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"Help win the war—buy a Liberty Loan bond."

To vote against the road bonds is virtually to say that the adverse voter knows more about the road needs of the state than a large majority of the Oregon legislature and the entire Umatilla county delegation.

Men like Speaker Stanfield, Barrett, Steiwer, Ritner and Hodgen are not venal—neither are they foolish. The so-called Paving Trust has no strings on them, and they use their thought works in connection with both private and public business. That all these men were instrumental in getting the road bond bill on the ballot and are now its strong supporters, is pretty good evidence that the measure is of value to Umatilla county.

One of the little pleasantries of the country newspaper game is for business people who do not advertise and other people who do not even take the paper to be looking for "free puffs."

Charley Barrett is one of the most conscientious men and one of the hardest workers that Umatilla county has ever sent to the legislature. He is a cautious man, not given to unwise investments, and led the fight against the Umatilla county bonding measure. That he now supports the state bond bill is significant. To meet with Charley Barrett's approval means that it must needs be almost without a flaw. We commend a careful perusal of Senator Barrett's letter to the Leader in another column. It seems to us a conclusive answer to the innuendo that the legislature succumbed to the blandishments of the Paving Trust.

Having invented the submarine, it is up to American genius to likewise invent an antidote.

Charles L. McNary, appointed to the United States Senate by Governor Withycombe to succeed Senator Lane, is a progressive Republican and a former justice of the Oregon supreme court, to which he was appointed by Governor West. The selection of McNary may be regarded as quite a shrewd stroke of politics on the part of Governor Withycombe, who has stalwart leanings but thus makes a bid for progressive approval. However, there is no reason to doubt that McNary will make a good senator, and in such event the governor is entitled to all the political advantage he may derive from the appointment, having demonstrated that he is without prejudice.

With all his forethought the Kaiser neglected to train his troops in sprinting, else the Allies would not take so many prisoners.

Walter Pierce's road measure would have been admittedly better than none, but the legislature preferred the bonding bill as more comprehensive and entailing no burden on the general taxpayer. The Pierce bill levied an annual tax of one and one half mills, the proceeds from each county to be expended within that county. Under that bill Multnomah county would have received back for road work its entire tax, which is forty percent of the whole. Under the bond bill Multnomah county gets nothing, but Portland is willing that this should be so, in order that the state at large may get systematic road improvement. In fact, 60 percent of the proceeds of the

bonds must be expended east of the Cascades. This is a case where in Eastern Oregon gets more than a square deal and should we look this gift horse in the face we ought never to have the crust to howl at Portland again.

Through swapping horses in mid-stream it begins to look as though friend Russia had acquired a herd of jackasses.

When in doubt buy a war bond.

Goes to Summer School

Accompanying six girls from Pendleton Miss Lois Porter left today for Bellingham, Wash. to attend summer school of the Bellingham Normal. The girls will establish a home at Bellingham, to be presided over by Mrs. I. E. Young, wife of the county superintendent.

Bundled wheat hay for sale. C. M. Price.

PROGRAM

Twenty-fifth Annual Reunion of Umatilla County Pioneers and Fifth Annual Reunion of their Sons and Daughters
WESTON, OREGON, JUNE 8-9, 1917
(Reunion accompanist, Mrs. F. D. Watts)

FRIDAY, JUNE 8

9 A. M.

FLAG-RAISING

10 A. M.

March, "America First"..... Weston Concert Band
"America"..... Audience
Invocation..... Rev. W. B. Smith
"A Spring Song"..... Weston Glee Club
(A. W. Lundell, director)
Vocal Solo..... Walter Rose
Address of Welcome..... Mayor J. M. Baniater
Response..... President Geo. D. Peebler
Vocal Solo, "Carmena"..... Lela G. Saling
Address..... Hon. Will M. Peterson
"Star Spangled Banner"..... Band

1:30 P. M.

"American Independence"..... Band
"Flag Without a Stain"..... Weston Male Quartet
Song, "Every Boy Should be a Soldier"..... Ruth Douglas
Reading, "Manda's Organ"..... Laurel E. Davis
Vocal Solo..... Walter Rose
"The Star Spangled Banner"..... Athena Ladies' Quartet
[Miss Pearl Coomans, Miss Lulu Tharp, Mrs. Geo. B. Woodward, Mrs. Austin Foss.]
Vocalization..... "The Hayways"
Vocal Solo..... Winifred McKenzie
Overture, "Majestic"..... Band
Vocal Duet..... Lela G. Saling, Walter Rose
Reading, "As the Moon Rose"..... Laurel E. Davis
"The Boys of the Old Brigade"..... Weston Quartet
"Smoke Up, Honey!"..... Band
(Election of Officers' Pioneers' Sons and Daughters)

3:00 p. m. Baseball.

4:30 p. m. 100 yd. dash, free for all, \$2.00 and \$1.50; 100 yd. dash, boys under 14, \$1.50 and 75c; ladies' board sawing contest, \$1.50 and 75c; relay race, free for all, \$2.00 and \$1.00; fat men's race, 200 lbs. or over, \$1.50 and 75c; ladies' nail driving contest; \$1.50 and 75c; quick change race, free for all, \$2.00 and \$1.00; pie eating contest, \$1.50 and 75c. Auto stunts.

7 to 8 p. m. Free Band Concert at Pavilion. 1 March, "Heads Up!" 2 Overture, "Majestic." 3 Waltz, "Moonlight." 4 Cornet Solo, "The Rosary." 5 March, "Iowa." 6 Intermezzo, "Red Feather." 7 March, "Under the Double Eagle." 8 "Hydrophobia." A Trombone Smear. 9 March, "The Wallabies." 10 Waltz, "Missouri." 11 "Washington Grays."

SATURDAY, JUNE 9

10 A. M.

March, "Old Colonial"..... Weston Concert Band
"America"..... Audience
Invocation..... Rev. W. S. Payne
"The Hymn of the Marsellaise"..... Weston Glee Club
Vocal Solo..... Zilla Simpson
Reading, "The Coming Out of Miss Cummings"..... Zola Keen
Overture, "Arcadia"..... Band
Address, "Pioneers and Patriotism"..... Hon. Walter M. Pierce
"Our Own U. S. of A"..... Band

1:30 P. M.

"Stars and Stripes Forever"..... Band
Selection..... Athena Male Chorus
(Dr. W. R. Scott, director)
Reading, "What Husband Said"..... Laurel E. Davis
Vocal Solo, "Parla"..... Lela G. Saling
More Vocalization..... "The Hayways"
Selection..... Athena Male Chorus
Vocal Solo..... Zilla Simpson
Overture, "Sky Pilot"..... Band
"Freedom's Empire"..... Weston Quartet
Reading, "I and My Father-in-Law"..... Laurel E. Davis
Musical Specialties..... Edna and Thelma Saling
"Our Glorious Flag"..... Band
(Election of Officers, Umatilla County Pioneers.)

3:00 p. m. Baseball.

4:30 p. m. Sports (same program as Friday.)

7 to 8 p. m. Free Band Concert at Pavilion. 1 March, "The Gladiators." 2 Overture, "Invincible." 3 Quartet, "Ermani." 4 March, "Quality Plus." 5 Trombone Solo, "Memories." 6 Intermezzo, "La Paloma." 7 March, "Ensign." 8 Overture, "Zeus." 9 "Pahson Trombone," a Riot. 10 March, "Gentry's Triumphal." 11 March, "National Salute."

WAR CENSUS DAY FACTS.

(Official.)

War Census Day is Tuesday, June 5. It will be a legal holiday. Every male resident between the ages of 21 and 30 years, inclusive, must register. This includes aliens, as well as men who are sick or crippled. Exemptions from military service will be determined later.

Register in your home voting precinct. Booths at regular voting places will be open from 7 a. m. to 9 p. m. Absentees must register before War Census day at the office of the county clerk of the county in which they happen to be.

Men of military age who are sick must send a competent person to the office of the county clerk to arrange for their registration.

The penalty for failing to register, or for giving false, misleading or incorrect answers, is imprisonment without option of fine.

DR. C. H. SMITH
Physician and Surgeon
Office in Watts building
WESTON OREGON

SENATOR BARRETT FAVORS ROAD BONDING MEASURE

Athens, Oregon, May 29, 1917.

To the Editor:

The opponents of the road bonds have cast so much mystery about the origin of the bill which will be submitted to the people on June 4th, that I desire to make some explanation.

In the first place, it is an utter falsehood for any man to say that the bond bill was submitted to the people through the efforts of the paving trust or any other trust, or that any paving concern had the bill drawn or procured it to be passed by the legislature. I hope the people who know me, will not permit the enemies of the bond issue to mislead them about this fact.

I was a member of the Senate committee on roads and highways and was in a position to know, and did know, the influences which brought about the enactment of the bond bill. Any one who will examine the road legislation of the last legislative assembly will see that one half dozen of important road bills were enacted. I took the closest possible interest in all of this legislation. I was the author of two of the more important of these measures. The bond bill was, in a sense, the companion of the other road bills. It was brought about through a desire of the members of the legislature, and others, to submit a comprehensive road plan to the people. Whatever the people do with it, the fact remains that the bond bill was conceived in good faith by people in favor of good roads, and was not a part of a wicked plot of the paving trust as has been claimed by some poorly informed persons who are fighting the bonds.

Eastern Oregon has never received any state aid of any consequence in road development. The passing of the bond issue is the only guarantee that Eastern Oregon has ever had, or will ever have for years to come, that some of the state money will be spent east of the Cascade mountains.

I say it is a guarantee because it designates roads through Eastern Oregon, some of the most important of which are in Umatilla County. If the bond bill is passed, the highway commission will be obliged to hard surface many miles of roads in Umatilla county, for we already have a base or are in a position to construct a base for. If the bond fails the commission will not be obliged to do anything for Eastern Oregon or for Umatilla county. If it passes, money will be available for extensive road development. If it fails to pass, but little money will be available for years to come.

Have tried for twelve years to procure for this district, a workable road law, and consider that every man and woman who votes against the bond issue is making a most serious mistake. Let us lay aside small jealousies and do our plain duty by Eastern Oregon and ourselves.

C. A. BARRETT,
Joint Senator, 19th Senatorial District, Comprising Umatilla, Union and Morrow Counties.

AMONG THE BUT BOYS.

There ought to be a formally organized Good Roads But Society. There are many energetic but boys opposing good roads, and it is strange they have not got together and elected a president and press agent, says the Oregonian.

Everybody who opposes the road bonds is strongly in favor of good roads, but— Good roads, it appears, have many buts. Everybody is familiar with most of them. The roads ought to be market roads instead of through roads; they ought to be military roads instead of market roads; they ought to be built out of current taxes, not out of bond proceeds; they ought to be built in peace times instead of war times; just now we ought to use the money for something else. These are the best-known buts of those who are strongly in favor of good roads, but—

But here is a brand new but culled from an engineering magazine where-in it is presented by an engineer. The engineer-author is, of course, in favor of good roads, but— The but he is most insistent about is the interpretation that the state, under the bonding bill, would pay for the pavement, while the counties would pay for the grade. The state ought to pay for the grade and the counties pay for the pavement. Such is his firm conviction.

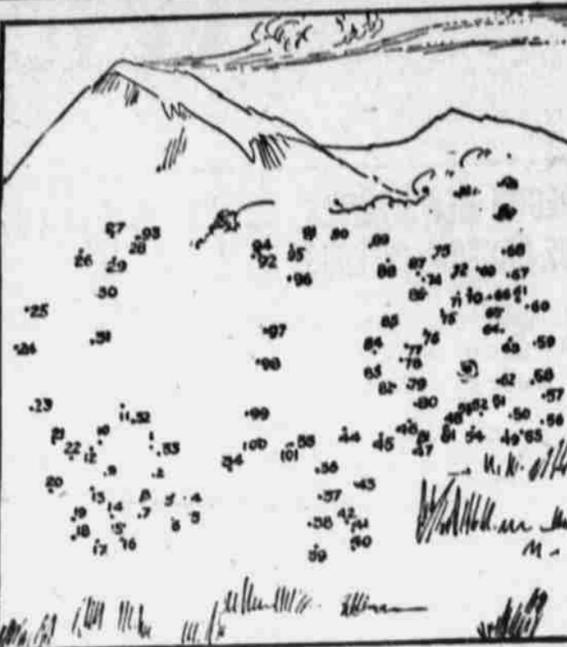
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