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ROAD BONDS NOT WISE

The proposition to bond Lane county to the extent of \$700,000 for the purpose of laying some 40 miles of hard surface pavement, was launched in Eugene this week.

The bonding plan for a county so large as Lane is not wise.

It is proposed to pave 40 miles

of road—a very little more than the distance from Junction City to Cottage Grove. What about the remaining 1500 or 1700 or more miles of road in the county district. We wonder now what is to be done for these? Let them wait as they are for 15 years until the paving bonds can be paid off?

The proponents of the bonding plan explain that the bonds are to be paid off \$70,000 a year, beginning after 4 or 5 years. They leave out the item of, say \$35,000 a year interest which would have to be paid from the first until the fifth years, and the \$100,000 or more principal and interest payable the fifth, and the nearly \$100,000 the next, and the gradually reducing sum as the interest grew less.

No, \$35,000 a year proposed for interest, would make a far better impression if used in upkeep, or in a systematic extension of hard surfacing, a few miles each year. It is not like a city hall, or other public build-

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In the Victor Herbert Musical Comedy at the Eugene Theatre

ing that has to be put up as a unit, but can be handled in sections, the cost of which can be borne each year out of the tax levies, without the resort to the issuing of interest-bearing paper.

WEST HAS OWN VIEWS

The rights of the western states in the administration of water powers and timber lands are set forth in remarkably clear and trenchant form in an article in the March 4 issue of the Oregon Voter. It says:

"The Western States have the same right of control, regulation and taxation of lands and resources in use as are and have been exercised by the Eastern States. It is obnoxious to the people of the Western States to have these regulatory powers 'delegated' to them, when of right they ought to assume them in their own way just as rapidly as the lands and resources are appropriated for use."

The Western States are indeed glad to learn from the experience of the East, and to take steps to prevent the depletion that has robbed the Easterners of their natural resources, but the Westerners feel that they

are just as capable of dealing with the problems as are those who squandered their inheritance in the past.

"THE ONLY GIRL"

"The Only Girl," which has a record of a season's run in New York will be offered at the Eugene Theatre Saturday, March 11, by Joe Weber, one of the most successful theatrical producers for the modern stage. This up-to-date musical play was written by Henry Blossom, who provided book and lyrics, with a musical setting by Victor Herbert and was staged under the supervision of Fred G. Latham. When it was first placed on view in New York it met with instant favor from the critics who pronounced it one of the best written musical plays to have been seen in a long time.

The story principally concerns a young author who has won renown as a writer of comic operas and who is at a loss for a composer to collaborate with him on the work he has in hand. One evening he hears strains of a violin which comes from the apartment over his own and he hastily despatches his servant to bring the player to him as he believes the theme of the air which he has heard will fit admirably with the libretto which he is writing.

He is not only astonished, but discomfited to find that the composer of the air which he has heard is a young girl for he is a confirmed woman hater. In sheer desperation, however, he makes a contract with her to supply the music for his new opera, first stipulating that their dealings shall be wholly of a business nature and that she will be treated just as if she were a man.

Of course this arrangement does not work out quite as satisfactorily as the author had imagined it would and he soon falls desperately in love with his fair partner at the end discovering that she is indeed the Only Girl. In offering this new and successful musical comedy Manager Weber has provided a most excellent cast, among the members of which are: Edna Munsey, Cecila Novasio, Elsie Baird, Genevieve Houghton, Regina Richards, Anna Walker, Franklyn Farnum, Frank Coombs, Tho-

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