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BARRETT DISCUSSES ROAD BILLS

FACTS AND FIGURES FOR THE VOTERS OF THIS COUNTY

"Harmony Road Bills" Will Cost County \$3,795,600 According to Barrett.

Editor Press, Dear Sir:—On the 5th of November the people of Umatilla County will have an opportunity to choose between the several different Road Bills that will appear on the ballot. That the taxpayers may have an idea of what they will be called upon for in the way of taxes, I have made an estimate of what the so-called "Harmony Road Bills" will cost Umatilla County.

In arriving at this estimate I have assumed that the scheme will be carried through to the thirty year limit as contemplated in the initiative bill, 340-1 on the ballot. By this bill it is intended to issue \$1,000,000 in State Bonds yearly for thirty years, at 4-1/2 per cent interest payable semi-annually.

Umatilla county's proportion is approximately \$39,411 annually for thirty years. At the end of that period this County will be mortgaged for \$882,330 all on account of State Bonds. Of this \$89,411 annual charge, one third or \$29,803, is retained in the State fund annually to build the Pacific Highway and \$19,608 annually is returned to the county. Provided: The County contributes a like amount by tax or sale of County bonds.

Let us assume that we take advantage of the law and issue \$19,608 in County bonds annually for thirty years. We will have issued \$588,240 in County bonds.

From the first State bond issue of \$1,000,000 the county will have an interest charge on each bond issue, at 4-1/2 per cent, of \$1175 annually and it will increase that much each year. For thirty years the accrued interest on State bonds is \$35,441.

The interest charge on each County bond issue at 6 per cent is \$1175 annually and will increase that much each year. At the end of thirty years the accrued interest on County bonds is \$547,074.

Now at the beginning of the eleventh year of bond issue the sinking fund begins and continues for twenty years. This sinking fund charge is sufficient to accumulate a fund at the end of twenty years to retire the first bond issue of \$1,000,000.

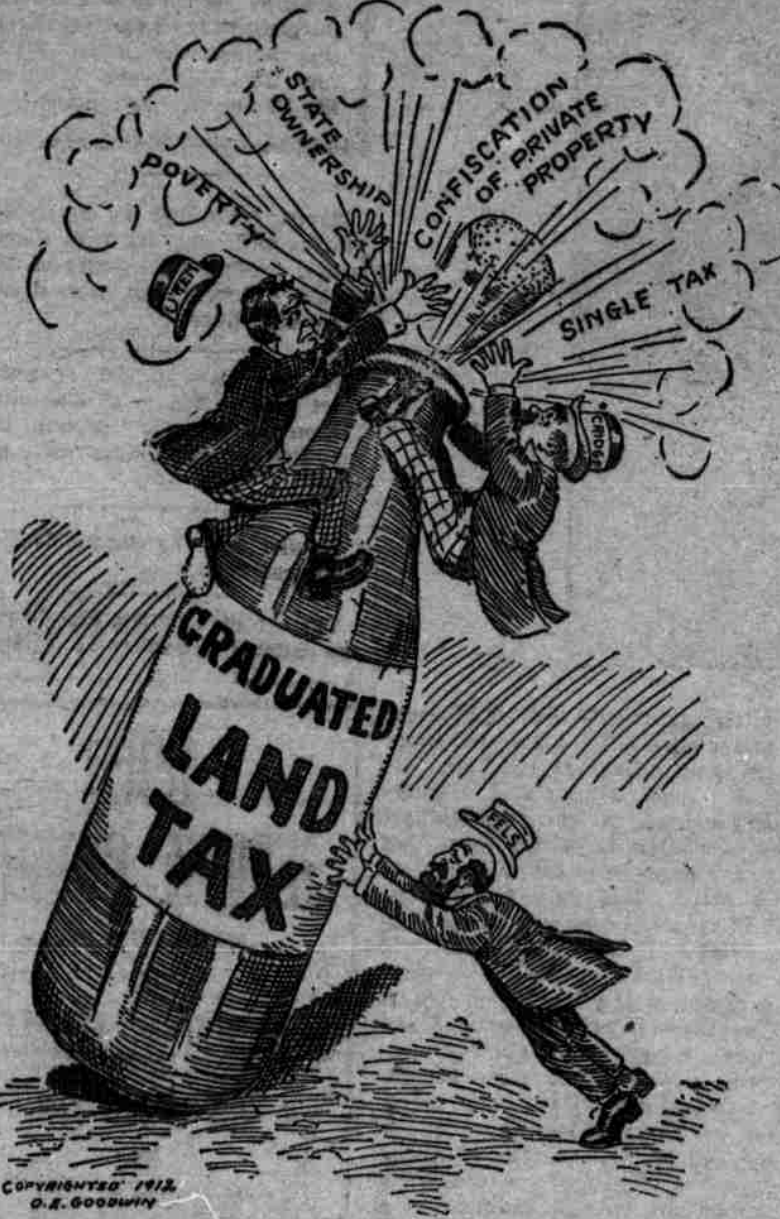
This brings it up to the 30th year from the date the first bond was issued. Umatilla's share of this sinking fund is \$1470 annually for 20 years or a total of \$29,400. Now at the end of the 30th year the maximum of \$1,470,570 of County and State bonds are out standing and will continue that way just so long as this law is in force provided the 3 per cent tax limit admits of further bond issues. This is the way the account will stand at this date:

Total County share of State bonds \$892,330
" " Bonds " 588,240
" " share of interest on State Bonds to date 615,441
" " interest on County bonds to date 547,074
" " for the thirty years comprising the bond issuing period \$8,838,085

Now add to this the interest accrued for the 30 years of the cancellation period as follows:
Interest on State bonds - \$ 615,441
" " County " 547,074
Total at the end of the sixty year period when the last bond will be cancelled \$9,795,600

Now beginning with the 31st year the accumulated sinking fund will cancel the first issue of \$1,000,000 State bonds. At this time, the 31st year, the tax payers will be called upon to raise sufficient funds each year to pay the County share of the State bonds and interest on the 30 year issue together with one year's issue of County

BUT THEY COULDN'T KEEP SINGLE TAX IN THE BOTTLE.



ty bonds and the interest on the total issue which will be as follows:
Tax on State bonds - \$ 29,411
" " County " 19,608
" " interest on State " 89,704
" " " County " 85,205
Total County Bond Tax this year \$124,928

Bear in mind that the only limitation to the bond issue is the 3 per cent tax limit and it is quite likely by that time the assessed valuation will have increased sufficient to admit of further bond issue.

In this instance the bond issue and tax charges would remain just this way as long as the law is in force, the tax levy cancels one bond and the law allows the issuance of a new bond, which continues the County's obligations outstanding indefinitely for bonds at \$1,470,570 with an annual interest and sinking fund charge of \$123,928.

That the voter may understand just what this law means and will cost I append hereto a recapitulation:

Recapitulation.	Dr.
Thirty year State bond issue	\$ 892,330
County share	588,240
" " County " "	588,240
" " Accrued interest on State bonds during issue	615,441
" " County " "	547,074
" " during liquidation period State bonds	615,441
Thirty years accrued interest during liquidation period of County bonds	547,074
Total cost to the taxpayers of Umatilla County	\$9,795,600

Received from State bond issue 2-3 of amount paid into fund or \$ 588,240
Received from proceeds County Bonds 588,240
Paid out interest on State and County Bonds - 2,835,030
Contributed to the State Highway fund for which the county gets no return - 294,000

Total \$3,795,600
In arriving at these figures I have avoided all fractions and have taken a pro rata for this county's share based on the present taxable property of the County and State.

As valuations increase our pro rata is more likely to increase than decrease. It seems to me that the cost is too great and that these Road Bills are in the interest of the bond buyers, the automobile manufacturers and road machinery people.

There seems but little doubt that Umatilla County and all of Eastern Oregon can get greater and better results from simple county bonding laws which are fully covered by the amendment found on page 205 of the voters' pamphlet, numbers 360 and 361. I invite the taxpayers to read the affirmative argument by Wm. M. Colvig found on page 207 of the pamphlet.

Surely the taxpayers do not wish to put a mortgage on themselves, their children and their children's children for sixty years, which is a prior lien on all the property in the State, and that is just what these "Harmony Road Bills" mean.

I shall vote 341 X—NO, and trust the people of Umatilla County will do likewise. Respectfully,
C. A. BARRETT.

Lectures Will Begin.
The winter series of illustrated sermons and lectures will begin. Mr. Meldrum will give a course of fifteen lectures presenting to the citizens of Athena a splendid opportunity of journeying through some of the many lands in which he has traveled. This course is equal and greater than anything we have had from the lyceum bureau, and we hope the public will attend this series as well as the series of last winter was attended. Mr. Meldrum is not giving this course in the hope of gain, but as a public spirit.

CORN-GROWING IS PAYING INDUSTRY

SPECIAL SHOWS ARE PLANNED TO STIMULATE INTEREST

C. L. Smith Declares That Corn Can Be Grown Successfully in Northwest.

To stimulate a greater interest in the growing of corn and to demonstrate the possibilities and profitability of corn-growing in the country tributary to its lines, the O. W. R. & N. will distribute several hundred dollars in cash prizes during the coming season, according to an announcement made by C. L. Smith, the company's agriculturist.

Mr. Smith declares that field corn can be grown just as successfully in the Northwest as in any other part of the United States. He has traveled over nearly every section of Oregon, Washington and Idaho during the past year and in every locality he found some farmer who was growing corn successfully.

"It is a mistaken idea that corn cannot be profitably grown throughout the Pacific Northwest," said Mr. Smith. "The failures that I have noted usually have been due to poor seed, carelessness in the preparation of the land or lack of proper cultivation. As a feed for dairy cows to supplement the short dry pastures in July and August, there is nothing else quite equal to green corn."

"The corn plant produces the largest measure of food per acre of land and labor involved of any plant, except alfalfa under irrigation. The corn plant also utilizes a heavy application of barnyard manure more readily than any other plant. Presumably the farmer who makes livestock a leading factor in his system of farming will have an abundance of barnyard manure to apply during the winter months to the land that is to be planted to corn the following season."

The plowing should be done as early as the character of the land will admit, and as deep as the weight of the team will permit; harrowing and cultivating at intervals of five to seven days until the middle or last of May, which will put the ground in good tilth and destroy most of the weed seeds present. Nothing is to be gained by planting the corn too early. The ground should be warm enough so that the corn would come up quickly and grow rapidly without any check. The stunted corn plant like the stunted pig will seldom make a profitable growth. From October until December the corn can be fed green directly from the field. But the climate of this section is not well adapted for the handling of fodder corn.

Experience has demonstrated that the silo is the only safe and satisfactory place to store fodder corn. The best time to harvest the fodder corn for the silo is just as the kernel begins to harden. The best variety of corn for this purpose is a medium dent corn that will mature in about 80 days. Home grown seed is always preferable to that brought from a distance. The corn plant adapts itself to localities and conditions more readily than any other plant. By proper care in the selection of seed the yield and quality may be improved from year to year. Cultivate the corn every week until it is tasseled. One acre of this green corn will make from 500 to 700 pounds of pork.

A medium variety of the dent corn should follow the flint for late feeding. By using the portable fence and feeding a limited area at a time, the pigs can harvest their own feed without any noticeable waste. Whether the corn is cut up and fed in the pasture lot or the bogs are allowed to feed it down must be determined by location, labor available, water and fencing. Whichever way it is done one will find the most rapid and profitable gains are made from the green corn. Even when bogs are running on rich stable fields, an evening feed of green corn will pay in increased gain.

To stimulate a greater interest in the growing of corn the O. W. R. & N. will during the coming season distribute several hundred dollars in cash prizes. The plan contemplates a corn show for Eastern Washington and Northern Idaho about December 1, 1913, and another at some point in Eastern Oregon the week following where prizes will be awarded for the best ears of corn, the best ears of corn, the largest yields of fodder, and the best ears on corn growing. A fine collection of seed will be secured from those already growing corn in the various sections. This seed will be distributed among such farmers as are willing to plant and care for it according to directions; detailed instructions for preparing the ground, testing seed, planting the corn and cultivation will be furnished with each sample of seed.

The purpose of the company in taking up this corn propaganda and holding a corn show for the first time in the Pacific Northwest is to encourage a more general diversification of farm crops, better livestock and better methods of feeding. We also believe that in a great many instances the corn field will be a satisfactory and profitable substitute for the summer fallow. It would also offset

against the general derangement of business that always accompanies a failure or even partial loss of wheat crop. It is a well recognized fact that those localities where diversified farming is practiced are less subject to bad seasons and periodical spasms of bad business than are those localities where a single crop system of farming prevails.

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A NEWS SCRAP FROM 1878

Account of Walla Walla Fair Given in Charley Besserer's Watchman.

George Gerking hands us the following from Chas. Besserer's Walla Walla Watchman, of the date of September 20, 1878. The paper was found pasted in an old outbuilding which in years gone by had been used as a photograph gallery by Sam Gerking. The article follows:

"Last Tuesday the great Walla Walla Fair was duly opened without the flourish of trumpets, yet people began to flock to the grounds, some to make their entries, others to see sights."

"The Fair ground, in justice to Mr. Thos. Collins, we must say, looks more inviting than at any previous season. The track is in excellent condition. There are no curiosity shops and dog shows, only a Bohemian glass blower, but the show of fine— and stock, such as would do honor to a world's show, noble thoroughbred horses, sheep and hogs is superb. E. H. Hardy, Frank London, J. L. Miller, Harry Copeland, J. C. Smith, Orley Hall and Chris. Meiers contributed most if not all of the banded stock. J. Lamar, Morrison Osborn, H. H. Hengate, U. Garred, J. Crab and W. M. Willis are the chief competitors for premiums on fine blooded horses. C. T. Buck, J. C. Smith, L. B. Geer and Thos. Page fill the sheep corral with the finest wool and mutton sheep human eyes ever gazed upon. J. M. Alberde, S. H. Erwin, Wash. Ewen, George Sterritt and others grace the pavilion with delicious fruit and all kinds of vegetables, grain, etc. S. W. Baer, E. H. Brodeck and L. Goss, present works of art in their respective lines, which attract considerable attention."

"The ladies also come forward with their work and make fine display, but up to Wednesday evening, the time we visited the Fair ground last, the entries had but begun."

"We hope the enterprise will be a success. This is about all we can conscientiously say for the present, but in our next issue we shall be more explicit and more to the point. To do this truthfully, we may incur the displeasure of some, although the truth on all occasions should hurt no one, but we are willing to run the risk."

10,000 Tickets Sold for Roundup.
The East Oregonian reports that figures received by T. P. O'Brien, O. W. R. & N. agent, from the passenger department of that road show that according to a count made by the department 10,000 tickets were sold at O. W. R. & N. offices to the Pendleton Roundup this year. However, this does not constitute a complete list of the passengers arriving over the O. W. R. & N., because it does not include any business arising on the Southern Pacific, which is only the business on the O. W. R. & N. during the three days of the big show. Those who came to Pendleton in advance of the show are not counted. Nor does the 10,000 include any of the people brought in by the Northern Pacific.

Good Roads Near State Line.
The three steel bridges across the meadow road between Frewwater and the state line on which contractors have been working for the past month, says the Walla Walla Union, are now complete and the road is again open to the public. There are two more steel bridges to build in the north end of the county, one at Vincent and the other at the state line. Both of the latter are 45 spans. The rock crusher is being overhauled and refitted with the expectation of completing the meadow road to the state line some time before spring.

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