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## COUNTY ROAD BOND LAW IS EFFECTIVE

Attorney General Decides No Legislative Enabling Act Is Required If Sustained It Will Mean Much to Counties.

If sustained by the county court, an opinion rendered this week by Attorney General Crawford will have great effect in the road building plans of the Oregon counties. At the last general election a good roads amendment to the state constitution was adopted by a large majority. It was always understood that this amendment simply indebtedness for road making, but that the legislature would have to pass an enabling act specifying the ways in which bonds should be issued before the amendment could become operative. In answer to a request from County Judge George D. Culbertson of Hood River, the attorney general held that counties are empowered to bond themselves for road purposes without the express authority of the enabling act such as was adopted by the legislature and vetoed by the governor because of its weakness.

Acting upon this authority, it is announced that the people of Hood River county will proceed to issue bonds for road building, and that other counties of the state, particularly in the Willamette valley and along the coast, will follow the lead.

The attorney general's opinion means that the people provided themselves with a road making plan at the last election which the legislature could not undo by enacting and butchering the highway bills submitted to it. The highway bills will of course not be passed over the governor's veto at the next session of the legislature because other highway measures will then be proposed, and because the vetoed acts have only a few friends in the constitutional amendment which Attorney General Willet has issued road making bonds road as follows:

"Section 10, article XI—No county shall create any debts or liabilities which shall singly or in the aggregate exceed the sum of \$5000, except to suppress insurrection or repel invasion, or to build permanent roads within the county, but debts for permanent roads shall be incurred only on approval of a majority of those voting on the question."

Should the amendment be proved self-operative, the Oregon Good Roads association will likely energize its plan to reorganize the good roads movement in Oregon by instituting a highway campaign in each county. One of the plans projected is to employ a practical road builder who will be able to demonstrate for the benefit of the people wanting the act, vice, how roads may be scientifically built.

From Medford—Dr. E. B. Piekol, Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Madson, at the Portland; W. L. Vawter, Dr. and Mrs. E. H. Seely, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Wakeman, at the Imperial; Della Clement, at the Oregon; Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Willett, at the Seward.

From Ashland—C. C. Hicks, at the Eaton.

From Grants Pass—Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Verdin, at the Imperial.

From Roseburg—J. S. Wiley, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. McCully, at the Imperial; W. L. Dysinger, at the Perkins.

From Marshfield—A. J. Mendel, at the Imperial.

From Drain—M. R. Ryan, at the Imperial.

## CAN ISSUE BONDS FOR ROADS.

ACCORDING to an opinion rendered by Attorney General Crawford, an enabling act is not necessary to permit counties to issue bonds for road building purposes. Prominent attorneys of Medford take the same view, and the supreme court will be asked to pass upon the question. Last November, the people, by a majority of 18,000, adopted an amendment to the state constitution permitting counties to contract indebtedness for permanent roads, and this amendment, it is asserted, gives the counties authority necessary without a special enabling act. The amendment reads as follows:

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The proposed enabling act was butchered in the legislature and vetoed by the governor because of its weakness. But if such an act is not necessary, the situation is much simplified.

Hood River county will proceed to issue bonds for road building purposes and test the matter in the courts. Jackson county should do the same, and not waste any more time about it, either. The county court should act at once and call an election for the purpose of voting upon the bonds.

Last year, Jackson county spent \$103,000 upon road construction. This is six per cent upon \$1,750,000. In other words, the county could have spent this latter amount through the sale of bonds, and the cash expenditure for interest been no larger—the taxes no higher.

## TRUSTS ABUSE OPPORTUNITY.

THE bitterness against trusts is due in no small degree to the abuse of opportunity by the trusts.

The competitive system entails a waste of energy—each combination eliminates.

The cost of production and of marketing is materially diminished by consolidation. The trust is an economic necessity in the evolution of civilization.

Carried to its logical conclusion, the trust means eventually the abolition of the middleman—the go-between who produces nothing, but preys upon both producer and consumer.

Yet, in spite of the saving to the producer made possible in this era of trusts, the cost to the consumer has steadily increased. The trust, instead of being utilized to increase the cost to him, used merely as an instrument to secure swollen profits upon inflated securities.

The trust has had the advantage of improved equipment, of revolutionary processes, of new discoveries. Yet each in turn, though cheapening the actual cost, has been used but as a jimmy to hold up still further the producer.

Had the trust given the public the benefit of decreased cost of production, instead of pocketing it as profit, there would not now be the agitation against the trust that renders it a questionable investment. If the profit of monopoly was shared with the public, the people would not be in arms against it.

Neither the oil trust, nor the steel trust, nor any other trust has permitted the public to share in the benefits conferred upon the industrial world by the trust. How, then, can the trust expect a favorable verdict from the court of last resort, the people?

## THOSE CLERICAL ERRORS.

IT IS now stated that Governor West may have to call the legislature in special session to re-pass appropriation bills on account of errors and omissions made by the senate's clerical force.

It would be interesting to know just what was the matter with that senate clerical force. Hints and rumors of incompetency have been numerous before and since adjournment.

The governor was forced to return many bills, improperly engrossed or otherwise imperfect, during the session—through the fault of this clerical force. A crisis was reached when the chief clerk of a former session was employed at a salary of \$25 a day to supervise the work of the present chief clerk, who also drew a fat salary.

Then the chief clerk, after adjournment, resorted to the courts to prevent interference or assistance in writing up the journal. Bills strangely missing, were found in discarded rubbish. Queer things happened in one way or another, and now the public is informed that roll-calls on important measures have been lost—or at least are missing.

The public should be informed as to the real situation—attempts to conceal it only arouse suspicion.

## TWO NEW UNIONS ARE ORGANIZED IN CITY

Two new unions have been formed in the city and will receive their charters in the near future. The teamsters and chauffeurs comprise one and the cement workers the second.

There is also some talk of the hatters forming a local union but so far no action has been taken.

**NOTICE.**  
To the master plumber, contractors and builders of Medford and vicinity, that on and after April the first, the minimum scale of wages for Journey, men plumbers and steamfitters shall be \$5 per day, eight hours, J. Franz, president; C. R. Loeber, secretary; Local Union No. 362. 319\*

## CONDITIONS ARE MUCH IMPROVED IN SOUTH

SAN FRANCISCO, March 12.—With clear weather prevailing in nearly every section of the state, traffic has been resumed on all the railroad lines put out of commission by the floods. After being out off from outside communication for three days, the Southern Pacific is operating trains out of Santa Cruz today. The bridge over Niles Canyon creek, damaged by floods, has been repaired and trains are running on schedule time to San Jose.

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Cook for men on ranch. Hollywood Orchard, phone Farmer 7663 at noon hour or after 6:30 p. m. if

## GRADERS WILL BE HERE THIS WEEK

Not Being Loaded in Sacramento Work Will Probably Start Here by First of Next Week—Big Season's Work Ahead.

Before the end of this week the grading machinery for the Clarke Henry construction company will be in Medford and next Monday will in all probability see the resumption of work on the paving of this city's streets. The grading outfits are being loaded in Sacramento and will soon be here. The streets of the city are now in a condition which permits of their being graded.

According to a resolution adopted by the city council at a recent meeting the work will start on Jackson boulevard and then will jump to other streets as rapidly as possible. The men who spread the "hot stuff" will follow closely. The Clarke-Henry people expect to do more this year than last as they get an earlier start and have all the work it is possible for them to do.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will apply to the city council of the city of Medford, Or., at its regular meeting on Mar. 21, 1911, for a license to sell spirituous, vinous and malt liquors in quantities less than a gallon at its place of business at lots 12 and 13, block 20, No. 37 South Front street, in said city, for a period of six months.  
J. W. SLINGER.

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.**  
Sealed bids will be received by the board of directors of School District No. 22, Talent, Oregon, until March 25, 1911, 4 o'clock p. m., for the erection and completion of public school building, according to plans and specifications prepared by Charles H. Burggraf, architect, Albany, Oregon. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check payable to "School District No. 22, Talent, Oregon," for the sum of \$500.00, as a guarantee that the contractor will furnish an approval bond equal to 50 per cent of the contract within ten days after the awarding of the contract.

All bids must be made out on blank proposals for the same. Blanks furnished upon application by the clerk or architect. Plans and specifications may be seen at Talent, Oregon, or at the architect's office.

The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of School Board No. 22, Talent, Oregon.  
J. N. MANNING,  
Chairman.  
C. W. SHERMAN, Clerk. 306\*

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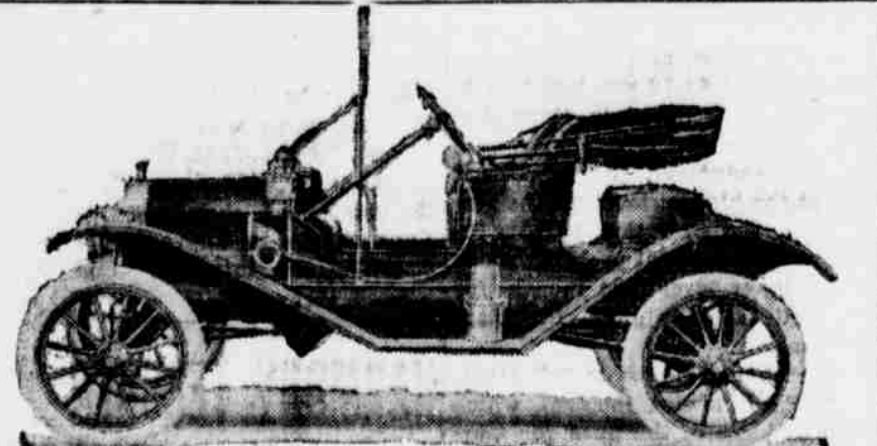
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