

PAVED HIGHWAYS FOR OREGON ARE PART OF PREPAREDNESS PLANS

R. N. Stanfield Says Need for Good Roads Was Emphasized by Defense League.

COAST HIGHWAY NAMED

Proposed Bond Measure Will Not Increase Property Tax, Then Why Opposition, He Asks.

Better highways are the natural concomitant of increased protection in the scheme of national preparedness, said R. N. Stanfield, a member of the state council of national defense who recently returned from the national capital, where he represented Oregon at a meeting of the council of national defense.

It would be folly, he added, to stimulate production and neglect to provide facilities for transportation to market.

"The conditions of modern warfare require a thorough coordination of national, state, county, municipal and individual resources and abilities," said Mr. Stanfield, "and if democracy is to be successful over autocracy a broad-minded cooperation of all units is imperative."

Waterways, Too, Considered

Discussing the meeting of the national body, Mr. Stanfield said that the need of good roads, was strongly emphasized, both from an economic and a military standpoint.

A letter from the secretary of war was read calling attention to the necessity of connecting populous centers and providing to meet the possible requirements of military operations on the Pacific coast states. A road specifically mentioned was the Pacific highway. The secretary of war recommended that through roads should be developed and improved as fast as possible.

It was also pointed out at the meeting, Mr. Stanfield continued, that in addition to the development of highways, consideration should be given to waterways, electric and motor transportation.

War Department Plan Approved

In view of the existing situation nationally and locally, Mr. Stanfield continued, "I would urge the adoption of the highway program embraced in the six billion dollar bond bill which is to be voted on next Monday by the electors of Oregon."

"This plan provides for a comprehensive state system, including the completion and hard surfacing of the Pacific highway in conformity with the expressed desire of the war department."

"The bond measure will not increase our property tax. It only proposes the application of automobile license money to the financing of the bond issue. Adequate revenue is assured to pay the interest and liquidate the bonds without adding one cent to other tax obligations."

Advantages Are Many Sided

The money raised through the bond issue will not only place the Pacific highway in a condition of military usefulness, but will leave a substantial balance for other important roads throughout the state. From every consideration, it is vital that if Oregon is to stand by the national administration in carrying out its announced policy of preparedness the bonds should be authorized.

"Aside from an indorsement of the national policy there is the advantage of insuring for the state the construction and improvement of a system of permanent highways which is not only indispensable in time of war, but is of material concern to the growth, prosperity and development of the state in time of peace."

"Taking into view all these considerations, together with the unique plan which has been devised for financing the road bond issue without increasing general taxes, it is difficult for me to understand why there should be the slightest question of the bond bill being passed by a practically unanimous vote."

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN FAVORS ROAD BONDS

United States Senator George E. Chamberlain's interest in the Oregon good roads campaign was expressed frequently during his stay in Portland. As chairman of the senate committee on military affairs, his experience shows him the value of adequate roads, both from the primary military standpoint and because of the easier transportation of agricultural products so imperative at this time. Among Senator Chamberlain's observations in support of the \$6,000,000 road bond campaign are the following:

"If I were to be in Portland next Monday I would certainly vote in favor of the road bond issue."

"Good roads are investments and not expense accounts."

"Dependable roads that can be used in every season are an absolute military necessity in addition to their use as commercial highways."

"Money judiciously spent on good roads is not wasted. It is a good investment. The cost comes back to the producer as well as to the consumer in the reduction of transportation charges."

"Without question we should pay, for at least part of our permanent road improvements by issuing bonds. Future generations are to get the benefit of them."

"As I understand the pending \$6,000,000 bond bill, the interest and principal are to be paid out of a fund already provided for by the 3/4 mill tax and increased automobile licenses which are in effect, regardless of the vote on the bond issue. Even if the automobiles pay only a part of the bill the state can make no better investment."

"There is nothing in the line of preparedness in which the government is so vitally concerned as permanent roads. We will need them for military purposes. We need them in time of peace to more effectively move the products of the farm and field to market."

"We are on the eve of a great prosperity, and there is no better time to go ahead with our public improvements."

George Wearies Movie Queen Ferd Says He Made Some Hit

"By Golly! Did you see George and the Movie Queen? Ferd exulted, slapping T. Paer on the back till his teeth rattled."

"Ladies should come first," said the provider of municipal revenue sourly, wiggling his shoulders.

"Not in politics," said Ferd. "But I asked you."

"Great Gobs! Has George had his picture taken again?" T. Paer asked resignedly.

"I mean the dance. At the movie ball, George sure broke into royal society at the Multnomah Wednesday night. All the society folks were there," Ferd explained.

"I didn't go. I was figuring out the paving assessments on my Kings Heights lot," T. Paer said.

"Didn't you read about it in the Oregonian?" Ferd insisted. "Leave it to George to cop the spot light. He's a star, that boy."

"How did he twinkle?" asked T. Paer.

"Listen to this," Ferd chuckled, drawing a clipping from his pocket.

"Miss Fischer—that's the Movie Queen," Ferd explained parenthetically. "Miss Fischer and Judge Gaten had a dance, waving their way through a jam of fandom, and then, after a round of the floor with Commissioner George Baker, the guest of honor retired."

"Only one round?" T. Paer exclaimed. "Was it a knockout?"

"No, you gump, it was a dance," Ferd answered, bridling.

"Oh," said T. Paer, much relieved. "I didn't think George would fight a woman. But what made her retire? Did he step on her feet?"

George Guided Gracefully

"Aw, hell! you don't get my point,"

Two Are Committed

Oregon City, June 1.—Arby Fryckstrom, a resident of Boring and son of Edward Fryckstrom, was examined before County Judge Anderson and Dr. H. S. Mount on the complaint of the father, who declared the young man, aged 27 years, had had hallucinations for some time, following an illness, and was ordered committed to the state hospital for the insane at Salem.

Walter Joseph Churchill, a young woodchopper who was employed at the W. Ringhouse farm near Sunnyside, was also committed following violent demonstrations.

Strong Admits Letter

Seattle, June 1.—(P. N. S.)—Rev. Sydney Strong admitted here today he had written a letter to certain young men of his congregation, urging them,

if they have conscientious scruples, to resist conscription.

Dr. Strong's case is in the hands of United States Attorney Clay Allen.

said the exasperated campaign manager.

"No," admitted T. Paer, "I guess I missed it."

"Why, the publicity," explained Ferd. "George dancing with the movie queen. Crowded balconies. Applauding multitudes on all sides. And in the middle George, gliding gracefully with the sylphlike lady, floating."

"Gliding what?" interrupted T. Paer. "Gracefully," I said, "gracefully."

Ferd exploded. "G-r-a-c-e-f-u-l-l-y. Do you get it now?"

"Does a hippopotamus fly," T. Paer murmured. "Yes, I get it now."

"You haven't got enough artistic temperament to give hysterics to a goat," Ferd said, in disgust.

"I ain't running for mayor," countered T. Paer.

Great Success for George

"It was sure some ball, anyway," Ferd continued, after he had calmed down a little. "It was a great success for George."

"Did he stick it out after the movie queen abdicated him?" T. Paer inquired.

"What do you mean—abdicated him?" Ferd demanded.

"Shook him, beat it," explained T. Paer.

"She didn't shake him. She retired. The Oregonian says so right here," Ferd argued, excitedly, shaking the clipping at the little man.

"Oh, I see," said T. Paer, his face lighting up. "In the language of the war correspondents, she effected a strategic retirement."

"You ivory domed boob!" Ferd shrieked. "The lady went to her room. She was tired."

"It must have been a strain on her," T. Paer said, sympathetically, "gliding like that."

Lecture in SWEDISH

by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Lee at LINNEA HALL

666 Irving street, Corner of 21st. SUNDAY, JUNE 3, at 3 o'clock and 7:30 P. M. Subjects: "This Generation and Its Faith," "The Opening of the Seals." Rev., 6th chapter.

ADMISSION FREE

THREE CITY MEASURES PUT UP BY COUNCIL HAVE NO OPPOSITION

Better Means Provided for Doing Public Business and Safeguarding Interests.

MEASURES ARE EXPLAINED

Street Extension, Sewer Construction and Redemption of Improvement Warrants Provided For.

On the ballot for the city election Monday are three measures over which there is no controversy and to which there is no opposition. They are the last on the ballot and are numbered 130 yes, 131 no; 132 yes, 133 no, and 134 yes, 135 no.

These measures were submitted by the city council with the view of providing better methods for transacting city business and better safeguards for the public's interests. All should be adopted.

The first is a charter amendment simplifying present charter procedure for opening and extending streets; the second is a charter amendment providing for the construction of sewers by the city and districts outside of the city; and the third is a charter amendment providing for the redemption of improvement bonds when they fall due.

Ballot Titles Given

The ballot titles of these three charter amendments, together with brief explanations and recommendations, follow:

Charter amendment defining the term street and providing for laying out, establishing and opening new streets and changing existing streets and superceding existing methods of establishing and changing streets and repealing certain sections of the charter; 130 yes, 131 no.

The purpose of this amendment is to simplify present charter procedure for opening and extending streets. With a few minor changes it is the same as the procedure outlined in the charter of 1903. Advocates of the measure, including the city council, Deputy City Auditor Grutze, deputy city attorneys and C. F. Fisher, head

of the street extension division of the department of public works, who handle the street extension work, declare that it will provide an adequate and workable street extension law. Some question has arisen as to the right of the city to fix cut procedure in the amendment, but City Attorney La Roche and Deputy City Attorney Latourette, who drafted the measure, declare that this right exists and point to present street extension procedure, charter provisions for the elimination of grade crossings, etc., as examples of the existence of this right.

Vote 130 yes.

Providing Sewer Construction

An act amending the charter by adding thereto three sections empowering and authorizing the council to provide for the construction of sewers and drains jointly with certain counties, to levy and collect special assessments therefor, etc. 132 yes, 133 no.

This amendment will make operative here a law passed by the last legislature, providing for the construction of sewers by municipalities and counties jointly. The measure provides that the cost of sewers constructed partly within and partly without the city shall be borne by districts within and without the city benefited. At present city property pays for the entire cost of constructing trunk sewers which extend beyond city limits. Several large sewer projects planned are dependent upon the adoption of this amendment. These include the Peninsula trunk sewer, the Balch creek trunk sewer and the Johnson creek trunk sewer.

Vote 132 yes.

Redemption of Improvement Bonds

Charter amendment providing for

the redemption of improvement bonds in certain cases by making a transfer as a temporary loan from any other sinking fund or by issuing new improvement bonds. 134 yes, 135 no.

This amendment is to provide funds for the redemption of improvement bonds when they fall due. It is submitted by the city council. Its adoption will enable the city to utilize funds in banks drawing only 2 per cent interest for the retirement of bonds which draw 6 per cent interest at an earlier date than could be done under present charter provisions. A material saving will result to the city if the measure is adopted, according to C. A. Bigelow, commissioner of finance, A. L. Barbur, city auditor, and others in the city's service who have studied city financing.

Vote 134 yes.

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