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NOVEL GOOD ROADS PLAN.

On another page of this issue of The Courier will be found a plan proposed by William J. Scott for providing a fund to build good roads in Jackson county. The idea is a novel one and, as it is the purpose of the originator to use a national bank charter as the foundation for his financial scheme, it certainly looks not only reasonable but feasible. It may, after an examination, be found the practical idea needed to meet the good roads emergency. It is a matter of great concern and should therefore be carefully read by all interested in the important subject of highway construction.

The Courier would like to hear from our bankers in regard to the practicability of this plan of raising funds for the construction of good roads. Because it is a new thing is no reason why it cannot be made available for the purposes for which it is intended.

IMPORTANCE OF GREEN FOOD.

Just now the poultry business is attracting much attention in Grants Pass and it should be understood that success depends almost entirely on the treatment given the laying hen. Feed, of course, is the first thing to be considered. Do not neglect green food in some form. Poultry will not do its best without succulent food during the winter. Alfalfa, cut clover, cabbage or beets are good, with sprouted oats heading the list. Sprouted oats three times a week, with cabbage or beets the other three, will work to good advantage. On Sunday, the day of rest, the green feed can be omitted.

THE HARMLESS IVY.

The impression that ivy is harmful to walls of stone or brick has been removed by the testimony of a large number of German architects, builders, foresters and master gardeners. These trained observers agree that ivy has no tendency to make the walls damp. They maintain, in fact, that the clinging tendrils of the plant extract and absorb any exiting moisture, and that the thick leaves protect the walls from the action of the weather. Furthermore, they find no evidence that the ivy roots affect the foundations of stone structures.

SOMETHING FOR NOTHING.

It will be seen that Mr. Scott, who was mentioned in both Tuesday and Wednesday's Courier as a man who has evolved a new scheme for raising money for good roads purposes, has gotten himself in the limelight in a manner that bids fair to make him one of the real characters of the Rogue River valley. The Mail-Tribune of Medford has the following editorial on the subject and Mr. Scott comes back in the Medford Sun which letter follows the editorial mentioned in this issue:

W. J. Scott, a farmer of the upper Rogue district, has evolved, in the Gold Hill News, a scheme which he asserts will revolutionize the finances of the world and make "the great god Money become the slave of the people instead of their being slaves to it." Governments and administrations will rise and fall upon this wonderful idea," states Mr. Scott.

In brief, Mr. Scott's scheme is for the county to issue non-interest bearing bonds for road building purposes, then take out a national bank charter in the name of the Taxpayers' National Bank of Jackson County, Oregon, and under the national banking act, deposit the bonds with the government and have the treasury department issue national bank notes, for the use of which money

the people would not have to pay anything.

This is, like the greenback and fiat money schemes, an attempt to get something for nothing. Non-interest bearing bonds are a non-negotiable security. Not even the United States government with the wealth and resources of the entire nation, can borrow without paying for it. Neither Mr. Scott nor any one else will loan money without interest, and the use of the money is usually worth the price paid for it—if the price be legitimate.

Mr. Scott's scheme contemplates that the people enter the banking business as a community—a form of socialism that would be bitterly fought. It would involve an entire readjustment of economic principles, resulting in a prolonged demoralization during readjustment. It is therefore impractical.

There is this merit in the suggestion, however. It would enable the people to secure money at a lower rate of interest, provided they wanted to go into the banking business. Three per cent bonds could be deposited as security with the treasury department, for an issuance of currency, though it is doubtful if the entire issue would be so accepted.

Mr. Scott Makes Reply.

In an editorial under the heading of "Something for Nothing," the Mail-Tribune has a knock for the Scott bonding and banking plan. If the bills issued by the treasury would be fiat money, then every national bank bill now in circulation is fiat money. The plan proposed does not contemplate selling the bonds, merely depositing them with the United States treasury, so whether they draw interest or not does not matter; the interest, if any, would be remitted to the owners of the bonds.

The taxpayers' bank plan is to render borrowing money necessary, merely asking the same privileges that are extended to all national banks now in operation in the United States. The plan contemplates the county establishing a bank under existing banking laws, and is not a form of any ism except Americanism. A 3 per cent bond could be deposited and currency issued, as stated in the Mail-Tribune, the interest would be collected by the treasury department and remitted to the taxpayers' bank, the same as other national bank deposits. Mr. Scott has said and here repeats, administrations will rise and fall on this issue, and if all national banks in the United States are getting something for nothing, the same would apply to the taxpayers' national bank of Jackson county.

WM. J. SCOTT, Medford, Ore., March 4, 1912.

MOTION PICTURES AND POLITICS

Here is a new idea which promises to be adopted in the campaign this fall. An editorial in an eastern paper says that if kept free from the claptags the film shows can make a hit in national affairs. This is a big country, with territory nearly half way around the world. It covers many climates and races, with the American type highly predominant. Why not cultivate motion pictures in which the intelligent advancement of all the people is the aim? We have troops on police duty in China. Not much is known of our more than 7,000 islands in the Philippines group. Hawaii is a region of pictorial interest, and so are Porto Rico and Guantnamo. The overseas railroad to Key West is unique. Irrigation projects and the Panama canal always invite the camera. The Mexican border is a stirring place. Current public events are an inexhaustible subject for illustration.

Scurrying cowboys and dime novel sentimentalism have had more than a fair share of attention in picture shows. As for scenes with a political significance it will be necessary, if audiences are to be pleased, to steer clear of the humdrum of demagogues. The United States is an infinitely bigger proposition than any man is or can ever be unless in form of government suffers a fatal stroke. So if politics is to be introduced on the screen let it be in views that accord with the greatness of the republic, themselves their sovereign people, and their country.

JEROME PRAIRIE ITEMS.

Grandma Borough has returned to her home with her son, J. B. Borough, on Rogue River, after visiting some months with her daughter, Mrs. F. M. Armstrong.

Rev. Hoxie preached an excellent sermon Sunday at the school house where the Sunday services are held.

C. J. Armstrong and family were agreeably surprised Friday evening of last week by a jolly crowd of about 30. The evening was spent in playing games and enjoying the music furnished by several members of the party.

J. Workman and family have moved onto the Druice place and expect to make that their home for the summer.

Miss Elsie Robinson, who has been in poor health for some time, is now staying with Mr. and Mrs. Peters, above Wonder, in the hope that the mountain location will improve her physical condition.

Mrs. Claudius Robinson, who has been visiting for several weeks with relatives near Eugene, returned home Tuesday.

Several families took a trip to Grants Pass the first of the week in spite of the rainy weather.

The Jerome Prairie Sunday school is planning on having an entertainment and basket social at the school house the night of the 19th of this month. It is to be a St. Patrick entertainment and promises to afford much amusement. The proceeds are to go to buy bibles for the Sabbath school. Everyone is cordially invited.

The young people of the neighborhood met at the home of Mr. Kelly to practice for the coming entertainment.

Miss Ethel Morgan is visiting with her sister in Grants Pass.

Mr. Guivich, son and wife from the east are here visiting and will probably locate here.

SELMA.

Several people of the neighborhood have had the grip the last few days.

Will Neimer and family of Kerby spent last Sunday at the home of T. J. Breazeale.

S. O. Chastam and family of Slat creek spent Sunday visiting with relatives here.

Miss Cretle Clark has come to work at the home of P. E. Gerald of Selma, Miss Edna Hutchinson going home after working there several months.

A dance was held at the home of Edgar Hawkins last Saturday night. One will be at the Grange hall next Saturday after open grange in the evening.

Jacob Seiwitz and family of Jerome Prairie, also Charles Geiwitz and wife were visiting friends and relatives here last week. Charles Geiwitz has recently come from Des Moines, Iowa. They are looking at the country prospective to locating here. They say it was quite a change to leave several inches of snow and cold freezing weather back there and come to this land of sunshine and flowers. J. R. Tucks and family and the Geiwitz families took quite a drive through the Illinois valley and upper Deer creek last Wednesday enjoying a pleasant day.

There is a current report that parties with unlimited means have purchased the Anderson placer mine at the mouth of Deer creek and are intending to put in modern mining machinery, a dredge, and are also calculating to build a wagon road from the Feaster place down the creek to the mine.

WOMAN ARRESTED ON SECOND MURDER CHARGE.

CHICAGO, Mar. 7.—Wheeled in to court in an invalid's chair, Mrs. Louise Vermilyea, was today freed from the charge that she murdered Policeman Arthur Bissonette by poison for his life insurance. Later she was re-arrested on the charge of having murdered Richard Smith, a conductor, for the same reason.

QUIT KICKIN' AROUND.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 7.—"Dog-gone you," said Mathew Mathewson, kicking Patrolman Riordan in the stomach. "I don't care if he is a cop, you gotta stop kickin' my pard around," said Corporal Jones, gently leading Mathewson by the ear to the station.

J. C. SMITH of Grants Pass Republican candidate for nominee for STATE SENATOR Primaries, April 19, 1912.

ELBERT S. VEATCH candidate for republican nomination for CLERK OF JOSEPHINE COUNTY Primaries April 19, 1912. The present deputy clerk. Five years' experience in the office.

Charles F. Thompson OF GRANTS PASS, ORE. Republican candidate for nomination for COUNTY CLERK Primary Election, April 19, 1912.

PITCHER KRAUSE REPORTS FOR DUTY SAN ANTONIO.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Mar. 7.—Pitcher Krause, who, it was feared, might be a holdout, reached the camp of the Philadelphia Americans here today.

WRONG BAR.

SACRAMENTO, Mar. 7.—"Show me the readheaded judge that fined me \$7.50," said Golton's Eml, when he sobered up. He had discovered

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