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SATURDAY, APRIL 17, 1920.

OREGON WEATHER

+ Tonight and Sunday fair.
+ Heavy frost early morning.
+ Warmer west portion. North-
+ west winds.

JONES, HE PAYS THE FREIGHT

The state road building program is another case of "Jones he pays the freight." While the question before the voters is not a direct one of a bond issue for the purpose of highway construction, it does have the same effect. The question upon the ballot is upon the increasing of the limit of legal indebtedness from 2 to 4 per cent, but the voter must remember that it does not add to the property tax of the individual. The bond issue for the building of the roads will be met, both as regards its interest and principal, from the license upon the automobile and the tax on gasoline. It has also been determined that the automobile license and the gasoline tax will not only take care of the bond issue, but will also create a surplus that can go into other channels. These facts were determined by figuring a normal increase in the number of auto licenses for a term of years when the maximum could be considered as reached. The auto owner will profit most by reason of highway construction; it is proper that he should bear the burden in its building.

SMALL COUNTIES MAKE PLEA

Sometimes it is necessary under the Oregon political system to submit questions to the people that are largely of local issue. This has been the case when the Rogue fish question has been determined by the votes of people who lived in the center of the eastern Oregon district where a quart of water is at a premium, and where there is not enough moisture in the twelve months of the year to float a three-pound steelhead. There is a measure upon the ballot for the consideration of the voters at the May primary election that has its effect more particularly upon a couple of Oregon counties, Curry and Crook, but that will be decided by the votes of the people of the state at large. The reason for this measure is ably set forth in a circular letter prepared by County Judge Wallace, of Crook county, and his argument is presented here that the people of other counties may understand the situation and not vote without understanding. Judge Wallace says:

"Prior to 1914, Crook county was a vast empire, and embraced what is now Jefferson, Deschutes and Crook Counties. January 1, 1915, Jefferson county was formed from this territory at a time when the county was

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in debt about \$150,000. Under the law, the mother county was forced to assume all of the warrant indebtedness, giving Jefferson County a clean slate and the revenue from its territory for one year with which to set up in business. By neglecting roads, bridges and other county matters, this indebtedness was reduced in two years to about \$100,000. At that time, or in 1916, Deschutes county was formed and it again became necessary under the county division law for the mother county to assume this indebtedness, at the same time giving Deschutes county all of its revenue for the current year. When Deschutes county was formed, it took from Crook county 62 per cent of her taxable values, leaving it \$100,000 in debt, with 38 per cent of the taxable values of the original county. Not only did this happen, but our friends in the legislature in 1917 passed a bill which became a law, which made it impossible for Crook County to receive any of the forest reserve rentals for eight or ten years. I refer to chapter 269 of the Laws of 1917.

"Since this last division, we have been forced to abide by the 6 per cent limitation and for this reason we cannot levy taxes sufficient to pay the running expenses and even interest on our indebtedness. Under the present law it is simply impossible for any set of men to so handle our affairs as to maintain our county government and pay off these warrants. We are now paying 6 per cent interest on these warrants and they are discounted at least 5 per cent by the banks and this discount is, of course, made up by increased prices on labor and materials furnished the county. You might say, 'Why not vote an excess levy and retire these warrants?' But you must not lose sight of the fact that we have a \$5,000,000 tax roll and that an extra tax levy of \$100,000 at any one time would be ruinous. If we stretch the matter over a period of years, we would be forced to hold an election every year. This would not only be very expensive, but would take a long time to put us on our feet. This indebtedness of ours is not a voluntary indebtedness, growing out of acts of reckless officials, but has been forced upon us by the operation of law, and we of Crook county feel that the people of the state should take sufficient interest in the matter and permit us a way out of our difficulty.

"This amendment, if carried, will permit the question of voting bonds to take up these warrants to be submitted at the November, 1920, election. If approved by the people of the county a serial bond can be sold on a five-twenty basis. We can perhaps sell these bonds for 5 1/2 per cent and not exceeding 6 per cent, and even at the higher rate of interest, a saving can be had of not less than 5 per cent per annum. In this

way a levy can be made every year to pay interest and create a sinking fund, put us on a cash basis and then if we do not remain out of debt, it will be our own fault. Our local bankers are burdened with these warrants, and unless we can have some relief from this burden, as County Judge of this county, I will be forced to throw up my hands."

Hats Made of China.

Ta-jong, the wisest monarch who ever governed Korea, worked on more ingenious lines than those followed by its Japanese rulers of today. When Ta-jong came to the throne his subjects were the most quarrelsome of Oriental races, and the number of deaths caused daily by sudden brawls had reached alarming proportions. It was, therefore, decreed that no adult male should appear in public without a china hat in the shape of an inverted flower pot. Hard fighting was impossible in such fragile headgear, the removal of which in any public place rendered the culprit liable to a dose of the bastinado for the first offense and decapitation for the second. Within a brief space brawling ceased almost entirely, and Ta-jong issued another decree congratulating his subjects on their peaceful behavior. The Koreans still wear hats of this shape, made of straw instead of china.

STOCKMEN WANT LAW

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indicated their willingness to put forth every effort to put Josephine county on the map for some one good type of hog. A committee was appointed to investigate the problem and make recommendations at an early meeting.



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FOR SALE—Dry oak and pine stove wood. Phone Provolt. H. B. Bubar. 54

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FOR SALE—Span of mares, weight 1150 lbs., harness, two seated hack. Price \$150. Call A. E. Mitchellson, 820 K street. 50

FOR SALE—Loose clover hay. G. F. Eaton, phone 609-F-4. 50

FOR SALE—Roll top desk, cost \$100, will sell for \$35. Also French white artichoke seed, 4c per pound. Phone 1-L. 50

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Oregon State Highway Construction BRIDGES

Sealed bids will be received by the State Highway Commission, of the State of Oregon at Room 520 Multnomah County Courthouse, Portland, Oregon, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the 27th day of April, 1920, for the following:

Jackson County:
One bridge over Millers Gulch and one over Birdsey Creek near Rogue River, requiring approximately 220 cubic yards Class "A" concrete, 33,000 pounds metal reinforcement, 1050 lineal feet wood piling, 240 lineal feet concrete handrail and 200 cubic yards excavation.

One crossing over the Southern Pacific railroad about two miles south of Ashland, requiring approximately 200 cu. yds. Class "A" concrete, 325 cu. yds. Class "B" concrete, 46,000 lbs. reinforcing steel, 1,400 lin. ft.

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wood piling, 220 lin. ft. concrete handrail, 390 lin. ft. timber approach trestle, and 250 cu. yds. excavation. Josephine County:
One wood truss span over Grave creek near Leland, requiring approximately 150 cu. yds. Class "B" concrete, 2,500 lbs. metal reinforcement, 125 lin. ft. of approach trestle, one 105 foot wood truss span and 250 cu. yds. of excavation.

No bid will be considered unless accompanied by cash, bidder's bond, or certified check for an amount equal to five (5) per cent of the total amount bid.
A satisfactory bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum equal to one-half of the total amount bid. Proposal blanks and full information for bidders may be obtained at the office of the State Highway Engineer, Capitol Building, Salem, Oregon.

Plans, specifications and form of

OREGON STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.
S. BENSON, Chairman.
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Salem, Oregon, April 3, 1920.

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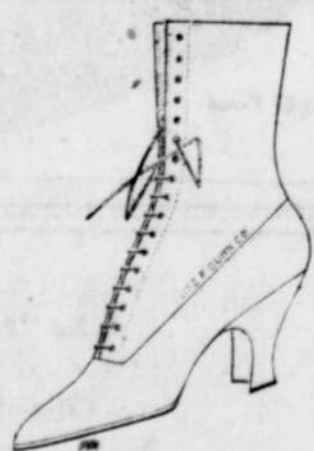
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