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MORE SUBTERFUGE BY COMMISSION

Out of all of the scheming and twisting of the state highway commission in the Polk county road muddle, there appears to be but one accomplishment—the Salem-Dallas postroad is to be completed, and probably this season. This will be done not because the commission has any particular love for Dallas, but rather it will be due to the fact that it is a postroad, and as such, a part of the cost is borne by the United States government. The commission entered into a contract with federal officials to build this postroad, its course being specified.

In order to "whip" Polk county into line in its unlawful Pacific highway routing, the commission had work stopped at Brunk's on the postroad, and since then has been holding this as a "club" over the heads of Dallas folks. The highway commission has assumed right along that it is greater than the people of the state of Oregon, and the Enterprise has been wondering if it could assume this attitude with the federal government. Apparently not. Murmurings for some time have indicated that the government wants to know the reason for the continued delay in the postroad building. To resume this work without concessions in the Pacific highway tangle would have lost "prestige" to the eminent highway commission, and so Messrs. Booth and Yeon met with the Polk county court at Dallas last Friday, and they were accompanied by Mr. Devers to "legalize" whatever might be done.

The commission and the Polk county court entered into a contract by which it is proposed to designate a road leading directly south from Monmouth to the Luckiamute river as a market road, the county to advance to the commission \$43,000 from the market fund to cover the expense of grading, and then the highway this proposed road is to connect with at the Luckiamute is to be designated as the Pacific south to the Benton county line, and the necessary money for doing this part of the grading is to be "loaned" to Polk county by the highway commission. Likewise the commission is to "loan" sufficient money to Polk county to handle the grading of the uncompleted highway north to the county line from Rickreall.

In making this contract with the county court, the highway commission virtually confesses that its "pet" legislation, house bills 312 and 314, are weak sisters. Both of these bills were prepared under the supervision of Mr. Devers, and their purpose was to give the highway commission full sway in cases like the one in Polk county.

As to the contract—it simply deepens the muddle—just another attempt at evasion of the law. The Enterprise has a hazy recollection that a county cannot legally accumulate an indebtedness in excess of \$5000 without the act being sanctioned by the people. Then how is the commission going to "loan" or "advance" money to Polk county for certain devious purposes. But then these are matters which properly belong to the courts—and it is more than probable that if the commission attempts to "start" something in the highway south from Monmouth, there will be a corresponding "start" from another source.

SHALL WE REMEMBER?

Oregonians will soon have an opportunity to tell the service boys that they appreciate the financial sacrifices which they made during the world disturbance, and return to them possibly a tithe of their monetary offering. So far as attempting to recompense them for the service performed, it is entirely out of the question. In those feverish, troublesome days when Oregon youths and men were freely offering their all for the sake of humanity, there was no bargaining on their part. They knew that they would receive one dime a day—and a day in the service meant 24 hours—but had the pay been two bits instead, there would have been no hesitancy.

Recognizing the valient service of the Oregon boys, the state legislature believed that it would be eminently proper to give them a slight financial lift. An act was prepared, passed the house by unanimous vote, and with but two dissenting votes in the senate. It was duly signed by Governor Olcott, but to provide funds to carry the act into effect it was necessary for the legislature to adopt and submit to the people for their approval a constitutional amendment. This amendment will come up for consideration at the special election to be held June 7th.

The amendment provides that the tax levy for this purpose shall not exceed two mills on each dollar of valuation. The tax on a \$1000 valuation would not be to exceed \$2.

The purpose of the amendment is comprehensively explained by the joint committee of the senate and house of representatives. It says:

"The legislative act must constantly be borne in mind in connection with the constitutional amendment. One point in particular is material. While the constitutional amendment authorizes loans to veterans in the amounts up to \$4000, the act passed by the legislature fixes the maximum loan at \$3000. Therefore, \$3000 will be the largest amount that any service man can borrow from the state.

"To be qualified to receive a loan or bonus it is necessary that the service man was a resident of the state of Oregon at the time he went into the service of the United States; he must have been in the military or navy service of the United States between the date on which the United States entered the war, April 6, 1917, and the date of the armistice, November 11, 1918. Furthermore, he must have served at least 60 days. Conscientious objectors and those who served only as students in training camps are barred. Approximately 35,000 men went from the state of Oregon. Some are dead in France. Others for different reasons will be unable to avail themselves of this state aid, but there are many thousands anxiously awaiting the decision of the people of the state, whether or not they will be given the opportunity to overcome the industrial and financial handicap they suffered as the result of their patriotism.

"Service men have the choice of taking either a loan or a bonus. Representatives of the American Legion believe that a majority of the service men will choose the loan. By so doing each service man has an opportunity to acquire either a farm or a city home. Each can borrow up to \$3000 at four percent interest. The loan must be made upon real estate security and shall not exceed 75 percent of the appraised valuation of the real estate. The real estate need not necessarily belong to the soldier but may be owned by his wife, father or mother, child, brother or sister. The borrower must repay the loan in installments of six percent per annum. Of this four percent on the unpaid principal applies as interest and the balance applies in payment of the principal. This method will repay interest and principal entirely in 28 years, although the veteran may pay up his debt to the state sooner if he so desires. For example, if a soldier borrows the maximum amount of \$3000, he pays annually back to the state the sum of \$180. By making no other payments at all he is entirely out of debt to the state in 28 years.

"Those of the service men who may be in immediate need, or who for any other reason shall elect to take the bonus, may receive \$15 per month in cash for each month of service between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1919, except the first 60 days. The maximum amount to be paid any one person, however, is \$500. The payment of such bonus is at the option of the service man, but application for the bonus must be made within one year from the date the act becomes effective. The first 60 days of service are excluded from the time for which a bonus may be paid as it is considered that the government bonus of \$60 paid at the time of discharge covers the first 60 days of service. The bonus period is extended to November 11, 1919, one year after signing the armistice because it was many months after the ending of actual

hostilities before the men overseas could be returned to the United States, and it was considered to be fair the time served by each man up to the date of his actual discharge, in the period for which he receives the bonus payment.

"If a soldier was killed or has died, leaving a wife, child, mother or father, or a dependent sister or a dependent brother, then such relative, in the order named, is entitled to the bonus such soldier would have received had he lived. Only the service man himself, however, may receive the loan."

Social Affairs

A social event of the week was a dancing party given Tuesday evening by Miss Thelma Williams to a number of her high school friends. The guests were ushered into the spacious basement of the Williams home, which had been transformed into a veritable fairy land. The ceiling was completely hidden with wide bands of blue and orange ribbons, cleverly woven into various patterns, while about the four pillars supporting the floors the ribbons were interlaced to form alternate squares of blue and orange. About the walls were massed large bouquets of Scotch bloom and green boughs, and long seats with an occasional cozy corner, invitingly arranged with room for just two, for those who wished to "sit out" a dance, seemed to invite the guests to rest for a time ere the music and well waxed floor should prove irresistible.

At a late hour the young people were invited to the dining room and found their place cards at a long table beautifully decorated in yellow. A large bouquet of California poppies formed the centerpiece, while at each cover was a dainty yellow basket, prettily trimmed with tiny organdie roses and filled with salted almonds.

The chandeliers and lights were shaded with yellow and about them hovered butterflies with gaily colored wings outspread. Mrs. Williams, assisted by Mrs. Perle Hedges served a four course luncheon, at the close of which, the guests, after a few minutes conversation, departed for their homes, having passed a delightful evening, as partakers of Miss Thelma's hospitality.

Invited guests were: Misses Reuff, Oglesbee, Skinner, Walker, Reynolds and Messrs. Winegar, Burright, Craven, Schrank, and Eldridge.

A social function given by members of the Civic club and attended by about 40 ladies, was held at the home of Mrs. Chester Sloper Wednesday afternoon. After several musical numbers pleasingly rendered, Mrs. Eldridge and Mrs. Fitchard presented an original sketch entitled "Why we need a community house." Mrs. Rose spoke to those present of her recent trip to England, illustrating her talk with views of various places visited by her. Mrs. Rose is an interesting speaker and her talk was greatly enjoyed. A silver offering of \$10 and pledges for \$112.50 were received. At the next regular meeting of the club, to be held at the home of Mrs. Eldridge, will occur the election of officers and the amendment of the constitution. It is hoped that every member of the organization will be present.

May 12th marked the 12th anniversary of Trula Grant's birth and with Auntie Ingram as chaperone, Trula invited 17 of her girl friends to help her celebrate the occasion. The young people passed several happy hours with various games, one of the most interesting of which proved to be a hunt for pieces of candy hidden about the rooms. Those some were more successful than others in the search the fortunate ones proved themselves good socialists by dividing their hoard with those less fortunate.

After the huge frosted cake with its lighted candles had been duly admired it was cut, and with ice cream, was thoroughly enjoyed.

Trula was the recipient of a number of gifts, not the least of which being a wrist watch from her father. The young people attending the party were: Lueta Baker, Alice Haley, Thelma Gossar, Leone Grant, Britta Burch, Thelma Bernard, Lucille Cook, Dorothy Ray, Alberta Williams, Ethel Becken, Irene Becken, Nellie Burch, Evelyn Clemo, Dorothy Chamberlin, Helen Plessenger and Crystal Troxel.

Mrs. M. C. Williams and Mrs. P. L. Hedges were hostesses at a dancing party Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Williams. As the guests arrived, and saw the porch gay with many lighted Chinese lanterns there came to them the first suspicion that the party was to be something out of the ordinary. In the dressing rooms each person was presented with a skull cap, the gentlemen's

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The Ladies' Aid society reception and served lunch afternoon in the Methodist parlors, complimenting the whose birthdays occur this It was a very pleasant affair and was attended by an unusually number. The birthday were: Mrs. C. G. McIntosh, Marie Smiley, Mrs. M. E. Starnes, Mrs. C. G. Irvine.

In The Church

M. E. Church

Bible school at 10 a. m. Preaching service at 11 a. m. 7 p. m. by Rev. Harriman of who will have charge of the for the day. A cordial invitation extended to the public to be present.

Christian Church

Services as follows: Sunday at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. by A. L. Howarth D. D. of Portland.

Epworth League at 7 p. m. Miss Mabel Boughey.

Preaching at 8 o'clock by the for the day. There will be special both preaching services. In most cordially invited to the services.

Prayer meeting and Bible on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Ladies' Aid Society meets Thursday afternoon in the parlors.

A special meeting of the Board is called to meet on afternoon with Dr. Howarth at 7:30. F. S. Clemo, Pres.

Mr. and Mrs. John Becker celebrated the 4th anniversary of their marriage with a dinner and card party last Monday.

The members of the Baptist church enjoyed a "get together" supper and social evening at the church parlors Thursday evening. These social events are held quarterly and the people feel that they are most beneficial in bringing the members together to become better acquainted and in promoting a feeling of good fellowship.

Auction Sale! Tuesday, May 24 1:30 p.m.

Located on the Salem-Dallas road just west of the Independence road or 6 miles s. w. of Salem, or 6 miles n. of Independence or 9 miles e. of Dallas, consisting of:

- 1 mare, 6 yrs. old weight 1400 lbs., blocky
- 1 gelding, 7 yrs. old, weight 1400 lbs., rangy
- 1 mare, 11 yrs. old, weight 1400 lbs., blocky
- 1 new double set breaching harness
- 1 single work harness
- 1 3 1/2 inch wagon with double box complete
- 1 hack
- 1 blacksmith outfit complete with some stock
- 600 lbs. capacity platform scale
- 10-inch chilled plow
- 5 shovel cultivator
- Feed cutter, hand power, good as new
- 13 good incubators, 150 to 540 egg capacity
- 1 oil stove brooder, 1500 chick capacity
- 350 pure bred white leghorn hens, 1 yr. old
- 15 pure bred white leghorn cocks, 1 yr. old
- 350 pure bred white leghorn pullets, fine ones
- Household furniture and many other articles

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