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*I pledge allegiance to my flag and
the Republic for which it stands, one
Nation, indivisible, with liberty and
justice for all.*

SCIO, OREGON, MARCH 24, 1921

THE SOLDIERS BONUS GRAFT

One of the measures to be sub-
mitted to the voters of Oregon at
the special election in June, is what
is known as the "Soldiers Bonus"
which, if successful will greatly in-
crease the already too heavy burden
of taxation.

It is unfortunate that the soldiers
of the late war are crowding this
measure forward at this time when
taxation is mounting so rapidly sky-
ward, for many taxpayers will op-
pose the measure who, under more
favorable conditions, would give it
their assent. But these same sol-
diers are pressing it now, hoping
and expecting that the fires of pa-
triotism is yet burning in the breasts
of our citizens sufficient to cause
them to dig down deeply in their
pockets and pay the graft; for
stripped of all sentiment the bonus
asked for is nothing but a graft and
the ex-soldiers know it is to be a
graft. One of the ex-soldiers who
lobbied for the measure at the legis-
lature was asked to postpone the
measure for two years, refusing to
do so, saying, "We cannot get it
then", proving conclusively that he
at least was trying to exploit the
patriotism of the people.

The Tribune is profoundly aware
that our country owes an unlimited
debt of gratitude to the soldiers not
only of the German war but to those
of all other wars as well. All have
fought to protect our common coun-
try and her institutions. But the
people who kept the home fires
burning are entitled to our gratitude
as well as the soldiers, all have done
their respective duties as their situ-
ations and conditions required. The
farmer who produced the food
and those who produced the neces-
sary equipment, served their coun-
try as patriotically as the soldier in
the field.

Now the soldiers of our late war
were the highest paid soldiers in the
world and as a rule were supplied
with the best food and care which
any soldiers ever received. Com-
pared with the soldiers of the civil
war, their pay was nearly four times
greater, if figured on a gold basis.
So under that consideration neither
Oregon nor the United States owes
them anything for they are as much
in duty bound to serve their country
as any of us.

Moreover, our country provided
war insurance for them, which it did
not do for the soldiers of any other
war and it is their own fault if their
families, provided loss of life oc-
cured, are not now provided for.

At the present time the German
war soldiers are always favored in
legislation, business, etc. And this
is right for we all feel the obligation
of favoring our country's defenders.

But if the proposed bonus carries,
the people will feel that the debt is
paid. No longer can the boys who
were the kakhi consistently ask for
favors.

As citizens, these boys did nothing
more than their duty. As such they
were in duty bound to fight the bat-
tles, to defend the rights and priv-
ileges guaranteed to every citizen.
If they were at the proper age they
should be proud of having done this,
the greatest duty which may be re-
quired of the citizen. This patri-
otism should not be measured on a
dollars and cents basis. They should
be entitled to be enrolled in the ar-
chives of the nation's roll of honor.
And again, if the Oregon boys are
entitled to a bonus, the soldiers from
all other states should be given the
same. Hence the bonus, if any,
should be paid by the general govern-
ment.

Oregon is proud of her soldiers,
but if they succeed in carrying this
bonus graft, the fact of their serving
in the German war will be a disgrace
rather than an honor. The writer
is a civil war veteran and feels he
has a right to indulge in this criti-
cism.

Abandoned to Die.

Last Saturday a horse belonging
to a farmer who had driven him to
town became so sick that the farmer
apparently abandoned him to die on
the common.

The Tribune does not know if any
attempt was made by the owner of
the horse to relieve or ease him in
any way, but it does know that to
treat a faithful domestic animal in
this way is a manifestation of cruelty
in the extreme.

Perhaps this horse has earned
hundreds of dollars for its owner
for the only reward of the feed he
consumed. Then when overtaken
by what appears to be a fatal sick-
ness, to be abandoned in this way is
unusual, to say the least. The owner
should have had heart enough to
have placed the animal under a shel-
ter of some kind. It is certainly a
case of cruelty to an animal which
the authorities should look into.

WILL REORGANIZE THE GOV- ERNMENT.

It is said President Harding and
congress purpose to reorganize the
government at the coming special
session of congress.

By reorganization it is meant that
all the deadwood in the way of su-
perfluous clerks, duplication of bu-
reaux, etc., will be eliminated and
cast into the discard.

If the administration accomplishes
this result it will add a very large
feather to its headgear, for it is a
job no administration of the past
has been able to do. In fact no
other administration has ever made
the attempt.

Nearly all of these federal em-
ployes have been placed in position
at the solicitation of congressmen
or others who have a strong political
pull. Every new bureau has been
created to give the constituent of
some congressman a lucrative job in
the main. So whenever the attempt
is made to discontinue a bureau or
discharge an employe the entire ar-
my of federal papsuckers rises in
protest; for each of them begins to
think his job may be the next.

Moreover, whenever a new con-
gressman is elected, or an old one re-
elected, he has a young army of po-
litical job hunters as hangers on and
many of whom the aforesaid con-
gressman feels under obligation to,
and who must be awarded a political
job of some kind, and if the debt
can be paid at government expense
the said congressman and job hunter
are the better pleased.

It is a well known fact that when
a person becomes an employe of the

government, and his name is placed
on the payroll, it is almost an im-
possible stunt to dislodge him there-
from. It is said some names have
been and are carried on the payroll
as "active" when the individual has
been dead several years. So Presi-
dent Harding will arouse a hornet's
nest whenever he attempts to lop
off the deadbeats who draw monthly
stipends from Uncle Sam.

But he can do nothing which will
make him more popular among the
masses of the people, for every non
office holding citizen will be glad to
see these grafters forced to rustle
for a living the same as ordinary
humanity.

Good authority states that one-
fourth of the present government
employes could do the work requir-
ed, providing they would work the
same as a private employer would
require.

OREGON NEWS NOTES OF GENERAL INTEREST

A total of \$216,000 will be returned
to Union county if the service men's
bonus bill is passed at the election
in June.

Peaches are in full bloom in most
sections of Douglas county, and there
is every prospect of a bumper crop
this year.

The Douglas county jail, which has
been condemned by every grand jury
during the last ten years, will be
slightly remodeled.

R. B. Stephens, on trial at Marsh-
field, charged with the murder of Ed
Wilson, was acquitted after the jury
had deliberated two hours.

The beekeepers of Linn and Ben-
ton counties formed an organization
for their mutual benefit at a meeting
held in Albany recently.

In the vicinity of Bandon, a few
miles north, a number of miners are
searching the black sands for gold and
platinum and with fair success.

William F. Gratke has been elected
secretary of the Astoria Chamber of
Commerce to fill the vacancy caused
by the resignation of C. I. Barr.

Mrs. Sarah F. Osburn, pioneer of
1853, is dead at Harrisburg at the
age of 90 years. She was related to
Kit Carson and General Robert E.
Lee.

Fire losses in Oregon, exclusive of
Portland, for the month of February,
aggregated \$204,675, according to a
report prepared by the state fire mar-
shal.

An application for increase of rates
has been filed with the public service
commission by the Coos-Curry Tele-
phone company, with offices at
Marshfield.

The Eugene Fruitgrowers' associa-
tion shipped two carloads of dried
prunes to the east last week and has
but five or six carloads left in the
warehouse.

At the last report from the watch-
man at the Warm Springs Irrigation
district's reservoir in Malheur county,
a total of 56,000 acre-feet has flowed
into the basin.

Lumber shipments from Klamath
Falls showed an increase of 200 per
cent over January and February. Aver-
age shipments of 15 carloads daily
were maintained.

The new \$75,000 music building at
the University of Oregon, having a
capacity of 615 well equipped studios
and practice rooms, will be ready for
occupancy by May.

Klamath Falls residents who took
part in Sunday's rabbit drive near
Dorris, Cal., reports that 400 persons
joined in the extermination and de-
stroyed 1500 rabbits.

E. V. Carter, of Ashland, was ap-
pointed a member of the state fair
board to succeed A. C. Marsters of
Roseburg, at the expiration of the
latter's term on March 14.

Much road work has begun in the
Medford section and, weather permit-
ting, large crews will be at work on
the Pacific highway and tributary
roads within a short time.

The Lane county court has de-
creased wages for road laborers to
\$3.50 a day, as compared with \$4 last
year, and \$7 a day for man and team
instead of \$8 previously paid.

The state fair board has completed
arrangements for the construction of
a new poultry pavilion and agricul-
tural and implement building, the
two structures to cost \$45,000.

The Oregon Dairymen's league has
decided to dispose of the skim milk,
whey and buttermilk of its factories

under contract, the contracts to be
awarded to the highest bidders.

A tract of ten lots on the railroad
spur in north Roseburg has been
purchased by the Union Oil company,
which will immediately begin con-
struction of a distributing plant on
the property.

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Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given, to all whom it
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been, by the county court of Linn coun-
ty, Oregon, duly appointed adminis-
trator of the estate of Georgianna Dugger,
late of Linn county, Oregon, deceased.
Any and all persons having claims
against said estate are hereby required
to present the same to the undersigned
at his residence at Scio, Linn county,
Oregon, on or before six months from
the date hereof, duly verified as by law
required.

Dated this 1st day of March, A. D.
1921. T. L. DUGGER,
Administrator.
Weatherford & Wyatt, Attys for Admr

Riley Shelton

Real Estate Broker
and Notary Public

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