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In the past road building has been regarded as a local matter, each community constructing and maintaining its own roads. But plans are now being perfected for more concerted action, enlisting federal counsel and financial assistance, so that a speedy and effective movement for better roads may be economically realized. The plan worked out by Jonathan Bourne, Jr., chairman of a joint committee on Federal aid to Good Roads, provides for the utilization of the superior credit of the government; for while the government can borrow money at 3 per cent, states must pay four and counties five or six per cent. In a statement issued by Mr. Bourne, he says: "My plan proposes to authorize the sale of federal 3 per cent 50-year bonds to an amount not exceeding a billion dollars, this amount to be apportioned among the states upon the basis of relative area, population, assessed valuation, and road mileage, each factor being given equal weight, resulting in some advantage to the newer and more thinly settled states. To secure this share of this money a state must issue its 4 per cent 50-year bonds and deposit them in the federal treasury as security, whereupon the treasury department will sell an equal amount of national bonds and pay the money over to the state, to be expended by it in road construction. No state can take more than one-fifth its share in any one year. Oregon's share would be \$16,000,000. The plan provides that the state shall pay to the government 4 per cent per year, of which three-fourths shall be devoted to payment of interest on the federal bonds and the other fourth placed in a sinking fund on which three per cent compound interest shall be allowed, thus amounting in the face of the bonds in a little less than fifty years. At the expiration of fifty years the bonds are cancelled and returned to the state without any other payment of principal. Thus, the 4 per cent payment covers both interest and principal. It is my idea that the states would extend the plan to counties so that they could take advantage of it.

Now let us take a concrete instance and see how the plan would work in comparison with present methods of raising road funds. Clatsop county, for example, proposes the sale of \$400,000 of 4 per cent 20-year bonds. The interest will amount to \$24,000 per year, or \$480,000 in twenty years, and, with the principal, which must be paid at the end of the period, will make a total of \$880,000. Under my plan the county would pay 4 per cent or \$16,000 per year for fifty years, or a total of \$800,000. Thus the county would save \$80,000 under my plan and have thirty years longer in which to pay the money. The total saving would be equal to 20 per cent of the principal—certainly a saving worth while.

But wait. My plan also provides that, when any state has taken advantage of the proffer of federal aid, the government shall annually thereafter pay to such state for maintenance purposes an amount equal to 2 per cent of the construction fund, provided the state expends a similar amount. Under that plan Clatsop county would not only save \$80,000 but would receive from the government \$80,000 a year for maintenance of her roads. It is everywhere recognized that one of the most serious mistakes is failure to provide for maintenance. It is waste of money to build a road and neglect to keep it in repair. With an annual interest charge of \$24,000, Clatsop county will find it difficult to keep her roads in repair. Under my plan she would pay \$16,000 a year on her loan from the government and receive from the government \$80,000 a year to help maintain her roads.

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300. Yes. **301. No.**

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON NEW BUILDING APPROPRIATION—Referred by authority of Mr. H. J. Parkison, as Secretary, Oregon Higher Educational Institutions Betterment League, No. 409 Oregonian Building, Portland, Oregon.—Its purpose is to provide funds to construct, equip and furnish a modern fire-proof administration and class-room building, and to extend the heating plant to the same. The amount appropriated therefor is one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). **Vote YES or NO**

302. Yes. **303. No.**

STERILIZATION ACT—Referred by authority of Mrs. Lora C. Little, as Vice-President, Anti-Sterilization League, No. 7110 43rd Avenue, Portland, Oregon.—Its purpose is to authorize the State Board of Health to order such surgical operations as the Board shall adjudge, to be performed upon habitual criminals, moral degenerates and sexual perverts, both male and female, and defining who shall be considered as such, the same being persons confined in some State Institution. **Vote YES or NO**

304. Yes. **305. No.**

COUNTY ATTORNEY ACT—Referred by authority of Mr. J. E. Craib, No. 431 Worcester Building, Portland, Oregon.—Its purpose is to provide a District Attorney for each county in the State, and to fix their salaries in lieu of the present system of having a District Attorney for several counties, clothed with the authority to appoint deputies for other counties. **Vote YES or NO**

306. Yes. **307. No.**

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