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SOME REASONS WHY THE BONDS SHOULD CARRY

THERE ARE so many excellent reasons why the good roads bond issue should carry, and such a lack of effective argument to the contrary, that the success of the coming election is almost assured before the votes are cast.

A brief enumeration of the merits of the bonding plan is somewhat as follows:

Better roads are needed. Permanent roads are the only "better" roads. This system of improvement must be launched by bonding.

Fifty years of experience has proven to Jackson county the hopelessness of building good roads with a fund too small to be effective. Fifty years of waste—of unscientific administration of road funds testify. The bonding plan will remedy this handicap.

After the main road is completed the cost of upkeep on fifty miles of paved highway will be small. The county road fund of \$105,000 annually, may all—or nearly so—be applied to the lateral roads. They may even be made permanent. Under the present system many of these roads can never receive more than a "lick and a promise". The fund has been too small.

Jackson county is the southern door to Oregon. On the Siskiyou ridge travelers pay toll to enter or leave the state. The tourist traffic seeks another route. Tourists passing through the valley have been known to become charmed by its beauties, and to purchase property and remain. Even now the county is receiving but a small percentage of the travel to which it is entitled. The bond issue will provide good roads and abolish the toll. It will bring the tourist.

The paved road will lower the cost of transportation to market. One team will do the work of two. Expense will be halved. The bond issue alone makes the paved road possible.

The building of the road will distribute \$500,000 in Jackson county—among our own people. It will give employment to the idle, stimulate trade and direct the attention of the investor to this locality.

Should the paved road be built Jackson county will receive state aid. The fund available next year will be \$240,000. State Treasurer Kay, Secretary of State Olcott, and Governor West have pledged assistance. In addition all engineering expenses will be paid by the state. No bonds—no aid.

Expense in increased taxes? \$1.10 per year on \$1,000.00. No more than needed to pay interest upon the bond issue and create a sinking fund for their periodical payment. The possibilities of \$1,000.00—in property or cash—will increase many times; the tax will increase one mill. Here is certainly no cause for alarm.

The cost of building is equally distributed over a long term of years. The people who come after will share in the expense. Yet the present will enjoy good roads, and the future also. The future, enhanced in value by this improvement, is taxed for repayment.

The present plan is not for the sole benefit of the cities. Good roads must have a beginning. The main line must be built first. The entire district will benefit by the first improvement, and the system of improvement so commenced will spread rapidly.

Jackson county has a population of 35,000. It could sustain ten times that number. Public improvements bring increased population. Good roads will bring the outside investor.

The bonding system is the only practical system of road construction. It is admittedly the means of securing that which we want—road improvement that cannot be procured in any other way.

Two years ago by a two-to-one vote, the county carried a \$1,500,000 bond issue for highway construction. The supreme court held the issue invalid, and the day of progress was postponed. If the \$1,500,000 issue was a good thing two years ago, have our needs grown or lessened?

The \$500,000 issue, we are given assurance, will practically all be left in Jackson county. To this must be added the offering of state aid. Industry will be encouraged and investment invited. Fifty miles of excellent highway will speak volumes for the enterprise of the county. The era of good roads will be real—not dreamed.

If \$1,500,000 was alright two years ago, why balk at one-third the sum now?

To School Children, Jackson County, Ore.

School children desiring to make exhibits of their products at the state fair to be held at Salem this fall will be supplied with entry blanks upon application to anyone of the following persons:

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Mrs. Mary Middlemasher, Trail
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J. Percy Wells,
County School Supt.

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Precept and Example

The other day, across the way, I watched an outcast bum go by the corner where the children play—for want of country flowers and sky—pale dread was on his ashen face, his eye was furtive and unclear, he stopped at Casey's crinkling place and begged a stoup of stale beer; but e'er he drifted down the street his nervous fingers rolled a smoke, a pendulous paper pill to soothe the tremors of a constant "soak". Kind friends attend, I do assert beyond all cavil or conceit, whatever virtues it may have—I do not like the cigarette!

Another place, another face, a pasty youth with knowing leer, an unleashed rodent on the chase—a cadet of the house of fear; the yellow face, the yellow eye, the soul than each more yellow still; the vermin of the city sty, grown sleek upon the bread of ill; I scanned him as he lightly trod the cleaner dust beneath his step, the while he mouthed a Turkish smoke and chattered with a demi-rep. Dear friends, bear with me and observe this travesty on man and brute—while I contend in accents straight—I do not like the cigarette!

Last night bedight with opulence, yet poster by a secret woo, I did forget mine old offense at habits that displease me so; I snatched Nirvana from the case—a cylinder of Turkish blend—I placed it in my weary face and puffed it to the gilded end; yet, when my solace came to me; I viewed within the drifting smoke the ashen and the yellow face—asmile at some tremendous joke! Sweet friends, believe me when I swear—and chide me not I do forget—in spite of surcease cheaply priced—I do not like the cigarette!

BRIEF NEWS OF OREGON

The recent election held at Molalla, to decide whether the town should become a municipality, resulted in a four to one vote in favor of incorporation.

Corporation license fees remaining unpaid in the state became delinquent August 15, and Commissioner Watson is checking over the list with a view to enforcing collection. Suits against the delinquent companies will also include a \$100 penalty in each case.

Twenty-eight sections of timber land in the district lying southeast of Jewell, in Clatsop county, contain 948,375,000 feet of timber, according to the cruise returns filed with the county assessor at Astoria. The banner section of the district contains 82,290,000 feet.

Cramped while swimming, Miss Laverne Whitt, 18 years old, was recently drowned in the Willamette river near Dayton. She was accompanied in the water by her brother, 12 years old, whom she seized and almost drowned in her frantic efforts to escape.

A barn filled with hay and grain was fired and destroyed by a bolt of lightning at Carson station, on the United Railway, 27 miles out of Portland, in one of the worst electric storms ever known in that neighborhood. It was owned by Henry C. Carson, whose loss is \$1500.

An automobile owned and driven by W. W. Kent of Drain upset on the stage road 36 miles west of Roseburg, and Mrs. Mary Holyfield, mother of Kent, was instantly killed. Mrs. Kent sustained two fractures of the arm, but her husband and three small children escaped unhurt.

Brief News of the Week

The Mexican government contradicted the rumor to the effect that an ultimatum had been sent to the United States.

According to a report made by the board of public welfare at Kansas City, Mo., 25,000 women workers in that city receive less than \$6 a week.

Suffrage workers in Missouri are circulating petitions for the 23,000 names necessary to secure the submission of their proposed constitutional amendment.

The Peace Congress in session at The Hague has adopted resolutions denouncing war loans and opposing the construction of military airships.

The French government sent a delegation to San Francisco to take possession of a site on the grounds of the Panama-Pacific Exposition for the French pavilion.

The Western Federation of Miners is thought to be preparing for a long strike in the Michigan copper mining district, because of the fact that children of the strikers are being sent to other cities.

Canada is now a larger purchaser of United States products than any other country except the United Kingdom, according to figures made public at Washington by the bureau of foreign and domestic commerce.

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The board of trustees of public buildings at Albany officially recognized Martin H. Glynn as acting governor of New York, by designating certain new rooms in the capitol as the "executive chamber" for his use.

Believing that the 40 lives lost in the wreck of the steamer State of California would not have been sacrificed if the ship had been a modern craft with a double bottom, the relatives and friends of the victims are petitioning their respective representatives in congress to pass laws which will make it less possible for disasters of this kind to occur again.

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