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MEDFORD, OREGON, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 1911.

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## OFFER \$50,000 PREMIUM FOR ROAD BONDS

BOND HOUSES  
ARE EAGER TO  
SECURE ISSUE

One Firm Has Already Made a Tentative Offer of \$50,000 Premium for the Road Bonds if They Are Authorized.

WILLING TO PAY LARGE SUM TO LOAN JACKSON MONEY

Attorneys Who Have Looked Into the Question State That There Is No Question As To Legality

Bond buyers throughout the nation are watching the bond election to be held in this county September 30 with a great deal of interest, judging from the number of inquiries received by local banking institutions. A number of the bond buying houses are asking for particulars and one firm has made a tentative offer of a \$50,000 premium to secure the bonds. There seem but little doubt that the issue will be easily placed and at a premium. It is believed that no less a sum than \$100,000 will be paid for the issue above par. Attorneys who have looked into the question state that the issue will be legal beyond a doubt and for that the reason the issue is eagerly sought. As the bonds are secured by property assessed at more than \$35,000,000, the security is so large that it makes the investment quite safe.

A dozen bond buying firms are already in the field for the bonds which in itself shows that a large premium will be offered to secure the issue which will be disposed of to the highest bidder. The bond house purchasing the issue will agree to take the bonds as needed and this means that interest will not be paid upon the money until it is needed.

The fact that the bond houses are eager to secure the bonds shows what the outside world thinks of the credit of Jackson county. Not only will they loan Jackson county the money but they will pay a large sum for the privilege of doing so.

WIDTH OF ROAD  
NOW IN DOUBT

Committee of Central Pointers Are Working To Have Macadam Road Between This City and the Point Widened.

Whether the macadam road between this city and Central Point shall be 16 or 20 feet in width is now a mooted question.

Monday afternoon a committee of Central Pointers called upon County Commissioner Davis in this city and asked that the width of the road be increased from 16 to 20 feet. Mr. Davis stated that he was agreeable, but that the committee would have to call on County Judge Neil and Commissioner Owens. Whether the road will be widened or not will probably be decided within the next few days.

When the contract was let 16 feet was the width specified. A number of Central Point residents at that time urged a widening of the road but Commissioner Owens opposed the plan owing to the additional cost and the present state of county finances. The Central Point people however, refused to be satisfied and are still fighting for a wider road.

One of the principal arguments in favor of a twenty-foot macadam road in that place is the fact that it is one of the main highways in the county and will form a part of the Pacific Highway from San Diego to Vancouver, B. C. For this reason they say the road should be of standard width.

## Greets Governors

JACKSONVILLE  
CONTRACTS FOR  
WATER SYSTEM

C. E. Bade Given Gravity Pipe Line Dam and Reservoir for \$35,000—Distributing System Will Cost \$25,000.

At a meeting of the Jacksonville council held Monday evening the contract for the city waterworks was let to C. E. Bade for \$35,000. The water will be taken out of Jackson creek, where a diverting dam will be constructed some distance above the Opp mine, and carried in 2 1/2 miles of six-inch iron pipe to the reservoir, which will be constructed with a capacity of 200,000 gallons on the hill south of Jacksonville at an elevation of 225 feet above the city. An eight-inch main will connect the reservoir with the city distributing system, which will cost \$25,000 and be built on the improvement bonding plan.

Last year the contract was let for this water system to J. R. Hares, who failed after doing \$5000 worth of work.

HAIL STORM  
IN WILLAMETTE

Valley Swept By Electrical Wind Storm—Much Damage To Fruit and Hops—Eugene Hit Hardest. Wind Blows a Gale.

PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 12.—Although orchards and crops were damaged severely in several districts, reports today from various points in the Willamette valley indicate that the valley as a whole did not suffer much as a result of the electrical storm which swept over it last evening. At Eugene two inches of hail fell and many windows were broken by the hail stones. Much damage was done to fruits and hops in this district.

In Douglas county contiguous to Roseburg, gardens were damaged. Lightning caused two fires near Woodburn, and at Albany a number of telephone poles were wrecked. Mrs. Cecelia Rauch was struck by lightning at her home in Gervais, near Portland. She was not seriously hurt.

French War Crisis. PARIS, Sept. 12.—France's reply to counter proposals in the Moroccan negotiations has been written and will be laid before the French cabinet today for approval. The task of drawing up the reply proved to be simpler than at first expected, doubtless because the German demands were such as could not be accepted in any part by France.

It is said that the reply while written in a spirit of conciliation, is absolutely firm with regard to the position France has assumed concerning questions of principle, from which France will not depart a hair's breadth.

DIVORCE EVIL  
BE REMEDIED  
BY GOVERNORS

Nineteen Executives of Commonwealths Assemble In Annual Conference at Spring Lake, N. J., Where They Are Welcomed.

LAX MARRIAGE LAWS SUBJECT TO REVISION  
Foundations of American Home Threatened By Prevailing Conditions.

SPRING LAKE, N. J., Sept. 12.—Striking a blow at the laxity of the divorce laws of many states and favoring uniform statutes on the subject of separations and re-marriages, governors from many states of the union in opening the house of governors here today promised to launch a movement to curb the so-called divorce evil.

The governors are practically unanimous in their opinions on the inadequacy of the divorce laws and the lax enforcement of them which they say threatens the foundations of the American home.

Responding to Governor Woodrow Wilson's address of welcome, Governor Carey of Wyoming denounced the divorce evil.

Nineteen governors were present when the session opened. Governor McGovern of Wisconsin presided at the business session.

PLAN BIG SHOOT  
FOR SEPTEMBER 28

At a meeting of the Medford Rod and Gun club last evening definite arrangements were made for a two days tournament to be held on the 28th and 29th of September at the grounds of the local club near the fair grounds. The club proposes to make the events and prizes attractive to the amateur shooters and all lovers of this sport will be invited to participate.

Many noted professional trap experts will be in attendance from all

MAINE IS WET  
FOLLOWING 60  
YEARS DROUTH

Apparently Beaten At Polls By Majority—Prohibitionists Circulate Petition For Another Popular Vote Upon Question, Contest Threatened

PEOPLE ALSO VOTE FOR  
PRIMARIES AMENDMENT  
Prohibitory Amendment Forbidding Sale of Liquor Repealed—Local Option Law Possible.

PORTLAND, Maine, Sept. 12.—With only eight towns unheard from, returns from the state election today indicate that the "wets" have won by a plurality of 522. The eight towns unaccounted for total only about 200 inhabitants.

The constitutional amendment for direct primaries was endorsed by a majority of 17,000 but the proposition to make Augusta the capital of the state forever, was lost.

Apparently beaten at the polls Maine prohibitionists today began securing 10,000 names to petitions asking the legislature for another popular vote on the "wet" or "dry" election.

Although every indication states that the state went "wet" by a 500 majority, the prohibitionists refuse to concede defeat and insist that the official count shows a "dry" majority. A recount may be demanded by the prohibitionists.

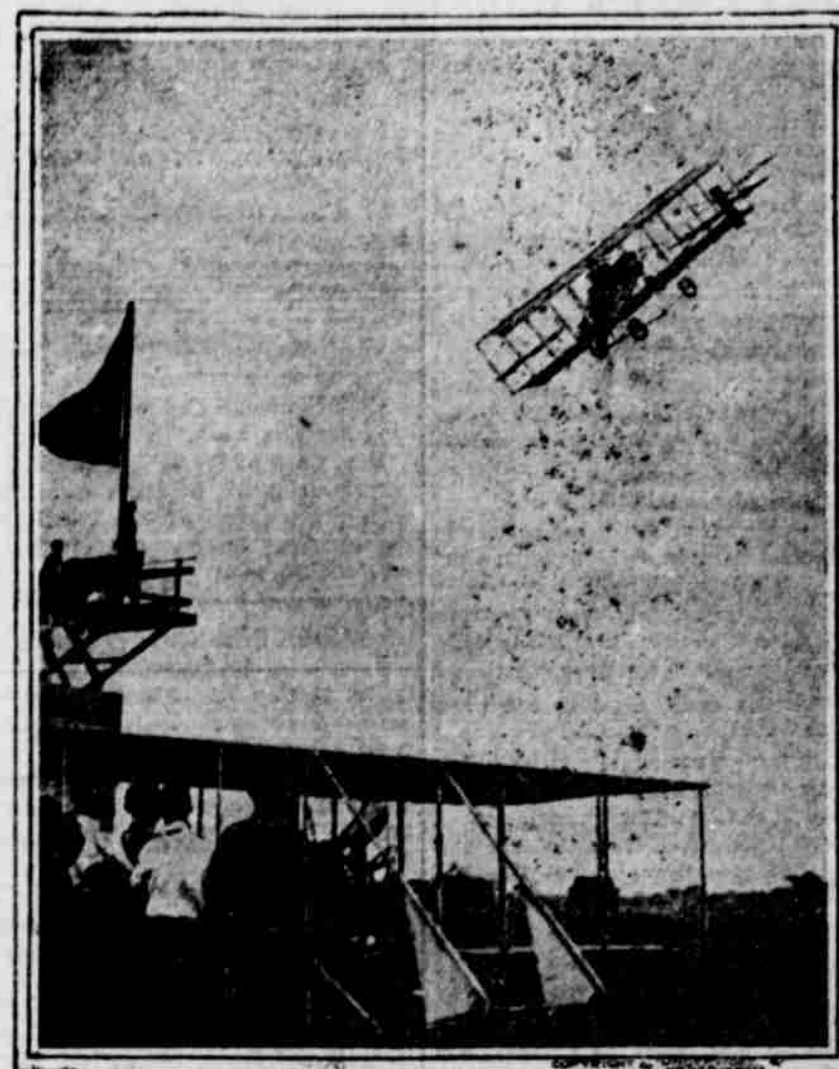
Yesterday's vote does not mean that the state is to have limitless bar-rooms, but merely removes the prohibitory amendment to the constitution. The law forbidding the sale of liquor is still on the statutes. By removing the prohibitory amendment it is now possible for the legislature to vote for local option.

Governor Plaisted said he could not announce yet whether he would call a quick special session to vote on an option law.

over the northwest and every effort will be made to make the tournament one of the most successful ever pulled off in southern Oregon.

Many of the leading merchants have offered prizes to be competed for and a most attractive program contemplated.

## AVIATOR FOWLER FALLS IN HIS AIRSHIP



Aviator Fowler Descending in Midair.

ACCIDENT ENDS  
FLIGHT OVER  
CONTINENT

Fowler's Airship Rudder Falls To Work and Machine Tumbles To Earth—Aviator Has Narrow Escape At Alta, Cal.—Hopeful of Speedy Repairs and Continuing.

ALTA, Cal., Sept. 12.—Total wreck of the Wright biplane in which he hoped to win a \$50,000 newspaper prize for crossing the continent, today brought Aviator Robert G. Fowler's flight from San Francisco to New York to an inglorious end near this little mountain town. Fowler was uninjured.

After his successful flight from San Francisco to Auburn yesterday, Fowler was supremely confident today when he started to tune up his machine at Auburn. He had some difficulty in starting from the rough ground on which he landed there, but finally got away at 9:34 a. m.

All went well until Fowler reached Colfax which town he passed at 9:55 a. m. At that time he was 1,000 feet in the air and was making about 55 miles an hour.

As Fowler was near this station, he began to have trouble, and feeling that his rudder was going wrong, he started to volplane toward the earth. Just as he neared the ground, the rudder went entirely wrong and the machine crashed down on a hillside a short distance from the Southern Pacific station here, piling itself up in a mass of splintered wood, twisted iron and rent canvas. Fowler leaped from the saddle of the flyer just as it struck the earth and, except for a few minor bruises, was uninjured. He was much disappointed at the unlucky termination of his flight but he rejoiced that his engine was only slightly damaged.

The aviator refused to state positively when he would make an effort to continue his flight, but declared himself undaunted by his mishap and declared that, despite the handicap he had suffered, he would still be the first to cross the continent through the air.

WEATHER MAN  
SAYS MORE RAIN

Tonight and Tomorrow Showers Will Fall—Two-tenths of An Inch Fell Last Night—Is An Aid to County Roads.

Rain, tonight and tomorrow. Such is the edict of the weather man. Last night two tenths of an inch of rain fell in the valley, doing a great amount of good. All of the farmers who have vetch in the ground are rejoicing while a few who still have unthrashed grain stacked in the field are hoping for fair weather for at least two months more.

The amount of rain which has fallen to date has served to put the roads in the county in far better condition. Dust has been laid and this will prove of much benefit.

Based on former years the rain will continue for a few days and then the Rogue River valley will experience a month of delightful weather. BERLIN.—The third international congress for the protection of infants opened here today. Nathan Strauss, the American Jewish philanthropist, represents the United States.

VANOVER, Wn.—Nine widows, whose combined ages totalled 655 years, were guests of Mrs. Sarah Hastings, herself a widow at a dinner given to celebrate her 76th birthday.

GRIFFIN TRIAL  
NOW UNDER WAY

Man Charged With Robbery In This City Is Being Tried In Circuit Court—Charge Against O'Neil Is Dismissed.

D. J. Griffin, charged with the robbery of Martin Reddy's jewelry store in this city on the evening of July 4, was placed on trial today in the circuit court. The jury was secured this morning and the trial opened this afternoon.

The charge against Jack O'Neil, indicted for forgery, was dismissed on motion of the district attorney this morning.

A demurrer to the indictment against O. P. Horn, charged with contributing to the delinquency of a minor was offered in the circuit court today.

REDDY ATTENDS  
HIGHWAY MEET

Legislative Commission Gathers To Discuss Good Road Legislation—Vawter Unable To Attend So Reddy Goes.

Dr. J. Reddy is in Portland today for the purpose of attending a meeting of the legislative commission appointed by Governor West to confer regarding special legislation for the purpose of constructing good roads throughout the state. Dr. Reddy takes W. I. Vawter's place as a delegate from Jackson county. Mr. Vawter being unable to attend.

Upon the recommendation of the commission Governor West will determine the matter of calling a special session of the legislature to consider good road legislation. The meeting will probably prove one of the most important ever held in the state regarding the matter of building better highways.

BOZUS TRIAL  
IS DELAYED

Attorney Asks For Postponement In Order That Witnesses May Be Secured—Calkins Will Rule On Matter Wednesday.

George Bozus, charged with the murder of Christ Spanos in this city recently, may not face trial for some time. Attorney Kelly has offered a motion in the case asking a postponement until October in order that he may secure several witnesses for the defense. Judge Calkins took the matter under advisement and will probably fix a date for the trial Wednesday.

The Bozus trial was to have opened immediately but his attorney filed an affidavit with the court showing that more time is needed in which to prepare the case. Judge Calkins will probably rule on the matter Wednesday morning.

Peter Janetos was found guilty of assault with a deadly weapon by a jury in the Circuit Court Monday afternoon. Janetos will be sentenced by Judge Calkins Wednesday morning. A motion for a new trial will probably be offered by the attorneys for the defense.

## Short Talks on Proposed Road Bond Issue

## NO. 4—WHY BONDS ARE ISSUED FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS.

No extensive or comprehensive system of public improvement can be carried out and paid for on a cash basis.

To raise the money needed would necessitate a rate of taxation so high that it would amount to practical confiscation.

To string along the work through many years, in dribble fashion, results in increased cost, unsatisfactory results and meagre accomplishment.

Few cities would have public improvements if they had to be paid for by taxation as completed. Sewer and water systems would become private monopolies and streets remain unpaved.

To enable public as well as private corporations to complete improvements at once, thereby effecting economy in cost, permanence in construction, and the resulting appreciation in property values, the bonding system was devised, enabling the borrowing of such sums of money as needed and the payment of interest and of principal with the money raised by taxation that would otherwise be frittered away in piecemeal construction.

Neither Medford, Ashland nor Grants Pass would have a paved street today if the cost had to be paid out of the yearly taxation as we are paying for county roads. It is just as absurd and unbusinesslike for Jackson county to attempt to build permanent highways from the yearly revenues raised by taxation as it would be for these cities to attempt to pave their streets by the same system.

A bond house has figured out for the Mail Tribune a table, which will later be published, showing that the same road levy as at present made, upon the same valuation of property in the county will in twenty years, not only pay interest but repay the principal upon a \$1,500,000 issue of 20-year 5 per cent bonds. As a matter of fact, the increasing value of the county, due in large measure to the permanent highways thus constructed, will make a constantly lessening rate of levy to raise the money needed.

On a value of \$40,000,000, a 2 1/2 mill levy will yield \$100,000 annually. In twenty years the levies (\$100,000 a year) will total \$2,000,000. The premiums from the sale of bonds will be \$50,000. The interest earnings on the sinking fund and premium will approximate \$950,000, or a total of \$3,000,000, which will repay \$1,500,000 principal and \$1,500,000 total interest, thus providing at once an adequate system of highways at no greater cost than the present piecemeal method, which annually calls for an increased levy.