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GOOD SENSE AND ROADS.

Aside from the special hostility for interested reasons of certain labor leaders, there are two main grounds of opposition to the proposed \$1,250,000 bond issue for Multnomah County.

The average road tax for Multnomah County for the past fifteen years has been about 1 1/2 mills or \$1.50 per \$100 assessed valuation.

The plan under the bonding project is to replace seventy miles of roads with permanent or hard-surface roads.

It would seem to be clear that, under any reasonable scheme of road finance the road taxes for the next four or five years will be less than for the past two years, and certainly not greater than the average for many years.

The estimated cost of paving is \$1.20 per yard and appropriations on that basis are made for various roads of Multnomah County.

As the Oregon elector understands the meaning of the term, the constitutional convention now sitting in New York is conservative.

Only four members say they favor woman's suffrage; prohibition is practically ignored; several mention the direct primary incidentally and one direct voices opposition to it.

radical departures from the formula of fundamental law generally adopted in this country have been made by numerous states.

PROFESSIONAL OPTIMISM.

The average Federal office-holder is an optimist. He gets his salary regularly and he has his three square meals daily, rain or shine.

Not the party—the man is the issue. That man is Robert M. Sweitzer.

BETTER APOLOGIZE.

After Mr. Bowly declined to remain in the service of the state and stand between the contractors and the counties in the overcharges he alleged they were demanding and after his consideration of Bowly had been abandoned by the Highway Commission, the Portland Journal loudly protested against an alleged intent said to be then held by the Commission to create a "double-headed" highway engineer's office and repeatedly warned the Commission that such procedure would be unlawful.

GROUNDS FOR OPTIMISM.

A conservative but on the whole optimistic forecast of the effect to be produced by the monthly swelling balance of trade in favor of the United States is made by the National City Bank of New York.

CONSERVATIVE NEW YORK.

dical problem was how to market the cotton crop, and now it has been demonstrated that war or no war the world will take a great interest in the cotton market.

While there is nothing here to warrant expectation of extensive new development until peace radically changes the situation, there is everything to justify a steady increase in the present volume of ordinary business.

SACRIFICED TO INEFFICIENCY.

In the light of the statement of Lieutenant Edg. of the submarine F-4, that he expected to see the war end in a matter of any time, the disaster which befell that vessel near Honolulu is an eloquent commentary on the degree of efficiency at which Secretary Daniels maintains the Navy.

IDEAL EDUCATION.

There are no dull days in Ypres. If the old town shows signs of somnolence, a German shell wakes it up.

Maps of local option states, showing where a man can get a drink and where he cannot, should find a ready sale among the bibulous and might guide the dregs in avoiding towns where King Alcohol reigns.

There is opportunity for real originality in devising a plan to choose the next Carnival queen. Contests are wearying and trying to the peace of mind.

Work is so good and plentiful in Chicago that 16,000 carpenters are considering a strike.

glorify war and exalt slaughter and their chemical composition will be made irrefragably hellacious.

Winfred Stoner's mother seems to have divined that her son, by the sort of method of education without deep study of the philosophers and scientists and has proved her mastery of it in practice.

Give us a year and we shall be able to dispense with German dyes. Thus one folly of war is that it compels a belligerent's customers to learn how to do things for themselves.

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Henry B. Warner is coming in "Under Cover."

Portland, April 9.—(To the Editor.)—Please state through the columns of The Oregonian who is the present President of France.

Stars and Starmakers

Bank clerk who disappeared turns out to be six feet tall and \$10,000 short.

Woman suffragists have had a duplicate of the Liberty Bell cast for them. It is complete in every detail, including, of course, the tongue.

Headline says "King George offers to give us drink for Britain's sake." How that man must love his native land.

Charlotte Greenwood is to appear in Ned Waburn's musical revue "Town Topics," which is to be presented in New York the last part of May.

All the horrors of the war are not in the trenches or on the battlefield, or even with those left behind.

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GOOD LAND IN FACT IS RESERVED

Agricultural Tracts in Forest Reserves Actively Withheld, Says Assessor.

TOLEDO, Or., April 7.—(To the Editor.)—I notice an editorial printed April 2 in The Oregonian dealing with our untaxed 60 per cent.

Why don't they say: "This land is not for settlement or for improvement, but is to be conserved for the benefit of the whole people."

A Square Peg With No Hole.

PORTLAND, April 9.—(To the Editor.)—The writer is a thoroughly educated man, competent to do any kind of office work and has been trying for several months to find it, without avail.

HOPEFUL.

A Necessary Precaution.

Princeton (N. J.) Tiger.

Appeal of the Prisoner.

Twenty-Five Year Ago

From The Oregonian April 15, 1890. "Tom" Kelly's popularity has proved too much for the ring.

James Lotan nominated O. Summers for Sheriff, while A. W. Lambert nominated Kelly, who won.

Chinese. It is reported, will be dumped into Mexico by the steamer load.

The new black walnut office fixtures of the Wells, Fargo & Co. Express have arrived.

A black bear came down near the city yesterday and paraded along Burnside place on Cornell road, close to the city limits.

R. M. Stuart has received his appointment as Deputy United States Marshal under Mr. Barin.

Mr. John Lawrence, wife of the manager of the Sunset Telephone Company, left yesterday for the Union Pacific for the East and Europe.

J. Theodore Gurney, who invented the Gurney cab, which made quite a fortune for him, is at the Portland.

Sandy Olds is again within the shadows of the gallows. Judge Stearns has set May 16 for the date of his execution. The prisoner hopes for a new trial.

Semi-Centennial of Lincoln's Death in the Sunday Oregonian

On April 15, 1865, Abraham Lincoln died, the victim of an assassin's bullet. Next Thursday will be the semi-centennial of Lincoln's death.

Double-Page Sketch of Celilo Canal.

In recognition of the approaching inauguration of service through the newly-completed Celilo Canal, The Sunday Oregonian will present tomorrow a double-page panorama drawing of the new waterway.

Another Page of School News.

Everyone in Portland is interested, either directly or indirectly, in its public schools.

Old Fashions Revived.

A page that will be of particular interest to women shows a group of handsome gowns worn more than a half-century ago.

Another Elaine Exploit.

No story of more thrilling interest ever has been offered the readers of a Sunday paper than "The Exploits of Elaine" now running serially in The Sunday Oregonian.

Fighting the Drug Habit.

This is the title of another real-life detective story furnished by real-life detectives.

Marriage by Proxy.

Students of history will recall that King Charles I of England and several other royal personages were married by proxy—that is, they took their marriage vows in the presence of a woman other than the one to whom they were being married.

Penrod.

That's enough. Every boy—and many of the older folks, too—know what it means to announce the appearance of another Penrod story.

Plenty of Other Features.

Of particular interest to the children will be William Donahay's full-page drawings and text describing the adventures of Prince Ahmed and the Fairy.

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