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BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

MANY people are opposed to a public bonded indebtedness because of the yearly burden of paying interest on the bonds and the argument is often heard that it is better to wait till the cash is available to build good roads or make other necessary public improvements than to sell bonds on which interest charges must be paid for a term of years.

The fallacy of such argument can best be illustrated by comparing county or other public indebtedness, contracted for the purpose of making some necessary public improvement, with a private debt contracted by an individual for the purpose of meeting some necessary demand for his health, comfort or success in business.

Suppose a man with a reasonable income and with good credit in his community, but with no cash on hand should lose his home by fire and have no insurance. Would it be considered good business or even good sense for that man to make up his mind that he would not go in debt to build a home, but that he would allow his family to camp in some hollow tree or live in a cave for five or ten or twenty years until he could earn and save enough money to build a good home?

Suppose some Morrow county farmer had 1000 acres of 30-bushel wheat standing in the field but had no machinery to harvest it with and could hire no one to cut it for him. Would it be good business or good common sense for him to stubbornly decidethat he would not go in debt for harvest machinery because he would have to pay interest on the money?

The answer may be made that good roads are not as essential to the welfare of a community as is the question of a home or the saving of a wheat crop to the individual—that we already have roads that have answered the purpose in the past and that are good enough for the present and future.

The writer has been told that a family of pioneer settlers in what is now Morrow county spent their first winter here in a cave on upper Willow creek and he is well acquainted with a prosperous citizen of Gilliam county who tells of harvesting his first crop of wheat hay grown in that county by pulling it up by the roots because he had no mowing machine, scythe or sickle. People do not live nor harvest their crops in any such a way now, however, neither are they satisfied to continue in the old way of wearing out mule teams, wheat wagons and auto tires traveling our old fashioned, mud-cursed, dust-dammed roads.

Morrow county expended, in round numbers, about \$30,000 last year repairing and trying to keep in a passable condition our county roads, not including the money spent in permanent road improvements under the direction of the State Highway engineers. If we continue under the old system we may expect to expend that much or more each succeeding year and at the end of that time we would have no really good roads.

The interest on a bond issue of \$290,000 at 5 per cent would amount to \$14,500 annually, less than one-half the present annual maintenance cost of the present old dirt roads. Adding to the \$290,000 an equal amount we would receive from the state would give the county \$580,000 for work with whatever portion of that amount which might be expended in forest and post roads again doubled by the federal government giving the county an aggregate of not far from \$1,000,000 which would be available within the next few years for building permanent roads.

Every mile of scientifically constructed, well drained, permanent road built in the county will reduce the annual cost of maintenance of the old dirt roads, so it may readily be seen that as the work of making permanent roads progresses a corresponding decrease in maintenance will be accomplished and an increasing proportion of the \$30,000 now spent in graveling mud holes and raking rocks off the grades will be available for paying interest on the bonds and creating a sinking fund for their ultimate redemption.

ANNUAL CLEANUP DAY

Heppner's annual clean-up day should be made a particularly special order of business this year because there is so much to do. The burnt-over districts should receive special attention and not be allowed to remain a community eyesore for another season. The Herald understands that the Civic Improvement club will take more than a passing interest in clean-up day this year and in that case may hope to see some real results accomplished. Is it too much to hope that the old Palace Hotel debris will be cleared from the streets and the sidewalks opened around that corner. Nine months is a long time for citizens and taxpayers to have to walk around an obstruction of that kind.

A WELL MATED PAIR

AT Washington on Tuesday, when congress finally adjourned with much important legislation defeated by a filibuster, Senators Penrose and LaFollette, after having done all they could to make the filibuster a success, rode away together, which at least was fitting, as one has not a whit more real regard for the country than the other. The old saying of birds of a feather flocking together applies here.—Canonsburg Notes

Senator Borah of Idaho, having tried to reach the White House by the progressive route and having failed has switched to the stand-pat track where he is trying to outbid the slowest of the reactionaries. We do not think that he will succeed in getting anywhere, except into the political grave yard.

THEIR GROUNDLESS FEARS

MART critics of the League of Nations have been saying that should the U. S. join the League and be subject to a border attack by Mexico we could not retaliate but would have to lay the case before he league. President Taft answered the critics on that point a week ago in New York. He points out that when a nation fails to submit a case to the league and makes an attack instead the other nation is relieved instanter from any obligation to submit its side of the case. Consequently those who shout about Mexican border raids have no grounds for their assertions. They are equally wrong in their fears about the Monroe doctrine and about immigration, as most people will realize who have been following the discussions.—East Oregonian

BRAIN LEAKS

By LYNN PURDIN

A prehistoric bone has been found in Klamath county. Wonder if it is that famous old "bone of contention?"

American over-seas veterans recently were asked to don German uniforms for making a motion picture—and of course they refused. "How to be a German" was not a part of their military training.

"Era of Air is Dawning," says a headline in the Sunday Oregonian. We thought congress had adjourned.

Breweries will turn their breweries into candy factories after July first. Candy beans?

Oregon's quota for 1919 War Saving Stamps is \$10,000,000—a mere bagatelle.

Even the American Indians have voiced their approval of the League of Nations. Which puts Senator Borah in a class by himself.

We have just learned what makes Mayor Ole Hanson of Seattle such a fighter. He has ten children.

Mary had a little lamb
That used to make things hum.
It tried to stop a car one day
And now the lamb is on the bun.

Plans are under way to make Oregon first in the fifth Liberty Loan. But why plan—that's Oregon's natural position.

A press rumor has it that Jonathan Bourne, Jr., is to run for senator in Oregon. Even though Oregon has committed some pretty foolish political blunders in the past it can hardly be expected that she will "pull a boner" like that.

Klamath county wants to secede from Oregon and become a part of California. Klamathites should remember that California will be just as dry as Oregon after July first.

RECENT DEATHS

MARLATT

John Wesley Marlatt, a former well known resident of Heppner, passed away at his home at Wapata Washington, Friday, March 14th, aged 75 years and 11 months. The remains were brought to Heppner, funeral services being held at the Christian church yesterday afternoon conducted by Rev. F. A. Andrews. Interment was in Masonic cemetery.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS

The Herald welcomes communications from subscribers and the public generally touching on subjects of general interest to the community. All articles intended for publication must be signed with the true name of the writer not necessarily for publication but as an evidence of good faith of the writer.

Write only on one side of the paper.

Avoid personalities. Write as legibly as possible, paying particular attention to the spelling and legibility of names of persons, places, etc.

Publishing of communications does not mean that the Herald necessarily agrees with the views expressed. The Herald, however, believes that it is the province of an independent local newspaper to give all sides of every question of local interest as nearly as possible.

The editor reserves the right to reject all matter which he considers improper or unfit for publication. Anonymous articles go straight to the waste basket.

ESTRAYED

Last seen on Blackhorse last January, one black Poland-China boar, weight about 250 pounds and in good condition when last seen. Please notify G. W. SWAGGERT, Lexington, Oregon. 46-47

All the local news, \$2 the Herald.

IT ISN'T YOUR TOWN—IT'S YOU

If you want to live in the kind of a town.
Like the kind of a town you like.
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.
You'll only find what you left behind
For there's nothing that's really new.
It's a knock at yourself when you knock your town.
It isn't the town—it's you.

Real towns are not made by men
afraid
Lest somebody else gets ahead.
When everyone works and nobody shirks,
You can raise a town from the dead.
And if while you make your personal stake
Your neighbors can make one, too
Your town will be what you want to see.
It isn't the town—it's you.

Jerry Brosnan was circulating among his friends Thursday telling a few of those good old stories for which he is famous.

HAS MANY RELATIVES IN ARMY IN FRANCE

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Duncan returned a few days ago from Newport, Va., where they went some two months ago in response to advices from Mr. Duncan's old home announcing the serious illness of his father who passed away the day after they strated east. Mr. Duncan had been away from his old home for 11 years and he says there is little change in that country in that time except changes the war has wrought in thinning out the young men of the neighborhood.

Mr. Duncan has two brothers and 14 cousins with the American Expeditionary Forces in Europe and last accounts they were all still in France. A peculiar circumstance is that all of the 16 relatives have seen active service on the west front and all came through without a scratch except Lieutenant Aner Duncan, a cousin of Walter, who was wounded while flying over the enemy lines.

Mr. Duncan thinks the east is a fine place to visit for a few weeks but it is Heppner for him when it comes to a permanent place to live.

STAR THEATRE

The Little House With The Big Program

Read This List of Attractions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

The Lure of the Circus

Featuring Eddie Polo in his great serial. Get the habit—its a sure thriller.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Commencing on this date we offer a splendid line of Fox Specials, featuring Tom Mix, Gladys Rockwell, Geo. Walsh, Jewel Carmen, Theda Bara and William Farnum.

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25 and 35 Cents

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