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THE TILLERS OF THE SOIL HAVE A RESPONSIBILITY

April 26, 1917.

Mr. Vawter Crawford,
The Gazette-Times,
Heppner, Ore.
Dear Mr. Crawford:
In this great time, when every citi-

zen must do his part, the President has made his chief appeal to the men who live on the land. He is right in doing so, for the safety of our country just now is in the hands of our farmers. What I mean it not merely our safety and the safety of our Allies in the matter of food. I mean that the safety of the United States against foreign invasion hangs on against German arms will be won or

lost in France—the war against star-
vation will be won or lost in America.

The two great weapons in this war are arms and starvation. The Kaiser cannot whip the French and English armies and the English navy while England has food. But it is still possible that the German submarines may be able to keep food

enough from reaching England to starve her into submission.

If the submarines win, the first item in the Kaiser's terms of peace will be the English fleet. With the English fleet in his possession, the Kaiser will be master of the world.

What will happen to us then? Every man who stops to think will know the answer. We shall have money, food, labor, land—everything that is desirable in the world except the power to protect what we have. Experts estimate that it will take up nine months to get ready to meet a German army of even 150,000 men, with modern artillery. Under the circumstances, would the Germans treat us better than they have already treated Belgium and France?

Even if the armies of our Allies should crush the German military power this summer, before the shortage of food can reach the point of want, the world would still need vast quantities of American food. But if they do not, only one course can make us safe, and that is to grow food enough on our farms for ourselves and our Allies, and put ships enough on the sea to carry the food, in spite of the submarines, to the men who are fighting our fight.

If the war lasts beyond this summer, it will be the American farmer who will win or lose the war, who will overcome militarism and autocracy, or allow them to spread and control the world, ourselves included.

This is no fanciful picture, but sober fact. Many a man will make light of it until he comes to think it over, but I venture to say that few will treat it lightly after careful thought. It is no more impossible than the great War itself appeared to be, only a few days before it began.

It is true that we can greatly increase the available food supply out of grain now used in making liquors, and by reducing household waste. But when these two things are done, and done thoroughly, they will not be enough. The final decision will still rest in the hands of the men who raise our food in the first place.

The clear duty of the Nation is to guarantee the farmers a fair price for their crops when grown, and a reasonable supply of labor at harvest. The clear duty of the farmer is to raise food enough to win this war for democracy against Kaiserism.

No such responsibility has ever rested on any class of men since the world began as rests today on the farmers of America.

Sincerely yours,
GIFFORD PINCHOT.

TREASURER'S NOTICE.
Notice is hereby given that all outstanding county warrants up to and including April 30, will be paid upon presentation at my office.

T. J. HUMPHREYS,
County Treasurer.

Dated this 3rd day of May, 1917,
at Heppner, Oregon.

Dr. J. G. Turner, the Portland eye specialist, is in the city today.

Miss Josephine Richardson went to Portland Wednesday to spend two weeks visiting with friends.

MANY ADVANTAGES FROM GOOD ROADS

Investigation By Government Shows Such Expenditures Are Justified.

Investigations conducted by the United States Department of Agriculture prove conclusively that good roads increase school attendance, improve social conditions and enlarge business transactions, while the selling price of tillable farm land increases more than the total cost of the improvements. Discussing these subjects, the Weekly News Letter, published by the Department of Agriculture, had the following:

"A 15 per cent increase in the proportion of the available children attending schools took place following the construction of good roads in eight counties studied by the Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering of the Department. The improvement in roads was followed also in several of the counties, the report shows, by consolidation of a number of the little one-room schools into graded schools, which give the pupils better educational advantages; by the development of various industries, and by social improvements due to easier intercourse. These improvements are related closely to increases in land values and decreases in hauling costs, effects also traced to the construction of improved roads. The studies were made in Spottsylvania, Dinwiddie, Lee and Wise Counties, Virginia; Franklin County, New York; Dallas County, Alabama; Lauderdale County, Mississippi, and Manatee County, Florida.

"To determine as far as possible the exact dollars and cents effect on a county of the improvement of bad roads, specialists of the office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering of the Department made economic surveys in eight counties in each of the years from 1910 to 1915, inclusive.

"This study of the increase in the values of farm lands in the eight counties reveals the rather interesting fact that following the improvement of the main market roads the increase in the selling price of tillable farm lands served by the roads has amounted to from one to three times the total cost of the improvements. The increase in values in these instances which were recorded ranged from 63 per cent to 30 per cent in Spottsylvania Co., Va.; from 68 to 194 per cent in Dinwiddie Co., Va.; from 70 to 80 per cent in Lee Co., Va.; 25 to 100 in Wise Co., Va.; 9 to 114 in Franklin Co., N. Y.; 50 to 100 in Dallas Co., Ala.; 25 to 50 in Lauderdale Co., Miss., and from 50 to 109 in Manatee Co., Fla. The estimates of increase were based for the most part upon the territory within a distance of one mile on each side of the roads improved."

These same investigations by the Department of Agriculture disclosed that in the last 12 years there has been an increase of more than 250 per cent in the total outlay for roads and bridges in the United States.

WHY EVERY COUNTY SHOULD VOTE BONDS

There is an excellent reason why every voter in every county in the State outside of Multnomah County should vote for the \$6,000,000 road bond bill. Here it is:

Multnomah County has paved her roads. The \$6,000,000 paving fund will all be expended outside of Multnomah County. Multnomah County pays 40 per cent of the automobile license and the quarter-mile state road tax, which means she will pay 40 per cent of the \$6,000,000 bonds. Her contribution to the other counties for roads will be \$2,400,000.

Your county will get more back from these bonds than it will contribute.

WILL BE NO CHANCE TO JUGGLE THE BIDS

The State Highway Commission has formulated a general policy in the matter of letting contracts for road work in co-operation with the counties as contemplated in the \$6,000,000 road bond bill. It has been decided that the Commission sitting with the county court will let the contracts in the county in which the work is to be done. All bids are to be received on the day of award from the bidders or agents directly on the day of opening and read in the presence of the bidders. The object aimed at is to preclude any charge of the bids having been tampered with.

Farmers not residing on any of the roads to be improved under the road bond bill should not for that reason oppose the bond measure. With the approval of the voters of the bond issue, every such farmer will derive a two-fold benefit. In the first place, he will be brought that much closer to a hard-surfaced road. Secondly, the money now expended on the main roads will be available for the improvement of the connecting roads. Surely, the farmer, regardless of his residence with respect to the main trunk roads, cannot help but recognize that he will be benefited by the expenditure of funds raised by the proposed bond issue.

Young men are being continually urged to "Get back to the Farm," but they are expected to wade in mud up to their knees to get there. Vote for the \$6,000,000 bond measure and help make the farm more accessible to labor as well as to the markets.

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