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## ROAD PROGRAM WELL DEFINED

### GREAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE FORESEEN

Congressional Aspirants at Salem  
Becoming Active in Prepara-  
tion for Race for  
Higher Office.

(Special to the Bulletin.)

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 19.—Highway legislation which has for its purpose the making of Oregon the best developed road state in the Union promises to arise during the coming legislative session, blossoming out almost overnight. Indications are that there is a strong sentiment among the legislators to back up such a plan of legislation and during the next few years no man who wants to work need be without employment in Oregon, and farmers will see their properties growing in value by leaps and bounds as markets are brought perceptibly nearer.

The war brought a sudden stop to the comprehensive highway plan which had been outlined by the commission, but at the same time the cessation of work allowed huge sums of highway money to accumulate. The result is that the commission will be able to go ahead immediately on a widely broadened highway program which will cover every section of the state, which will employ over 3,000 men in its consummation and will virtually solve the trunk highway system problem as well as the unemployment problem for years to come.

Bond Issue Planned.

A second issue of road-bonds to add another \$6,000,000 to the funds already available is one of the outstanding features of the latest highway program. Another is a tax of a cent a gallon on gasoline for the purpose of giving the counties money to meet state-aid money. If this tax is imposed it is the present plan to have the fund pro-rated among the counties so that the money returns to the county where the gasoline is purchased, the tax to be assessed against the consumer. It is believed that little, or no objection will be lodged against this by car owners. Another proposal is to increase the license fee against automobiles by 25 per cent, the money to still go into the good roads fund. It is also proposed to tax and require taxes to be paid on cars at the time the license fee is paid, so that no auto owner may get away without paying his regular tax on his machine.

Few Will Oppose Tax

It is certain, from experience in the past, that very few if any car owners, will object to any reasonable assessment of charges against his car, or against the motive power behind it, providing he knows that the money so assessed is going to be converted into good highways.

The auto owner has discovered that the cost of overhead such as new tires, broken springs and jammed up cars, is extremely high as compared to a comparatively trifling increase in the price of an automobile license. He has discovered that a trip from one end of the Columbia Highway to the other costs him in tires, broken springs and sometimes in gasoline than a 10-mile trip over some of the present Oregon country roads and he is anxious that the roads where he does business himself be placed in such shape that he is not constantly increasing the bank roll of the garage man.

The unquestioned success of the \$6,000,000 road bond plan, whereby the automobile owner is to pay for the roads, and the unparalleled growth of the funds with which to pay off the bonds through the use of automobile license money, has opened the eyes of even a large number of those who were bitterly opposed to the big road bond issue last year when it came up for consideration of the people.

Plenty of Funds Available.

Even if the doubled road bond is not granted, there will be plenty of money to make a good showing, but it is believed that the second issue will be allowed.

On top of it all the Federal government is outlining a program for the expenditure of hundreds of millions of dollars on roads in connection with state road development and

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## PRAISE GIVEN TO MILL MEN

### GOVERNMENT EMPLOYMENT SERVICE AGENTS FIND CON- DITIONS HIGHLY SATISFACTORY.

Representing the U. S. government employment service, Bureau of Labor, R. E. Williams arrived from Portland this morning to confer with T. H. Foley, chairman of the Bend Community labor board, and to look over the local situation. He stated that conditions here are very favorable, indeed, and commented especially on the stand taken by the Shevlin-Hixon and the Brooks-Seaton mills in offering work to all men from here who are returning from the army, navy, and marine corps.

"Men discharged from the service, should communicate immediately on their return with the local board," Mr. Williams said. "In this connection, I am authorized to state that Wilford P. Smith, state director of the employment service, will be glad to aid in the solution of any labor readjustment problems which might prove too big for the local board to handle."

## ROAD PROGRAM IS INCLUSIVE

### THREE HIGHWAYS RADIATING FROM BEND ON IMPROVEMENT LIST — APPROPRIATIONS OF ABOUT \$250,000 PLANNED.

Plans for road improvement directly benefiting Bend and Central Oregon, representing an expenditure of approximately \$250,000, were made known today by County Judge W. D. Barnes, following his return from Portland, where he attended the meeting of the State Highway Commission. Work on the Mackenzie Pass road will start this spring, the intention being to eliminate the bad 4 1-2 mile stretch of highway near Windy Point. For this \$54,000 is available, \$5,000 being county money, the rest coming from forest and state funds.

The Bend-Klamath Falls road will be surveyed, and approximately \$200,000 appropriated for its improvement, while on the Bend-Burns road, a survey will have to be made before any definite idea can be gained of the expenditure necessary to put the highway in good condition.

Judge Barnes believes that the coming year will be one of unprecedented activity in road building throughout Oregon, basing his opinion on the stand taken by County Judges and Commissioners at their recent state convention.

In connection with the road improvement program in this section, State Highway Engineer Herbert Nunn is expected to pay Bend an official visit in the near future.

## CENTRAL OREGON IS WELL REPRESENTED

### Eleven Chosen on Standing Com- mittees of the State Chamber of Commerce.

In addition to J. P. Keyes, named as one of the directors of the new State Chamber of Commerce, Central Oregon is well represented on the standing committees. Men from this section who are included as follows:

Membership, H. J. Oversturf, Bend; land settlement, C. S. Hudson, Bend; irrigation and drainage, J. H. Upton, Prineville; Harry W. Gard, Madras; industrial, A. A. Aya, La Pine; roads, M. A. Lynch, Redmond; water power, Clyde M. McKay, Bend; livestock, Henry McCall, Prineville; dairying, John Kemming, Prineville; lumber, T. A. McCann, Bend; publicity, R. W. Sawyer, Bend.

## TUMALO MAN AT THE FRONT PAINTS VIVID WAR PICTURE

A most graphic picture of war conditions is drawn by Chas. S. Ray, of Tumalo, from his station near the western front, after travelling over one of the most famous battlefields of France. His letter written while the war was still undecided, has just been received by friends in Tumalo, and is as follows:  
My dear C. N.:

Your most welcome letter came last evening as I was leaving with one of the field secretaries for the front where I am now. When I first went from Paris I was business secretary. Since then have been advanced to division secretary, having under my direction all activities for an entire division of troops. As was my policy when with F. S. Harmon & Co., to visit the trade, so here I go out with the secretaries to their posts so that I may be familiar with actual conditions. I also want the men to know that I do not send them into any place I will not go myself.

Last night was one of the most perfect moonlight nights that are nearly as light as day. As all roads are under enemy observation it was necessary to wait until night to leave. Just before we reached ( ) they shelled the road, but fortunately it was over as we passed. How lucky we will be on the return trip tonight, remains to be seen.

After driving about thirty minutes we arrived at ( ) or what was once a town, now it is only a heap of ruins and not a very big pile at that. The shattered remains stood in the moonlight like ghosts silently protesting against the wanton murder done here. In the back of the car we had several boxes of sweet cakes, these were placed in the hotel (?) until this morning when same were sold to the boys and sent to the trenches. Leaving the machine behind a protecting wall, I took my bed roll and with Mr. Libby started for battalion headquarters. On the way said "hello" to a Red Cross man in a cross roads chocolate station.

My power of description is far too limited to paint a word picture of the scene I witnessed and the impression it made on me. I'll do my best, however, trusting that your imagination may to a degree help out.

We walked up little paths which led here and there, ever dodging the all-present shell hole, filled with water from recent rains in which was reflected the moon. It was all a scene of calmness, there being no hint of war, no lights, camp fires, or men. In all directions ran trenches whose bare sides seemed like great scars on the breast of Nature; if a signal was given from these silent places would spring thousands of young Americans ready to do battle to the death, for they are great fighters.

## LOWER RATE GIVEN BY WESTERN UNION

### Material Reduction on Night Mes- sages Announced in Bend By Local Manager.

While other sections of the country have always had the benefit of a reduced rate for short over-night messages without restriction, the Pacific coast has never had the benefit of night message rates except to comparatively nearby points. This has now been corrected by Postmaster General Burleson, who has ordered that effective January 1, a universal system of night messages at greatly reduced rates shall obtain in all parts of the country.

Manager C. E. Nichols of the local Western Union office advises that under the new schedule of night message rates the people of the Pacific coast will have a rate as low as 50 cents for messages of 10 words to New York City and other places on the Atlantic seaboard, with an added charge of only two cents per word for additional words.

## FUNERAL SERVICES HELD FOR MRS. SMITH

(From Monday's Daily.)  
Funeral services for Mrs. Harold Smith, who died last week in Bend, were held at the graveside in the local cemetery yesterday afternoon. Rev. Stewart, of the Methodist church was the officiating minister.

Arriving at headquarters we went into the major's quarters where we spent a most pleasant hour before retiring. The major is the most human man I have met in the army, being a lawyer in civil life and a real and genuine American.

Were you ever in a cave or a coal mine? If so, you have some idea of where I went to sleep, down, down, down into the very bowels of the earth. Every little way there are offshoot where the men sleep. My bunk was a little too short and I found it necessary to wrap myself around a large post. Overhead was a corrugated iron roof which seemed to be the camping place of a family of rats who were evidently holding a reunion. Regardless of these things I had a most comfortable night. All water has to be carried, so it is very precious. Try to wash your teeth, shave and clean up in a cup of water, that is what I did so I know it is possible.

At the risk of tiring you I'm going to tell of our trip this afternoon. Leaving after lunch, the major, lieutenant, secretary and myself started to ascend a hill, whose name will be written in glorious letters in French history. Its sides are so pitted with shell craters that they have lost all semblance of smoothness. Here and there a pair of shoes protrude or a white bone can be seen, giving mute evidence of the tragedies and sacrifice paid to hold this ground. Many graves are marked with the cross and the tri-colors of France. On one is hung a heart shaped stone with the number of the man and a little cross carved on its surface. We looked on the reverse side and found the name of an American soldier who had made it and placed it there as a mark of his admiration for the heroic soul buried there.

At the crest of the hill we came to a famous tunnel made by the boche and through which he transported his men and supplies. It was a spook trip through here, we used a candle and flash light. Under foot was mud while from overhead dripped water. At last we reached a stair way leading up, up to a ladder, this brought us to an observation post on the very crest of the hill. From here with the aid of the telescope I saw the German line and the boche moving about. Retracing our steps to the opening we returned through the water soaked advance trenches to our quarters.

You cannot possibly imagine the awfulness of the struggle that must have taken place here, after viewing the ground, seeing the terrible effect of shell fire, hundreds of shells exploded and otherwise it seems to me that Hell itself could have nothing on this hill. How any human being lived through it is beyond me.

## MILLICAN SOLDIER LEAVES HOSPITAL

### Samuel I. Daughenbaugh Writes From Boulogne, Conveying Welcome News.

News from two boys from this section serving in the U. S. Army in France, is conveyed in a letter received at Millican from Private first class Samuel I. Daughenbaugh. The letter is written from Boulogne, and reads as follows:

"This is a line to let you all know I am well, have been marked up to leave hospital the last three days, but they have not sent any one to B. D. C. (Base Detail Co.), so have not gone yet, but hope to soon. Shall be glad to get back to my regiment. Suppose I will have quite a little mail when I do. Quite cold weather here the past few days. Cold, but clear. Don't expect it will be long before the government begins to release the soldiers. I sure will be glad to get back again. I heard today from one of the boys in the Second Company platoon. He was wounded on the Argonne front in battle of Verdun, a slight wound. Suppose you heard it from his people before this. Will hardly get a chance to visit your people unless we stay in France quite a while, which I hope we don't have to do.

November 18. Am leaving hospital for my regiment this morning.

## CLUB OFFICERS HELD FOR 1919

### BEND MEN TO PUSH IRRIGATION

#### Election Held Today, and Program For Deschutes Valley For Coming Year is Discussed.

Desirous of leaving in office the men who are familiar with the Deschutes Valley irrigation campaign already vigorously under way, the members of the Bend Commercial club, meeting this noon, unanimously re-elected T. H. Foley and H. A. Miller as president and vice-president, respectively. J. P. Keyes, Carl Johnson, C. S. Hudson and E. P. Mahaffey were chosen without opposition as directors. D. G. McPherson received a unanimous ballot for the position of secretary.

Jay H. Upton, of Pineville, president of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, which will meet in Portland on January 9, 10 and 11, was the chief speaker at today's session. He advised a preliminary meeting of Central Oregon irrigationists to formulate a program to be carried out at the Portland meeting, and in connection with the general irrigation plan, emphasized the importance of solving the problem of the leaks in the Tumalo reservoir.

Upton is Speaker.

"The chief need of this section is to interest the Federal government in the development of the Deschutes Valley," Mr. Upton declared. "Through the publicity afforded us during the Irrigation Congress, we can do big things for irrigation and for Central Oregon. Every man from this part of the country who can possibly do so, should be in attendance."

Mr. Upton spoke of the billion dollar reclamation appropriation plan, mentioned the fact that because of surveys already made, Oregon needs little in the way of preparation for irrigation development work, and touched on the plans which have been suggested for the mending of the Tumalo leaks. He urged that the Tumalo situation be taken care of before state appropriations are made for the State Land Settlement commission.

Irrigationists to Meet.

A. Whisnant gave credit to Mr. Upton for conceiving the plan of making land available for men returning from the government service, and urged that individual letters be written to Congressman N. J. Sinnott of this district, setting forth Central Oregon's irrigation needs.

Fred N. Wallace, Tumalo irrigation project engineer, who made his first appearance since his recent illness, spoke on the mending of leaks in the reservoir, stating that more water for silted was the chief need. He also urged a preliminary irrigation meeting, and the club went on record as favoring such a gathering, leaving the setting of the date to the committee recently selected from Bend, Prineville and Redmond representatives.

## DRIVE MAKING CLEAN SWEEP

### PARTIAL RETURNS FOR FOUR DISTRICTS SHOW \$250 AL- READY TAKEN IN BY SOLICITORS.

That the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call is meeting with real success, was shown today when partial returns from four districts in the city showed \$250 already taken in. This is taken to indicate that practically a clean sweep is being made.

Residents of Bend, who for any reason have not been seen by solicitors, are requested to report at the Liberty Temple on Oregon street, or to the captains of their respective districts.

In addition to the list of district chairmen published yesterday, the name of Mrs. A. Whisnant was given today for that part of the city west

## GRAPPLERS WIN FAVOR OF FANS

### CLEVER WORK SHOWN BY GUS- TAVO AND BASANTA. WREST- LING TO DRAW — RETURN MATCH CHRISTMAS ARRANGED

After hours and a half of the niftiest wrestling ever seen in Bend, Ad Gustavo, of Bend, and Ling Basanta, Hindu champion middleweight, accepted a draw at the Hippodrome last night. A fluke fall at the end of two hours and four minutes, when the Oriental was accidentally put out of commission, by a solar plexus jolt from the Bend man's head, was disregarded by Referee Stephenson.

At the close of the match, the wrestlers signed a contract to appear here again on Christmas to compete for a purse of \$1000 purse. Each posted a \$50 forfeit.

Both Gustavo and Basanta won popularity with the fans by their cleverness, and by the clean tactics which characterized the entire bout. Basanta worked the toe hold overtime, but his hands were not quite strong enough to keep possession of the Argentine champion's foot when on two occasions he had gained a seeming advantage. Ad's favorite grip was an arm scissors, which he secured almost at will, and used in endeavoring to tire out his opponent, but the Hindu squirmed free each time with apparently no bad results. Both men repeatedly broke seemingly deadly holds just when a decision hung in the balance.

Good preliminaries ushered in the main event, Ernest Clayton, of Bend, winning two straight falls from Charles Dixon, while Kid Savage, donning the gloves with "Bill" Williamson, won on a foul. Ernest Le Clair and Ed Williamson went four rounds to a draw.

## C. O. I. COMPANY SALE CLINCHED

### BOND ELECTION IS SET FOR JANUARY 15.

#### Contract Signed with District Pro- vides for Transfer of Assets Which Will Cover Issue of \$240,000.

(From Saturday's Daily.)

Final assurance of the sale by the C. O. I. company to the Central Oregon irrigation district of all holdings in Deschutes and Crook counties was made yesterday at the meeting of the district directors in Redmond, when the amended contract for transfer of the property was approved, and arrangements for the financing of the deal completed. The purchase price is named at \$200,000, and to meet this obligation members of the district will vote on a \$240,000 bond issue on January 15, 1919, it was decided. The \$40,000 excess, it is estimated, will take care of discount and interest on the bonds for the first year.

According to the terms of the contract, the company agrees to sell all land and water rights, its irrigation system, all unpaid maintenance and all real and personal property, including the townsite of Deschutes. Forty-six hundred acres of unsold land and 1700 excess acreage are also transferred. The actual value of these two items in the deal easily offsets the amount named in the contemplated bond issue, it is figured.

Prior water rights are specified for maximum capacity of the intakes for the present ditch system.

The bonds which will be voted on in January are for 20 years, and as the realty transferred amounts to 45,000 acres, the incumbrance on the property will amount to less than \$6 per acre.

The completion of negotiations for the sale is considered a long step in advance for the cause of irrigation in Crook and Deschutes counties.

## GERMAN DEAD TOTAL 249,000, STATEMENT

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The total number of Germans killed in the war was officially announced today