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SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

HOME RULE GOOD

(Continued from Page 1.)

Would any bond buyer buy bonds where the funds are to go into a gention that the funds shall be used for permanent roads? In other words. if the funds are to go into a general al, as the act would be unconstitutional because it would increase the county's indebtedness over the constitutional limit. The limit has only This money should go into a permanent read fund to be used only on the building of permanent roads in bonds.

The second objection to the act is that it limits the county bonded indebtedness to 2 per cent of the asroad construction already incurred shall not, with the new debt to be evidenced by bonds, exceed 2 per cent of the assessed valuation of the \$750,000. If the county owes \$500 .-

tutional amendment with reference to this county bonding act, by subwe had before the supreme court. It taxpayers. limits the county's indebtedness for permanent roads to 2 per cent of the assessed value. Here we have another law depending for its validity on a constitutional amendment to be as were erpressed with reference to Jackson county. the state bonds.

provides for the working of what it calls "county, city and town convicts." It may be all right to take one confined in jail for violating a city ordinance or for some other minor offense and work him on the road. But it certainly is an outrage to brand him legally with the term ing of being described by this term ony and have been confined in the under a sentence for violating a even if he is confired because he is legally designated as a "convict."

As to our own situation, this recent opinion of the supreme court in still another legal state acts now being submitted, and the question would arise whether a general state law, when in conflict people at the November election such in amending local option! a general state law as will meet our conditions, and then after the November election, if it should pass, call a special election and vote the bonds in accordance with it.

parts of the state seem to think that we are going ahead too fast, Knowdebtedness for roads already, they \$9941.70. limited the bonded indebtedness to 2 per cent of the assessed valuation of the property, after deducting from indebtedness outstanding.

What we need is a home rule bill, will counteract it, and maybe they it comes back more as you put in." will both pass.

THE POLICE COURT.

THE city council, in its call for a special election, asks 'municipal court,' with powers similar to those of justice any of the political Lanes of Oregon Max's bread may not manty attributes. Women are the courts, except that there shall be no trial by jury. The have been east in vain. amendment calls for the creation of the office of municipal judge, whose salary shall be fixed by the council, and who shall be elected at general city elections.

On January 11, 1910, the charter was amended by a vote of the people, and a "city court" ereated, having full and exclusive jurisdiction of all violations of city ordinances, with full power to enforce any judgments it may render." governed by the procedure of justice courts, ment of women depends entirely upon their sisters in the older states. Here question of men's willingness to grant regulated by the same rules, except that there shall be no the willingness or men to give them

It is stipulated that the mayor "shall ex-officio be the judge of said court. The council may, with the con- ed by men alone: "We have always states. But broader and more kindle sent of the mayor, at any time appoint a special judge voted and run the government. Womof said court, who shall have concurrent power with said en have their own place as wives and ROADS BILL NEEDED | mayor and act as judge of said court," whose salary shall mothers, and home makers. There- mill be better to the thousands of be fixed by the council.

The only proposed change in the law is that the court men," and that is where they are. is named municipal court, instead of city court, that the Now, I am glad to bear testimony judge shall be elected after his first appointment, instead to the apparent willingness of a numof appointed, and that the mayor cannot do the work of have talked with many anent this patriotic, generous, and unselfish ra the judge and thereby save his salary as at present. In subject, Their query, each and every other words, a new office is created which it is mandatory one, has been, "Do the women really read fund the bonds would be illeg- upon the people to support, fixing another permanent want to vote? I'd vote for the endrain upon the taxpavers.

If the work of the police court is too heavy for the we do. We want the ballot. Not husbands and sons, have given their mayor, the mayor and council have ample authority under every woman in the state, but the mabeen increased for permanent roads. the present charter to appoint such a judge without the lority. In this movement, as in every expense of a special election. The mayor appoints the police judge, and the mayor should appoint him to avoid the county. Otherwise I feel satis- a discordant administration. The mayor is held respon- had the experience of a voting citizen. fied no bond buyer would take the sible for the police conduct of the city, and should have I know what women have done and the unknown with bands playing. full authority.

Whether or not a police judge is needed may be governed by the statistics of the office. The receipts for the year 1911, a busier year, with more of the class that fill las women, for what they hope to do lifes of little children. She does the provides that the county debt for the city jail here than are here now, the fines collected have done. totalled \$1101, an average per month of \$91. The fines ran as follows: January \$28,50, February \$25, March \$60, April \$105, May \$45, June \$85.50, July \$312, August \$155, commonwealth has its own problems property. Two per cent on Jackson September \$175, October none, November \$90, December to solve, and these problems differ county's assessed valuation would be \$20. Nearly all of the cases were plain drunks and only from each other, as do the conditions very pithily said: "A cause made cia few minutes a day were required to dispose of the cases. 000 for road work it would leave a The fines more than paid the \$900 salary of the mayor, that so agitate Colorado, while they the streets and doing as are the English women in general will now but would not leave much for a judge's salary. Police keep New York in an active state of glish women in general will never The authors of these bills have business is lighter this year, so that the appointment of a being, do not dominate the state's ad- give us the franchise. A womant, tollowed the same system of constill judge means a drain upon the treasury.

There is no necessity for asking the people to vote manufacturing states of New England judgment on our English sisters for to create a municipal judge, except that the council, as and the south, are absolutely unstitutional amendment for the build- in the proposed boxing ordinance, lacks the backbone to known in Colorado la the gold camps endure. All we can say is, "Your ing of permanent roads, such as was solve the problem itself. If the appointment of a judge of that state children are not sent unvoted at the last election. This is is needed, it has the authority. If it is not needed, it has derground a thousand feet to do a man's work. article 10, the same section which no right to impose the extra cost of the election upon the the starving wage of the saleswoman. Men must be convinced of the rea-

THE GOOD ROADS MUDDLE.

E. REAMES, attorney for Jackson county in its what is necessary for correction in casting a ballot. The two objections passed at the same time the law is road bonding matters, at the request of the Mail one state cannot be used as a criterassed. We would have the same Tribune, has written an opinion on the present road doubts as to the legality of this law situation, published elsewhere in this issue, as concerns

Mr. Reames' legal opinions have the great advantage and again, and will not be new to ment of convict labor. The last one of being direct, to the point, clearly expressed, free from anyone was reads this paper. is an atrocious measure, in that it legal verbiage and easily understood by the layman.

After discussing the apparent defects in the pro- laws made by men hold responsible posed good roads initiative laws, Mr. Reames sums up men and women. Women suffer the the local situation as follows:

"The recent opinion of the supreme court in the county bonding case seems to make it apparent that the court would not uphold a county law ed in extenuation of crime because a for county bonding; and even if it did, still another legal complication woman is a "wife, and mother, and would arise because such an act would conflict with some of these state home-maker." She "drees her own acts now being submitted, and the question would arise whether a general state law, when in conflict with the county law, would control. Therefore, the only solution is to draw and submit by petition to the people at the November election such a general state law as will meet our conditions, and then after the November election, if it should pass, call a special woman a hand in self-government

election and vote the bonds in accordance with it. Some of our guardians in other parts of the state seem to think become a law every man held in fall that we are going ahead too fast. Knowing that we have a considerable indebtedness for roads already, they limited the bonded indebtedness to might break the laws with impunity per cent of the assessed valuation of the property, after deducting from suffering no penalty because she was state law or a town or city ordinance, this 2 per cent the amount of road indebtedness outstanding.

What we need is a home rule bill, and to defeat the proposed connot able to pay a small fine, will be stitutional amendment. The best way to defeat that constitutional amendment is to put another one on which will counteract it, and maybe they will both pass.

A home rule bill, that is a bill that will permit counthe county bonding case seems to ties to spend their own money for permanent highways, voted for any length of time the make it apparent that the court is what is needed, and all that is needed. Then the pro- state points with pride to her schools gressive counties can go ahead and not be eternally ham- to the high grade of efficiency, and pered, as under the proposed laws, by the mossback sec- scholarship. Almost every entranwould arise because such an act tions, which can be left alone to peacefully wallow in the state and county superintendents of would conflict with some of these streaks of mire they call roads, as at present.

What a sad muddle the good roads associations have mit women to vote on school quesmade of their labored efforts to do something for good tions when on municipal matters with the county law, would control. roads, which has only had the effect of halting and pro-Therefore, the only solution is to hibiting progress already under way in progressive counscipling schools. draw and submit by peritionto the ties, almost as bad a muddle as the home rule bill made in the business and professional

A MODERN DAMON.

CAMPAIGN expense statement filed by Ben Selling, growing and the time is not far dis-Some of our guardians in other A candidate for the republican nomination for United tant when those young, vigorous States senator, shows that Mr. Selling expended \$784.16, we are going ahead too last, knowing that we have a considerable in- and that one Max Michel expended on behalf of Selling dowed and advanced professional wo-

Who is this modern Damon who in these piping times man is thwarted and held back by of financial stagnation can throw such a fortune into the professional brothen and it is within this 2 per cent the amount of road balance on behalf of a sorely pressed Pythias in the struggle for a political bauble?

Ten thousand ducats! Great shades of Shylock what and to defeat the proposed constitu- a profit in pants! Possibly Max has the proverb in mind tional amendment. The best way to defeat that constitutional amend- that is so tersely put by another member of his race: land also calls for adjustment. ment is to put another one on which 'You throw it some bread in the river and pretty quick with their husbands and settled in

In any event, if the Selling expense account is true, work both as mothers and homeand certainly no reasonable minded person will question makers, and as men. To the honor of

it, Max is entitled to the palm for warm-hearted Damon fathers and brothers to the voting

There is just one more seene to the Pythian pact and and it is simply stilly to urge that for an amendment to the city charter creating a that is the return of Pythias, and if Pythias is not lost in voting in any way detracts from wo

Why Women of Oregon Want to Vote

Dallas Observer.)

That question will be answered at privilege is a question that is answershould be within the hands of the

ber of men to grant the franchise. 1 forward step, there are always some on the negative side.

what they are planning to do in Colo-

the reasons for granting the franare in every enfranchized state. Each

vancement or retrogression. The horderground a thousand feet to do a the hands of thinking women in New York, do not obtain in Oregon. so ballot. They have been given, time

. he basic primeiple of self-government is antentiality to law. The penalty of crimes. They are not excased because of sex; no plea is offerweird," as she should, since she is a where is the logic, the right, to den; considering that the laws govern her as well as they do the men? If she held irresponsible, then there would be a logical reason for denying her the right to help govern herself.

That women make the best teachers for children is an incontrovertible chised state has elected women as schools. I know that many states peralso point with pride to their public

worlds, women need the ballot to better their own material interests. Oregon has not the overwhelming numher of practicing professional women that New York has. But Oregon b towns and cities of our state will be men. In New York this class of wothe bounds of truth to say that Oregon is just as narrow about admitting women physicians as internes to her hospitals as is New York. The wage question of the saleswoman in Port-

When women crossed the plains Oregon as pioneers, they did their

(Katherine W. MacGregor in the the early law-makers be it said that ber? Will the question "Shall the when the territory made its first laws Women of Oregon Vote" be settled women were more generously treated by the words "Concluded" or "Conthe polls this year. The enfranchises as regards inheritance than were linued in our next? It is absolutely a

thought the women really wanted it - nearest and dearest, have given their stripet out of the dust? It is much flags flying, cheers ringing, than it is rade. In consenting to write this for the wife and mother left behind paper I felt that my position was rad- to take up the duty of husband and ically different from that of the Dal. father in keeping together the fam-

rors of child labor as they exist in the As Americans we may not sit in who either starves or sells her virtue sonableness of our desires, of our for the mere principle of living, these ability to help them in voting, they conditions that call for betterment . | need help, of our sincerity in trying to better bad conflitions, and of ou still remaining womenly women after ion in all states. But there are rear granting the suffrage are not worthy I heard them both enunciated the spring. That these opinions are unthey are not worthy of debate. In Colorado women are not less efficie a in their chosen spheres because when they are accompanied by their

booths. Men everywhere yield rethat we may be less attractive to our husbands and friends when we are

have the exclusive right to grant this third of the property" as they are in and, we think the franchise is our

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