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FAVORABLE TO BONDS.

Since action was taken last week at a meeting held in Pendleton, favoring bonding the county for permanent road improvement, by delegates from various parts of the county, the issue has been generally discussed.

From observation, opinion seems to be united that if the state comes through with its portion of the funds necessary, no difficulty will be encountered in felling up a rousing majority favoring the bonds at a special election. Further, this seems to be the only question—the question of the state having its half of the funds available—in the way of saying right now that the bond issue will carry, for there is no one who will gainsay that the county would be the winner in any good roads movement wherein the state matches dollar for dollar in the cost of construction.

The proposition appeals to every district in the county, apparently, for the reason that each and every district seems to be getting what it wants in the bill as proposed.

Athena's first interest, of course, is centered in the hardsurface completion of the macadam, before the present roadbed has deteriorated to the extent that its value for hardsurfacing is totally exhausted.

Then, too, she has interest in a few feeder roads which, with proper work at the right time, would greatly benefit the farmers who use them.

For the reason that our returning soldiers are so glad to get home that they do not take the time to notify the folks just when they will get to the depot, is no reason for somebody to think that the soldier has been slighted because a drum corps and a brass band was not there to meet him. We think it's better all around for the lad to step in unannounced as no doubt the most of them would prefer to do, like the buddy who snouzed on the parental porch the other night at Missoula and was found wrapped in his blankets next morning by his mother. And maybe that wasn't some meeting!

This fol-de-rol of mayors' committees, reception brigades and brass bands is all right, when the whole bunch gets back—then light up the old town, line 'em up together and let 'er Buck!

If the returning soldier gets what is coming to him, and what rightfully belongs to him, it is not his worry about the job he left when he joined the army. The worry should belong to the fellow who has been holding the job during the soldiers' visit to France.

Kernel Wood, that old hard-boiled o'er Weston-way, might find soothing for the nerves should he follow the practice of ex-Kaiser Bill. The entire cigarette product is by no means needed in Holland.

It, as is reported, Uncle Sam has cornered the wheat market, old-time pit experts fail to see why Uncle Sam should lose any money.

The fact that a large number of iron crosses will be dumped on the market should help a little toward reducing the price of steel.

Our American army of occupation will not have a sinecure, but it will have a good time and learn a great deal about the rest of the world.

Von Bethmann-Hollweg says in effect that the Kaiser lied, which he can do in perfect safety, now the days of his majesty and its jails are over.

An order for 9,000,000 pounds of candy has been put in for the army, which should help to make the soldiers more popular than ever with the girls.

We Americans appreciate fully the part we played in winning the war, but are not averse to hearing what the English and French have to say about it.

Demobilized soldiers must turn in their uniforms at the end of four months, which should be about as long as those winter overcoats will be needed anyway.

Petrograd is not the place for a poor man who does not like beards.

The long casualty lists prove that a great part of Americans played in the war.

Those \$7,000,000,000 in war orders canceled means \$70 saved for every one of us.

One of the major objections to a 6-cent fare is the horrible way it mutilates a dime.

Paris is boosting prices, showing how quickly a country recovers its normal price.

It sounds like ancient history to read that "troops are now marching on Przemysl."

Nowadays, it is singularly discouraging to look at a dollar and realize it is only a half.

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The former crown prince plays billiards. It is a happy selection, a game in which the loser pays all expenses.

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The German Way.
I remember one day having passed through a small farming village very badly burned and shattered, not by shells, but by explosions from inside the houses. I was just about to ask my officer why this village had been so punished, when, as we came outside, my attention was attracted to a conspicuous little flat-topped hill, with its level summit quite clear of the low woods that covered the hill's sides. The top had been cleared and smoothed so that it could be planted in grain, and it stood out a vivid and beautiful green, in contrast with the dark tree-covered slopes. I spoke of the hill and its conspicuous top to my officer.

"Yes," he replied angrily, "the last French spy to be landed from an airplane was put down right here on that flat top. We could not catch him. We think he hid in this village."

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When the door was opened a strange-looking object entered. It was a man; his face a mass of scratches, his hair stood out around his head like tufts of grass, his collar was dangling loosely behind, and his clothes were little better than rags.

"Please, I've come," he said simply. "But—but," stammered the lady secretary, "this is not a museum; it's a display of specimens of woman's work."

"That's all right," he replied dejectedly; "I'm a specimen of woman's work."—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

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SEE NEED OF CITY PLANNING

Japanese Municipal Authorities Awake to Danger Connected With Congested Centers of Population.

The remarkable expansion of Japanese cities during the last few years has accentuated the urgent necessity of city planning. With this end in view a conference of the mayors of the leading Japanese cities has occurred at Tokyo. Among those present were the mayors of Osaka, Yokohama, Nagoya, Kyoto and Kobe, while Tokyo municipality was represented by Messrs. Kabashima and Ogino.

"In Tokyo, city planning was set on foot twenty years ago, about the same time the question of city planning was receiving attention in Europe and America," said Doctor Seki, mayor of Osaka, in an interview with a Tokyo Yomiuri representative. "In Osaka, however, it is only a few years since the problem began to claim serious attention, although the necessity of city planning in Osaka is perhaps more urgent than in other cities. The density of population in Osaka is certainly greater than in other places and improvement in sanitary and other matters is urgently needed. It is estimated that the population of Osaka twenty years hence will be 2,650,000 and that of the two neighboring districts 2,300,000, making a total of 5,000,000. This estimate is based on the present rate of increase, but it is possible the rate of increase may be larger. Herein lies the urgent nature of city planning for Osaka."

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SPLENDID WORK OF DIVER

Feat of Underwater Repairing on Wrecked Steamer is Given High Praise by Shipping Men.

One of the most remarkable feats in the history of American labor, according to Capt. Louis Turner, representing marine underwriters, was the submarine repairing of a steamer salvaged off the California coast by a diver named Theodore Wicks. The success of this man in his perilous work made it possible to raise the vessel for further important service in the government's war program, where shipping is so urgently needed.

There were fully 100 patches of temporary nature to be put on the shattered sides of the vessel while it was bumping about on the rocks, making it by all odds the biggest job of the kind ever attempted on the Pacific coast. The biggest patch was ten feet wide and 16 feet long. Three layers of inch plank, with canvas between, were used in patching. This kept the water out while the ship was being pumped.

Large numbers of shipping men visited the dry dock where the ship went after Diver Wicks' exploits, and were astonished that it had been possible to salvage the vessel at all. The diver's work is viewed all along the coast as an inspiration to labor in its great task of winning the war.

New Light on Term "O. K." President Wilson has his own way of doing things, and he also has a very good reason for doing them his own way. Not only does that apply to matters of world-wide importance but to trivial things as well.

In signing official documents—on official documents he formally writes "Approved"—the president of the United States precedes his signature with the word "Okeh."

One of his secretaries, suddenly realizing the significance of the word, asked the president why he did not write "O. K."

"Because that's wrong," said Wilson. "Wrong?" echoed the secretary. "Isn't it derived from Andrew Jackson's 'Oki Krecht?'"

"No," said Wilson. "O. K. is often erroneously used for 'Okeh,' which in the Choctaw language means, 'It is so.'"

The Churches.
Methodist Episcopal Church. The local Board of Health permits us to hold the morning preaching service next Sunday at 11 o'clock. No Sunday school.

The Christian Church. There will be preaching and communion service at 11 o'clock next Sunday. No Bible school or night meeting. This will be the first meeting in the new year. Let us make it an occasion of special thanksgiving and reconstruction. B. B. Burton, Pastor.

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man hills and fields look as soft as ours. Probably they are, which is not very soft. Any field covered with grass always looks soft and you think it would make a fine landing place. When you get down, lower and are forced to land on any old field that happens to be under you, some time when you're enplanne you learn differently."

Mistaken Identity. Prof. William Howard Taft was in New York recently, and in the course of his short stay took an automobile ride along Riverside drive. At Ninetieth street a young woman, five years old, saw the big touring car coming swiftly down the drive. After one long look at the big person in the rear seat she jerked the nurse's apron and screamed with delight.

"Alice! Alice!" asked the nurse, excitedly, "what is it?"

"Fatty Arbuckle's growed a mustache just like papa's!"—Argonaut.

Proper Breathing Help to Swimmers. Anyone's body will float when the lungs are filled with air, but as a human body is a trifle heavier than water it will sink unless buoyed up by air in the lungs, says Dan Beard in Boys' Life. Consequently if you learn to breathe so that you blow out your breath in time to intake a new breath before you sink, it is evident that you will not sink at all. When breathing while swimming do not take too many breaths, but let your mouth serve as the intake. It can do it quicker than your nose because your mouth is bigger than your nostrils or nose holes.

Now if any of you tenderfeet drown this season it will be your own fault. Breathe right and you will float.

It is gratifying to learn that order has been restored in Cologne, but one trusts that the camouflage for covering up the lack of a bath which takes its name from the famous city was all poured into the Rhine ere the rioting stopped.

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