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SOME FACTS ABOUT THE PROPOSED ROAD LAW.

The new six million dollar road law passed by the legislature will come up June 4 at a special election provided for in the bill for ratification or rejection by the voters.

The law should be ratified for several reasons.

It is a just law because it designates the roads to be built. Those roads run through nearly every county in the state. One of these roads is the Pacific Highway which has recently been established through Beaverton and among others will be hardsurfaced. It provides only for the sale of bonds to the extent of one million in 1917, and the remainder of the six million within five years from ratification of law.

The bonds shall draw four per cent interest. After five years one twentieth of principal shall be paid each year. Each county shall prepare roadbed for hardsurfacing.

A law for doubling automobile licenses has been passed and this is expected to raise \$600,000 each year which must be applied on interest and principal.

The interest on the six million bonded indebtedness will amount to \$240,000 and one twentieth of the principal will amount to \$300,000 making a total of \$540,000 to be paid the fifth year, but of course this is the flood tide, after that the amount decreases each year until the principal is wiped out at the end of twenty years.

It will be seen that the automobile licenses will take care of the interest and principal, and therein lies the justice of the law. Those who use the roads will pay for them.

Besides this law a bonded indebtedness of \$1,800,000 is provided for to meet a like amount appropriated by the federal government for road purposes.

These laws would give the state of Oregon a great system of roads through the state, east west, north and south. They will lift us out of the mud and put us upon an equal footing with other progressive states. Let's all boost for better roads.

The Canyon Road.

The canyon road is said to be open again to travel after a closed period of near a year? This makes the second year of work upon the road and still they are not in sight of the finish yet. The road is in a deplorable condition where there is no paving, and large trucks have much trouble to pull through the gravel and muck.

This condition of affairs in our sister county shows mighty poor management on somebody's part, or else politics are the promoters of public enterprise. Two years is long enough to make a good start on the Columbia river highway; but a similar period finds the short canyon road in almost an impassable condition.

The effect upon this country west of the hills is readily felt, for it cuts us off from the city and leaves us stranded without proper access to the metropolis. A little pressure brought to bear on the right spot might serve to remedy the matter.

Do you notice how the little voices of the state press are chorusing against the official tax publication? It might be different if the other fellow did not possess the fair one.

The success of the state road propaganda depends upon the personnel of the State Highway Commission.

It is quite interesting to note the self satisfied look upon the faces of our Washington county legislative members as they gently waft themselves among Hillsboro friends. Each wears the smile that speaks of work well done and a purpose accomplished, and each has certainly put his face on the map in this part of the county. They remind one a good deal of that old story of the trapper who was driven into the embrace of the first handy tree by a large bear. After straddling the highest limb for half a day his wife appeared and put a dum dum through the bear's head. When he told the boys about it he is reported to have said, "ME and my wife, Ann, we killed a bear."

John Keating and Ellen M. Ryan, Ward O. Hoffman and Mamie Stevens, were granted licenses to marry during the past week.

St. Patrick's Day Will Be Observed

Preparations are being made to observe St. Patrick's Day in a fitting manner. A Program is prepared under the care of Rev. Father O'Flynn, to be given in the Grange Hall on the evening of March 17th. Speaking, Musical numbers, and recitations by both local and talent from Portland and Salem, will be the order of the evening. Hon. Thomas Ryan, District Attorney of Multnomah County will be the speaker of the evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hardy are the proud parents of a nine-pound boy, we are informed. John is looking forward to having two first rate ball players for his team some time in the future.

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Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned administrator of the estate of Charles Stanley Crane, deceased, with the will of said deceased annexed, has filed his final account and report in the County Court of Washington County, Oregon, and said court has fixed Monday, April 2, 1917, at 10 o'clock A. M. as the time, and the County Court room in Hillsboro, Oregon, the place for the hearing of objections, if any, to said final account and report and the final settlement and closing of said estate.

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H. T. BAGLEY,
Administrator.

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