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A COMING FIGHT

AXPAYERS of Multnomah county in general, and taxpayers and school patrons within the county but outside the Portland school district in particular, are confronted with an entirely new problem in the conduct and management of the county school superintendent through the enactment of senate bill 45, which will be chapter 92 of the session laws of 1919.

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SURETY BONDS

INCIDENTAL to the letting of highway construction contracts is a controversy over the form of bond to be exacted from the contractor, whether it is to be one furnished by a surety company or a personal bond.

There are many angles to the question. In figuring on a contract the contractor must take into account the cost of the surety bond. If he expects to furnish that of a bonding company he must add 3 per cent to his bid. This makes the work cost the state or county that much additional, if he gives a personal guarantee he can deduct the 3 per cent from his bid.

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CONTOVERSY

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STATE ROAD PLANS

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