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that will accrue from good roads, is a narrow and pessimistic view. Even the money spent in their construction will not be lost but will be largely put into county circulation. Relying on an old proverb, we can virtually eat our cake and have it too.

And because two pieces of cake are better than one the LEADER wants to see both of these roads built with a bond issue and built as soon as possible. "Strike while the iron is hot," and when a newly-opened Columbia calls insistently to the producer. Waste no more time than need be in preliminary sparring or in raising private subscriptions. These will be public not private roads. Further, they should be built in a systematic way instead of by piecemeal as means permit—as was and is the case with the East End highway.

The annual interest charge for these roads will be by no means a grievous burden to the individual taxpayer. It may be met by approximately a one-mill levy, or one dollar on each thousand dollars of his taxable property.

John Brisben Walker, a noble Colorado philanthropist, intends to establish a home for broken down newspaper men—an announcement which relieves Boyd and Wood of some anxiety.

Because "a pun is the lowest form of wit," we considerably refrain from comment upon the news report that Chile wants a million tons of Uncle Sam's coal.

"China for the Japanese" is the sardonic answer we hear from the Yankees of the Orient to our national shibboleth of "America for the Americans."

"Oregon is organizing for prosperity and Portland, as usual, has taken the lead," says the Oregonian—which cannot see Weston around the corner.

News of the war horrors has grown to be so commonplace that we would much rather inform our readers that Tom Jones is building a new barn.

If pretty soon she doesn't sue for peace the present outlook is that there will be no piece in Europe for poor old Austro-Hungary.

Portland won from Los Angeles, Weston from Helix, in the baseball opener, so what care we for the news from Europe?

"Two Pugilists Fit," says an Oregonian headline—referring to Johnson and Willard—without even telling us which licked.

If roads could be built of sounding phrases and paved with good intentions Umatilla county would never need a bond issue.

The Merry Widows of Weston.

The widows of Weston were very pleasantly entertained Saturday, March 27, at the home of Mrs. Sarah Tucker. After an hour spent in social converse the ladies were carried back for the nonce to "childhood's happy hours" by a doll-dressing contest. The prize for the best-dressed dollie was awarded to Mrs. Walden. The guests were then asked to lay aside for a while the work of their hands and to test their minds in a "penny for your thoughts" competition. This event was not quite so successful as the one preceding, as the judges soon decided that not many thoughts were in evidence that could be valued at a penny.

Delicious refreshments were served by the Misses Narkaus and Miss Katie Tucker. The happy occasion then ended with a song, "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds."

The widows present were Mesdames Read, Lowell, Purcell, Williams, Salinger, McBride, Vanderpool, Tucker. Other ladies in attendance were Mesdames Walden, Gould, Nordean, Albert, Briggs and Nevin.

"Soft Impeachment" Denied.

The East Oregonian says in its "Sportland Sparkles": "Clark Wood, manager of the Weston ball team and editor of the Weston Leader, refuses to apply the name Blue Mountain to the Helix-Weston-Athens-Freewater league. He calls it the East End league and this paper, recognizing the prestige of himself and paper, will accept his characterization as final."

Manager Wood requests Editor Wood to say that the East Oregonian credits him with much more importance than he deserves. Ever a person of "modest silliness and humility," he happens to place the honor of naming the East End league where it really belongs, with President B. B. Richards of Athens. Far from refusing to utilize the old name of Blue Mountain league, he probably would have done so had not the Oregonian's sporting editor beat him to it and appropriated the name for the West End organization.

ODD BITS OF NEWS.

Webb City, Mo.—Grace Tucker, age 15, established a record when she secured a divorce and married again all within 24 hours. The girl married at the age of 12 years and secured her divorce on the ground that relatives had forced her into the ceremony. She is now Mrs. William Shadwick.

Lorain, O.—Thomas J. McCullin, a blind man, has just defeated John Foltz, another blind man, living at Farview, Utah, in a checker game which required more than one year to play. Each move was made by letter and required two weeks.

New York—James Hartman, employee of the baby-checking room at a department store was almost mobbed by a throng of infuriated mothers when a mischievous youngster mixed the checks.

Fort Yates, N. D.—A cat and a dog can be friendly—aye, even more. The old argument was settled here today with a statement from Rev. Father Bernard, of the Fort Yates Catholic church, that he had just married Miss

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(J. E. Murphy in the Oregon Journal.)

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BUILD BOTH OF THEM.

The LEADER ventures to indulge the hope that the "enthusiastic road meetings" now being held in various towns will produce commensurate results. Heretofore, in Umatilla county and throughout the state, it has required about a ton of such agitation to yield an ounce of accomplishment.

We feel certain that Umatilla county's material and taxable wealth would be largely increased by the proposed hard surface road from Pendleton to Cold Springs landing, and the proposed road leading through the several irrigation towns in the West End to the Umatilla river. Suppose that these two roads would cost one million dollars—a very liberal estimate. The county should be able to get the money for five percent, or at an annual interest charge of \$50,000. Its annual freight bill is estimated at \$500,000, and if it only succeeded in cutting this percent it would save its interest and have its roads at a virtual cost of nothing at all. Yet through this double connection with an open river, and the building of a spur to the most convenient point for connecting the East End highway with the Pendleton-to-Cold Springs road, Umatilla county ought to be able to reduce its freight bill much more than \$50,000 a year.

Moreover, through "cutting transportation costs these roads would stimulate production and add to the county's income. Adding to the county's income they would add to the value of its capital in land and other resources and correspondingly swell its tax roll. It would be no means a reckless prophecy to say that these two roads will add four or five times their combined cost, even though it be a million dollars, to the taxable wealth of Umatilla county. The taxpayer in some remote district which might not profit directly by their construction would have just as much and no more right to complain than would a citizen of Florida at the opening of the Columbia river by the general government.

Good roads are an investment, not a needless expense. To see only the bond issue and the interest charge and to ignore the vast material benefits

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