

ELLIOTT-O'BRIEN CO

Big Sale Continued

Until Saturday,

APRIL 21st

Owing to our store room at Chehalis not being ready for us we will continue our closing out sale until Saturday night.

ELLIOTT-O'BRIEN COMPANY
Independence, "THE QUALITY STORE" Oregon

Odd Fellows' Anniversary

The Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Monmouth will observe the 98th anniversary of the founding of Odd Fellowship in America next Sunday. They will meet at 2 o'clock in the lodge room and march to the Christian church where special services will be held for them presided over by Rev. W. A. Elkins, who is a member of the order. All Odd Fellows and Rebekahs are requested to turn out and a special invitation is extended to sojourning members of the orders.

Floyd Moore, rural school supervisor of Polk county, gave a reading on a temperance theme, at the Christian church services last Sunday evening. Very effectively rendered the reading has been given much favorable comment.

For Rent—Good house and barn. Good garden with choice fruit and place for chickens. Inquire Mrs. M. A. Simpson. 32tf

W. J. Mulkey Sr. has been cleaning up his lot between the grocery store and garage and his grand daughter will put the same into potatoes this summer.

Mrs. Orville Butler has gone to Grand Ronde valley to a sanitarium for her health. She is recovering from a severe attack of pneumonia.

Salem Bridge Settlement

The Salem bridge question has been settled by an agreement between Piasecki and Hayter, attorneys for Polk county and McNary and McNary, attorneys for Marion county. Marion county is to construct a bridge of new materials as recommended in the report of Joseph Weare and John H. Lewis, same site, type, size and dimensions recommended, to be built within the next two years. Polk county is to pay \$41,270 as specified in the 1917 budget, plus \$2,000. Marion county is to maintain a free ferry 14 hours a day. Polk county is to pay 30 per cent of the expense of maintaining bridge when built. Marion county is to make disposition of and salvage old bridge.

C. S. Coats who has been making butter at the creamery since the departure of Guy Scheible, former butter expert, may now be said to be a fixture in the place. Coats had been second man before and was a little suspicious of his ability to do the master's work. But a report of butter made by him, scored in Portland, showed it to be equal in quality with that which won a premium in the contest two months ago. Coats, who was formerly a miner, might find a similarity in his present profession for butter not only has the golden color but is reaching up to the intrinsic value. Lorin Waller starts in Monday as second man in the butter making

department of the creamery.

Local Brevities

John Palmer and wife were up from the Luckiamute Saturday.

It is reported that W. J. Mulkey, Jr. has joined the army by means of the aviation corps route.

Take advantage of our free Monmouth Delivery. Moore & Walker, Home Furnishers, Ind.

A. N. Poole is contractor on the repair work for the enlarged Miller Store.

We have a few special 27 x 54 rugs at \$1.65. Moore & Walker, Home Furnishers, Independence.

Mrs. Newman took her mother over to the hospital in Salem for treatment last Friday.

Furniture delivered free to your home, in Monmouth. Moore & Walker, Home Furnishers, Ind.

The family of the late S. P. Wattenberg have departed for Eastern Oregon, near Condon.

Full line of Pictorial Review patterns now on sale at the Monmouth pressing parlor.

Mrs. Ernest Riddell and Miss Mabel Riddell left for a Portland visit Thursday.

The new grass rugs are very good and very inexpensive. Let us show them to you. Moore & Walker, Home Furnishers, Ind.

Mrs. A. L. Tollman is back from the hospital in Salem where she successfully underwent an operation.

Free estimates of wall paper, Linoleum, window shades, carpets, etc. Moore & Walker, Home Furnishers, Independence.

Mrs. Yeater of Eugene was here last Saturday calling on Mrs. W. H. Mack. She is on her way to a new home near Condon.

Let us frame that picture. Moore & Walkers, Home Furnishers, Independence, Oregon.

The last regular meeting of the Priscillas was held at the home of Mrs. T. H. Gentle. The subject of the afternoon was

"The American flag and its Origin" The program was very interesting and a great deal of enthusiasm as well as patriotism was displayed by all the members. It was unanimously decided that the Priscilla Club take up some kind of work that will be helpful to the boys who have enlisted for their country. The meeting on Saturday will be at the home of Mrs. Swenson. The subject: "Flags, their Salutations and Signals."

Our Bargain Column

Concrete work of all kinds. A. L. Tollman. 28-6t

I am in the market for any quantity of potatoes. Also have some fresh milch cows for sale. Allen T. Clark. Phone Main 4803. 26tf

For Sale: Riding or driving horse. Weight 1,000. Cash or good paper. \$50. Mrs. Olson, Box 242, Monmouth, Oregon.

Good 2 1-2 inch wagon for sale, or trade for heavier wagon. Good new driving harness for sale. Monmouth Transfer.

Don't fail to see those rugs and Cook stoves at Steven's

Second Hand Store
Main St. north of lumber yard

EVERYBODY WANTS IMPROVED ROADS

Plan That Will Insure State Better Highways to Be Voted Upon in June.

Everybody wants good roads. The need for improved highways is admitted. Every citizen is anxious and willing to pay his share towards the cost of building good roads. All the individual ever has insisted upon and is asking today is that the public receive one dollar of value for every dollar expended in road construction. Frequently in the past the public has not received full value from these expenditures. But this has been due invariably to the lack of a systematic plan of road building and an intelligent supervision of the work by public officials charged with disbursing the fund.

The last Legislature, however, provided the necessary legislation for introducing in Oregon a systematic and intelligent campaign for the state-wide construction of permanent hard surface highways. A complete road code was adopted and a Highway Commission created for its administration. Another measure provided for issuance of bonds aggregating \$1,800,000 with which to match an equal amount provided by the Government, under the Shackleford Act, for the construction of post roads and forest roads.

Most important of the Legislative measures was that authorizing the issue of bonds to the amount of \$6,000,000 for the construction of main trunk lines throughout the state. At the same time, another bill was passed doubling the annual license on all automobiles and motor vehicles. The revenue from this source, together with the money derived from the existing one-fourth mill road tax will meet all interest charges of the proposed bond issue and retire the bonds without adding a dollar to the direct taxes of the individual.

Of these various measures, only one—the \$6,000,000 Bond Bill—will be submitted to the voters for their approval at the special election, June 4th. This measure asks nothing of anybody except that which he must pay under laws which go into effect regardless of whether the bond issue be adopted. All manner of safeguards have been provided outside the bonding act. The Highway Commission has been reorganized, methods of road construction have been reformed, competition in contracts has been made compulsory and an anti-conspiracy bill has been passed. Amortization tables show that the income now irrevocably provided will retire the \$6,000,000 bond issue, meet the requirements of the Federal Act, provide maintenance of roads and leave a surplus even if there be no increase in assessed value or number of automobiles.

Approval of the bond measure by the voters is all that is needed to carry out the good roads campaign effectively. Indorsement of the bonds at the June election would mean that

actual road construction could begin this year. In passing on this measure, voters are not asked to vote blindly. The pending bond bill describes the roads that are to be constructed and defines the general character of their construction. All roads will be built under the supervision of the State Highway Commission which was created for that specific purpose.

The members of the Commission are men of the strictest integrity. They are among the state's most representative citizens who have achieved enviable success in the business world. As appointees of Governor Withycombe, they may be depended upon to conduct the business of state road building with the same fidelity they have shown in their personal affairs. The personnel of the Commission is a guarantee that all road funds coming into its hands will be disbursed wisely and economically.

EVERY PRODUCER WILL BE AIDED.

Good roads concern and should interest every citizen. They reduce the cost per ton to the producer in marketing his products. This is an important factor in determining the ultimate cost to the consumer. Good roads mean a substantial saving in the operating cost of 35,000 motor vehicles in this state and will effect a further saving of at least 10 per cent in the depreciation of all vehicles. These two items amount into almost incredible sums annually. All money raised for good roads will be expended in this state, contributing to the welfare of all. Good roads increase the value of all land contiguous to the highways that are improved. This stimulates road construction in other communities. Could more material reasons be urged for supporting the good roads bond bill at the special election June 4th?

ROAD BOND ISSUE IN A NUTSHELL

Proposed Issue of \$6,000,000 for Good Roads Will Not Increase Taxes.

Authorizes State Highway Commission during next five years to issue bonds to the amount of \$6,000,000.

The issue is limited to \$1,000,000 in 1917 and \$2,000,000 in 1918.

Bonds are to be of serial form and beginning sixth year to be retired one-twentieth each year.

Of the bond issue at least \$600,000 must be in denominations of \$500 each or less.

Bonds shall bear 4 per cent interest payable semi-annually.

Funds derived from bond issue to be expended in paving main highways after counties have made roads ready to receive pavement.

Bill designates roads to be paved, but Highway Commission is authorized to make local changes and may also add other post and forest roads to system.

Highway Commission is to let all contracts in open and public session according to law to lowest bid.

If lowest bids deemed excessive Highway Commission is authorized to reject all bids and do work itself, being empowered to purchase necessary equipment.

Proposed bonds will not increase taxes. Increased automobile license and existing one-fourth mill state road tax will pay interest and retire bonds at maturity.

Legislative Good Roads Committee.

W. D. Wood, Hillsboro.
Julien A. Hurley, Vale.
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E. D. Cusick, Albany.
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W. H. Gore, Medford.
C. C. Clark, Arlington.
O. Laugaard, Portland.
Bruce Dennis, Executive Secretary.

GOOD ROAD SIDELIGHTS

A dollar's worth of road for a dollar's worth of expenditure is assured at the hands of the State Highway Commission which is charged with disbursing the funds raised from the proposed \$6,000,000 good roads bonds.

The question involved in the proposed issue of \$6,000,000 road bonds is simply this: Do the people of Oregon desire to approve and inaugurate a comprehensive system of state-wide highway development. If the bond issue is approved, taxes will not be increased one cent on that account. Both the principal and the interest on the bonds will be paid from the fund created by doubling the automobile license and adding thereto the quarter of a mill state road tax already provided.

In the last ten years approximately \$40,000,000 has been expended on roads in this state. What is there to show for it? Support the \$6,000,000 bond issue on June 4th and let's take up road building on a practical and comprehensive basis.

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