

HARMONY BILLS MEASURE IS SAID TO BE MISNOMER

Highway Association Promoters Misrepresent Bills, Says Writer; Grange Bill Discussed in Open Letter.

To the Editor of The Journal.—The day following the close of the state grange meeting at Roseburg C. T. Prall, president of the State Highway association, addressed a statement to the public through the columns of The Journal, in which he stated that the "harmony" bills were a "harmony" with the efforts to "harmonize" with the supporters of the Grange bills. The distress seemed to be mainly on his part, for the Grangers never advised a "harmony" talk-act of any sort, and those to which they have been invited have only offered propositions to drop the Grange bills and accept propositions that were in direct opposition to their views and to a big majority of the voters of the state, namely, the attempt to bond the state for an indefinite amount, extending through an indefinite term of years.

Opposition to Plan.

Mr. Prall says a small proportion of the growers do not favor the "harmony" bills. Evidently he has hallucinations—or else he has been badly misinformed. Practically none of the Grangers, very few of the non-Granger farmers, most of the so-called laboring men, many trades and professional men and many retired farmers and merchants are opposed to any form of bonding, county or state. No insistent are many of the Grange members in opposition to bonding that they have not yet been convinced of the propriety of even supporting the Grange county bond regulation bills. Only one thing does he get right. The Grange bills are essentially for the purpose of determining the location and kind of road to be constructed, by vote of the people. The offer to originate a separate bill providing for the location of roads is inopportune and unnecessary. Inopportune because it is late and because there are now so many road measures before the people that the addition of others will lead to confusion. It is unnecessary, since with the addition of this feature to the state highway measures they would be essentially the same as the Grange measures, so far as county control goes.

Question Asked.

If the state highway people are sincere in their proposition to favor the county control of funds raised by bonding, why do they not offer to drop their county and highway engineer bills and endorse the Grange bills, which already have a good start in getting their petitions out, and thus save the necessity of securing an entirely new list of names? If the Grangers do secure the support of the Grange for all the other measures they propose, why should they not be willing to concede something, why should they not accept the two the Grange have to offer? The fact is, the president of the state highway crowd does not expect to concede anything, and he does not expect to win out by misrepresenting the facts.

Now, as to the construction of the Grange bills: Before the bills were placed on the petition form they were submitted to several attorneys, including the state attorney general, and they are probably as near correct as to law and dictum as are the bills. Prall is so ardent in promoting. The only reason why the Grange bills are considered "old, narrow and ineffective," by Mr. Prall, is that they provide limitations as to expenditure of the money, and plans for the building of roads. Experience seems to show that just such limitations are necessary.

Harmony Bills Misnomer.

The so called harmony bills are a misnomer and misrepresentation. In the first instance, these bills were drawn by only part of the "harmony" committee, and that was the part representing the views held by the state highway promoters. The committee of five met at the Multnomah hotel committee rooms on the morning of February 18 or 19, and discussed changes and improvements in the several bills until about noon. The Grange member of the committee conceded a change as to salary and funds for the maintenance of the highway engineer's office. When it came to the county bonding act the "highway" members said they did not see the need of a county bonding act, that the present act was sufficient, and as a consequence they would not consider the Grange county control bonding bill. They adjourned to meet the following morning and before the hour of meeting Mr. Spence met some of the committee on the street and they notified him that it was all off, that the friends of the "highway" movement had prevailed on him to draw out of the committee and to prepare their own measures.

Minority Cut Out.

This cut the minority out entirely and so far as "harmony" was concerned the harmony was among those of one mind and purpose—namely, to prepare a state bonding act. As an afterthought they also prepared an "unnecessary" county bonding act, which gave the people nothing to say about the location or quality of the roads which they would be required to pay for in bonds. The first bills that were prepared by the highway improvement committee were prepared by less than half of the committee, providing for a \$2,000,000 annual bond issue for ten years, at 5 per cent, were shown up shortly to be the most expensive form of bonding ever proposed in this state, and utterly hopeless were the friends of the "highway" idea of securing signatures for their measure, that they gave it up with the purpose of issuing a new set of bills to meet the object, and it may be added, which would not so plainly show the ultimate cost to the state. The first bills provided for a bond issue of \$20,000,000 at 5 per cent for 30 years, which at their maturity would have cost the state \$50,000,000, less whatever might have come in from the investment of the sinking fund. The "harmony" bills provide for a \$1,000,000 annual issue for an indefinite term of years—for an unending period—at 4 1/2 per cent annual interest.

Joker Pointed Out.

Just here is the "joker." They elsewhere provide that this issue shall cease when the bonded indebtedness for road construction shall reach 2 per cent of the valuation in the state. The valuation in this state at this time is close to \$50,000,000, 2 per cent of which would be \$1,000,000. At the end of ten years we would have issued \$10,000,000 in bonds and still have a limit of nearly \$5,000,000, or, in other words, in less than 20 years the limit would be reached and the issue would be curtailed. But this does not make any provision for the increase in valuations in the state. At the rate of developments made in the last 10 or 20 years, the valuation in Oregon is now

that ten years will be nearly \$1,700,000,000, 2 per cent of which would be over \$340,000,000. Instead of cutting up with our limit, it would be twice as far away as the limit of issue. In the next ten years the doubling up process will continue, the valuation will exceed \$1,000,000,000, which at 2 per cent would amount to \$200,000,000, and again we see the limit of issue, and far out-travelled the issue of bonds. In short, at the end of 2 years we find ourselves in debt \$20,000,000, paying an annual interest of \$1,000,000, raising an annual sinking fund of \$1,000,000, and issuing a new set of \$1,000,000 bonds each year.

Making Good.

Now, we must not forget the sinking fund. Of course that may be reinvested, but no definite rate of interest is provided, and the income cannot be figured, and neither can we estimate what portion of the time it will be reinvested. Between the two, figuring an income from the sinking fund would be a difficult problem. And right here, if any other plan would consider the possibility of fraud in manipulation of the fund. That would be nothing new, it would be convenient to place this fund on deposit in local banks at 5 per cent to the officer in charge, and far out-travelled the issue of bonds. In a call come for its investment. This very thing has happened elsewhere, and, judging from past experiences in Oregon, it might happen here.

Democrats Must Cast Lots for Nomination

(State Bureau of The Journal.)
Salem, Or., May 22.—The Democratic vote in Gilliam, Sherman and Wheeler counties, which comprises the twenty-eighth representative district and the eighteenth senatorial district, furnished unusual incidents of the recent primary election.

There were no regularly nominated candidates for the Democratic nomination for representatives. W. W. Hoover of Fossil, W. J. Edwards of Mayville and W. B. Potter of Spray each received two votes, making a tie for the nomination. Then W. P. Jackson of More received the highest Democratic vote for both senator and representative for that district.

STAYTON WOOLEN MILL BOUGHT BY J. P. WILBUR

(Special to The Journal.)
Stayton, Or., May 22.—According to local creditors the defunct Stayton woolen mill, the bid of J. P. Wilbur for the mill property, was accepted by the mortgagees at a meeting held in Salem yesterday. Mr. Wilbur's bid was \$625,000, about 60 per cent of the total mortgage, but the creditors accepted this amount in preference to putting the property through bankruptcy. The mill has been in the hands of a receiver for 13 months. The mill will be reopened at an early date.

Crowds attend Oaks Rink these days.

WOMEN REELECT LINDSEY AS JUDGE

Famous "Friend of Children" Wins as Candidate on Citizen's Ticket.



Judge Ben Lindsey of Denver, who was fairly swept into office again.

(United Press Local Wire.)
Denver, Colo., May 22.—Backed by the women of Denver, to whom he particularly appealed in his fight against the forces he typifies as "the beast," Municipal Court Judge Ben B. Lindsey today is reelected as one of a Citizen's ticket by a vote which swept every ward in the city in his favor. The Citizen's ticket won by at least 20,000 majority over the Democratic ticket, and from 5000 to 7000 over the Republicans.

Headed by Henry Arnold for mayor, Lindsey's associates were opposed to both the Republican and Democratic machines. The campaign was the most bitter in the city's history. Lindsey made a strong appeal to the women of the city to vindicate him against the attacks of his foes, and they gave him party victory for his full ticket in every division of the city, even down to the last alderman.

Lindsey, who has fought the machine here for years, issued the following statement today:

"This victory is a vindication for me, for it is, in one sense, a revolt against 'the beast,' which caused me to be vilified and violently assailed."

Arnold and other candidates on the

Citizen's reform ticket, are pledged to resign if the commission form of government is adopted in Denver, and an effort probably will be made next fall to secure an indorsement by the citizens for that plan.

66 to 22 Score—for Charity.

(United Press Local Wire.)
Santa Ana, Cal., May 21.—A volunteer baseball team defeated the school teachers nine by a score of 66 to 22. Four innings were played. Two thousand persons saw the game and paid

as many dollars to charity. Rev. Paul Wright, pastor of St. Paul's church, was the scorer.

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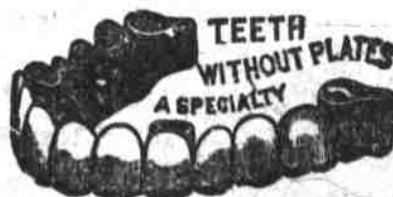
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