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JOSEPHINE'S BOND ISSUE

ON December 31 the people of Josephine county will vote on a road bond issue of \$225,000 bonds bearing five per cent interest. It is stipulated that the funds shall be expended in building permanent roads, after redeeming outstanding road indebtedness of approximately \$125,000.

The roads to be improved specified are thirty-three in number, and total \$84,000. This would total, with the warrants to be redeemed, \$209,000, leaving \$16,000 which could not be used, under the law.

It is extremely doubtful whether such a bond issue would be valid, as the county bonding act does not authorize the issuance of bonds for the redemption of outstanding warrants. It provides merely the issuance "for the purpose of raising money to be used for the construction and maintenance of permanent roads"—not of those already constructed.

To scatter \$84,000 on thirty-three roads produces no permanent roads, in the general acceptance of the term. This is an average expenditure of \$2500 per road, and only earth roads can be constructed for this amount—even assuming that each road will average but two miles in length—not enough money to even properly grade the roads. Moreover, such an expenditure can be made with an ordinary road levy and not necessitate a bond issue. If the bond program carries, Josephine county will be little better off than at present—it will merely have completed its system of summer roads—with its credit exhausted.

The call for the bond issue indicates the refusal of Josephine county to co-operate with Jackson county in the building of the Pacific highway, as a paved thoroughfare through Oregon. But \$2000 is appropriated for improvement of the seven miles between Grants Pass and Jackson county. Small sums are to be expended in improvements of other sections, but only enough for repair and maintenance. There is no permanence in the program.

Sections of the Crescent City road fare but little better, some \$13,000 being expended on the several sections. The bulk of the money is to be dribbled away on crossroads. When the money is all spent, Josephine county will still be without a good winter road, and all the annual road levy will be required for maintenance.

The entire program is characteristic of the pettiness of the "good road boosters" of Josephine county—who graded a hundred yards of road at the Josephine-Jackson boundary and put up a large sign, "This is Josephine county," and who spend their energies in trying to direct travel from the Pacific highway over the coast route to eliminate Jackson county from the map. What else could be expected but that they would go at the good roads program backwards forward and fritter away their time on an illegal bond issue to improve country crossroads?

It is a keen disappointment—but it was expected.

WANTED—PUBLIC SPIRIT

PUBLIC-SPIRITED citizens are needed in Medford to take hold of the city government and place it on a business basis. They ought to come forward at this crisis and consent to sacrifice a little of their time and energy in stopping the leaks and systematizing the city's finances.

The first step on the program is the reorganization of present conditions. This out of the way, the new council could then appoint a charter revision committee to submit a commission form of government. This should consist of an unpaid commission of not over five, who would employ a salaried business manager to manage the city, under supervision of the commissioners.

To bring about this program, the best class of citizens should volunteer to serve on the council for the short time requisite to complete the program. It is a matter that vitally concerns every property owner and resident and there ought to be enough patriotism to insure the election of competent men.

Let Medford be progressive in government as well as in other affairs.

SUSPECT OPERA SINGER OF SPYING

ROME, Dec. 16.—Miss Edith McVane, daughter of Dr. Silas McVane, a Harvard professor emeritus, complained today to the United States embassy here that her sister, Dorothy, an opera singer, was under surveillance by the Italian authorities at Taranto, suspected of being a French spy.

Her theory was that the young American woman aroused Italian suspicions by visits, purely of curiosity, to the naval piers and fortifications at Brindisi and elsewhere. Her father, seriously ill in Rome, knew nothing of his daughter's difficulties.

The embassy expected to ask a government investigation.

WILSON TO FAVOR BUILDING AT FAIR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—President Wilson today told President Moore of the Panama Pacific exposition that he will send a message to congress favoring a government building at the fair.

PANAMA CANAL IS OPEN, END TO END

PANAMA, Dec. 16.—The canal actually was open today from end to end. Dredges have removed enough of Cucuracha slide to allow the passage of medium sized vessels.

John A. Perl
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Lady Assistant
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Phones M. 47 and 47-32
Ambulance Service Deputy Coroner

GUS

—the Tailor
MAKES
SUITS TO FIT
AND
FIT TO WEAR

This Home-Made Cough Syrup Will Surprise You

Costs Little, but there is Nothing Better at Any Price. Fully Guaranteed.

Here is a home-made remedy that takes hold of a cough almost instantly, and will usually conquer an ordinary cough in 24 hours. This recipe makes a pint—enough for a whole family. You couldn't buy as much or as good ready-made cough syrup for \$2.50.

Mix one pint of granulated sugar with 1 1/2 pint of warm water, and stir 2 minutes. Put 2 1/2 ounces of Pinex (fifty cents' worth) in a pint bottle, and add the Sugar Syrup. This keeps perfectly and has a pleasant taste—children like it. Braces up the appetite and is slightly laxative, which helps end a cough.

You probably know the medical value of pine in treating bronchial asthma, bronchitis, spasmodic croup and whooping cough. Pinex is a most valuable concentrated compound of Norway white pine extract, rich in quaiac and other natural healing pine elements. Other preparations will not work in this combination.

The prompt results from this inexpensive remedy have made friends for it in thousands of homes in the United States and Canada, which explains why the plan has been imitated often, but never successfully.

A guarantee of absolute satisfaction, or money promptly refunded, goes with this preparation. Your druggist has Pinex or will get it for you. If not, send to The Pinex Co., Ft. Wayne, Ind.

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