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IN "THE WORLD'S GREAT SNARE"—SCENIC TOMORROW

STATE ASSURES GENEROUS AID

R. B. Murdock Returns with Good News from Meeting of Highway Commission

START SURVEY OF M. P. ROAD

Curry County Road Is to be Approved

Beginning yesterday, the state assumed all engineering expense for highway work done in Coos county under the \$370,000 bond issue. This is part of the good news brought back by County Roadmaster R. B. Murdock who returned from Portland Sunday after attending a regular meeting of the State Highway Commission, which was held in conference with a representative of the federal department of public roads and District Forester Cecil.

Mr. Murdock states that the future of the road program in Coos has assumed a very rosy aspect and that, unless unexpected difficulties arise, the work will go ahead at a rapid rate from now on. He emphasizes, however, that a great deal depends upon the sanction by the people at the June election of the six million dollar bond issue.

The commission also authorized work to start at once on the surveying of the Myrtle Point-Roseburg road and the attitude of the commission seems to be very favorable toward having actual construction work commenced on that road this year. This is considered of utmost importance by road boosters of this section, for until this road is completed, tourist travel in this section is certain to be very light regardless of the character of the road system within the county.

The minutes of the commission also show that they will consider the \$60,000 bond issue money to be spent in Coos this year as match money to be met by the state in 1918, provided the state funds do not permit its being met this year.

At their meeting the Commission also provided for the prompt approval of the plans and specifications of the three Coos county bond issue projects which were laid before them. It is also understood that the other projects will be approved as soon as they are put before the Commission in the proper form.

While the roads of Curry county were all left out of the specified roads in the bonding bill, the Commission has designated the road north and south through that county as one of the roads that will appear on the maps of approved post and forest roads.

It appears that there is little more that the people of this section could ask of the Highway Commission and their prompt action on these matters will undoubtedly avoid considerable delay in the road work of the county.

Pageant to be Put on First in Miniature

University of Oregon, Eugene—Long before the great Oregon historic pageant is presented to the public as a

feature of commencement week the whole thing will be given in miniature with Professor A. F. Reddie, of the department of public speaking, as both producer and audience. Professor Reddie's plan is to work out the handling of the production through the medium of this miniature. Louis C. Rosenberg, instructor in architecture, will work out a model for the use of the producer.

Selection of players for leading parts in the pageant is proceeding. Besides Miss Emma Wootton, of Astoria, who will represent the "Spirit of Freedom," and Miss Melba Williams, of Eugene, who will appear in the "Dance of Gold," other parts have just been cast as follows: Sacajawea, Miss Charlotte Banfield, of Portland; "Spirit of the Valleys," Miss Helen Braecht, Eugene; "Spirit of the Seas," Miss Margaret Crosby, Riddle, Ore.; "Spirit of the Waters," Miss Eyla Walker, Corvallis; "Spirit of the Plains," Miss Bernice Lucas, Portland.

W. F. G. Thacher, professor of English, is writing a new male chorus for the pageant.

Each county of Oregon will be represented in the pageant by some resident of that county. The work of preparation is to become constantly more intense from now until the pageant spectacle is produced on Kincaid Field, as the last outdoor spectacle of any kind on that historic playground soon to be superseded by a new field for which the money has been made available.

Longest Bible Verse.

The longest verse in the Bible, the ninth verse in the eighth chapter of Esther, contains ninety words.

\$10 is Stolen From Girl

The rooms occupied by Miss Cecilia Hoffman and Miss Edna Olson, over the Busy Corner Grocery, was entered some time Saturday night or Sunday, and \$10, belonging to Miss Hoffman, and the key to the apartment taken.

Miss Hoffman spent the week-end in Bandon and Miss Olson visited a friend in another part of the city, and neither of them were in the rooms Saturday night and most of the day Sunday. When they came back Sunday evening they missed the key but thought nothing of it until yesterday when Miss Hoffman went to her purse for a \$10 bill which she had left in it, only to discover that the purse was empty.

Nothing else in the rooms seems to have been molested. A search is being made for the guilty parties by the police authorities.

Academy Report

Those perfect in spelling for the past week were:

Second grade B class—Frankie True, Avin McQuigg, Alton McAdams, Chester McQuigg, Jimmie Agostino, Earl McQuigg, Wayne Jacobson, Helen Beckett, Alta Belle Elwood, Jean Baker, Freda Baxter, Mary Ella Cary, Ruby Westgate.

Second grade A class—Dora Thornton, Flossie Gilpin, Kathleen Vowell, Agnes Pendleton, Velma Stone, Ruby McAdams, Florence Thrift.

Third grade—Tommy Toates, L. J. Norrie Powder, Alda Vowell, Robert Brown, Ralph Humbert, Charles McAdams, George Belloni, Jean Young, Mella Brandon, Harold Gould, Leona Carter, Royce Richmond, Loretta Wilson, Gladys Roby, Doris Emery, Clara Clausenitzer, Lois Morrison.

PROPOSITION MADE CONWAY

Is Being Considered and Outcome Will be Known Shortly

HANLEY FORCED TO WITHDRAW

Prominent Southern Oregon Men Interested

Word was received by officials of the Coquille Valley Creamery Co. yesterday from F. E. Conway, manager of the Buttercup Dairy Products company, stating that everything possible was being done to hasten the completion of preliminary arrangements leading to a definite decision regarding the location of a condenser in the Coquille valley.

D. Peruzzi, of Ashland, who, with Mr. Conway, and G. S. Butler also of Ashland, is now in this city Friday and Saturday, is now in San Francisco consulting with business associates regarding the condenser proposition.

Mr. Peruzzi, with whom the writer is personally acquainted, has been engaged in the manufacture of milk products in Ashland for a good many years. Mr. Butler is a banker of that city.

The proposition which has been put up to Mr. Conway and his associates and which they are considering, from the creamery company, is that the creamerymen agree to take \$3,200 stock in the Buttercup company; the latter making a cash payment of the difference in this sum and the appraised value of the creamery as it now stands, which would be somewhere near \$700.

The Western World of last week says:

"The reports published in Coquille newspapers that T. P. Hanley of Lampa is one of the prime movers in the Conway proposition for a condenser to be located at Coquille, is untrue, according to W. J. Sweet of the Bank of Bandon, who interviewed Mr. Hanley yesterday. He says that upon his return from San Francisco Mr. Hanley was informed of the Conway proposition while at Marshfield and that he had agreed to take an active interest and put up \$5,000 towards it providing it is located in Bandon. Two days later, Mr. Hanley says, he heard about the proposition of E. E. Oakes and he decided that as long as there is a probability of getting a plant in Bandon he would not give his support elsewhere so has withdrawn. However, should it be found that Bandon will not get a plant, he believes that a plant located anywhere in the Coquille valley would be of sufficient benefit to the whole valley to warrant support."

To say that the reports "is" untrue, because since they were published, Mr. Hanley, after having pressure brought to bear upon him from various sources in Bandon, where most of his interests are, has withdrawn from the new company, is hardly a shining example of accuracy. Mr. Hanley was present at the meeting of the stockholders of the creamery when it was explained the relation he held to the company.

Co-operative Canning

That a cooperative cannery is unlikely to succeed unless it can handle a sufficient quantity of high-grade fruit or vegetable products is pointed out in an article by W. H. Kerr in the 1916 Yearbook of the United States Department of Agriculture. Many canneries, it is said, have failed because their primary purpose was to dispose of culls and low-grade products, the portion of the crop that could not be sold on the market in a fresh state. Such low-grade products naturally bring low prices. The profit in them is not great and they are difficult to dispose of at all in connection with large quantities of high grades.

The first step, therefore, in the establishment of a cooperative canning business should be to make certain that the requisite supply of fresh fruit or vegetables can be obtained. A cannery should be operated as continuously throughout the year as possible in order to avoid the expense of idle machinery and idle help. The most successful cooperative establishments now pack a wide variety of products over a long period, some starting with strawberries in May and continuing steadily throughout the year until they close the season with the packing of late vegetables in December. If less than 300,000 pounds of raw material are handled annually, says the article, it is not likely that the proceeds will permit a fair return to the producers.

Lack of sufficient capital is another cause of the failure of many cooperative canneries. Such an enterprise requires more capital than the average cooperative undertaking. Considerable money is required to meet operating expenses and the returns from canned goods are frequently not received until as long as 18 months or more after the

delivery of the raw material. This means that money must be advanced to the grower when he delivers the raw material, advances of this character frequently ranging from 35 to 65 per cent of the value of the produce. The money required for the purpose may frequently be secured from banks, if the plant and equipment are free from debt when operations are begun. If this is not the case, however, the banks may be unwilling to advance much money. As an instance of what is possible with good credit the article mentions a farmers' cannery in the West which recently purchased a trainload of sugar for use throughout the year and secured \$55,000 from one bank for that purpose.

A third consideration of importance is continuity in the business. A sufficient volume of business must be secured not only for one year but for succeeding years, and the contract with the producers, therefore, should be made to run for a considerable period of time. It is also desirable that the products and the varieties should be distinctly specified. Some of the more successful cooperative canneries have depended primarily upon a few big growers whose interest in the undertaking was sufficiently great to insure their support.

Wherever the business is large enough it is desirable to have a field man to work with the farmer members. An important portion of this man's time should be devoted to making certain that the proper varieties are grown. Market demands change from time to time, and it is essential for success that the cannery be able to supply the kind of products that are most asked for. One safe rule is to put up as high-grade products as possible, and farmers' canneries always should strive to increase the production of the best grades. These usually bring far better average returns to the producer than cheaper material.

Seniors to Give "Mr. Bob"

As the culmination of many weeks of hard work under the direction of Miss Newell, the seniors of the high school will present the comedy, "Mr. Bob," at the Masonic opera house next Saturday evening at eight fifteen. The cast is a carefully selected one and each individual is doing his part in fine shape.

There are seven characters in the play and the action is so planned that every part is really a leading part. There are no minor roles. Phillip Royson is a young medical student who makes his home with his Aunt Rebecca and niece, Katherine Rodgers. Katherine expects a visit from her friend, Marion Bryant, nick named "Bob."

Phillip has never met Marion, and supposes "Bob" to be Katherine's fiance. At the same time, Phillip is expecting a visit from a college chum while Aunt Rebecca and the servants expect an architect to call. When Mr. Brown, a law clerk, arrives on the scene, Phillip mistakes him for Mr. Bob. Katherine supposes him to be Phillip's college friend, and the servants are certain he is the architect. Around this case of mistaken identity is woven a very simple plot but a tremendous amount of comedy. Added to this is the humorous byplay between Patty and Jenkins, the maid and the butler.

The cast is as follows:

Phillip Royson Arthur Hooton
Robert Brown Herbert Lukins
Jenkins Charles Willey
Rebecca Luke Marion Schroeder
Katherine Rogers Zelma Strang
Marion Bryant Leanna Curry
Patty Ada Downs

The prices of admission will be twenty-five and thirty-five cents.

Potato Eelworm Bulletin

It's ready now, the potato eelworm bulletin, and you may get your copy at once by sending to the O. A. C. Extension Service, Corvallis, for it. Ask for Potato Eelworm Bulletin No. 198. It will show you how to identify eelworm infested potatoes and also the necessity for preventing the spread of the eelworm pest. This pest far outranks either the tuber moth or the Colorado potato beetle, and when once established in the soil is pretty nearly there for keeps. Growers are urged to examine their potatoes closely for this pest and to discard all potatoes that show any indications of infestation. The bulletin tells how to detect the eelworms when present.

For and Against Bonds

Comments of one hundred newspaper editors of Oregon on the road bonding act have been condensed and presented in the Oregon Vote.

Two-thirds of the papers are supporting the measure vigorously, one-fifth are doubtful but claim to be open-minded, and a dozen are opposed to its ratification by the people. This proportion are: For the bill, 66; doubtful, 18; against, 12.

Nearly every conceivable argument for or against the bill is contained in this symposium of editorial expression.

Apparently if the adoption of the act were left to the editors of Oregon it would be ratified by an overwhelming majority.

OPPORTUNITY SEEN IN BONDS

Editor McDaniels Says It Is Coos County's Chance to Pull Out of the Mud

CAMPAIGN IS NOW UNDER WAY

Commission Offered Reduction in Cement Prices

The people of Coos county now have an opportunity to pull the county out of the mud. We not only have \$362,000 in bond money in our banks to spend in bringing certain adopted projects to line and grade, and this work has so far progressed that the County Court will now set about to secure bids for actual grading. In addition to this we are getting state aid in the form of engineering and supervision of this work which we are to do under the bond issue. And still in addition to this we can get all state roads in the county paved at state expense when such roads are ready for paving, providing the proposed state road bond issue passes, involving \$8,000,000 in funds for that class of work alone. Men who have given the proposed plan a most careful study, men who are not given to forming opinions without due investigation most emphatically endorse the bond project and are urging their friends to endorse it. It is the only means before the state today wherein so much good can be accomplished with so little expense to the taxpayers.

In fact the entire issue will not cost the real estate owner a dollar at any time, unless he should own an automobile, and in that event his annual license fee will be doubled.

In addition to all this we still have another source from which funds can be obtained, and that is from the federal government to be expended on post and forest roads. These funds must be matched dollar for dollar, and the bond bill takes care of that, supplying sufficient funds to meet all federal funds allotted this state.

But we must remember that to take advantage of this the bond issue must carry, and the big project must be carried along with that of the smaller one.

Automobile owners will pay all expenses of interest charges and the principal will be retired in 25 years, leaving a balance of \$7,000,000. Automobile owners should remember that their license tax will be doubled whether the bond issue carries or not. Should the bond issue fail to pass then the funds received from license money will be expended on Oregon's highways, where traffic is heaviest, and in this case Coos county would not get a cent.

The rancher residing off the main traveled roads will be benefited for it is not reasonable to believe that he sooner that the main highways are completed the sooner laterals will be built to the outlying districts to serve as feeders for the road? At any rate the man who objects to the plan because the road is not to be built past his door is not reckoning with the ultimate course to be pursued and will likely be found in lonesome company.—Harbor.

Oregon's good roads campaign has been launched. The Legislature's Committee of Eight, three senators and five representatives, has taken charge. Contributions of \$10 each were made by all members of the committee, and the formal request was made of the press of the state that subscription lists be opened in their columns for the collection of funds for the county and state campaigns. The only restriction as to subscriptions was that none from paving companies may be accepted. All subscriptions made for the state campaign are to be remitted to Senator E. D. Cusick, treasurer of the legislature committee, at Albany, Oregon. County campaign subscriptions are to be handled entirely by the local organizations.

It was the sense of the committee that organization of county campaigns be left entirely in the hands of the several counties, and that the sole function of the state headquarters is to be the dissemination of such literature, information, advertising and other service as may be required by the county organizations. The state headquarters also will cooperate in securing speakers for local meetings to discuss the bonding bill. There are many excellent speakers in the different counties who are well versed in the provisions of the bill and discuss same ably, and the services of such will be enlisted to visit neighboring counties, their expenses to be paid from the state campaign fund.

To unite all the counties in the state campaign, a covenant of supporters of the bond issue has been called to meet at Portland, Saturday, April 7. Meanwhile the Legislature Committee will take charge of the state headquarters, the immediate work to be under the supervision of an executive committee



APPEARING AT THE SCENIC SATURDAY NIGHT

CALL TO ARMS IS SOUNDED

Militia of 18 States Called Out and Appeal is Made for More Men

OREGON BOYS UNDER ARMS

Papers Are Asked to Aid in Recruiting Men

The President last night signed an executive order directing that the authorized enlisted strength of the navy be increased to eighty-seven thousand. He was authorized by congress, in case of emergency, to direct such increase in enlistment. New ships and ships in reserve are being fully commissioned as rapidly as possible and the need is imperative for a larger enlistment to man them. There has been a net increase of over six thousand five hundred in enlistment since congress recently authorized an increase, but many more are needed, and needed now.

Will you not emphasize this need by giving special prominence Monday, on the first page of your paper, to the president's order, and also by making an editorial appeal for new recruits for the navy.

The navy offers exceptional advantages to young men of stuff and ambition to serve in the first line for national defense. In this emergency you have the opportunity and the privilege of performing this public service, and I am confidently appealing to you for your cordial and helpful cooperation.

JOSEPHUS DANIELS, Secretary Navy.

Telegrams similar to the above were received by nearly all the daily newspapers of the country, and appeared on the front pages of them yesterday.

Washington, March 26.—The infantry militia of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and California has been called out and ordered to recruit to its full war strength. The order was issued at midnight.

Washington, March 26.—The militia of 18 states, comprising 18,000 men are to be mobilized at once. The war department requests that no details of location or movement of troops be published at the present time.

Portland, March 26.—Over 1,000 men of the Oregon militia are under arms. All companies comprising the Third regiment are at their armories, awaiting orders. Recruiting is reported to be brisk. All companies are ordered to report for duty at full strength and the Third must double its enlistments. The Eighth company coast artillery, called last Friday to guard the bridges, is the only other unit of the Oregon militia under arms. Seven other companies of coast artillery, troop cavalry and battery artillery are not yet called but are expecting orders.

Rear Light for Autos

G. G. Stewart, a well known Roseburg resident, has word from the Guid Motor Lamp Co., of Cleveland, Ohio, that his invention that he perfected several months ago, was practically a success.

This invention is called the "Back-a-Lite" and is an attachment for autos that enables the motorist to back his car at night with enough light from this lamp to assure him of being safe. It is attached to the reverse of the car and when this is applied automatically lights the lamp.

Get Orders to Report at Once

Coquille received a foretaste of war yesterday when Paul Gary and J. C. Miller, members of the O. N. G., received orders to join their commands at the Clackamas training grounds at once. Mr. Gary, who belonged to Company M at Salem, left this morning, accompanied by his wife, who will go as far as her home in Salem. Mr. Miller, who belonged to Company D of Portland, leaves this afternoon.

Chas. Schroeder received a phone message this morning from Stanley Bartlett, from Portland, requesting that his uniform be sent to him there that he might join his command. Mr. Bartlett had been called east by the death of his father and arrived in Portland yesterday. He is a member of Company B.

Lakeside May Bond For School Building

County Superintendent Raymond E. Baker reports that the Lakeside school district No. 66, has posted notices calling an election to vote on the proposition of voting a \$5000 bond issue to build and equip a modern school building for that district.

He also reports splendid progress in the organizing of Boys' and Girls' Industrial Clubs. Norway has recently formed a club of 25 members and Riverton has one of 15 members. A good size club has also been organized at Arago.

Principal E. R. Jones of the Broadbeut school has been compelled to go to Portland for medical treatment and during his absence Mrs. Minnie M. Hermann is in charge of the school.

Miss Harriet Sweet started a term of school at the Sunnyside district a week ago yesterday.