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## A SENSIBLE MOVEMENT

A late issue of the Oregonian states, the state organization of the Farmers Union announces that it will initiate a measure to be voted on next year for the purpose of canceling or recalling one-half of the sum voted for state road bonds at the recent special election.

The Tribune will not hesitate in saying that this is a most sensible movement and one which will meet with the approval of the majority of the voters of the state, if we except Multnomah county. This is probably true because the road bonds would have been defeated if the Multnomah vote could have been excluded and, even in the metropolitan county, the vote might have been negative had it not been for the \$6000 election fund, principally raised in that county, most of which, we also assume, was spent there as well.

The movement is a wise one for several reasons, the principal of which is our participation in the world war, the end of which no one can foretell, nor the amount of money the people of Oregon will be called upon to furnish. It is a fact that of these bonds which have been sold, have been disposed of at a heavy discount, when they are gilt-edged and should sell at a premium. It is probable, further sales of bonds under present conditions, will be discounted heavily, because bond buyers are cautious because of the demands the government may make upon them and they, patriotically, feel that the winning of the war, just now, is of greater moment than the building of paved roads.

Another feature is, the scarcity and high price of labor which will reduce the mileage by, probably, one-half which the bond money will construct. With normal conditions returned in the cost of living and, with our soldier boys returned from the war, who will need the employment, wages can and will be greatly reduced. Moreover, labor cannot be obtained now, unless it be drawn from occupations and lines of industry which are required to produce the things necessary in the prosecution of the war.

There is no doubt but hard surface roads will be a necessity in the near future where there is a heavy traffic—aye, are a necessity now. The best gravel roads we can build will not stand the heavy auto trucks which are almost daily being brought into use to supply the increasing business activity. The auto truck is here to stay and it will not be many months until they will be found on almost every farm. For this reason the paved roads will be found the most economical.

But the proceeds from the sale of the road bonds are not to be expended on roads which, from a business viewpoint, will result in the greatest benefit. The completion of the Columbia and Pacific highways,

will be of but small benefit to the average farmer and mill man, for they parallel where there are both river and rail transportation lines, which are capable of carrying the traffic. It is the highways which reach points where there are neither rail nor river transportation where the paved road is most needed and which should be considered by the state good roads commission, if it would work for the real benefit of business in Oregon, instead of, considering joy riding as its main purpose.

The Farmers Union people evidently view building paved roads for business purposes rather than for pleasure. They are not opposed to paved highways, for nearly every farmer who possibly can afford it, now owns his automobile and enjoys pleasure riding in his auto as well as his city brother. But he regards pleasure riding as incidental rather than as a leading feature and places the requirements of business interests first.

However, The Tribune believes the Farmers Union will make a mistake unless they incorporate in their proposed initiative bill, prohibition of the selling of road bonds below their par value and the postponing of any further procedure in the building of paved roads by the state, until the close of the war. Even Multnomah county, where the road bonding measure was concocted just in the last days of the legislative session, might support an initiative measure of this character.

We are asked by the food conservation commission to eat less sugar and bread made of white flour, etc. Surely it is in reason to ask that the money proposed to be raised from the sale of road bonds, shall not be wasted when, let us hope, in a year or two years at most, the money will pave double the mileage which it will while the war is on. Moreover, the state will not have to pay a royalty on the Warrenite road material and, probably, the state will be grinding its own cement by that time, which would make the building of road pavement cheaper than macadamizing. All the average tax payer asks, is to have money raised from the road bonds expended wisely and economically. It would be wisdom for the state to look to her business interests first and to get the best possible result for the money expended. A postponement until the close of the war will make economy possible.

## NOT A GOOD EXAMPLE FOR BOYS

Last Saturday morning The Tribune man was a spectator in Judge Kelly's court room when Jeff Baldwin was brought before the bar for sentence. Baldwin is regarded as a very bad man and which his own admission substantiates. Two guards were his escort from Salem to Albany and his hands and feet were shackled as well. When brought into court, Sheriff Bodine was added to his escort in addition to his guards, the sheriff marching in front and the two guards in the rear. Baldwin's right hand was shackled to a valise which contained the leg shackles, which he carried with his right hand. He was released of the handcuffs while sitting in the court room.

Baldwin was serving a five-year sentence in the penitentiary when he escaped and his recapture was made in a gun battle at Shedd. To the four and one-half years not served when he escaped, Judge Kelly added ten years for robbing a house in Tangent and resisting an officer with intent to kill, at Shedd.

Baldwin, while not a bad featured man, had a look of desperation and determination which marked him as

the bad man his character indicated. Having a broad high forehead, which indicates a strong brain power, he could have become a useful citizen if he would. But the depression in the top of his head, showing an absolute lack of veneration and heavy back head, indicates that he would be a dangerous character in any walk of life. Being a confirmed criminal, with but small hope of reformation, he should and doubtless will spend most of his days in prison.

Boys, you who do not cultivate a habit of industry and are slightly inclined to viciousness, just think that Jeff Baldwin was both idle and vicious in his boyhood days, just as you may become unless you employ your minds in useful endeavor. He might have made a brilliant and useful man, for his head measurements would make him a leader in whatever his undertaking might be. But idleness brought him to the necessity of having money and his determination and lack of reverence for law and—well penal servitude is the result. His has been a sort of life no boy or young man should accept as a model and the reverse of the course he has evidently followed, is the safe one.

## Teachers Examinations

Notice is hereby given that the county superintendent of Linn county, Oregon, will hold the regular examination of applicants for state certificates at the court house, as follows:

Commencing Wednesday, December 19, 1917 at 9 o'clock a. m., and continuing until Saturday, December 22, 1917, at 4 o'clock p. m.

### Wednesday Forenoon

U. S. History, Writing (penmanship,) Music, Drawing.

### Wednesday Afternoon

Physiology, Reading, Composition, Manual Training, Domestic Science, Methods in Reading, Course of Study for Drawing, Methods in Arithmetic.

### Thursday Forenoon

Arithmetic, History of Education, Psychology, Methods in Geography, Mechanical Drawing, Domestic Art, Course of Study for Domestic Art.

### Thursday Afternoon

Grammar, Geography, American Literature, Stenography, Physics, Typewriting, Methods in Language, Thesis for Primary Certificate.

### Friday Forenoon

Theory and Practice, Orthography (spelling), Physical Geography, English Literature, Chemistry, Physical Culture.

### Friday Afternoon

School Law, Geology, Algebra, Civil Government.

### Saturday Forenoon

Geometry and Botany.

### Saturday Afternoon

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Oats " "	.85
Bran per ton	44.00
Wheat chop per ton	65.00
Oat chop " "	60.00
Barley Chop " "	50.00
Flour per sack	2.55
Eggs per dozen, cash	.46
Butter fat per lb	.61
Chickens, hens per lb	.15
" spring " "	.15
" roosters " "	.10
Turkeys " "	.10
Geese " "	.10
Ducks " "	.15
Beef " "	.08
Veal " "	.13 1/4
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