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## A BUSINESS PROPOSITION.

Under this heading, Col. Hofer, of The Manufacturer, published at Salem, comes out strongly in favor of the proposed measure to pay irrigation and drainage district bond interest for the first five years after such projects are started. This measure is No. 304 on the ballot, and its purpose has heretofore been set forth in these columns, and has our unqualified indorsement. This Eastern Oregon section is especially interested in the passage of this measure, and the people of Morrow county should support it unanimously. We are glad to give place to this indorsement by Col. Hofer.

Among the measures to be submitted to the voters at election June 3, is one of particular merit from the standpoint of agricultural and industrial development.

From any angle it can be considered the measure to permit the state to pay irrigation and drainage district bond interest for the first five years after such a project is started, by issuing state bonds, said bond money with interest to the state to be repaid by such districts, six months after maturity of such district bonds, seems a safe and sane proposition. It seems doubly safe when it is provided that no such drainage or irrigation district can be started without the approval of a state board comprised of the State Engineer, the Attorney General and the State Superintendent of Banks, who respectively pass on the feasibility of the drainage or irrigation system, the legality of the contracts, etc., and the holding of the bonds by the state as security for these farmer organizations.

The plan is a businesslike way of using the credit of the state for developing what is now waste land so that it can be used by settlers and at the same time requiring these settlers who have the benefits of this improvement of their land, to pay for it. The first five years on any farm is the hard time and when a man needs help. By that time something is coming in.

Individual bond buyers would not take the time to examine titles and investigate the advisability of these different little projects scattered over the state on some 7,000,000 acres of this unused land, but they would buy the bonds immediately the interest was guaranteed by the state.

This is a legitimate way of using the credit of our great state to develop and increase its resources and at the same time provide means for thousands of returning soldiers as well as other settlers to acquire homes.

The state fixes the price and terms of sale at which the land can be bought, in tracts of 60 or 80 acres, and there is no chance for land speculators to shove the price up when the improvement starts.

These lands are located in the Willamette Valley along the Columbia river, in the valleys along the coast and in Eastern, Central and Southern Oregon, about equally divided.

Settlement of these lands will mean \$50,000,000 of outside capital spent in construction work in the next ten years and add a hundred million to assessed valuation of state.

Inasmuch as it is a development proposition for the whole state, the expense of which is borne by the beneficiary and not the taxpayer, it would seem that undivided support should be given the measure at this time when we are exerting every effort for increased production and industrial development.

By what reasoning does the idealist figure out that we are not to judge the future by the past? What reason does he give you that the competitive struggle of history will not continue under a league of nations? If England, as she would, under even the amended covenant, control one-fourth the territory and population of the world, desire to dominate the commerce of the world in conflict with the purposes of the United States, would you be willing to turn that control over to her, and take a chance of thus limiting the development of America? Not because this country

means to be selfish, but because of the desire to be second to none. Would you be willing to surrender any of the principles or traditions that have made America the greatest of nations?

## AHEAD OF THE GUN.

In the good old days the banker sat behind his mahogany rail and waited for business to come his way. He loaned money and that was all and generally he was the most unprogressive man in the community for he was out of touch of everything but money matters.

Times have changed and the banker today, if he is making a success, is usually about one jump ahead of the gun when it comes to being posted on conditions which spell prosperity for his territory.

The progressive bank today develops business instead of just waiting for it to come.

As an illustration, the banks of Kalispell, Montana, recently created a fund to be loaned to young farmers for the purchase of livestock, said funds to be loaned at 6 per cent and repaid out of the increase from stock.

In other words these banks are developing an industry which in turn develops the community and incidentally business for the banks.

This is constructive work and the new idea of service in banking.

The Roosevelt Highway will put new life, new enterprise, new pep, new energy, new effort and new determination into the people living in the Coast counties, and will open up and develop a vast stretch of country that the people of Oregon know but little about, and will bring into existence a splendid scenic highway that will surprise the people of Oregon as well as the people of the United States. It is in the rough now, but with skilled engineers and experienced road builders, it is our honest prediction that Oregon will have the most magnificent and picturesque highway in the world. That is one reason why everybody in Oregon should be a booster for the Roosevelt Highway.—Tillamook Headlight.

## THE WHISKEY INSURRECTION.

Probably no crisis faced by this nation in the past more closely approaches the present situation in which we find ourselves than the Whiskey Rebellion of 1794; the importance of which has been almost universally overlooked by historians and writers generally.

This rebellion was the first real test the new republic faced.

Although the outward cause of the rebellion of the Pennsylvania rioters was protest against the new excise tax on whiskey, the deeper cause was the activity of the various anarchistic and free thought societies throughout the new nation.

Societies drew their inspiration from the license in insane France; just as today anarchistic revolters here draw their inspiration from the Bolsheviki.

It was touch and go for several months whether or not the new republic would survive this widespread, armed rebellion, but by appealing to the citizens, by raising a volunteer army, and by promptly facing rebellion in its strongholds the crisis was met and vanquished.

It requires no deep student of the philosophy of history to discover that had dilatory policies of fainthearted pacifism ruled the councils of state, this republic would have died then, almost in its inception.

Then, as now, the great majority of the citizens were for established government, and for representative authority, but the few malcontents and ruthless braves by their furore, well nigh drowned the voice of the mass.

An appeal today to the people of this nation would show that most of us are real Americans; lovers of liberty, but not of license; respectors of the law, and of property rights, and that few of us are avid for the Bolshivi crown of nettles.

## A REAL SERVICE.

A few years ago we heard a lot about "it pays to advertise."

We hear little of that today because every business man who has been able to meet competition these last few years has discovered this salient commercial feature.

Those who didn't discover it are to be found in the business cemetery, where receivers keep watch and ward, and all is peaceful.

But Mr. Business Man, did you ever stop to figure out how newspapers have kept doing business without shooting prices up 100 per cent?

You can be sure that the newspaper has discovered its share of additional "overhead" the last four years.

Labor, white paper, postage, machinery, office supplies; these have cost more, as your raw material and labor cost more, but generally the increase in advertising rates has been slight, and the cost to the newspaper reader has not at all been raised in proportion to the added expense of doing business.

Meanwhile the papers of the nation have given millions on millions of dollars worth of most valuable space to promote all war activities.

They have led in subscribing to the multitude of funds.

Once in a while some sapient chap arises and yells for a government-owned press service but we know of no public-owned or managed business that approaches the newspapers in economy of operation, satisfactory service, and reliability.

We feel rather certain that the average government office would not only fail to show a profit publishing a daily paper, but that the public would be less ably served rather than more so.

The few municipal newspaper ventures have proven rather horrible examples of how to do it.

The newspaper that survives these days is giving its full share of public service for such dividends as it may acquire.

Let us remember all the good road bills at the special election and give them our support. It is a big program that spells progress for Oregon.

## WANTED

A place to room and board—close in. C. B. Vickers, Universal Garage.

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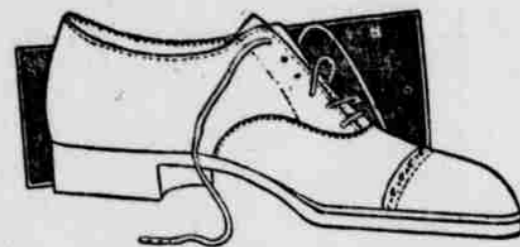
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# SENIOR PLAY

The Senior Class of Heppner High School Will Present

# Step Lively

A Comedy Drama in Two Acts

## Cast of Characters

Joseph Billings, mill owner, president of Behnam Trust Co.	Edward Notson
Joseph Billings, Jr.	Emery Gentry
Theodore Cunningham, Billings' secretary	Dale Watkins
Horatius Thimble	Jasper Crawford
Mary Smythe, Billings' sister	Desa Devin
Beverly Smythe, Mary Smythe's daughter	Neen Hampton
Juliet Smythe, Mary Smythe's daughter	Helen Barratt
Rose-Marie Smythe, Mary Smythe's daughter	Cecile DeVore
Gwendolyn Smith, her niece	Lorraine Groshens
Martha Holton, Billings' niece	Sibyl Cason
Lucille Loveland, of the Winsome Winnie Co.	Loye DeVore
Carrie Ary	Opal Hall
Nora, the maid	Ethel Copenhagen
Jerusha Billings	Ruth Van Vactor

SCENE—Room in the home of Joseph Billings, Behnam, Mass.

This play is, as the name "STEP LIVELY" implies, lively from start to finish. Be sure and see Joseph Billings round up the rest of the family and make everyone step lively.

# HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

# Wednesday, May 21, '19

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