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Short-Term Highway Bonds

Decision of the state highway commission to issue a million dollars worth of bonds should not be understood to mean a resumption of the old plan of financing its road program by bond issues. This loan is a short-term loan of six months to span the period when highway revenues are lean. With it the commission will be able to continue its program without interruption because of lack of funds, and be able to meet the terms of the federal government's offer for match money on construction.

Oregon first adopted the policy of issuing bonds for roads. It was a desperate effort to lift the state out of the mud; and to a very large extent it succeeded. It did thread the state with narrow lanes of asphalt, providing good traction in all weathers, and adequate for the traffic and the vehicles of 15 years ago.

The grand total of bond issues by the state was \$53,900,000. Of this \$9,700,000 was temporary financing or refunding, leaving the total for long-term construction bonds \$44,200,000. The debt has been steadily reduced until at the end of 1936 the bonds outstanding amounted to \$22,841,750; and \$600,000 of short-term financing.

The peak of the debt was reached in 1923, when the total amounted to \$38,395,250. The schedule of maturities calls for retirements averaging over \$2,000,000 a year until 1945 when the amounts taper off, with the final maturity of \$75,000 in 1960.

During the Patterson administration the policy was adopted of not increasing the road debt. Since that time the only long-term bonds issued were \$2,500,000 to match federal aid during depression years, and \$3,000,000 for the state share of cost of the five coast bridges.

It is very clear now that, save for some unusual emergency, highways should be built and maintained out of current revenues and not out of proceeds of bond issues which merely accumulate interest as an additional charge against the state. The commission will have a difficult time of it to make revenues meet needs and public demands. While revenues from motor license fees and the gas tax are increasing the gain is hardly sufficient to meet the state program. The counties have relinquished to the state for the latter's care a large mileage in secondary roads. In addition counties are now getting a larger share of revenues back from the state. With added mileage the maintenance cost increases. Modern construction calls for heavier expenditure for grading and surfacing.

One of the heaviest factors in the increased burden borne by the state highway commission is its taking over of arterial routes through cities. The work at Oregon City and the present work on the super-highway in the heart of Portland is very costly, both for right-of-way and for construction.

So the highway department is in for a tight squeeze for the next decade. A definite public sentiment should be built up against any further incurring in on department revenues. Unless this is stopped either the state will have to get along with poorly maintained roads (and the condition of secondary highways is not satisfactory at present) or it will have to provide additional revenues for road purposes.

The Roseburg News-Review quotes a leading melon-grower of Douglas county as saying the outlook for the Umpqua melon crop is bright. The acreage and expected yield for cantaloupes are about the same as last year, although production is expected to be below levels of former years. Harvesting will start next week. This is good news for Oregon which has been awaiting the marketing of the famous Dillard cantaloupes. The Dillard is a prime quality melon which gives Douglas county a real reason for existing.

Another "undeclared war" is raging in Asia. It is a case of Chinese resistance to Japanese brigandage. There are plenty of Chinese to wage the war with success, on their own soil, if they have the military spirit plus sufficient modern equipment. In one other way Japan could be brought to book: if the other powers would order suspension of all commerce with Japan. This embargo would paralyze the inland empire. The other powers will make no such move, not being able to trust each other.

A service station attendant paid for his heroism and loyalty with his life when he tried to arrest the man who had robbed his station. When the other fellow has a gun discretion is generally the better part of valor. A small roll of currency is not enough for the risk of a life.

"Old Babe" famous elephant, died in the zoo at Washington of old age and infected feet. Why didn't the keeper apply the advertised remedy for athlete's foot?

Hamilton Fish resigned from the republican policy committee of the congress. Ham is his own policy committee, sometimes good, sometimes bad, but always noisy.

Bits for Breakfast

By R. J. HENDRICKS

The Bits man redeems a promise to tell how he herded hogs on a historical spot:

(Concluding from yesterday:) In "Coming of the White Women," by T. C. Elliott, Walla Walla, appearing in the Oregon Historical Quarterly for the four issues from June, 1936, to March, 1937, that able historian quotes, first, a serial letter written to her family in New York by Mrs. Narcissa Whitman, and then explains the locations described by the famous woman 161 years ago. The Whitman party traveled from the rendezvous of that year, held on the Green river in western Wyoming, under the protection and guidance of Chief Trader John McLeod of the Hudson's Bay company, who was returning by way of Fort Hall and Fort Boise to Fort Vancouver.

Elliott, in the article under discussion, takes up the part of the serial letter covering the last 11 days of that famous journey—the first ever made by white women at Fort Boise, ending at Fort Walla Walla.

Fort Boise was near where Parma, Idaho, is now. Fort Walla Walla was where Wallula is now. Members of the party, besides the Hudson's Bay company men, were Dr. Marcus N. Narcissa Whitman, Rev. H. H. Spalding and wife, W. H. Gray, lay member of the contemplated mission, and some assistants.

The part of the serial letter (or diary) of Mrs. Whitman with which this particular matter is concerned relates to only August 30 and 31, 1836, a century and a year ago. The letter for the two days reads:

"30th. In consequence of the lengthy camp yesterday and failure of animals two of the company's men left four of theirs behind with packs also. This occasioned some anxiety lest the wolves would destroy their beaver. Today they send back for them and we remain here until they return or make but a short move to find more grass. In following the course of the stream on which we camped last night, I found cherries in abundance, had time to stop to gather as we wished. Indeed we rambled until noon, before we went into camp. The cherries are very fine, equal to any we find in the states. When we arrived Mr. Gray had the dinner ready for us. Our employment this afternoon is various. Some are washing their shirts and some are cutting their hair, others are shaving preparatory to seeing Walla Walla and some are asleep. For my part I endeavored to divert myself the best way I could, doing a little mending for Husbands, and trying to write while he and Mr. Gray are stretched upon the ground enjoying the refreshment of a sound sleep. The men who went for the animals returned late. We all regretted this hindrance, for Mr. McLeod intended to see Walla Walla today and return again with a muskmelon for Mrs. Whitman (so he said.) He will go in tomorrow. It is the custom of the country to send heralds ahead to announce the arrival of a party and prepare for their reception."

"31st. Came to Walla Walla river, within eight miles of the fort. Both Husbands and myself very much exhausted with the fatigue of this day's lengthy ride. Sandy most of the way, and no water for many miles. When we left Mr. S. Husbands rode an Indian horse, one that he had never mounted before. Found him a hard rider upon every gait except a gallop and slow in all his movements, especially on a walk. He could not pace as mine did, so as to make up the deficiency in that easy way, so for the last six days, when the ground would admit, we galloped most of the way."

So ends the recital of Mrs. Whitman for the two days. Now for the explanations of Historian Elliott, covering the two days. He says: "These letters show that on August 30th camp was moved down Pine creek toward, and perhaps near, the present town of Weston, Oregon; and that on the 31st they proceeded about 20 miles over dry hills, now devoted to wheat raising, between Athena and Vansycle in Oregon, and to a late camp on the Walla Walla river. This camp was near what is now Ninemile bridge, on the

Radio Programs

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7:15—News and Quarter.
7:30—Sunrise Sermonette.
7:45—Morning Varieties.
8:00—Dial Press News.
9:00—The Pastor's Call.
9:15—Symphonic Gems.
9:45—Culinary Outing.
10:00—Women in the News.
10:15—Organization.
10:30—Neighbor Jim.
10:45—STATESMAN OF THE AIR.
11:00—United Press News.
11:15—Hollywood News.
11:30—Value Parade.
12:15—United Press News.
12:30—Parson's Digest.
12:45—Popular Salute.
1:00—Afternoon Frolic.
1:30—Hillbilly Serenade.
2:00—Tango Time.
2:15—Monitor News.
2:30—Song Time.
2:45—Vocal Varieties.
3:00—Salon Melodies.
3:15—Hillbilly Serenade.
3:45—Hits of Yesteryear.
4:15—Concert Masters.
4:30—Spice of Life.
4:45—The Friendly Circle.
5:15—Stringed Harmony.
5:30—The Outdoor Reporter.
6:00—Eventide Echoes.
6:45—United Press News.
7:00—The Dial.
7:15—The Fizz Brothers.
7:30—Playboys.
8:00—Pacific Paradise.
8:15—Humor Hall.
8:30—Oklahoma Outlaw.
8:45—United Press News.
9:00—News in Review.
9:15—Softball Games.

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6:30—Clock 8:00—News.
8:05—Song of Pioneers.
8:15—Rhythm and Romance.
9:00—Betty and Bob.
9:15—Betty Crocker.
9:30—Arnold Grimm's Daughter.
9:45—Hollywood in Person.
10:00—Big Sister.
10:15—Judy's Stories.
10:30—Edwin C. Hill.
10:45—Neighbor Jim.
11:00—Famous.
11:15—News.
11:30—Myrt and Marge.
11:45—Treaty Kitty Kelly, serial.
12:30—Bon Voyage.
1:00—Young Prodigies.
1:15—Three Treasures.
1:30—News Through Woman's Eyes.
1:45—Canning talk 1:50—News.
2:00—Rhythm and Romance.
2:15—Neighbors.
3:00—Western Home Hour.
3:15—The Outdoor Music Hall.
4:30—Variety.
4:45—Walton McKinney, sing.
5:00—Hotel.
6:15—Dreves, organ.
6:30—U. S. Cabaret Series, Henry Wal-

state highway between Wallula and Walla Walla. All discomforts of the journey were offset the following morning by the warm welcome at Fort Nez Perce (Walla Walla) of the Hudson's Bay company, as fully described in Mrs. Whitman's letter of September 1st. . . . On their early morning gallop (of September 1) the party quite certainly forded the Walla Walla river at what has come to be known by late travelers as the Threemile bridge. . . . Fort Nez Perce (Walla Walla) was established in the early summer of 1818 by Donald McKenzie of the North West company. . . . The fort was entirely destroyed by accidental fire in October, 1841, and a new stockade of adobe built immediately by Mr. McKinley, the officer in charge. . . . "Here ended the land journey of these two courageous women." (Meaning Mrs. Whitman and Mrs. Spalding. The Spaldings had been detained, and arrived at Fort Walla Walla Sept. 3, 1836, two days late.)

The camp of the Whitmans and their party on August 30, 1836, on Pine creek above the site of Weston is the one that concerns this article especially—the one reached about noon of that day and occupied until early the next morning; the morning of the day when a point eight miles from Fort Walla Walla was reached, from which a short jaunt Sept. 1, in the early morning, took the party to the fort in time for breakfast—such a breakfast and such a welcome, after months of hard travel, often on short rations, and facing many dangers!

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8:00—As You Like It.
9:00—"Housekeeping Hanches"—Lola Abinger.
10:15—The Monitor Views the News.
11:00—Famous People.
11:30—Facts and Affairs.
12:00—News.
12:15—Neon Farm Hour.
1:00—Symphonic Hour.
1:30—Stories for Boys and Girls.
2:00-2:30—"Housemakers' Half Hour"—My Trip to Alaska—Mrs. E. L. Staples, of Home Economics Extension Office.
6:30—Farm Hour.
7:45—News.

Solly Krieger Wins

NEW YORK, Aug. 12—(AP)—Solly Krieger, rugged New York middleweight, who rose to fame last winter when he knocked out Harry Balsame, knocked out an-

Sweet Home Will Oppose Reedsport

ALBANY—Reedsport will meet the Sweet Home Loggers at Sweet Home Sunday in the last State league ball game of the season. The Loggers are determined to make it victory. Last Sunday the Loggers turned in some good baseball against Woodburn and apparently found themselves as the game advanced. As a result of that showing they expect to give the Reedsport nine, which boasts a number of University of Oregon players, a hot time.

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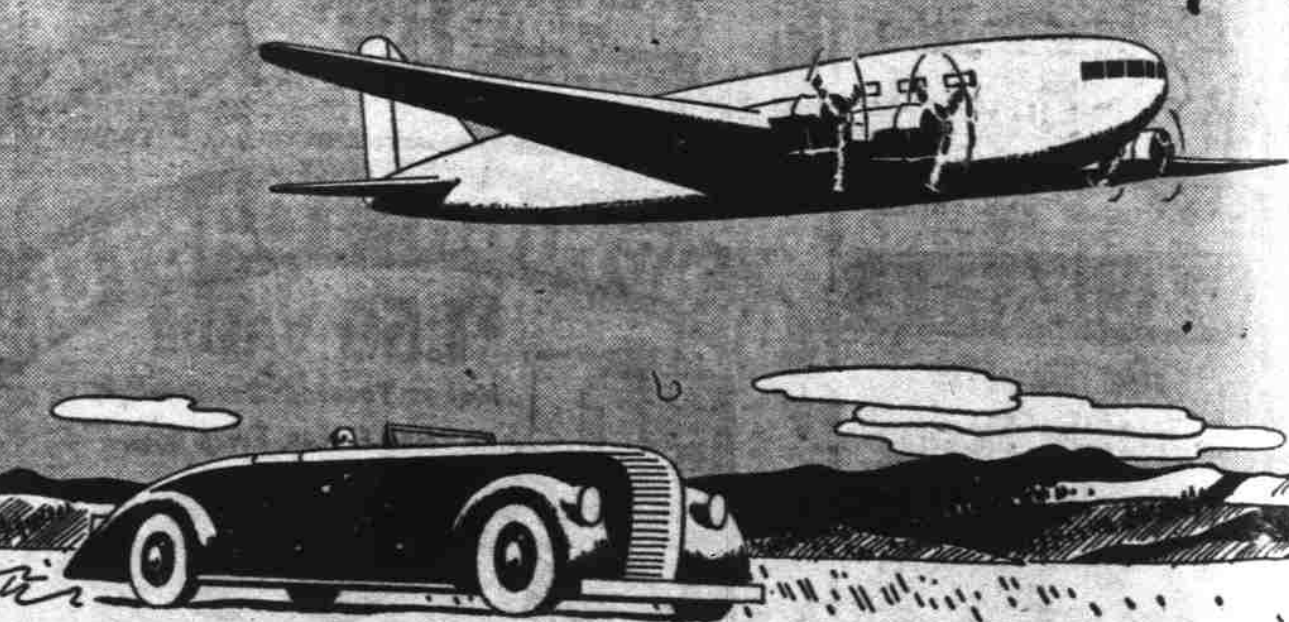
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