

## Open Roads or Barriers -- ?

Will your verdict be for open roads, or, after the polls close next Tuesday evening, will your vote count for
the continuance of the present ferry at Harrisburg and wornout bridge at Albany? You have it in your power to provide for a safe, quick and convenlient crossing of the Willamette River at Harrisburg and an adequate solid
bridge at Albany that will eliminate the danger to human life that now exists. Your answer is important to the ei tire county. Let us again state
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## THE ISSUE

A bond issue of $\$ 180,000$, to run for 10 years, bea ing interest at 5 per cent. Retirement to begin after fou ears $\$ 30,000$ a year for six years. Of the amount asked, $\$ 67,846.30$ is to be used-as Linn county's share of building the bridge at Harrisburg the state and Lane county paying a like sum as their ortion. And $\$ 115,000$ is to be used as Linn county' of Albany will provide about $\$ 35,000$ more and the state of Oregon the balance for a steel structure that will cost 294,976.50. In all, Linn county will get two new bridge that will cest $\$ 498,678.70$ to build, for a total payment of
$\$ 180,000$ from the county at large. The people of Albany vill pay their part of the general county's amount, plus $\$ 35,000$ more towards the bridge at that place.
For the first five years the tax will amount to less
han one mill, or less than $\$ 1.00$ on each thousand dollars han one mill, or less than $\$ 1.00$ on each thousanth aly about one-half of a mill, or 50 cents on each $\$ 1000$ of assessed valuation will be required.

Limn and Lane counties are now operating a ferry
atly at Harrisburg at a cost of $\$ 3,300$ a year, in adjointly at Harrisburg at a cost of $\$ 3,300$ a year, in ad depreciation, etc. Upkeep of the ferry will cease upon
completion of the bridge, for the state will maintain the bridge. No more expense to the county will follow the building of the bridge. These are purely financial considerations. From a business standpoint the county cannot afford to turn down the opportunit would cost, and then in addition eliminate all expense orever in connection with maintaining them, or the MORE THAN MONEY INVOLVED But however desirable are the economical aspects of the proposition, Linn county faces a higher duty in the cific Highway up this way, with the aid of the county, when there is no connection between the shores of the two counties. The highway commission confidently expected that the bridge would be built, and Linn county
must not fail them. Every day the county receives unfaverable mention on the ferry's account. There is always an element of danger with a ferry, especially in the winter, and there are times when the danger makes it imthe wet so operate at als when traffic is forced to tak
The old bridge at Albany is past its prime, obso lete and entirely unable to take care of the traffic that would come its way. Built 32 years ago to carry a max imum of five tons, it is now but 25 per cent efficient in
handling the traffic. The county court, acting upon advice of experts who have examined the old structure, has placed a five-ton limit upon the weight that may cross. And the oridge is actually unsafe for larger loads. State engineers place the life of this bridge at three more
years under-regulated traffic. It will take years a new bridge can be opened if the bonds are voted
now, C. B. McCullough, in charge of bridge construction or the state highway commission says: "People who dehertly vote this bridge down are potential murderers. might go down at any time. The people put off building ew brige at Kelso and their old structure went down with the loss of many lives a month before the new one ast summer when a car ran off the drowned at Selwood a doctor was drowned at the ferry crossing and a near accident occured there last year. Linn County and the whole state needs these bridges and there should be no
hesitation in voting for them now,"

NOT A SECTIONAL MATTER
Certain elements in the eastern part of the county are apparently trying to force $a_{n}$ issue with the count politics to gain some desired end. But whatever the motive, it is not recessary to end. But whatever the bridge issue in order to gain it. That attitude would the
 making it difficult for any part of the county to accomplish anything.
Dissatisfaction over matters of the past, with which Abbany had nothing to do, is a poor excuse for anyone
opposing the present issue, which is an entirely different matter. The two bridges asked for do not concern Al bany and Harrisburg alone, but the entire county, and should stand upon the merits of the present case. STATE GOOD TO LINN
When Corvallis wanted a bridge across the Willam ette River Benton County paid the entire cost of con struction. Now the state comes to the aid of Linn County and offers about one-haif of the cost of constructing the
Albany bridge and one-third of the Harrisburg bridge.

## VOTE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS BARGAIN IN BRIDGE BONDS

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