RECEIPTS FROM PUBLIC LANDS

The following are facts and statement furnished by J. W. Brewer, Parm Land Specialist and member of treignition is Diminary Committee of the Orogon State Chamber of Committee.

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Public Lance to avoid on the reclaumiton States of the West, the
major portion of which fund is
transferred to the National Reclamaillon Fund and used by the Government to the reclamation of arid and
swamp lands of the West. Also is
shown the funds expended by the
Reclamation Service in the various
States.

STATE	Receipts From Sale of Public 1918.	Net Investment by the reclamation Solvice on June 36, 1918.	Percent of receipts from States returned to the States
Arizona d	1,533,249 6,381,760	\$17,918,345 3,160,468	110000
Colorado	8,202,446	9,761,709	10600
Idaho	5,916,359	16,729,842	283%
Kansas	1,015,326	335,214	349%
Montana -	12,408,414	12,792,679	1000%
Nebraska	1,929,185	6,212,164	3230%
Nevada	691,327	6,016,760	1320
N Mexico	4,714,158	5,710,088 1,978,525	1000
N Dakota Oklahoma	5,867,860	83,435	1.14.00
Oregon	10.971,698	4,443,585	4100
S Dakota	1,373,575		46.07
Texas	None	2,716,485	10.76
Utah	2,337,948	3,387,186	145%
Wash	7.021.686	9,650,796	1370
Wyoming	5,296,140	7,760,940	146%

The original plan of the Government was to return to each State a sum equal to the amount contributed by said State less a percentage for overhead expenses. In the early history of the Reclamation Service, construction of projects was begun in a number of the States and in order to carry on the work and complete the projects it became necessary to borrow from the Reclamation funds of other States. Soon the project work in some of the States assumed a proportion beyond the possible receipts from the sale of Public Lands in those States. It was then that the original plan was repudiated and new rules adopted which provided that the reciamation receipts be placed in one general fund and for general expenditure on reclamation work without regard to the receipts from

This proved a great value to some of the States, while others were forced to suffer accordingly. The figures shown above but prove the statement. Arizona received 1100% of her contribution and Nevada 856%. With the exception of Oregon, all of the northwest States have received an amount equal or greatly in excess of the contributions: Idaho 2835; Montana 100%, Utah 145% and Washington 1577s, while Oregon has received but 41%. It will be noted that Kansas, North Dakota and Oklahuma have received liens than has Oregon, but there is a reason in that there was not in those States the need for irrigation reclamation as there was and is in Oregon. In this state with the land and soil water available and climatic conditions excellent, there is a crying need for reclamation. Thousands of acres now almost barren, could be made produce wonderful crops.

While there no longer exists any legal obligation upon the part of the Government to return to Oregon the \$6,500,000 which is the excess of contribution ever reclamation investment, yet there still remains the moral obligation.

This sum should come to the State in addition to a just percentage of any future appropriations for general reclamation work. If the people of Oragon will but study the comparative igures given above, they cannot help but realize that, the State has an been justly treated.

Every agency in the State and every tax payer has an interest, either directly or indirectly in this matter, and a united effort should be put forth to secure a just expenditure of reclamation funds here. Every acre irrigated adds to the taxable value of the State and increases Oregon's production area."

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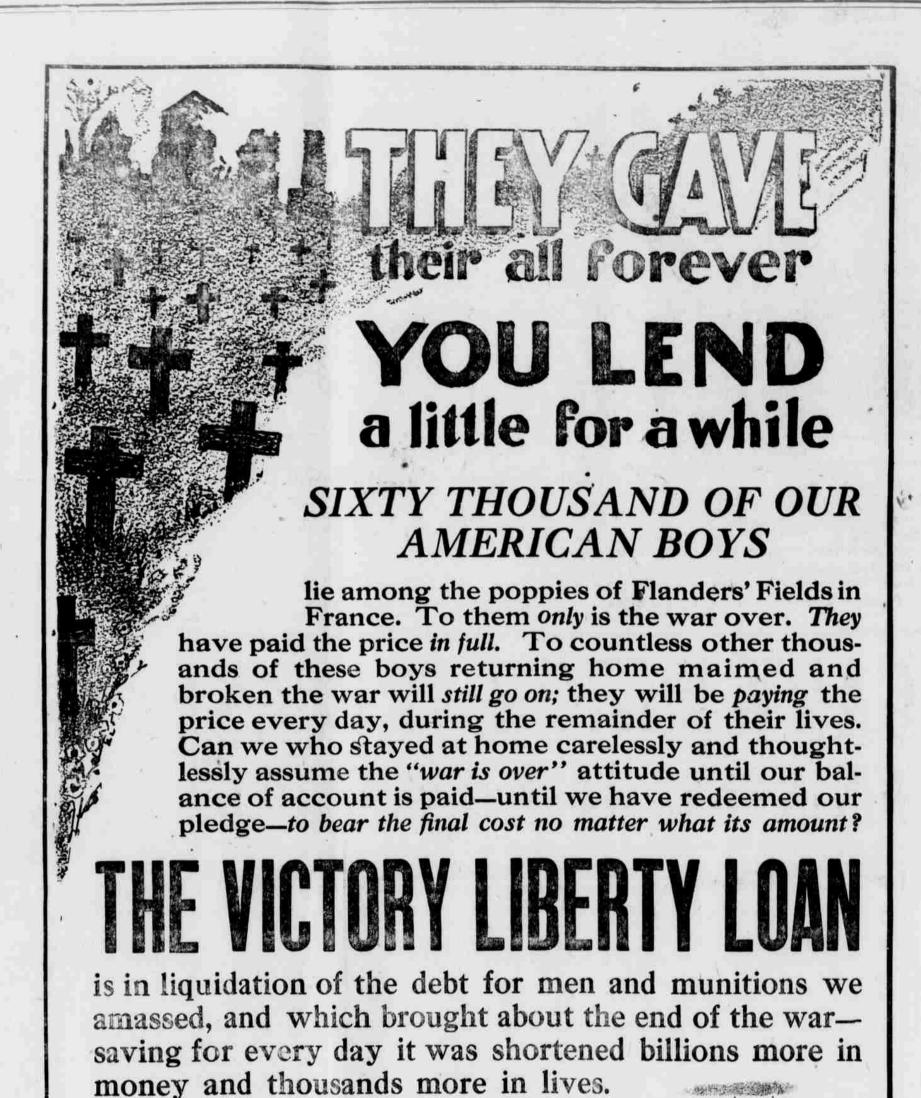
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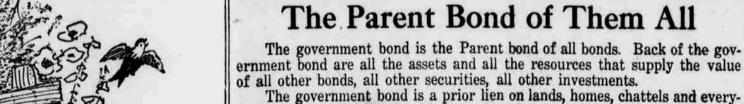
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