Mrs. Clara Joubert sued Julien Joubert for divorce, alleging that he deserted her last August and returned to his old home in France. "Other divorces filed in County Clerk Coffey's office were: Maxine Kuhl against Walter J. Kuhl, cruel and inhuman treatment; and Harry C. Keyser against Cora A. Keyser, cruelty.

RESERVE'S WISH INDORSED

Commercial Club Wants Battleship Oregon for Training Craft.

Strongly supporting the movement now under way to bring the battleship Oregon to Portland to serve as the training ship for the Oregon Naval Reserve, the board of governors of the Commercial Club, at its meeting Wednesday unanimously adopted a resolution as a basis for requests to the Oregon delegation in Congress to send the famous fighting craft to Portland to remain here permanently. "It is proposed to have the Oregon replace the Boston. Hope is entertained that the Oregon will be brought here in time for the Rose Festival.

LOQUACITY LEADS TO JAIL

Oscar Schweizer Tells Judge "That's My Business" and Is Locked Up.

Oscar Schweizer talked himself into jail yesterday when he called at Municipal Court headquarters and refused to pay a fine of \$10 which he had been owing the city since last July. Schweizer was fined \$10 for disorderly conduct in July, but not having the money at that time, he was told by Judge Stevenson he would defer payment. "Recently, to straighten up the books, notices were sent out to all owing fines, asking them to pay by the 25th of the month. Schweizer not only refused to pay yesterday, but when asked for the cause of his refusal told the judge that was his business. The result was that he was put in jail and will serve his sentence there. "Peace Meeting Set for Saturday. Isaac Sweet will be the principal speaker before the World Peace Association Saturday night at Hall A, Central Library. He will discuss "Necessary Preliminary Legislation for World Peace." Special music will be provided. Miss Virginia Arnold, the organizer for the Oregon Congressional Union for Woman Suffrage, will speak for the association April 4. "Envelopes first came into use in 1833. Western Australia's gold fields cover 224,000 square miles.

Rose Festival Poster Stamps 20 for 5c—On Sale Stationery Dept., 1st Floor. Complete Lines of Baby Carriages, Go-Carts, Sulkies, Etc.—All the Best Makes—Lowest Prices. Tea Room 4th Floor. Appetizing luncheon served from 11:30 to 2:30 daily. A pleasant, cheerful place to take your down-town luncheon. Olds, Wortman & King. Reliable Merchandise—Reliable Methods. Pacific Phone Marshall 4800 Home Phone A 6231. Home Journal Patterns. Easy to use, correct in fashion and absolutely perfect. Try the Home Journal patterns if you would have best results.

March Sale of Furniture and RUGS. Third Floor. New "Sinner" Suits \$35. Styled Just Like This Picture. Gossard Front-Lace, Bien Jolie Grecian Treco, B. & J. Corsets. Discontinued Styles Selling \$2.98 Up to \$10 at. Department, Second Floor—For quick disposal of these odd lines of high-grade corsets we have put a price upon them that will move them out in a hurry. Among them are Gossard Front-Lace, B. & J. Grecian Treco and Bien Jolie Custom-Made Corsets. Good styles, fine quality materials. Corsets worth to \$10, choice \$2.98. Broken lines sizes but good range in assortment. We Give S. & H. Trading Stamps—Don't Fail to Ask for Them!

New Spring Coats \$4.98 to \$16.50. Second Floor—New Spring Coats in scores of pretty, becoming styles in stripes, checks, plaids and plain colors. The prices \$4.98 to \$16.50. Girls' Middy Blouses \$1.00 to \$1.98. Second Floor—New Middy Blouses of white with navy blue flannel or red galatea collars. Some with emblem on sleeve and pockets. These are right now, shown for the first time today. The \$1.98 prices range \$1.00 to \$1.98. Dainty Lace Collar, Cuff Sets \$1.25. Main Floor—Dainty collar and cuff sets underpriced for today. A great variety of styles in small neat effects—also the smart new long coat collars in white and ecru. Sets in this assortment worth up to \$3.00. Mostly imported Plauen laces. While they last, your choice at \$1.25. Remnants 1/2 Off. Main Floor—Plain and fancy ribbons in lengths from 1 to 2 1/2 yards, also remnants of laces and embroideries. On 1/2 Price. Colonial Hams 16 1/2c lb. Grocery Department, Fourth Floor—Choice Eastern corned, sugared hams, put up by Armour & Co. expressly for the Olds, Wortman & King store. Medium sizes, weighing from 10 to 12 pounds. Pound 16 1/2c. Colonial Brand Bacon—By the strip or 1/2 strip, lb. 24c. Glenwood Butter, 2-lb. square, 65c. 25c Blue Label Catsup 19c Bottle. This very special price for Friday Only.

Burbank Your Garden! \$3.50 Hat Shapes \$1.25. You now have the opportunity of bringing the Burbank genius right into your own garden. The wonderful plant creations of Luther Burbank will make your garden distinctively different. PLANT NOW! On Sale, Grocery Dept., 4th Flr. Women's Shoes Worth \$3.85 to \$6. Very Latest Spring Lasts. Shoe Department, Main Floor—An underprice purchase of women's fine footwear, which affords our customers wonderful savings. Patent, dull calf, suede, satin and cravenette styles in button or lace effects. Louis, Cuban or new military heels. Strictly first-class stock—NOT BROKEN LINES. Complete showing of the new colored cloth tops in sand, putty, gray, etc., to match the Spring suits and dresses. Shoes worth up to \$6.00 only \$3.85. Women's Boudoir and Strap House Slippers, Sp1 \$1.29 Pr. Men's \$4.50, \$5 Shoes Special \$3.85. Men's \$4.50 Calf Shoes Special \$3.69. Main Floor—Men's new Spring Shoes in smart English lasts. Made of first quality black or tan calfskin. Three complete lines to select from. Standard \$4.50 and \$5.00 grades. REAL Shoes for priced special for today at, pair \$3.85. Main Floor—In this special line we offer Men's stylish new Shoes in button and lace effects. Smart, but conservative, shades. REAL Shoes for hard wear. \$4.00 to \$4.50 grades. REAL Shoes for placed on sale at low price of \$3.69.

FLORIDA CITRUS EXCHANGE. Look for this mark in red on boxes and oranges when you buy grapefruit and oranges. It is the sign of quality and your protection against immature, surly, inferior fruit. This year's crop of Florida grapefruit will be better in quality and greater in quantity than any preceding one. Lovers of good citrus fruits naturally await with impatience the opening of the Florida season, because of the juicy, sweet and delicious grapefruit that it brings them. Buy none of the new crop until the fruit is fully ripe—immature grapefruit are not fit to eat. Buy Only the Ripe Florida Grapefruit. Florida has a State law prohibiting the shipment of green and immature citrus fruits. Some unscrupulous speculators buy the crops of growers who need money badly and rush the fruit to market before it is ripe, in violation of the law. The Florida Citrus Exchange, a non-profit making co-operative organization, for the mutual benefit of consumers and growers, does not indulge in this unfair and unlawful practice. Good citrus fruits are useful both as food and drink in many ways. Send four cents in stamps for booklet, giving many ways of serving oranges and grapefruit, to Florida Citrus Exchange, 625 Citizens Bank Building, Tampa, Florida. Most Florida grapefruit do not become fully ripe on the trees until midwinter or later. A few varieties are matured and ready for eating earlier in the season. The Exchange growers confine their fall shipments entirely to these early kinds. Any fruit shipped under the Exchange mark will be found ripe, juicy and sweet inside, even though the outside is not fully colored. Remember the red mark when you buy. Florida's oranges are as superior as her grapefruit. They are more juicy and sweeter than others. Try them and you will always buy Florida. It is real economy to buy Florida fruit by the box—when ripe it keeps well. Your grocer can supply Florida Citrus Exchange fruit in season and will do so if you insist. We Have Been to the Expositions at San Francisco and San Diego, and are in position to give the public reliable and helpful information. If you are contemplating going East, we will arrange an enjoyable trip through California, with stopovers to see the Fairs. Two routes: Via El Paso and GOLDEN GATE LIMITED; or via Colorado and ROCKY MOUNTAIN LIMITED. Low Fares—Fast Time Rail or Steamer. Tickets, reservations, etc., etc. M. J. GEARY. Gen'l Agent, Pass. Dept. 111 Third Street Portland, Or. Phones: Main 334, A 2666.

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