

RURAL CREDIT BONDS OFFERED

State Land Board Attempts to Rejuvenate State Financing Act

An effort to rejuvenate Oregon rural credit loans will be made by the state land board by offering for sale \$500,000 in rural credit 4 per cent bonds. After a small number of loans had been made under the rural credits act in 1917 its activity ceased because of the operation of the federal farm loan act which has been called into question and is now pending before the United States supreme court. How successful the board's efforts will be is a matter for conjecture because the rural credit bonds carry only a 4 per cent interest rate.

George G. Brown, clerk of the state land board, commenting on the situation, says:

"On April 17, 1917, bids were

opened on \$250,000 rural credits bonds. All bids were below par, and the state treasurer offered to take the issue as an investment for the industrial accident fund and same were sold to him at par.

Par Bids Received
"On May 22, 1917, bids were opened on \$500,000 issue, but offers were made on only \$200,000, the three Salem banks taking \$100,000 and the state treasurer \$100,000, all at par.

"For the reason that the board was unable to secure par bids for the entire last issue of bonds and on account of the 5 per cent loans made by the federal land banks, together with the limited demand for money at the time, it was thought best not to offer any bonds in excess of the \$250,000 already issued.

"However, the constitutionality of the federal farm loan act having been called into question, the case now being before the United States supreme court for decision, and the further fact that practically the entire \$7,000,000 school fund is in first mortgage loans, the board has thought best to at this time offer for sale \$500,000 4 per cent rural credits bonds.

Good Bids is Hope
"The last issue of 4 1/2 per cent highway bonds was sold at \$90.71 and 4 per cent bonds cannot be expected to bring as high a price as 4 1/2 per cent bonds, and it will therefore be necessary for the board to receive very favorable bids as money derived from the sale of these bonds cannot be loaned at a high rate of interest.

"The federal land bank officials are expecting a decision from the United States supreme court during the present month, the case having been argued in October, 1920. Should this decision be favorable, the vast resources of that department, loaned on a 5 per cent basis will be immediately available, which will materially affect the demand for state money."

The name Mistland, by which brand the Oregon Growers Cooperative is selling Oregon prunes in New York city, seems to be quite a favorite. Now we have in Salem a Mistland gun club, a Mistland bakery and even a Mistland orchestra.

COLUMBIA BASIN INVESTIGATED

Irrigation System Will Furnish Water for 1,753,000 Acres

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 15.—Additional investigation by the state Columbia survey commission of the Columbia basin irrigation project is recommended by the board of review of the United States reclamation service in its report made public here today, a copy of which has been sent by the commission to Governor Hart along with a statement concerning it by the commission.

Expressing "high commendation" of the results so far accomplished at an expense of less than 6 cents per acre, the board's report declares that "these results however are of a very preliminary nature and a large amount of additional study, survey work and costly test pit and drill work will be imperative before dependable estimates of the Columbia basin project can be made."

The survey board in its report takes exception to some of the cost figures arrived at by the commission in its report to Governor Hart, submitted some time ago, and estimates the cost of a great system of irrigating 1,753,000 acres from the Pend Oreille river will be 9 per cent higher than the commission has figured, or \$187 or more an acre instead of \$171 as estimated by the commission.

On the other hand, the review board finds the cost of a dam in the Columbia river at Grand Coulee, to irrigate 1,402,000 acres, would be \$164 or more an acre, or 5 1/2 per cent less than estimated by the commission.

In its statement the committee declares that 10 1/2 days were spent by the board in its investigation of the commission's work, to which 20 months were devoted. The board of review, it is stated, spent but five hours in the commission's office, and had only 10 days for its inspection trip over the project.

COMMUNISTS CLASH WITH SOCIALISTS

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made an address, but Wilhelm Dittmann, former vice-president of the German reichstag, was not permitted to do so. Dittmann's name was received with cat calls.

"The good of a party is not always in union," Herr Levy said. "There are moments in party life when the different elements cannot go forward together. It is as Liebknecht said—when there are two parties there is no unity. We

look for the German communist party to carry the German proletariat to victory."

To this there came an outcry: "The French are stopping you!" Deputy Graziadei, in addressing the congress said:

"Never was capital so well united internationally as it is today. We must decide between national and international socialism. Only with a united front can we overcome the international army which will be used to crush us."

Four Persons Are Wounded
BERLIN, Jan. 15.—Four persons were wounded, one seriously, in a clash today between security police and communists in Unter Den Linden, when reds attempted to form a parade in connection with the second anniversary of the killing of Dr. Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg.

Police quickly broke up the demonstrations.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—A dispatch from Berlin says the fight between the communists and police followed speeches in which it was advocated the overthrow of the government. Six thousand persons in procession broke through the police cordon but fled in panic when shots were fired from the Brandenburg gate.

Soldier's Funeral to be Held in Salem Monday

The body of Clair L. Blodgett arrived in Salem at 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon from France. The funeral services will be held at 11:30 Monday from the parlors of Webb & Clough. Interment will be in City View cemetery.

Mr. Blodgett was born in Wisconsin, July 2, 1895. He enlisted in the service and became a member of the 1822 Aero-Squadron. He died in France April 25, 1919. He is survived by his mother and father, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Blodgett of Salem and Emery N. Blodgett, of Portland; one sister, Mrs. J. Shepard of Portland, and his former wife, Mrs. L. Lee and daughter, Charity.

Mr. Blodgett was before his enlistment, an employee of The Statesman.

Sunday Blue Laws Are Spiritual Encroachment

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Sunday blue laws are described as encroachment of civil power into the spiritual realm in a memorial adopted by the general conference committee of Seventh Day Adventists made public today. Opposition to all Sunday laws is declared particularly to proposed federal amendments.

Asserting that the separation of church and state was essential to the country's well being, the memorial declared that failure to recognize this distinction had been the primary cause of religious persecutions. The present "strong organized effort" to secure blue law enactments, it added, "are destructive to church and state, however innocent they may appear and if successful will eventually destroy the pillars upon which our government is founded."

"Sabbath keeping is not a civil but a religious duty," the memorial declared. "Congress has nothing whatever to do with this question of its observance."

Oregon Mint Growers Form Organization

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 15.—Organization of a state-wide mint growers' association was completed here today when a board of directors was elected consisting of the following:

E. B. Wallace, of Albany; Frank Tivy, of Eugene; H. R. Richard, of Monroe; E. A. Moisan, and Tom Green, of Marion county. One more director is to be appointed by the bureau of markets at the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis. The name chosen was Oregon Cooperative Mint Growers' association.

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THINGS THAT NEVER HAPPEN



riations not authorized under existing law.

Representative Mondel, Republican leader, charged that Mr. Snyder "was leading a post-mortem fight on the budget."

The power to draw up all appropriation bills, Mr. Mondel said, was given to one committee in the interests of economy and efficiency.

Bounty on Rodents is \$3,109 in Marion County

During the year 1920, Marion county paid out \$3,109.90 for bounties on gophers, moles and gray-digger squirrels. Five cents each for scalps of the gray-digger squirrels is paid and 10 cents for the moles and gophers.

The scalps of 129 gray-digger squirrels, were brought into the office of the county clerk yesterday for bounty, and 106 gopher and 48 mole. For these scalps \$21.85 was paid by the county.

24,000,000 Feet Oregon Fir and Cedar is Sold

PORTLAND, Jan. 15.—A stand of timber containing 25,000,000 feet of Douglas fir and western cedar, with a few other species in lesser amounts, was sold today by the United States forest service to the Monroe Shingle company of Eugene. The timber is on the Lawson creek watershed on the Siuslaw national forest, and was sold for \$1.80 a thousand feet for Douglas fir, \$1.20 a thousand for western red cedar and 50 cents a thousand for the other species.

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Burlington Killed When Auto Goes Into Gulch

DAYTON, Ore., Jan. 15.—W. D. Burlingham 55, manager and part owner of the Dayton Box and Lumber company, was killed almost instantly tonight when he drove his automobile through the railing of a bridge over a gulch at the Dayton city limits and dropped with the machine 60 feet. Mr. Burlingham was pinned underneath the car. He died from injuries about the head. The cause of the accident has not been determined. Eye witnesses said Mr. Burlingham was driving slowly.

BONUSES DISTRIBUTED

DETROIT, Jan. 15.—Distribution of more than \$7,000,000 in cash bonuses to its employees will be started by the Ford Motor company January 17. It was announced today.

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