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Would Increase Taxes.

Instead of bonding the state for road construction, the opponents of the bond issue are favoring what was known as the Pierce Bill, providing for a mileage tax of 11.4 mills a year to take the place of the present quarter-mill state highway tax.

Representatives of the opposition are acting in concert in praising this bill as the correct solution of Oregon's problem of state road finance.

The bill was introduced during the closing days of the legislature by Senator Walter Pierce of Union county, president of the State Taxpayers' League. It passed the state senate, but was defeated in the house of representatives, on the ground that increase of taxes would be received with such disfavor by the people that the whole roads program would go down to defeat at a special election at which it was proposed to submit the increase in connection with the bonding act.

Opponents of the bonding act express openly their purpose to defeat the act so as to make way for initiating the direct tax increase to be voted upon by the people at the general election in the fall of 1918.

This makes the issue squarely one of increased taxes as against a bonding program which involves no tax increase. The tax burden in Oregon is so intolerably heavy that it is believed most of the taxpayers will prefer to bond at the expense of the auto license fees, as contemplated in the road bonding act, rather than vote a big increase of direct taxes to accomplish the same end. The people insist upon having the roads built, and the whole controversy is as to methods of financing--direct taxation or bonds based on auto license fees.

Women are exempt from purchasing angling licenses, but must obtain a hunting license if they desire to hunt for any of the game birds and game animals of the state.

The deer season for District No. 1, which is western Oregon, has been shortened two weeks and will hereafter open on August 15th and close on October 15th, the bag limit has been re-

duced from three to two deer in any season.

In Game District No. 2, the open deer season begins on September 1st and will close on October 31st, with the exception of Klamath, Malheur and Harney counties, where the season will be the same as in District No. 1. Bag limit is reduced to two deer.

The open season on migratory birds throughout the state will be from October 1st to January 15th, with the exception of Malheur and Harney counties, where the season will be from September 16th to December 31st.

The Chinese pheasant hen has been protected and only male birds may hereafter be killed, the bag limit is five in any one day and not more than ten in seven consecutive days.

In Hood River county a ten days open season on male Chinese pheasants has been provided, from October 1st to October 10th, with a bag limit of three birds in any one day or ten during the season.

All over the state the bag limit on trout has been reduced from 75 to 50 trout, or 85 pounds in any one day.

Winter fishing for trout in Game District No. 2 has been prohibited with the exception that trout over 18 inches in length may be caught.

People not only should be patriotic, but they should show their patriotism. Patriotism is a wonderful asset for any government. The American people are patriotic but sometimes it takes something out of the ordinary to arouse them. We believe the true citizens of this government have experienced a feeling akin to patriotism since the menace of Prussianism has been seen to really exist. We should display the stars and stripes more than we do, that the lurking enemy may know that we are thinking, part of the time at least, of our home and native land and stand ready for any sacrifice upon freedom's altar sufficient to perpetuate that which we have inherited from our forefathers. Hang out the flag.

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