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THE ROAD BOND BILL.

THE fact the East Oregonian is disposed to favor the road bond bill will not deter this newspaper from presenting both sides of the argument, as will be seen by the letter from the Farmers Union local given space today.

Frankly, however, the objections raised do not seem impressive to this newspaper. Whether the bonds are voted or not the auto licenses and the millage tax will have to be paid just the same. Then why not get the roads? Where would there be any economy in voting them down?

Good roads are of value from a military standpoint, as has been shown in Europe and on our Mexican border. They are also of use for civilian purposes in time of war. If our railroads should be tied up through freight congestions, car shortage, seizure by the government for war purposes, or by damage to tunnels or bridges the existence of good highways would be a godsend. They would aid crop moving as well as passenger traffic. In fact they would become our chief reliance.

As to the merits of bonding vs. the pay-as-you-go policy of roadbuilding the fact we have the six per cent limit on tax increase makes the bond plan the only course if real results are to be secured. The six per cent amendment so restricts the legislature and the county courts that it will be impossible to carry out any comprehensive road building program by use of current funds. Were it possible to use only current funds the course would not be equitable. Permanent highways will be used for many years, why should not the cost be so distributed that future auto owners and future taxpayers will meet their share of the burden?

If the work to be done is needed and can be done efficiently and at a just cost there is no reason why anyone should shiver because the money is to be raised by bonding. Almost every railroad and every other private industrial development has been made through bonding. All municipal development, such as water systems, street paving, etc., is handled through bonding; if practical for private corporations or for municipalities why not for the state? Will not the benefits to be derived from good roads, consisting of reduced hauling costs and less wear on wagons and motor cars, make up for the interest paid upon the bonds?

If the city of Pendleton had been unwilling to vote bonds for improvements we would still be a village without paved streets, without a sewer system, without a levee and without a water system.

LIKE A FIRE DEPARTMENT

Venues have their usefulness but no city of much size wishes to rely upon volunteers to carry on its fire fighting activities. A regular fire department is maintained. It is the businesslike way to



SCENE FROM "THE GREAT SECRET" COSY TODAY.

handle fire control. The volunteer plan leaves fire fighting to chance.

The same principle applies to military service. When the country relies on the volunteer plan for raising an army in time of need it takes grave chances. The men secured are neither trained nor equipped. The government does not even know they will respond. The thing is a gamble.

Compulsory military service on the other hand will insure trained men of a sufficient number in the event the country needs them. They will be equipped and organized. They will serve because they are called not because of personal wishes.

Compulsory military training is the fair way and the businesslike way to defend the country. The plan will not insure us against war any more than a good fire department insures against the outbreak of a fire, but it will insure efficient handling of the danger if it does arise.

If as reported there are German submarines on the Pacific they were sent here prior to our break with Germany and reveal the Teuton plans against this country.

Will not some of our heavy foothill land be good for two wheat crops in succession: the price will be very attractive this year from all appearances.

Nothing slack about the local Red Cross and Honor Guard Girls organizations.

28 Years Ago Today

(From the Daily East Oregonian, April 12, 1889.)

More people than ever before were out last evening to hear the patent medicine concert. There was a large sprinkling of ladies in the audience than usual.

It is learned that an excursion from Hesperia to Pendleton is talked of, consisting of two carloads of people who will visit this city next Sunday to witness the baseball match between the La Grande and Pendleton sides, and take in the town.

Thursday evening at Pilot Rock William Geisler discovered that three of his finest hogs lay still in death. The only explanation for their sudden demise is that some enemy stole in at night and poisoned them.

The grand May festival will be something superb and will reflect credit on the originator, Manager Fletcher.

Work is again in progress on the Thompson street grade. B. Selling has returned from his trip to San Francisco.

DO YOU KNOW--

That the real name of the Pilot Rock branch of the O.-W. R. & N. is the Umatilla Central?

That Mrs. E. A. Shepard of 301 Garden street is the sole remaining charter member of the First Presbyterian church in this city?

That there are only three or four bare flagpoles in Pendleton?

That Douglas county was named for Stephen A. Douglas?

That Representative Roy W. Ripper's middle name is Wallace?

That Pendleton has twice as many educated men as any other eastern Oregon city?

Why Constipation Injures.
The bowels are the natural sewerage system of the body. When they become obstructed by constipation a part of the poisonous matter which they should carry off is absorbed into the system, making you feel dull and stupid, and interfering with the digestion and assimilation of food. This condition is quickly relieved by Chamberlain's Tablets. Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

"BOB" GETS IRON CROSS

La Follette's Medal Decorated With Bull and Feathers.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—An "iron cross" for Senator La Follette was received at the office of Senator Martin in the capitol building. It came from Philadelphia by mail with instructions "for presentation to Senator La Follette."

In the center of the cross is a bull, and on each of the four arms a white feather. On its back is written "From William H." The communication transmitting the cross is not signed.

The cross will be sent to Senator La Follette.

Satan is the father of lies and matrimony is the mother of excuses.

The Last Great Land Opportunity of the Northwest

We are offering wheat lands that produce from 30 to 40 bushels per acre, price from \$15 to \$30. Irrigated lands that produce enormous yields of grain, grasses and vegetables, price \$35 to \$75 per acre, including water right and in many cases splendid improvements. Terms—one-fourth cash, balance in five equal annual payments, interest six per cent. These lands are located near railroad,— good markets, roads, schools and churches, healthful climate, ideal soil.

The Following are a Few of Our Places

1280 acres of wild wheat land, Lake Basin country, Montana. Located six miles from the new Northern Pacific branch railroad running northwest from the City of Billings. Adjoining lands developed and good county roads, close to school. Spring of pure water on both sections. 300 acres of this tract are gilt-edge smooth steam plow land, having soil of the finest quality. The balance of the tract is heavily grassed and contains small fields that can be cultivated. Adjoining improves farms selling for \$35.00 to \$50.00 per acre. Our price on this tract of 1280 acres is \$22.50 per acre. Terms—one-fourth cash, balance payable in five annual payments with interest at six per cent per annum. (The tract can be subdivided into sections if so desired.)

881.10 acres, located 7 1/2 miles from Hardin on a county road and 3 miles to a siding with grain elevator. 820 acres of this tract are level to gently rolling plow lands of the very finest quality and all broken out. There is no finer soil anywhere than is on this tract. There are 350 acres now in winter wheat and the balance stubble ground, property is well fenced; the improvements consist of two houses, one large barn, five steel granaries, out-buildings and three good wells of pure water. Price including one-third of the winter wheat crop now on the premises \$35.00 per acre. Terms 1/4 cash with the balance in 5 annual installments, with interest at 8% per annum, payable annually.

800 acres improved wheat farm, Lake Basin country, Montana. Located 4 miles from elevator and town of Billings and Northern railway. County road along two sides. 760 acres of gilt-edge smooth steam plow land, having the best grade of wheat soil. Land all broken out. 30 acres of pasture land containing much pine timber that will furnish fire wood for many years. The entire tract is fenced. Improvements consist of a very good five room house, large barn, out-buildings, wind mill and well with an inexhaustible supply of pure water. 180 acres of fall wheat now seeded on the property. Price \$37.50 per acre. Terms, \$8500.00 cash; balance five annual payments, with interest at six per cent per annum.

640 acres located near railroad and in a splendid district. 620 acres of this tract are exceptionally smooth level plow land. Free from stone. Deep chocolate colored sand loam soil. Is well fenced. This is 35 to 40 bushel wheat land. Price, \$20 per acre. Cash \$3200, balance five years, 6 per cent interest.

320 acres wheat farm near elevator; 230 acres broke out, 60 acres seeded to fall wheat, which goes to purchaser. Ideal soil for producing grain. Stream flows through place, from which 25 acres can be irrigated. Price \$27.50 per acre. Terms 1/4 cash, balance in ten payments; interest at six per cent.

80 acres, an ideal alfalfa tract, also ideal farm for growing all kinds of vegetables, sugar beets, or small fruits; 30 acres of alfalfa, balance ready for seeding; abundance of water for irrigation fenced and cross-fenced with woven wire; near railroad and good automobile road; good residence and barns, also all necessary outbuildings. Price \$8800. Terms 1/4 cash, 10 annual payments.

If the above should not appeal to you kindly call at our office and explain to us what you want and we will supply your demand. WE OWN AND CONTROL ABOUT 200,000 ACRES OF MONTANA'S BEST GRAIN, STOCK and MIXED FARMS and out of which we should be able to select a place that will appeal to anyone, wishing to invest in land, matters not for what purpose.

The Montana farmers make more money because his initial investment is less, his average production is more per acre, his product is better and he gets higher prices for it. We insist on your investigating the situation while prices are yet reasonable. It will cost you but a small sum. Land values always increase as the country develops.

The same opportunity now exists in Montana which once existed in our own community but with the inrush of new people it will not last so long.

Phone at our expense, write or call on us for further information.

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A SUGGESTION TO THE WATER BOARD

ONE objection raised here to the advice for backyard farming is that in many cases the cost of water for irrigation purposes will almost offset the value of the crop produced.

There is some basis for this complaint. Can it not be remedied by action of the water commission? Why not for instance allow a certain amount of water monthly to each place raising a garden of a certain size. In that way householders would be encouraged to use their yards and parkings whereas otherwise they might let them go untended because of the water charges.

To the East Oregonian it appears some concessions from the water department are in order. During considerable or all of the season there is surplus water that goes to waste. This year the supply should be particularly abundant because of the wet season and heavy snowfall in the mountains. Why not have this water used to aid the food preparedness campaign?

How about it Mr. Water Commissioners?

LEADER OF NEW RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT AND HIS FAMILY



PROF. MILYUKOFF & FAMILY.

Professor Paul Milyukoff, leader of his family. It was Professor Milyukoff, as a member of the Duma, who overthrew the old corrupt ministry.

75 OREGON ALUMNI READY TO HELP NATION IN WAR

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, April 11.—Seventy-five alumni of the University have already signified their willingness to leave their present occupations and enlist, in case of war, according to Don H. Williams, secretary of the University of Oregon Alumni Association.

This number of answers has been received since the mailing of a general questionnaire to the 606 male alumni in the state, ten days ago. The sounding bit of the annual was requested by the Inter-collegiate Intelligence Bureau, with headquarters at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and is in accordance with the national government's attempt to estimate the number of men who will voluntarily enlist.

The request is not alone to ascertain if the men are willing to enter the army, but if they are skilled in engineering, chemistry, medicine, surgery, telegraphy, bookkeeping and mechanics. As wide a range of information as possible is wanted.

Approximately half of the alumni who have answered have had some previous military training.

Insomnia.
Indigestion nearly always disturbs the sleep more or less, and is often the cause of insomnia. Eat a light supper with little if any meat, and no milk; also take one of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper, and see if you do not rest much better. Obtainable everywhere.—Adv.

Living in an autocracy saves wear and tear on the brain. The reversed upper classes do the thinking. This may conceivably conduce a happy, vegetable life.

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