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The City Bond Proposals.

IN THE list of bond issue proposals to be placed before the voters of Eugene at the special election to be held April 15 next are several that are vitally essential to the city's welfare and progress. In the list also are some whose advisability may be questioned. Two in the list are, in the opinion of this newspaper, inadvisable for passage at this time.

New bond issues mean added taxes for interest and sinking fund. The tax burden is already too heavy and people generally are in no mood to add to it unnecessarily. Unless there is clear understanding in the public mind regarding the proposed bond issues to be voted on; unless people inform themselves or are informed as to which items in the list are essential and which are non-essential, it is not inconceivable that the whole catalogue of proposals may be slaughtered. This would be highly unfortunate.

The aggregate of the items in the proposed bond issues is $697,000. Of these the aggregate of items essentially needed is $270,000. The aggregate of items inadvisable for passage at present is $400,000. An item of $9000 is highly desirable but not essential. The list may be itemized thus:

Essentially Needed

For reconstruction of sewers	$50,000
To pay for fire apparatus	25,000
To pave street intersections	50,000
New water reservoir and mains	135,000
To enlarge fire department station	10,000
Total	$270,000

Inadvisable at Present Time

Lower McKenzie pipeline and water works	$375,000
Municipal garbage incinerator	25,000
Total	$400,000

Desirable but not Essential

To pave street opposite Odd Fellows cemetery	$9,000

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The item of $50,000 for reconstruction of sewers is necessitated by the very rapid growth of the city in recent years. The sewer system in some districts is inadequate for the demands of increased drainage being put upon it. In other new and newer districts there is pressing need for new facilities. All this is one of the manifestations of the growing pains to which Eugene is subject. Considerations of public health as well as of public convenience and welfare demand the improved drainage that this item is calculated to supply.

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The fire apparatus represented by the item of $25,000 proposed under this head has already been bought. An item to provide for its payment was unfortunately coupled with the auditorium bond proposal which carried by a narrow majority last summer, but which is now tied up in the courts. As the item represents an obligation already incurred, it ought, as a matter of good faith to be carried. If the previous bond proposal for this purpose shall be finally validated, it will simply be put aside in favor of this later proposal. The $10,000 item for enlarging the fire department station is vitally needed because, with the new apparatus, it is not possible to bestow all of the city's fire-fighting machines properly or to handle them efficiently at headquarters.

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There is no money in the fund for the paving of street intersections at the present time. Paving of streets in front of property is paid for by the abutting property, but there is no provision for paving the intersections except by means of this proposed bond issue. Unless it carries the city's street paving programme will be subjected to heavy delays. Indeed, it will become necessary to defer some paving projects until provision is made for paving the intersections.

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The Skinner butte reservoir is worn out and will have to be rebuilt. The item proposed for water service extensions is intended to take care of this. The remainder of the $135,000 proposed under the bond issue for which authority is asked is to put in new mains to serve districts not now served or only served inadequately. The item is also vitally necessary to the city's welfare.

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The largest item on the list of proposed bond issues is $375,000 for a pipeline and headworks to bring water from the lower McKenzie river for city domestic consumption. It is not a necessary project at this time and the city will do very well without it. The water we now get is frequently tested and it is pure. To be sure it is filtered to make it so, but so would water from the McKenzie of necessity have to be filtered before it would be fit for domestic use. To the contention that the city's growth is making the present source of water supply inadequate, the obvious and complete answer is that the supply can be increased in whatever amount is necessary for present and near-future needs at the present source and at comparatively little expense. In later years Eugene will want to bring water from a better source than the lower McKenzie anyway. It is no valid argument for the lower McKenzie project to say that it can be utilized later as a unit of the larger project, unless there is urgent need for the preliminary project now. There is no such need, or at least none that cannot be met adequately for the time being by further development of present sources of water supply, at far lower cost than the lower McKenzie project contemplates.

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The problem of garbage disposal is a pressing one. A city of Eugene's size cannot go on throwing its garbage out of doors on unscientific and indiscriminate dumps. The method is unhealthful and wasteful, to say nothing of the unsightliness and undesirability of the dumps thus created. But as a precedent to the adoption of any system of garbage disposal for Eugene, there should be thorough investigation of various methods followed in other cities. Whichever one is found best is the one that should be adopted. Thus far there has been no such investigation. To vote bonds for an incinerator under that condition is to embark upon experimentation, and it might prove very costly to the city. The garbage incinerator project should await proper investigation as to what is best.

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There is no provision in law for the paving of the street leading to the Odd Fellows cemetery. Owners of abutting property on their own side of University street and 18th avenue are understood to be willing to be assessed for their half of the cost. Unless the city pays for the other half, there is no way to finance the work. It is, of course, desirable that the route to and past the cemetery be paved. Whether or not this is the best time to embark upon the enterprise is the question to be decided.

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It would be a very great pity if all of the projects to be voted on next month should be slaughtered indiscriminately. It is quite possible, as stated at the outset of this article, that that very thing may happen unless there shall be full information placed before the voters so there may be separation of the sheep from the goats. And this newspaper invites discussion of the subject through its columns. Communications of reasonable length about its various phases will be published if received.

A former justice of the supreme court of Oregon is caught hiding in the bathroom of a raided place, with a man who is trying to pour a gallon or so of moonshine down the sewer. Taken to jail with others arrested, he is booked under an assumed name, given deliberately by himself, although he is known and recognized by persons at the police station. After the hue and cry that the case raises, he appears in court under his own name and is—acquitted! It may be that Conrad P. Olson was guiltless of the charge brought against him by the Portland raiders. But what is the natural presumption from the known facts as to what he did and how he did it? What a spectacle!

There was a scramble in the newspaper "morgues" throughout the country yesterday for pictures and sketch matter concerning John G. Sargent, of Vermont, the new attorney general. Generally it was a fruitless search. Nobody knew Sargent. Maybe that was why the august senate found him worthy of its confirmatory approval.

Operation of the Doernbecher hospital at Portland is to be financed by private contributions instead of state funds. That is the way it should have been planned at the start. The state ought not to be put in the hospital business. To say this reflects nothing against the Doernbecher hospital conception, which is altogether worthy.

Make no date for Friday evening. That is the time when Eugene shops are going to uncover their style windows. Of course everybody will want to see them.

UNITED STATES PAYS, SAYS MOODY

Even if Europe's Debts are Settled, It is America who Must Foot Bill as Creditor Nation

By ALEXANDER HERMAN
(NEA Service Writer)

NEW YORK, March 18.—Whether Europe eventually pays her debts of more than ten billions to us, the people of the United States, nevertheless, will be footing the bill in the end.

This briefly is the view of John Moody, eminent economist, financial analyst and author. It is a view arrived at after intensive study, at home and abroad, of the most involved economic problem of the age.

Moody returned recently from an excensive trip abroad where he came into close touch with the men who guide the situation there. He is the author of "The Remaking of Europe" and is said to have as comprehensive a view of the complicated financial situation abroad as any of the leading experts.

Most newspaper and magazine readers have become prone to pass over items concerning the situation. They have become "fed up" on the reports of the billions owed, the further millions desired, and the complicated analysis ensuing.

Yet the sums owed might be translated into a new automobile for every family in the country, a hundred dollar bill for each person, or new homes for more than 2,000,000 families!

Little wonder then that the man on the street indignantly says, "England, France, Italy—and the rest of them—owe us some ten billions. We loaned it to them. Why don't they pay it back?"

The answer, supplied by Moody, is just as cryptic:

"It isn't money we loaned them," he explains. "It never was. It was credit—book credit. The proceeds of this credit were not put into profitable production, but were put into a war effort where they were entirely destroyed.

"That credit is gone forever.

"In time new credits may be established. With these our debtors may try to pay us back. But will they be able to do so?

"Take France, for instance. Suppose she collects from Germany, increases her own production, and gets a surplus with which to pay us. She will not be able to do it with gold, for there isn't enough to go around. She therefore, will have to build up her foreign trade, paying us back with her goods.

"We will have to buy from her more than she will buy from us. The balance of trade will have to become lop-sided in her favor.

"When France's goods start flooding our markets, our own manufacturers will start howling. For they will have to compete with a product manufactured at a labor cost much lower than our own.

"Then congress will set about making new tariff laws. If these are put too high, they may keep the trade out—and France will be unable to get the balance of credit that she must have to pay us.

"If the tariff regulations aren't too severe, the French may come in—but then the American consumers of their products will have to pay the added cost."

The whole business is such that the debtor of one nation can pay its debt only by passing the buck to the creditor, Germany doing the trick first when she starts paying France. France carrying it on when she begins to pay the United States.

"But where can we pass it to?"

Moody shrugs his shoulders.

"In time—within three years, perhaps," says the economist, "Russia may settle down. Then she will be one of the biggest factors in the stabilization of the whole world problem."

"Before the World war," points out Moody, "the United States was a debtor nation itself. With the coming of war, European interests began liquidating their investments here. We had to buy back some $6,000,000,000 of their American securities.

"At the same time foreign production fell off, and we began to be kept busy supplying the world. Our exports increased. We soon shifted from the debtor class to the other side of the scale—we became the great creditor nation of the world.

"It was the beginning of a situation that has remained—and always will remain. For probably never again will we be a debtor nation.

"We are now in a position better than ever before. For we used to pay tribute to the rest of the world. Now it pays tribute to us."

Oregon Briefs

Both big sawmills at Bend are now running to full capacity, the Shevlin-Hixon with 1350 men and Brooks-Scanlon with 1100 men.

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The graduating class of the Pendleton high school that will complete its work in June will include between 55 and 60 students.

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An organization known as the Women's Institute club has been organized at Forest Grove with Mrs. Harry Giltner president and Mrs. Mary Miller secretary-treasurer.

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Machinery is one the way to start a prospect well for oil at Ione. Three test holes are to be drilled, the first of which will be started as soon as the machinery reaches Ione.

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The Santiam Cheese company has made 83,000 pounds of cheese in the past seven months. The product for 1925 is expected to be much larger than ever before.

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A group of Warrenton and Astoria men are asking the Warrenton city commission for a grant of land on the Skipsnon river on which it is proposed to build a cooperative salmon cannery.

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The city of Gearhart has applied to the public service commission for authority to construct a grade crossing over the tracks of the S. P. & S. railroad company on Sixth street in that city.

Rowell's Comment

By CHESTER H. ROWELL

FRANCE will not "repudiate" its debts. Oh, no. That would hurt France's credit, for future loans. The same with Italy. As they hope for future favors, they will not repudiate [illegible]. Not they!

But if America were graciously to [illegible], that would be different. An old debt forgiven does not preclude later contracting another.

These debts, they explain, cannot be paid. The money is not in sight, and the people, whose consent to taxation would be necessary, do not think they ought to be paid.

But the remission must come from us. They, to save their future credit, still "promise to pay." We, for the same purpose, must take the initiative in requesting them not to keep that promise.

All of which is merely the game of bluff preliminary to finding out, soberly, on the facts, and then arranging, against the will of their people, for them to pay that, and against the will of our people for us to forgive the rest.

Fellowship of Prayer

Daily Lenten Bible reading and meditation prepared for Commission on Evangelism of Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America.

WEDNESDAY

The Mission of the Disciples

Read Luke 9:1-9. Text: 9-2. And he sent them forth to preach the kingdom of God.

Meditation—Sent forth to preach the kingdom of God, this is the commission of every believer. The ways of preaching are as manifold as the needs of men—by work, by kindly deed, by example, by leadership, in the world's work. No man is compelled but all are invited to this ministry.

"A man must show himself a true man by choosing the great adventure. The drifter, the morally lax, the man whose spirit sinks down into flesh does not get on well in the midst of the mysterious facts of life. A man must gird himself tightly and move out boldly after Christ. He must take up life resolutely and put it decisively into Christ's enterprise, to be and to do all that an unfolding sense of duty may reveal."

Prayer—Our Father God, may thy kingdom be powerfully preached by thy believing children. Let the minds of men be open to thy gospel, their attention arrested and their minds subdued. Teach us faithfulness in the work of thy kingdom at home and abroad. Amen.

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In Lighter Vein

Depressing, But So.
(Roanoke World News)

One mustn't tell Willie, but most of the great men have forgotten all they ever knew about algebra.

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Different

"Did you say that Skinner succeeded by getting around him better men than himself?"

"No, by getting around better men than himself."

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Deadly All Around
(The Continent)

"Is it true, doctor," asked the gushing young lady, "that you are a lady-killer?"

"Madam," replied the doctor, "I make no distinction between the sexes."

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Health Hint
(The Humorist)

"Take care of your teeth," says an advertisement. We have nothing but scorn for the careless person who leaves them smiling inanely in the bathroom.

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The Peculiar One
(Boston Transcript)

Customer—"You've made two mistakes in this bill, one in your favor and one in mine."

Grocer—"In your favor? Where?"

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Nos Danger
Le Matin

Lady—"If you don't go away, I'll call my husband!"

Tramp—"Ah, I know him. Last week he threatened to call you if I didn't go away!"

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Nobody Safe
(The Humorist)

By means of a stentorphone which has been installed on the liner Ceramic, sound from an ordinary gramophone record is made to reach every corner of the ship. The idea, we believe, is not so much to annoy passengers as to discourage stowaways.

In New York

By JAMES W. DEAN

NEW YORK, March 18.—See-sawing up and down Broadway I saw A. Hamilton Gibbs, author of "Soundings," just over from England and hunting for quarters in Greenwich Village. He's a brother of Sir Philip Gibbs and Cosmo Hamilton——Saw Tim Murphy, back on Broadway after a long absence. Remembered here for "The Texas Steer," which was written especially for him——Saw David Davidovitch Burliuk who has 40 fancy waistcoats and a fancy earring to match each.....Saw Theodore Dreiser looking glum under the weather——Saw Neysa McMein, proud mother and noted artist .....Saw Sidney Blackmer, the actor, who has the softest voice of any man on Broadway.....Saw Eugene Brewster, the magazine publisher, resplendant in a green suit with white stripes.....Saw Rudolf Friml just back from California and ready to write more tunes for the musical shows and phonographs.....Saw Carl Van Doran, the author, who has a haircut like no other man except his brother, Mark.....Saw young Mr. Crane who draws "Washington Tubbs," the comic strip, and a very quiet, modest youth he is, as are most of the fellows who create the roistering figures of the "funnies" .....Saw Olaf Fonss, here on commission of the king of Denmark to study stage and screen for his government. He's another of these fellows who keeps familiarity at a distance by wearing a monocle..... Seeing open street cars, cops chasing kids off park grass, straw hats in display windows, Coney Island subways jammed on Sunday, girls jumping rope, boys playing marbles, and I know spring has come, tra, la!

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The girl who made the first drap-ed turban hat, one of those little affairs put together by wrapping one piece of cloth around a frame, is still working in the millinery department of a Fifth avenue department store. Many men became wealthy making those hats, but the girl who originated the idea got nothing.

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You can still see a bit of Old New York a step or two off Fifth avenue in East Thirty-fourth street. Several old frame buildings of the architecture of 1870 stands there. A passage leads to a court in the rear where several scraggly trees grow. The first floors are occupied as apartments but have no modern conveniences. I saw an old-fashioned oil lamp burning in a window the other night. Plans have already been made to erect a modern office building on the site. If the present rate of growth of commerce in Manhattan continues there will be no residential section below Central Park 25 years hence.

25 Years Ago

(From The Guard March 18, 1900)

The curfew bell has been placed in position and will be rung hereafter regularly. The proper thing.

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The March term of the Lane county circuit court began this forenoon at 9 o'clock; the following presiding, Judge J. W. Hamilton, Prosecuting Attorney George M. Brown, Sheriff W. W. Withers, Clerk E. U. Lee.

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F. E. Sharkey arrived down from the Lucky Boy mine, Blue River, today, bringing with him the result of another cleanup which he shipped to the mine. He reports everything going nicely at the mine.

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The Eugene fire department met Saturday evening and declared the office of chief engineer vacant and set Tuesday, March 27, as the date to elect a new one. Bert Jennings, W. W. Stevens and William Hodes were elected as judges and clerks.

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C. F. Hurlburt of Junction is a visitor in the city today.

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Miss Vinnie Knapp arrived home this afternoon from Portland.

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H. B. Miller attended a creamery meeting at Roseburg Saturday.

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J. R. Cartwright, the well-known Harrisburg hopgrower, spent the past week-end in Eugene.

BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

—BE KINDLY AFFECTIONED one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another; recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.—Romans 12:10, 17, 21.

Bible Question

(Look up the answer)

What about getting wisdom? —Prov. 19:8.

The Busy Man's Newspaper

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