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VOTE FOR RECONSTRUCTION.

(By Percy A. Cupper, State Engineer.)
Will Oregon be among the states to take advantage of the government's reconstruction program? This will depend upon whether or not the state reconstruction measure is passed on June 3rd. The adoption of the constitutional amendment and statute to make it effective would make possible the expenditure of four million dollars in reclamation in Oregon, only half of which the people of Oregon would be called upon to provide. No money may be expended for reclamation unless the federal government expends an equal amount. This has the double advantage of not only securing two dollars for one, but also of providing additional safeguards around the expenditure of the funds. These funds are not limited to irrigation purposes but may be used for drainage, dyking, the reclamation of logged off lands, or any other form of land reclamation.

We are expending millions on road construction with the full realization that it is money well spent. It is generally conceded that highways should be paid for by the general public even when their construction is of especial benefit to adjacent land owners or the immediate community through which they are constructed. On the other hand, reclamation is paid for by the individual who owns the land which receives the benefit. In the case of reclamation the state gets its money back with interest in addition to carrying out a public development of state-wide benefit.

There are many of those in the state who have long felt that something should be done to facilitate development along agricultural lines but have been skeptical of the plans proposed. The plan now proposed is so unquestionably sound and safe that it seems to come as a long sought opportunity to do something for reclamation. The reconstruction measure also presents an opportunity to get what we always felt was coming to us from the federal government, take part in the big reconstruction movement and develop Oregon's great agricultural resources. The plan under which the money will be expended, viz., in cooperation with the federal government, removes the danger and uncertainties of state reclamation. Let us not lose this opportunity to take a progressive step and begin the development of Oregon's great resources in a large substantial way. It requires a vote for both the constitutional amendment, ballot No.

306 "Yes," and also a vote for the statute putting the constitutional amendment into effect, ballot No. 312, "Yes," to make these funds available. We should not only favor this proposition but get out and vote for it.

The reconstruction measure in addition to providing for the issuance of two million dollars for reclamation in cooperation with the federal government, provides funds for land settlement, the construction of buildings at the Oregon Agricultural college, the University of Oregon, the Monmouth normal, hospital building at Pendleton, buildings at the soldiers' home at Roseburg, a penitentiary at Salem and armories at Astoria, Baker, Bend, La Grande, Medford and Marshfield.

In view of President Wilson's recommendations for a reprieve for the light wines and beer we think it might be a good plan for the customs officials to look carefully through his trunks when he comes back from Paris.

Paris reports say that the women are refusing to wear stockings because they are so expensive. First time women ever let expense stand in the way of clothes.

A shipment of liquor was marked "dry goods." Now that showed a real sense of humor.

Europe Likes American Milk.
European people have learned to like American dairy products. Exports of condensed milk to Europe rose from 16,000,000 pounds in 1914 to 530,000,000 pounds in 1918, and there were notable increases in exports of other dairy products. Much of this may be due to abnormal war demands, but the United States department of agriculture believes that there is both an opportunity and a tendency to expand in this direction over pre-war requirements. A normal increase in dairying in this country, the department thinks, is fully justified, provided there is the necessary increase in feed crops.

VITAL ISSUES UP FOR VOTE NEXT TUESDAY

\$125,000 ROAD BONDS ON BALLOT

MEASURES REFERRED

Irrigation, Road and Reconstruction Legislation Offer Much of Interest to the People of Central Oregon.

One county measure, the proposed flotation of a \$125,000 bond issue to furnish bonds for the co-operation with the state in the construction of The Dalles-California highway and various market roads, will be presented to the voters of Deschutes county, together with nine state referendum questions, five of them constitutional amendments, when the special state and county and state election is held on Tuesday, June 3. Of the new measures two are under the reconstruction classification, one is especially for irrigation, guaranteeing interest on district bonds for five years, and three are in the interest of good roads.

Road Betterment Aim.
The contemplated \$125,000 bond issue, placed on the ballot as a result of a series of road meetings held throughout the county, culminating in a petition presented to the county court, will be of chief interest locally it is expected. Not only do the plans for road development represent the wishes of the farmers and city dwellers alike, but they are also endorsed by the state highway commission. Contingent on the passing

of the bonds the county court is obligated to spend \$24,700 additional on various "feeder roads" throughout the county, which were at first included in the plans for spending the \$125,000 and later reclassified for direct county development.

To Aid State Highway.
As the measure will be voted on Tuesday it provides \$60,000 to be used on The Dalles-California highway, \$35,000 for work on the road from Millican through Bend and Sisters to the Lane county line, \$20,000 on the highway from Sisters through Redmond, \$5,000 for the Lower Bridge-Terrebonne road, and \$5,000 for development from Bend to the Grange hall district. The bonds are for ten years, serial in character for the first four years, and will draw 5 1/2 per cent interest.

State Measures Listed.
State wide issues which will be voted upon are in detail as follows: Senate Joint Resolution No. 25.—Amending article XI of the constitution of the state of Oregon by adding section 7-a, providing for the issuance of not exceeding \$5,000,000 in reconstruction bonds of the state of Oregon.
House Joint Resolution, No. 32.—For the addition to the constitution of the state of Oregon of article 11-b, providing funds for the payment by the state, of interest for a period of not exceeding five years on bonds issued for drainage and irrigation districts.

Senate Joint Resolution No. 11.—Amending section 10 of article 11 of the constitution of the state of Oregon, increasing the limitation of taxes by counties for roads.
House Joint Resolution No. 20.—Amending section 3 of Article XIV of the constitution of the State of Oregon, as to the location of public institutions of the state and excepting from the former constitutional provisions, an industrial and reconstruction hospital.

House Joint Resolution, No. 31.—Amending sections 1 and 8 of Article V of the constitution of the state of Oregon, and providing for a lieutenant governor.

Senate Bill No. 226.—Authorizing the issuance of reconstruction bonds of the state, conferring certain powers on the state board of control, providing for the use of funds derived from the reconstruction bonds in the construction of state and public buildings, and the supervision of such work, promoting land settlement, land reclamation and providing employment.

Senate Bill, No. 269.—Providing

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