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TRIBUNE GUESSES WERE COOD

When The Tribune opposed bonding the state for the purpose of building paved roads, it believed it was a scheme evolved in order to complete the Columbia highway. Our guess seems to have been a good one as several contracts to build paving along the Columbia have been let.

We made another good guess when we opined that the road bonds would not sell at par. The best offer which can be obtained for \$500,000 of these bonds, was slightly over \$470,000. At this rate the entire sum of over \$7,000,000 will yield but about \$6,500,000.

The Tribune is not prepared to say the contracts let for paving were over high, when the question of the scarcity and high prices of labor is considered. Doubtless the bids were as low as contractors dared go. Future contracts will probably be still higher.

So with the loss on bond sales and the high cost of labor over normal times, we are likely to get very many less miles of road than if we had waited for peace before tackling the job.

Now there is just one method of procedure that will make the state good roads commission popular and make future issues of bonds possible. The commission should flatly refuse to sell bonds for less than par value. True, this might delay the completion of the highway which Portland autoists so much desire. But if these same highway boosters will boost the selling price of the bonds to par, the delay need not be incurred.

Another wise step for the commission would be to establish a cement plant and so get the cement at absolute cost. Even if \$100,000 should be thus spent, the saving over what private owners will supply the cement, would be several times that sum. Moreover, we are likely to have many I. W. W.s doing time in prison and the cement plant would furnish ideal employment for them.

Should the price of cement be thus reduced, paving contractors would bid half the sum they now demand and make as much or more money. And should the delay of paving be held off a couple of years, the patents on pavement will have run out and the expense of royalty would be saved.

Let the commission go forward at once, sell the bonds for what it can get and let paving contracts while labor is scarce and high, the people will not vote other bond issues as readily as this one was voted.

So Mr. Commissioners, use a little diplomacy in this matter. Just say to these road boosters, get in and buy the bonds at par if you want the roads paved. Give them that alternative and the bonds will sell dollar for dollar.

Oregon bonds, both for rural

credits and roads, should be gilt edged. They should be almost as popular as Liberty War bonds. Oregon is not in debt and her paper should be easily floated. Any way, nothing would be lost by waiting.

LET GEORGE DO IT

When the American people were asked to subscribe for Liberty bonds and they responded by, subscribing one-half more than was called for, one could not help but feel proud that he was an American citizen. His ideas of American patriotism were raised several notches. And when, only a few days later, they were asked to raise a Red Cross fund of \$100,000,000, they again overtopped the sum asked for by several millions. Then one's enthusiasm was raised to the topmost notch.

But when the real test of American patriotism was called upon—when an army of over one-half million and all of our young men, rich and poor were treated alike, the response of the many who filed reasons for exemption from service, caused our patriotism to take a lofty tumble. "Let George do it" seems to be the sentiment of more than 50 per cent of those asked to serve. And many of those called, far too many, do not stop at committing perjury to keep from serving.

Of course these young men who ask for exemption, are not in sympathy with Germany on the question of war. Yet their reluctance to shoulder a musket and march to the front, is highly pleasing to the kaiser. They are attempting to do just what he would have them. But of all of these would-be slackers, the young man, who hastens to get married just to have an excuse to ask exemption, is the most despicable and the ruling that such marriage will not supply cause for exemption, is most satisfactory to the truly patriotic.

Young man, you who are able-bodied, are asked to simply do your duty. You are asked to protect the government which you demand shall protect you and your home and loved ones. Moreover the man who refuses to fight to protect the American government is unworthy of American citizenship and should be expatriated at once. We have no use for such molly codde citizens.

But many of them will have to go whether or no and should they be guilty of cowardice on the battle line, as they seem to be about answering the call for service, our military authorities have a quick method of disposing of such slackers.

COMMUNITY CO-OPERATION

Any American farmer who is worthy of the name likes to be associated with a good, clean, up-to-date, enterprising business town as his postoffice and trading center. Its an asset to the farming community to have good churches, good schools, a good commercial club, and good business houses within easy reach. The growth and prosperity and service which such a town can render to its country neighbors depends much more largely upon the farmers themselves than they are apt to think. The more you trade with the town merchant the better stock he can keep. The more you help out the condensery or the cheese factory or the grain warehouse company or the garage or the farmers union, or any other organization that is helping out the town and country alike, the better town you will have.

Your town is sure to have some sort of a moving picture show. It is far better that you should have a good, reputable movie than a low-class picture show. Farm fathers and mothers can expect a great in-

fluence in the matter of clean museums in a town.

If the business men help out in the matter of good roads, why should not the farmers co-operate in town betterment?

The fact is that the rural town is a farming town and depends not only upon the production of the of the farms within its territory for its own success, but this rural town is of itself an index to the farmers who live within its territory.

Community co-operation, community development, means that the farm women join with the town women as members of the commercial club, as they do in Garfield, Washington. It means a community co-operation in caring for and beautifying the local cemetery, as at Oakdale, in the same county; it means that the town people unite with the farm people in the community clubhouse, as at Orville, in Washington; it means that the farmers and the townspeople unite in making an institution of the annual picnic, as on the irrigation project a few miles out of Caldwell, Idaho; it means that the townspeople and the farm-people unite in that marvelous institution, the children's fair, as at McMinville, Oregon.

Wherever you find the farmers co-operating with the townspeople you have a good town, and when you have a good town you are pretty sure to find good people living on the farms around that town. You cannot build up a successful social life without community effort. Good stores, good churches, good schools, good roads, good farm organization must have the co-operation of the farmers as well as of the townspeople themselves.—Oregon Farmer

All Must Make Good

The California Council for defense rules that the hen must lay 140 eggs a year to justify her existence. The standard heretofore has been 120 eggs. But feed is dearer and only the efficient hen is to be permitted to survive.

It is easy to get rid of the hen that does not pay her way. One swift stroke of the ax, a potpie and the fowl has performed her highest economic mission. There is, perhaps unfortunately, no similar way of weeding out the slackers of the human race. But food for humans is more costly, too, and there are impelling reasons why all who eat should render an equivalent.

All the money in the world will not buy food for the people unless someone first produces it. The idler is no less a non-producer because he has money with which to pay for his meals. In these times every able bodied man ought to give account of himself. If he is not engaged in some occupation that is helpful to the nation he is falling short of his patriotic duty.

Maryland and West Virginia have passed laws requiring all to work who are able to, whether they have incomes or not. These laws, confessedly emergency war measures are still in the experimental stage. It cannot be foretold how they will work out. But meanwhile individual conscience and the force of public opinion can do much.

Utter idleness ought to be made unfashionable. There are too many things to be done right now for anyone to be shirking his share. There is a job waiting for every husky citizen. The fellow who dodged registration under the draft are not the only slackers. It is possible for a millionaire of exemption age to fail just as completely to measure up to the standard of the hour. Until this war is over, the country has no room for a leisure class.—Oregonian.

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