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ABOUT THAT BOND ISSUE.

ELSEWHERE in this issue is a showing as to what is thought generally about the proposition to bond the county for $850,000 for the purpose of building roads. That the roads of the county are not good as a general thing, none of them deny. Yet there was a general feeling that until something definite as to plans and where and how the money would be spent was known, the parties interviewed did not care to express an opinion. Out of two hundred or more asked about the matter more than half said they did not care to venture an opinion until better informed as to what was to be done with the money, that is, where it was to be spent and what roads were to be improved first.

Another impression that seemed to be pretty general was that the entire sum, or at least the larger part of it was to be used in building what is spoken of as the "Pacific Highway."

It would be well for those having the matter in charge to give it full publicity, to lay before the voters the whole project, and make it possible to discuss it intelligently.

The Capital Journal confesses it has not had inside information on the subject sufficient to warrant taking any side in the matter so far. It realizes just as thoroughly as anyone the necessity for good roads. The question is, "Is the plan proposed the best one?" Until the plans of those behind the matter are better known, it is impossible to form any opinion as to that.

It is a very important matter and the Journal columns are open to give it the fullest publicity. If the committee in charge will send us the statement of just what is proposed it will be given space gladly, and then the voters will be in position to act intelligently upon it.

The citizens of Marion county are progressive and are far from being tight wads, but they are not buying a pig in a poke, and so want to understand just what they are doing, and why they are doing it.

A PEREGRINATING PREVARICATOR.

THE OREGONIAN, unwittingly perhaps has given the Willamette valley and especially Salem a hard blow in printing the drivel of its special correspondent, with the double-barrelled handle to his name, David Swing Ricker. This young gentleman accompanied by his wife is walking from Portland to San Diego, for the ostensible purpose of telling the truth about the road conditions along the proposed Pacific Highway. He is not doing it. He knew nothing about the state when he started, but by the time he reached Oregon City he had its history down pat, and when he reached Salem he knew all about the road conditions all over the state, how much the roads had deteriorated in the past ten years, and glibly tells the Oregonian's readers that out of $18,000,000 spent in that time, $17,000,000 were thrown away and wasted. He tells said readers that the roads are worse now than ten years ago and he tells them other things not one of the whole lot of which is true, with the possible exception of his statement that the roads are bad. As a matter of fact he knows absolutely nothing of the general conditions of the valley roads.

He started from Portland in one of the worst storms that has visited the coast in years. The whole valley was flooded, and in many places, as he stated, he had to wade on the public roads, which, by the way is another truth he told. The storm was so severe that the Oregon Electric at Tualitan was for several hundred yards submerged, and traffic suspended. Everywhere rivers were out of their banks and every creek was a roaring torrent. The streams could not carry off the tremendous rainfall and in places the valley was little better than a lake. Then and under such conditions, this man Ricker hits the roads, takes photographs of these high water conditions and the Oregonion reproduces them to the valley's hurt, for the simple reason that its readers not here in Oregon, know nothing of the extraordinary conditions, and are gravely told by this correspondent whom the Oregonian give credence by printing his stuff and the pictures accompanying it, that these conditions that he describes are the usual thing and that his article describes the valley's roads as they are. He takes a photograph of a high water scene, showing the water over the road and under this picture is the statement, "Average condition of road entering Salem."

He says: "I splashed into Salem thhrough ankle-deep mud." Again he says: "I made liberal allowance for the rain, which at no time has been heavy enough to hamper passage on foot over a properly built road." Yet at this time he knew that the water would have been over any road built in some of the lower lands, and that the Oregon Electric was at the time he was writing in places under six feet of flood waters.

Then he tries to lay the matter on Engineer Bowlby's shoulders as the source of his information. We suggest that the Oregonian could get Mr. Bowlby's idea at first hand and not as a matter of hearsay from an irresponsible and uniformed hobo, tramping through the country for so much a day and caring nothing about the subject on which he wrote, other than to have it spectacular and catchy enough to permit him to hold his job, and draw his salary.

The roads in the Willamette valley are not as good as they should be but they are immeasurably better than ten years ago, or five years ago, and are being made better each year.

Another thing in this connection is the alleged statements of Engineer Bowlby. The head of every department in the state thinks his is the most important one. It is right they should, for they must think their work important to do it well. The school superintendent thinks educational matters far more important than any other of the state's affairs. The Corporation department thinks that is about the most important, and the Reform School, the Insane Asylum and all the other managers think theirs is the one thing on which the fate of the state depends.

For this reason the ideas of any of these superintendents as to improvements, are generally far ahead of the state's ability to carry out. This is true of Mr. Bowlby, and it is true of the head of every other department. For this reason, too, Mr. Bawlby's pessimistic views as to the road building of the past need to be taken with a little salt to make them palatable. We do not believe that gentleman ever said that all but one million dollars expended on the roads in the last ten years were worse than wasted. We do not believe it, because it is not a fact. The gentleman who put these words in his mouth is simply out for the dough. He is writing stories for so much per, and he is making those stories as catchy as he can. He is doing this at the expense of the Willamette valley, and the Oregonian is thoughtlessly, perhaps, assisting him in giving the valley a black eye. Mr. Ricker says: "Bowlby is a dreamer." That is possibly another truth we forgot to credit Mr. Ricker with.

As for Mr. Ricker and his stories about the valley roads, well, the name given him by those who know the conditions, who live here, and who have read his statements, is not "a dreamer." The fact is Mr. Ricker uses the truth with a prodigal frugality and a generous parsimoniousness, that entitles him to yield the gavel at any Ananias club to which he may happen to belong

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Subjects to Be Treated, Raw Materials and Relates Industries as Set Forth in Program.

With the slogan "Five Hundred New Payrolls for Oregon in 1914," manufacturers and commercial clubs of the state will hold a convetnion in Corvallis tomorrow and Thursday. It is to be a factories' promotion congress, and its purpose is to bring the factory and the fram into closer relation and establish industries as close as possible to the supply of raw material. The convention is to be under the auspices of the Corvallis Commercial Club, the Students' Commercial Club, of the Oregon Agricultural College and the school of commerce and economics. Incidentally it will be held during the Farmers' Short Course at the college, which will be continued until January 30.

Speakers from the University of Oregon and the Agricultural College will discuss scientific and technical sides of manufacturing, and prominent and successful manuaftcurers in each line will speak on the business and practical problems. Reduced railroad fares have been promised for the convention.

Subjects Are Given.

The subjects to be treated, the raw materials and the related industries, are: "Timber Products—Furniture Factories and All Wood-Working Industries, Pulp and Paper Mills," "Dairy Products —Creameries, Cheese Factories and Milk Condensers;" "Fruit Products—Canneries, Evaporators, Driers and Jelly and Vinegar Factories;" "Vegetables—Canneries and Everfresh Packing Plants;" "Grains—Flouring Mills and Cereal Products, Paste and Biscuit Factories;" "Wool, Mohair and flax—Weaving, Spinning, Knitting and Scouring Mills, Clothing Manufactures;" "Clay—Brick and Tile Factories, Patery and Ceramic Arts;" "Sane—Quarries and Building Stone, Monuments and Ornaments;" "Iron and Steel—Metal Works, Foundries and Machine Shops;" "Cement—Structural Work, Artificial Stone Factories, Bridges and Culverts;" "Broom Corn—Broom and Brush Factories;" "Printing Trades—Book Manufacturers and Binderies;" "Animal Industry—Packing-Houses and Meat Products, Belting Factories, Saddlery and Harness;" "Fisheries—Canning, Curing and Kippering Factories;" "Transportation, Manufactures—Railroads and Shipbuilding, Payrolls and Distribution.'

A few of the prominent speakers who will be heard are: R. W. Raymond, of Portland, manager of the Oregon Manufacturers', Association, whose subject will be "A Made-in-Oregon Campaign;" J. L. Stockton, of Salem, president of the Retail Merchants' Association of Oregon, who will speak on "What the Country Merchants Can Do to Promote Industries;" Rufus C. Holman, of Portland, president of the Oregon County Judges and Commissioners' Association, who will tell "What County Officials Can Do to Encourage Industries;" Henry M. Parks, director of the Oregon School of Mines, who will tell all about Oregon building stone, and C. M. Cullers, president of the Portland Structural Steel Engineering Company, who will speak on "The Structural Steel Industry in Oregon," and will try to show that if the structural steel for the Interstate bridge was manufactured here it would increase Portland's payrolls by $250,000, as there are two firms there manufacturing structural steel.

Chris Myhre, of Junction, Or., manager of the Farmers' Co-operative Creamery, will show how a creamery located in the farming sections adds 20 per cent to the profits of the dairyman.

"Clay Products" to Be Discussed.

Professor Ira Williams, ceramic engineer at the Oregon Agricultural College, will talk on "Clay Products." Experts will present the possibilities of manufacturing paving brick for the county roads.

Major Henry Bowlby, State Highway Engineer, will discuss "Oregon's Indigenous Road Material." State Treasurer Kay, who is manager of the Eugene Woolen Mills, will give some practical advice on the establishment of woolen mills. W. F. Scott, of Portland, will talk on "Tanneries and Leather Manufactories." B. W. Brown, of the Union Meat Company, will talk on "Packing-Houses and Meat Products." Professor F. G. Young, of the department of economics of the University of Oregon, will talk on "Railroad and Transportation Industries."

H. A. Hinshaw, of the Southern Pacific Company; A. C. Spencer, of the O. W. R. & C. Co.; Mark Woodruff, of the Pacific, Eugene & Eastern Railway, and President Gillman, of the Hill lines will show what the railroads represent in payrolls and purchase of supplies in the state.

Experts in the fruit and vegetable canneries will give practical information on the operation of these industries. Twenty or more of the faculty of the Oregon Agricultural College will discuss the scientific and technical sides of manufacturing, and one or two or more business and manufacturing men will talk on the practical side.

The two days' session will be in the forenoons, but Wednesday evening, November 14, the Farmers' Congress and the Manufacturers' Congress will hold a joint session in the gymnasium at the Agricultural College.

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BRYAN TRAVELS MANY MILES.

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Washington, Jan. 13.—Secretary Bryan was back at his desk for the first time since his western trip, which he started on January 1. This last "swing around the circle," brings Secretahy Bryan's "total miles traveled" since he took office a few days more than 300 days ago, to 31,800 miles, a record distance for any secretary of state while in office. Bryan traveled the 31,800 miles in 72 days. During his last trip he spoke in Miami, Fla., Kansas City, Lincoln, Neb., Topeka, Chicago and Toledo. He plans to speak in Illinois and Nebraska in March. In April he will speak on the California-Japanese land question. He expects to speak in Harrisburg, Pittsburgh, and other Pennsylvania cities in May, and to fill several Chautauqua engagements in July. Part of his 31,800 miles of travel was spent for stumping work in Maine, Virginia, New Jersey and Maryland.

CASES NOT DECIDED.

[UNITED PRESS LEASED WIRE.]

Washington, Jan. 13.—The supreme court adjourned today without deciding the inter-mountain rate or other important cases pending before it.

JOURNAL WANT ADS. bring results.

ITALIAN FEMINISTS ARE MUCH IN DOUBT

They Have Promise of King Something Is to Be Done, but Do Not Know What It May Be.

SAYS WOMAN SHOULD BE GIVEN PROPER PLACE NOW

They Are Inclined to Believe That It Means Legislation Favorable To Their Claims.

BY HENRY WOOD.
(Rome Correspondent of the United Press.)

Rome, Jan. 13.—Italian feminists are in the rather paradoxical position of having just won a victory for their movement without yet knowing just what the victory is. While the latter uncertainty isn't preventing them in the least from celebrating their accomplishments, they frankly admit that they would like to know what it's about. King Victor Emanuel in his speech from the throne at the opening of the present parliament, for the first time in the history of Italy advocated legislation in favor of the women of Italy.

"Legislation must be begun at this session for the revision of the Civil Code in order to give to woman the position that belongs to her in the family." If this had been a mere campaign or political promise it might well have been pased over lightly. But coming from the throne, in a speech prepared by Premier Giolitti himself, for the king to read, it means in Italy that something is really going to be done for the women. But unfortunately, it is right there that the trouble arises. What is it that's going to be done?

Must Grant Some Reforms.

Those who have made a microscopical analysis of the king's words have as yet been unable to get any inkling as to what it is that either he or Giolitti have up their sleeves for them. That there is something there, however, there can be no doubt for the women succeeded in the recent elections in creating for themselves a "bloc" in parliament which renders it absolutely necessary that the king and Premier Giolitti come across with some of the reforms which they demand.

The Socialist party being the only one that declared itself in favor of women's suffrage and other laws favoring women, the Italian feminists during the recent parliamentary elections threw their entire force in favor of the socialist candidates. They worked night and day for them and the socialists frankly admit that the increase of their number in parliament from 25 to 80 was in no small measure due to the efforts of the women. This increase in turn also forced King Manuel to give the socialists representation in the senate and he created for the first time in the history of a European parliament three socialist senators who hold their positions for life.

An Effective Pill.

While the women are not flattering themselves that this was a very agreeable pill which they prepared for the king and Premier Giolitti, they are figuring that it is a very effective one. Premier Giolitti is dependent on the socialist votes for his majority in the Chamber and legislation in favor of women, which was demanded by the latter from the socialists will therefore be forthcoming, it is known, from Giolitti.

On the part of the women, they are naturally losing no time in inaugurating a propaganda for the various things they want. The demand for suffrage, of course, is one of the most insistent of these, but it is hardly considered likely that Giolitti will concede this for the present.

As a matter of fact the number of women in Italy demanding suffrage, while coming almost without exception from the more aristocratic classes, is nevertheless very limited, and Premier Giolitti is expected to enact some other reform that will meet with more general approbation from the women as a whole. This in all probability will be, as the king suggested, a change in the civil code, which will give women the right of contract. This is something that a married woman in Italy does not enjoy. No contract of any kind can be signed by her without her husband's consent. Even the signing of a check for her own money must be approved by him, and it is the removal of this barrier that Giolitti is now believed to have up his sleeve in fulfillment of the promise of the king from the throne.

Wonder Who Will Succeed.

The death of Cardinal Creglia, Cardinal Camerlengo to Pope Pius, has aroused intense speculation in Vatican circles as to who shall be named his successor. This arises from the fact that following the death of a pontiff it is the Cardinal Camerlengo who becomes the temporary pope during the ten or fifteen days which invariably elapse before the sacred college can meet and elect a successor. As soon as a pope dies, the Cardinal Camerlengo hurries to the Vatican and entering the death chamber beats with a silver hammer three times on the forehead of the dead pope, calling out his Christian name each time. If there is no response the pope is declared dead and the Cardinal Camerlenge at once takes up his residence in the Vatican with the full power and authority of a pontiff.

It is because of the power which the Cardinal Camerlenge thus enjoys and which he might use to bring about his own election as successor of the dead pontiff that has made it a tradition of the sacred college that the Cardinal Camerlenge must never succeed directly to the Holy See. For this reason, it has been a custom of popes for centuries past when there was some cardinal whom they did not want to succeed them to name him Cardinal Camerlenge.

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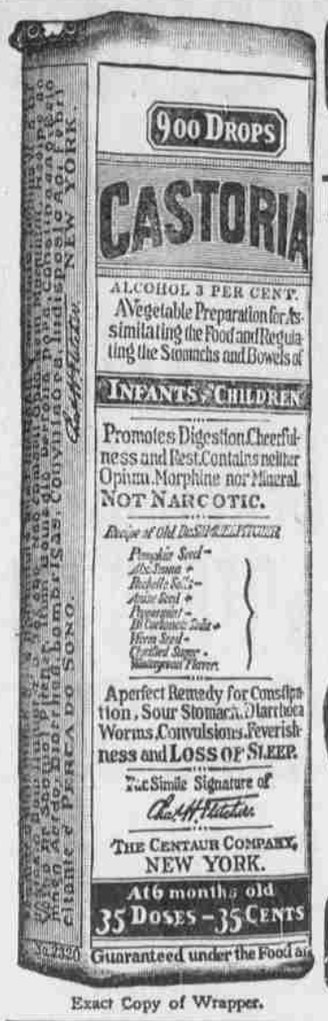

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