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THE BONUS BILL

Aside from the desire on the part of a great many people in Oregon to give the soldiers and sailors who served in the recent war some more substantial recognition of their services than they have yet received, the so-called bonus bill deserves favorable attention from the voters at the June 7 election for very business reasons.

The world war veterans' state aid fund proposal is the second measure on the ballot. The bill, which was passed by the state legislature at the last session, has two main provisions, the most important of which is the bonus feature.

This provides that men in any branch of service during the actual progress of the war may borrow not to exceed \$2,000 from the state with which to buy homes or land. The state will be well protected in that a first mortgage will be required of the borrower. The bill provides further that the amount borrowed shall not exceed 75 percent of the appraised valuation of the property on which the loan is made.

There is a second feature of the bill which decrees that ex-service men may elect to receive a cash bonus of \$15 for each month in service, less the \$60 which were paid to men upon their discharge. The bonus feature is not looked upon with much favor by the American Legion and many of the service men, and it was included in the bill as an emergency for men who would not need the loan, or who might be in desperate want for ready cash.

Bonds are to be sold by the state to establish a sinking fund for the loans. The amount of the bond issue is not to exceed three percent of the assessed valuation of the property of the state. A tax mill tax is authorized under the bill to cover interest and principal of the bonds.

The balance voted for the loan feature. This proposition generally exists over the state, only a small percentage of the men wanting the gift of cash.

The loan feature is desirable in many ways. Were 200 men in Wasco county, for instance, to accept the loan, which permits 28 years for repayment, taking it on property up to the full amount permitted, it would mean \$800,000 of money being accumulated in this section alone. The new money circulated throughout the state would amount to many millions.

It will be distinctly new money too, for the bond issue will be financed in other parts of the country, and it will be brought in here to develop communities all over Oregon.

Cost of it would go to good use in building activities, say the men who have given the measure attentive study. Thousands of men over the state, young fellows who are not now taxpayers, would become contributors to the upkeep of their communities and the state, and they would be among the taxpayers in paying off the bonded debt incurred for the loan.

The bonds will be sold on a six percent basis. The borrowers will pay four percent on their loan, and by the very nature of the act, becoming property owners and taxpayers, will help to pay off the general indebtedness.

Speculation is effectively barred, by reason of the fact that the person who buys property on which there is a state loan must immediately repay the state 40 percent of the unpaid indebtedness, and within five years pay the 60 percent balance.

Nay should voters lose sight of the other features of the situation, that of repaying in some measure the debt that the people owe to these men who went forth and offered their lives for the cause of the nation.

There are scores, and hundred

of men in Oregon today—who have never recovered their financial balance overthrown in the period of service. Men donned the blue and the olive drab for \$50 a month and kept, and a whole lot of them came out of their own, with the same salary. The number of men actually in service who made more money than they received in pre-war occupations is infinitesimally small. They saved nothing while in the army or navy. They came back after having lost a year or two years, valuable years of youth, many to find their positions occupied by others.

The state of Oregon has not yet given a just deal to her service men. Oregon was first of all states to complete her war conscription, first to prepare her quotas of men for service, and first of all the states, to get ready the mechanism for raising more men after the first drafts. All of this could not have been accomplished had not Oregon's young men and the people back of them been so willing, so anxious to serve.

It's up to the state now to assist these men in rehabilitating themselves. The ex-service men are not asking for a gift, most of them at least. Through the bonus law, they are asking a common-sense, business proposition of assistance, for which they are willing to pay.

The state cannot lose on the proposition. How much it will gain is problematical. But it will gain in resources, in development, and finally in prestige, as one of the commonwealths of the union which completed well a task which was begun well.

SLOTHFUL PATRIOTS

It's high time a lot of people in The Dalles learned what the American flag stands for, and the respect it observes.

In the Memorial Day parade Monday a flag headed the procession, naturally. Hundreds of people saw the parade. Did any of the men along the sidewalks notice it; did they uncover, in the simple natural courtesy that is due to Old Glory, a thing that men learned to do during the war?

Not so any one could notice it. We'll take it back. One man did uncover. He was a Jap. But so far as it was otherwise apparent to the human eye, all the rest of the men watching the little procession or veterans looked on the spectacle very much as they would have looked at a circus parade. A man carrying a monkey on a pole would have received far more attention than the flag did.

Out at the cemetery there was a good citizen of The Dalles, whom all most everyone in the city knows. He sat on a tombstone and dragged at an old coin cob pipe. The flag and its followers went by. And he still sat, dragging on his pipe, sipping up the show apparently, in almost ignorance of the fact that he had any duty to perform.

One might take a swat too at the local garage which hung out the flag, an act for which it is to be commended—but the flag was up-drawn, in the universal signal of distress. However this error was noticed before the day was over, and the national emblem was given its proper position.

The garage man's intentions were right, though. He displayed Old Glory. There were a whole lot of flag poles in this man's town that were bare last Monday. And one of them had just been pointed and the ball guided. All dressed up, as it were, with nothing to do.

The Dalles Chronicle is one of the best small-town daily papers. A week ago it took on larger form to accommodate increase of business and is printed on a new press that feeds from a roll—the acme of a publisher's desire. The Chronicle has opinions and covers its news field. Can greater praise be given—Portland Oregonian.

WHAT ANOTHER RANCHMAN THINKS OF THE BOND ISSUE

Editor of The Chronicle:—I am a farmer, living 8 miles southeast of The Dalles. Having lived on the range since the 21st day of March, 1884, I feel that I am entitled to express my reasons as to why I am in favor of the \$800,000 bond issue which is now before the people of Wasco county to be decided on June 7.

I am in favor of it because I favor good roads. I favor good roads because they are absolutely essential for the upbuilding of any state or community. Judgment is always passed on a county by the roads it has. Then if Wasco county is ever to attain its highest rating as an up-to-date progressive county, we must first of all else build good roads. The home-seekers are not looking for a location in a county where they can only travel its roads a portion of the year.

I am in favor of the road because it is the only means by which our main trunk line of The Dalles-Columbia highway can be built. It is true this highway will not pass everybody's door. It will not be within one and one-half miles of mine, but I am willing to see it built past the other fellow's door. And when once it is built and becomes a state road our

About Community Service

By Director H. W. Arbury

Everyone is interested in Community Service for the reason that Community Service is "everyone's." Community Service is not an individual nor a small group "engineering" the spare time of a community, but an effort on the part of the comparative few who have made a study of its potentialities to help the community to help itself. There is nothing of charity or paternalism in a program of Community Service. Community Service can be a success only as we in our hearts determine that we should cultivate the spirit of neighborliness and good will. We can raise the standard of living in our community only as we learn to pull together.

We do not become particularly well acquainted with each other through business relations. It is only in our leisure time that we learn of the sterling qualities of our neighbors. How often have you heard men say: "I did not know that Blank was such a fine fellow until we went on that fishing trip together." Fishing is a fine form of out door play. Playing together develops team work without which no community can ever become enrolled in the 100 percent class. To be sure we are not all fishermen but there are indeed few of us who do not indulge in some form of spare time activities. The playground, the community dra

maters will receive the much-needed attention by the money formerly spent on this main line. These farmers may be put in a condition that will enable the farmers to get to the city during the winter months, when perhaps for past years they have been deprived of during the wet season of the year by the deplorable condition of our roads.

I favor the bond from a financial standpoint for I realize that for every fifty cents I invest in a permanent road, I get one dollar and fifty cents. I say it is the best money we farmers ever spent. I am tired of putting my money into a straw fund every year to fill up chuck holes. Let it be crushed rock instead. Yes, I favor the bond and I hope it will receive a favorable vote by the people of this county and that we may look forward to the early construction of a high-

month, Sweet Home, Klamath Falls, Hefens, Antelope, Halsey, Pleasant Christian, Coburg, Florence, Spring Station, Sutherlin, Lebanon, Home Hill, Santa Clara, Jefferson High field, Thurston, Wallerville, Oakburg, Hugo, Central Point, Creswell School in Portland, Maupin, Hills land, Full City, Newberg, Crow and Drain, Condon, Wilsonville, Astoria, Sunfield, Mayville, Elkton, McMinnville.



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