

An Open Letter to Taxpayers

By the County Court

As suggested in our letter of yesterday, all our communications thus far have led up to the proposition of bonding the County for permanent roads. Until this year it has never been possible to do as we are now suggesting that you do and that is to permit us as your County Court to issue bonds to the amount of 2 per cent of our valuation as shown by the assessor's roll prepared by him and passed upon by the Board of Equalization.

We should have been glad to hold this election on November 4 at the time when the special referendum election is to be held for the decision of the State issues. It was not possible to do this for the reason that we must wait until we know the amount of the assessor's roll and this information we cannot get until some time in the month of November. It is believed that the roll this year will be practically the same as that of last year or in the neighborhood of \$16,000,000. That amount will permit us to bond for practically \$320,000. As soon as this information is secured, we will have the petitions prepared and signed and will then call the election within twenty days, as provided by law.

This will cause the election to fall on or about the last of November or the first of December. If the bond issue carries we will have sufficient time to put the bonds upon the market and realize from their sale and thus be ready for a vigorous campaign of road building as soon as Spring opens.

It is the idea of the County Court to make a personal campaign for this bond issue in every precinct in the County closing the campaign at Klamath Falls with a monster mass meeting in favor of good roads. We are making this announcement of our intention to call for a bond issue in order that those who are opposed to it will have the opportunity to prepare their side of the case and put it up to the people. In other words, we want the people to vote on this matter of bonds for good roads with full knowledge of both sides of the question and to make their decision after a full, fair and open discussion of the merits of both sides.

The County Court has long felt that the method of raising revenue for good roads in vogue at this time and which had been practiced by every County Court in the history of Klamath County, is unfair and antiquated and a great burden on taxpayers that it should be because direct taxation for permanent roads compels the present generation to pay for roads that will be enjoyed by generations to come. We feel that those who are to enjoy the use of these roads and the benefits that will come from them ten and twenty years hence, should help pay for their improvement. And the bond is the only system under which these results can be accomplished. It was only at the last session of the Legislature that this was made possible, although other states have been doing it for a long time. Now that we have the chance, we feel that we should do the work in the easiest possible way and reduce the burden upon you as taxpayers, since it is unquestionably true that if you will give us road bonds, we can, as soon as our courthouse is completed, cut your taxes in half.

During the past three years we have prepared a splendid foundation for a system of roads. The \$320,000 for which we will ask you will complete this system to such an extent that the expense for road construction after that time, will be reduced to a minimum, being merely the upkeep of the permanent roads to be constructed under the bond issue.

Because we have been compelled by law to do so, we have been constructing roads in Klamath County by the issuance of warrants, although we know that the warrants issued for this purpose were in excess of the constitutional limitation and therefore technically illegal. But Klamath County needed roads and needed them badly and this was our only method of procedure. And so we did as every County Court in this County and in every other county in the State had been doing for years—ignored the antiquated provisions of the Constitution and did what was necessary to be done—namely, gave the citizens of this County a system of roads whereby they could get from one part of the County to another and without which the development of this County would have been retarded many years.

But, now that the Legislature has enacted a law permitting counties to bond themselves to 2 per cent of their valuation for the purpose of constructing good roads, we feel that we cannot in justice build any more roads by the warrant route. We believe that more roads and better roads are needed and needed badly in Klamath County. But we do not believe that the present generation should pay for them. The present generation has already done its share—yes, even more than its share. If we want any more roads now we ought to is-

sue bonds to pay for them. And so far as the members of the County Court are concerned, that is the only way in which any more money can be expended on roads during our term of office. While we recognize that the County has benefitted immeasurably from the construction of the roads we have built during the last few years, we are glad that the law has finally opened the door to the people whereby they can construct roads without having to carry the great burden that has been carried by Klamath County taxpayers during the past few years. And so we are putting it up to you—the taxpayers to avail yourselves of the easier way. If you care to do so, we shall construct the roads. If you do not, we shall have to content ourselves for some years to come with our present inadequate system of roads.

At the present time the County is in debt. We have gone into debt for the construction of roads. It is the intention of the County Court not to make a heavy road levy this coming year, levying merely enough to cover maintenance charges on the roads we have. The general fund levy will be sufficient at last year's figure, to pay off half the present indebtedness of the County. Meantime, if we have the money from the issuance of road bonds, we can go on with road construction, without any burden to ourselves. At the end of next year the new courthouse will have been completed, and we can then dispense with that levy. If we have road bond money to operate with, we can cut the road levy to a figure that will merely give us a small sinking fund to retire the road bonds. And that means that after a year from today the taxes of the County will be cut in half. And we shall have a fine courthouse, a new poor farm and a fine system of roads to show for the expenditure of our money. And all this will have been done within the short space of four years. We admit that the burden has seemed heavy at times. But these have been hard years. We should have built a courthouse with bond money but there is no way in which a county can do this, although cities may do so, under the laws. And so we were like a farmer starting out on his land. We had to have improvements and we had to go in debt for them. No farmer would hesitate to go into debt for improvements that will enable him to put his farm on a paying basis and

to pay off this debt and make more money besides.

And so we did not hesitate to go into debt for improvements that will pay the County for years to come. But we feel that if the people will give us the road bonds they will enable us to complete a fine system of permanent improvements for Klamath County, including a poor farm, courthouse and good roads, and at the same time to leave the County out of debt (except for the road bonds) and with a low tax rate. Could you ask for a better administration than that?

We have already said that we would make a campaign for the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$320,000 for the improvement of roads in Klamath County. The preliminary steps toward calling the bond election are already being made, and in the proper time petitions will be circulated. After the election has been called we intend to hold a series of meetings for the discussion of the proposition. The places and dates of these meetings will be announced in advance in order that those who oppose the bonds may have ample opportunity to be on hand to set forth their arguments in opposition. We want the discussion to be as full and frank as possible so that the people may say whether or not they want any more road work done during the next two years.

So far as we are concerned, we have finished road work by the warrant route. We believe that, now that the way has been opened, any further road improvements should be made out of the proceeds of the sale of bonds. If the people vote the bonds, we will go ahead with road work and give the County a good system of hard-surfaced highways. If they decide not to issue the bonds, we will merely finish the work we have on hand and make a small levy for the maintenance of the roads as they stand. We will finish the new courthouse and then we shall have done with our scheme of improvement.

We expect in the next year to call in a half of the present indebtedness of the County and to retire all the outstanding indebtedness within the next two years.

There is nothing in the way now of a sane scheme for progress. All that is needed is for everyone to sit still in the boat and row together with his fellow men. No man should rock the boat at this stage of the game.

Reputation of County indebted-

ness must be stopped. It is outrageous for a few persons to say that this County shall not pay its honest debts. We believe that the people are willing to pay their just debts and public sentiment ought to make it pretty hot for the repudiators. On Wednesday morning we shall have more to say about this proposition of repudiation.—Advertisement.

ABANDON HOPS OF FINDING MINERS ALIVE IN SHAFT

GHASTLY SCENES REPORTED BY RESCUE CREWS

Interior Is Scattered With Hands, Feet, Heads and Bodies Horribly Mangled by the Force of the Explosion—Believed That there Are More Than 200 Victims of the Disaster.

DAWSON, N. M., Oct. 25.—There is absolutely no chance of anybody being alive in Mine No. 2 of the Stag Canyon mines, the scene of the recent explosion, say those who are in charge of the rescue work.

This follows the entering of the west workings, where it was hoped would be living men. Only corpses were found.

The interior of the mine was fearfully wrecked by the explosion.

Hands, legs, and other parts of human bodies were blown all over the place.

The scenes there are ghastly, say the rescuers. The corpses everywhere, if not mutilated and torn to pieces by the force of the shock, are terribly contorted. They have already commenced to rot, rendering the task of the rescuers more difficult.

The latest estimate places the dead at 263 men.

Fine Bear Skin Rug.

The skin of the bear which Fred Noel killed a few days ago near Silver's camp on the Rogue River has been transformed by Walter Donart into a beautiful rug for Mr. Noel's daughter, Miss Nina. Bear skins are not usually at their best at this time.

A simple device has been invented in Germany for measuring and registering the amount of carbonic acid in submarines.

MEXICAN ELECTION PROVES BIG FARCE

EVERYTHING IN CONNECTION WITH THE AFFAIR WAS ARRANGED BEFORE

Light Vote Cast Everywhere—Congressmen Who are Huerta's Henchmen, It Is Believed, Will Declare the Election Unconstitutional, Owing to the Fact There Was No Majority, and Huerta Will Continue

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 27.—The presidential election held yesterday proved to be as big a farce as expected. There were no disorderly scenes, though.

In districts where the rebels are in control, the polls were not opened at all.

Federal army officers frequently cast the votes of the soldiers without opening the polls, and elsewhere the soldiers voted as their commanders dictated.

Probably in no place did the vote exceed a fifteenth of the qualified voting strength.

There was no indication of intimidations. This was unnecessary, as it was evident that everything was pre-arranged.

The returns show that less than 5,000 voted in a federal district where there are 80,000 voters.

Nevertheless, it is expected that the congressional candidates approved by Huerta will declare themselves elected, and organize.

The first act of theirs, it is believed, will be to declare the election void because of the lack of a constitutional majority for any candidate. At the same time, they will "request" Huerta to remain in office until another election, which will be held whenever Huerta orders it.

MORE DYNAMITE

TALK—CHICAGO

CHICAGO, Oct. 27.—It was announced today that the arguments of the convicted Indianapolis union men for appeals will begin Wednesday in the federal court of appeals.

The men are charged with illegal transportation of dynamite.

All kinds of gun repairing at Schuberts, Main street. 8-11.

U.S. MAY NOT RECOGNIZE NEW ORDER

UHuerta Has Mexican Congress Under His Thumb

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 27.—The administration was agreeably disappointed by the absence of rioting yesterday in Mexico, as it was prepared for an explosion.

The only change effected by the balloting is giving Huerta a congress that will absolutely obey his will.

President Wilson is much concerned. He is certain that the new "lawmakers" will uphold Huerta in every act, and if deemed necessary, it will oppose all action on the part of America to bring peace.

It is not believed that the administration will recognize Huerta or recognize his minority congress.

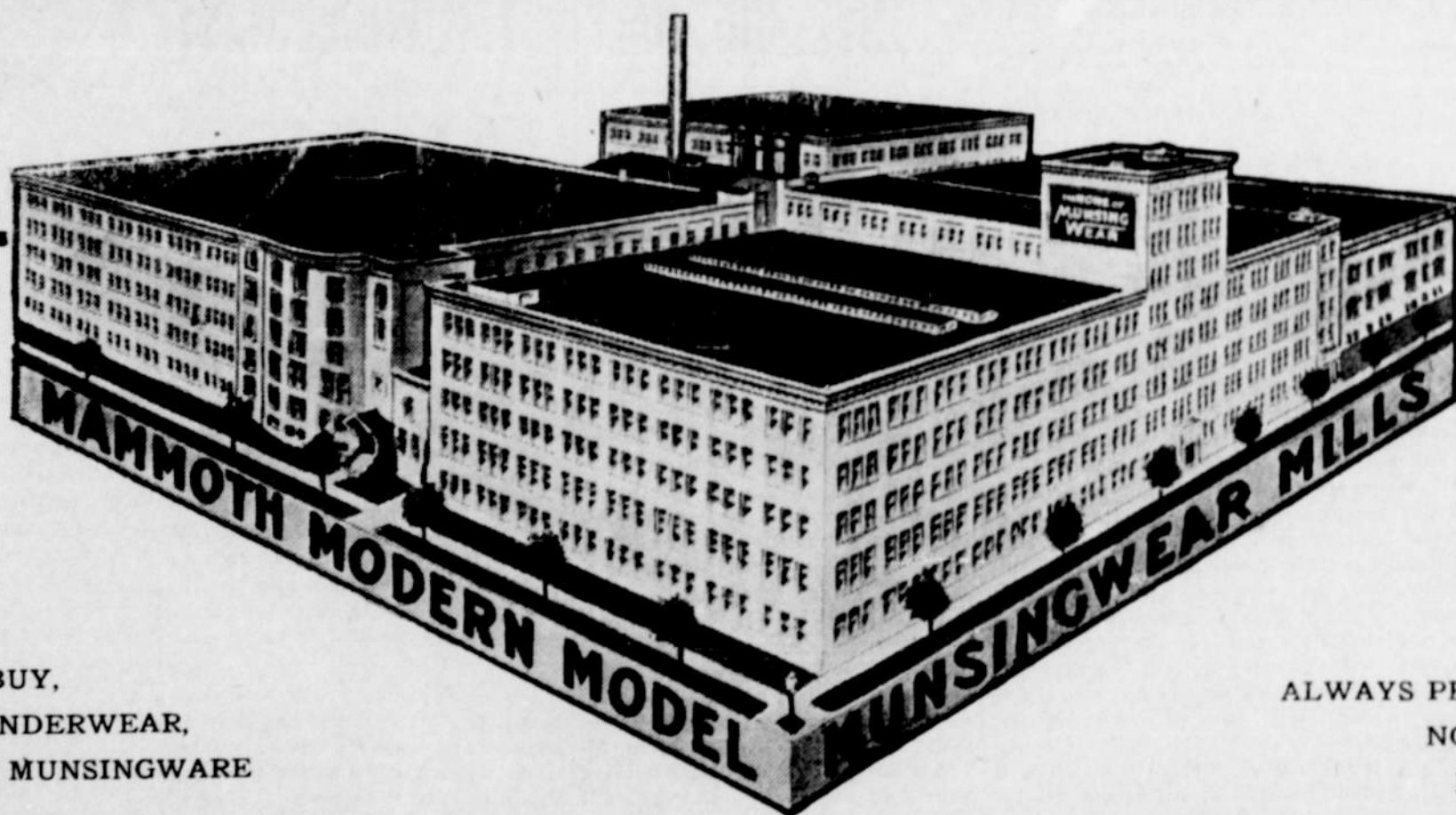
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 27.—A definite policy outlining in detail the attitude of the United States toward the revolution-torn republic of Mexico, which will be the most important utterance of the present administration on the Mexican question, it was declared today, will be shortly forthcoming, following the so-called elections held in the sister nation yesterday.

JEALOUSY CAUSE OF MORE MURDER

OAKLAND, Oct. 27.—Mrs. Archer Brown, wife of the millionaire son of the late superior judge, attempted to commit suicide yesterday by shooting, owing to jealousy toward Mrs. Marie Miller, housekeeper for a neighbor. Her wound, though, was slight.

Following this, she killed her husband and fled from her palatial residence, leaving the tragedy undiscovered. Later she tried to kill Mrs. Miller.

This morning she called at her husband's law office and led her husband's brothers to the house to show them the corpse.



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