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## BRAVERY

There is a kind of bravery which most folks overlook in these hurried, trying days. It isn't the heroism of the man who goes to war, nor yet the sacrifice of the woman who stays at home. It is the remaining cheerful and doing of the everyday work there is to be done, when sorrow has come and when dear ones are helpless and in pain. There is a little woman in this town who is a heroine of this type. She has suffered one of the greatest sorrows possible.

Every Sunday she goes to the cemetery to put flowers on the grave of one for whom she had planned and helped so much—her baby grandchild. And now her husband, no longer young, is sick in bed, and she must give him medicine every hour and sometimes oftener, think of dainty foods to tempt his appetite, besides caring for her home cooking for her son, and tending garden and her chickens. And she is only a little woman, not at all strong. But she greets the caller at her door with outstretched hand and a smile, and never a word of grumbling is heard from her.

Of course, this woman is really no exception—there are many like her. But there are too, many women—stronger, and with much more to live and be happy for—who are disgusted when it rains, and angry when they can't have a new dress or when some little pet plan goes wrong.

We wonder of the two kinds of women which gets the most real joy and beauty of the world and which comes nearer fulfilling the Divine plan of life?

## OUR FIRST BIG BATTLE

America's biggest battle right now is with the soil. If we can conquer it and make it do our bidding in the matter of production our physical struggle with the contending human forces if such struggle must come, will, already, be half won, says the Alhambra Advocate.

In view of the foregoing it is not at all strange that the wise and far-seeing men and women of the nation are banding together, holding mass meetings and urging upon the people to bend every possible energy in the direction of crop production. Not alone are the broad, untilled acres of Uncle Sam's domain being sought for agricultural purposes at this time but in the centers of population where intensified production can be brought about upon town lots and close-in acreage the people are being urged and every available influence brought to bear upon the citizens to couple patriotism and production in a campaign for meeting the physical needs of the people during this period in the world's history when war has made a frightful raid upon food supply everywhere and reduced it to such an extent that actual hunger stares millions in the face unless the peoples, especially of agricultural countries, arise to

the emergency and take advantage of every inch of available soil to relieve the situation.

With the food supply at its present low ebb there is no possible danger of an over-supply being produced. As a matter of self preservation the people, generally, should give their moral support to every movement that has for its purpose increase of food production for even if the supply should be doubled it would be needed and at the same time would reduce the cost of foodstuffs to the consumers, a consumation devoutly to be wished.

## THE LOOKING GLASS

In two weeks  
Weshall be gone.  
Now don't some of you people that used to get mad at us  
And think (all to yourselves)  
that we didn't know half as much as we thought we did—  
Feel sorry? (or glad, maybe)  
Even if you did think 'true.  
Anyway, there's a nice girl coming to take our place.  
And we have had a nice time laboring (?) among the brethren and sistern in this town.  
And we're sorry to leave.  
We realize we might have said all this in a two line personal  
Just what any one else gets when he or she leaves.  
But you see, here's where we can put it over  
Even the mayor and all the rest of the dignitaries.  
We can write this and if our boss doesn't see it in time,  
In it goes.  
And we get one more whack at publicity, and also a chance to say:  
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For Sale, Rent, Wanted, Etc.

- FOUND: Ladies white waist and a towel, clean and unironed. Owner may have same by calling at the News office and paying for this ad.
- FOUND: A white dog, Monday evening. Owner call 127W and pay for this ad.
- FOR SALE—Driving horse and buggy inquire, Mrs. A. R. Crump, 5th and H streets, Springfield, Ore.
- LOST—Sunday an agate locket leave at News office.
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## COMMISSION WILL BUY PAVING PLANTS

Unless Reasonable Bids Are Submitted, State Will Do Work Itself.

Paving plants will be purchased by the state highway commission. If satisfactory bids for laying pavement are not received from contractors the commission will thus be prepared to undertake paving work itself by force account. Bids for all types of standard pavement are to be invited under open and fair competition. The type of pavement to be selected in each individual case is to be determined by cost and local conditions. For work done by contract good and sufficient guarantees of workmanship, material and durability will be exacted from contractors. During the existence of war conditions no construction will be undertaken which will withdraw labor from agriculture and other needed industry. The above is an outline of the general policy which is to be followed by the state highway commission in matters pertaining to the construction of state roads.

## GOOD ROADS POINTERS

"Better Roads Will Build Your Business Bigger" is the catchy good roads slogan coined by C. W. Walls, merchant and enthusiastic good roads booster of Fossil, Wheeler County. Alternate stretches of improved roads and mud holes do not get the farmer or automobile owner anywhere. They need a continuous highway just as a locomotive needs a continuous track. Systems of hard-surfaced highways are the efficient and economical plan. Vote 314 X YES and get some permanent improved roads in Oregon.

In connection with the road bond discussion it is noted that the state highway commission at its last meeting instructed its engineer to collect data relative to the cost of paving plants with a view of being independent of paving contractors. It is also noted that the commission has practically decided to lay a section of cement concrete on the road near Sheridan.

Are you aware that in the past ten years approximately \$40,000,000 has been spent in the state of Oregon on roads, principally patch work, a load of gravel here and one there? In view of this expenditure what about a bond issue of \$6,000,000 for permanent roads? Some people will not believe these figures, but secure them for yourselves. The figures can be secured from different state and county officials.—Brownsville Times.

To bring about an expediency of the good road condition for use in the time of the nation's need it seems best to accept the proposed bond issue, because of the conflicting political interests that seem to have been able to be foisted upon the unwitting, yet honest voters of Oregon through the initiative. The six per cent tax limitation forbids Oregon ever getting adequate and passable roads in the next two centuries, unless the issue is taken up from another angle.—Burns News.

The time has come for Oregon to make a start in the direction of permanent state highway construction. Washington, north of us, will spend \$6,500,000 in the next two years; it is proposed that Oregon spend \$6,000,000 in five years; California, south of us, has authorized \$15,000,000 to be spent in the next two years and about as much more will be spent by the counties of California. Indications are that conservative people are awakening to the need of getting away from the mud and dust and expense of poorly built and maintained means of communication.—More Observer.

Under the tax limitation law there can be only 6 per cent increase in taxes annually. As that increase will probably be made by the tax levying bodies whether any extensive road building is done or not, the voters should certainly decide in favor of good roads. There need be no fear of additional state bond issues, either, unless the people of the state want them as such bonds can only be issued after the matter has been approved by popular vote. The present tax rate, with the annual 6 per cent increase, will provide the state with an excellent system of roads in a few years. Since the taxes must be paid anyway, let's have good roads.—Roseburg Review.

"Considering the condition of the roads the past few days," says the Burns Tribune, "it is not likely that the people of Harney County will vote against the \$6,000,000 bond issue or any other measure that has for its purpose the building of permanent highways which would be passable the entire year. In this country where the ground is practically level permanent highways could be built at a nominal cost. Under the present laws of the state there is no reason why the roads should be in an impassable condition. If this county is to progress and develop it must have roads over which teams and autos may pass not only certain portions of the year but at all times."

## TAKE TWENTY SUBMARINES.

Base Located by British, the Starving Crews Surrendered. A member of the British war commission declared in Washington that twenty German submarines and their crews were captured by the British on April 10, the day before the party sailed. "They weren't exactly captured, either," said the Englishman. "They had been searching for a destroyed base for days, had been suffering for food and water, and when our boats picked them up many of the men were on the verge of starvation. The crews were quite subdued and gladly surrendered. "England is getting a lot more submarines than you people in America have any idea of. "The submarine commanders are having a rough time of it. Their bases are sought out and destroyed almost before they are established. The British know of certain bases, but they let them alone until the submarines are gone, then destroy them and leave the U boats in a hole."

Among the false statements circulated by opponents of the \$6,000,000 road bond bill is one to the effect that the burden of paying for the bonds will be saddled upon the taxpayers of the state. The fact is that under the quarter-mill state road tax, which is in effect and has been for the last four years, the taxpayer assessed for \$1000 will pay 25 cents a year. In the 25 years the bonds are to run the total amount the taxpayer will contribute under this tax will be \$6.25 and its payment will be distributed over a period of 25 years. Besides, this tax is already provided by statute and must be paid regardless of whether the road bonds are voted at the special election June 4th. The revenue from the increased automobile licenses will be more than sufficient to pay both interest and principal on the road bonds. The direct taxes of the individual taxpayer, therefore, will not be increased if the road bonds are voted.

## Card of Thanks

We wish to thank those who so kindly assisted during the illness and death of our beloved one and also to thank those who brought the beautiful floral offerings  
C. E. Whiteley and family.  
L. C. Scott and family.

## Don't Use Rhubarb Leaves.

Because rhubarb leaves contain certain substances which make them poisonous to a great many persons, specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture warn housewives against using this portion of the plant for food. A number of letters have been received by the department calling attention to the fact that certain newspapers and magazines are advocating the use of rhubarb leaves for greens, and that disastrous results have followed the acceptance of the advice.

## Call For Warrants.

Notice is hereby given that I will pay on presentation at my office Warrants of School District No. 150 of Glenwood, Oregon, numbered 117 and 120. Interest ceases after June 1st, 1917. Dated this 25th day of May 1917.

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