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We cannot conceive that there should be any opposition whatever to the proposition to vote \$290,000 bonds in this county for the construction of permanent roads, yet it develops that some are opposed to the measure. This opposition, however, is only slight, and the measure should carry by a practically unanimous vote.

Oregon, and Morrow county as well, as a part of Oregon, is beginning to wake up to the realization that the time has arrived for a forward movement. Nothing has yet been proposed that means more for the development of the state at large than the road bonding measures, and while we believe that the people of this county will stand by our own bond issue, we cannot afford to overlook the still larger program that takes in the entire state.

The six per cent county indebtedness for permanent roads amendment, the Roosevelt Highway bill and the market roads tax bill should each receive our support just as readily as the measure pertaining to our own county alone, and we must recognize the fact that selfishness in this matter is not going to get us as far along as we should like. It is purely a matter of pulling for every measure that means the building up of Oregon.

We shall hope to see those who take up our bonding program for discussion before the people of the county, include in their argument support for these various measures, that each one may have just as strong support at the polls as we give the local issue.

The Roosevelt Highway would open up 350 miles of coast country and put Oregon on the map with one of the most scenic roads in the world. It would mean the expenditure of \$5,000,000 to be paid by the government and Oregon's motor license system, not by the taxpayers. The people cannot afford to vote it down.

BE ON GUARD.

A. C. Townley and Joseph Gilbert, the one president and the other Non-Partisan league organizer, are to stand trial on charges of disloyalty. Townley is said to have published a pamphlet in violation of the espionage act, and Gilbert has been indicted for having made public utterances designed to discourage patriotic co-operation during the war. Demurrers of both men have been overruled by the Jackson county, Minn., district court. If these men are guilty of having attempted to obstruct the work of government officials in raising an army or have interfered with the authorities in any other manner while the country was at war, they should pay the penalty. The United States spent billions of dollars to make the world free for democracy and many thousands of our young men gave up their lives for the cause of humanity. During the conflict traitorous propagandists were busy all over the country and an effort was made to undermine the constitution and overturn the government. Many of the propagandists were foreigners, but not all of them. Enemy aliens were sent to internment camps, while treacherous Americans were placed in the federal prisons. Unfortunately, some of the guilty ones escaped detection and conviction. It is not too late to bring all such to the bar of justice. The fact that the war was won and that the peace treaty is about to be signed cuts no figure. Let all offenders be properly punished.

Some of the I. W. W. leaders convicted before Judge Landis in Chicago have been allowed bail pending a new trial. We note, however, that bonds for the release of William D. Haywood, now serving sentence at Fort Leavenworth, have been refused by the United States circuit court of appeals, the proffered securities being regarded as insufficient. Haywood was the head and front to the I. W. W. conspiracy and was sent to the federal prison for a term of twenty years, which we hope he will be compelled to serve. He has the right of appeal, but he is not entitled to his freedom unless his conviction is set aside by due process of law. No promises

made by him that he will not engage in new conspiracies can be taken, for he has no respect for the law and does not believe in any kind of civilized government. He should not be turned loose at a time when the I. W. W. disturbers have renewed their attacks upon the established order of things. The red flag has made its appearance in Cleveland and other cities and the followers of "Big Bill" are engaged in making trouble wherever they are allowed to nest.

All over the world there are signs of unrest. Anarchists, Bolsheviks and the "direct action" miscreants are boldly asserting their damnable doctrines in many places and entering into conspiracies where they do not dare work in the open. There are some thousands of such scoundrels in the United States. These men are not honest toilers, but agitators who expect to share the spoils of the government can be destroyed and all kinds of property turned over to the human vultures who are too lazy to

work for a living and seek to enjoy the fruits of the labor of others. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty and all patriotic American citizens should be constantly on their guard. The world is about to enter upon a new era, but there will be no such thing as absolute security even under the league of nations until the anarchist agitators are put where they rightfully belong. It may be that the Russians will be unable to free themselves from the rule of the Lenines and Trozky for a long time to come. The lesson of Russia is plain. Bolshevism should not be allowed to gain a foothold in the United States. None but Americans on guard.—Salt Lake Tribune.

Miss Florence Lusted, supervisor of the art department in the public schools of this city, left yesterday for New York City to take a summer course in art at the Columbia University. She will stop enroute in Iowa to visit her parents.—Pendleton Tribune.

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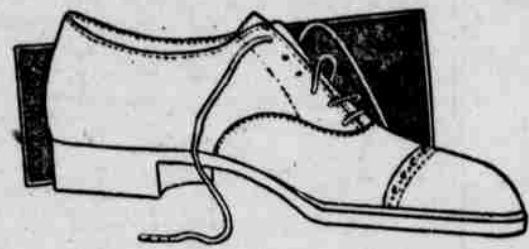
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