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FEDERAL AID FOR ROADS
The public has hardly begun to appreciate the rad building possioilutes opened the postofficice prip provide recently made by congress, The postoritice bill provides
$\$ 2090000000$ to be distributed among the states doprin the $\$ 29300,000$ to be distributed among the states during the fifty basis--that is the industrial states bearing no les than half the expense.

To this sum should be added the funds available from the original federal aid road act, passed in 1916, which provided $\$ 75,000,000$ for a five-year period ending in year period. The states have been so little interested in year period. The states have been so littie interested in has been used up, and there remains $\$ 82,000,000$ to add to the new allowance of $\$ 209,000,000$.

It is thus seen that nearly $\$ 300,000,000$ of govern ment money is available for roads during 1919, 1920 an funds on the fifty-fifty basis there will be nearly $\$ 600$, 000,000 to spend during this three-year period.

An admirable feature of the new law is the liberality of the terms under which the national funds may be distributed. The government is permitted to contribute to state roads as much as $\$ 20,000$ a mile. Moreover, the
law authorizes the war department to transfer, for such work, road-building materials which it may no longer need. The roads to which federal aid is given are technically supposed to be "post roads," but this term is now made so elastic as to include "any public road a major portion of which is now used, or can be used, or forms a connecting link not to exceed ten miles in length of any
road or roads now or hereafter used, for the transportaroad or roads now or hereafte
tion of United States mails."

It is inconceivable that there should not be an urgent demand, in every state, to take full advantage of this unprecedented opportunity for road-improvement. An state government that does not take immediate steps ing its duty.

The La Grande Evening Observer, published Sruce Denmis, is now brist sunay Morning edition It is a good-sized paper, bright, newsy and well edited, in in every way since Bruce assumed charge of it sevega months ago

Japan is said to be for a league "of all colors and creeds." That's all right, provided the preva
white and the dominating spirit is Christian.

RIPPLING RHYMES

## By Walt Mason

## RESTFUL SILENCE

Most topies that you would discuss are sad and tir some things to us; for we are tired and prone to balk at
all the endless streams of talk. We long for silence, quiet all the endless streams of talk. We long for silence, quiet
peace, and wish the eloquence would cesse. How swee and restful it would seem if every bore and every them could be by might of law suppressed! Oh, that would
socthe our souls distressed. We're tired of war and polities, of Huns and all their Hunnish tricks, of problems arge and problems small, of Russian freaks and Prussian gail, of doves of peace snd fists of steel, and all the thing of which bores spiel. Oh, for a glen of brosky dell, where we remote from talk might dwell! Oh, for some hollow in
the ground, where Windy Jims are never found! Some hermitage among the trees, where one might live on bark and peas, and never meet a noisy bore who'd thras our books in sylvan glades, by babbling brooks, where wordless songs by birds are sung, and never hear a human wordess songs by birds are sung, and never hear a huma tongue. For we are weary, heartsick gents; we're tire where telkworn -delegates might rest!


SENATORIAL OBJECTIONS
Concerning the questions whether the proposed plan for a League of Nations is contrary to the constitution o the United States, and whether it is likely to "entangle" the United States unduly in foreign affairs, former Pres
ident Taft is prabably as well qualified to speak other man in America. He has had the invaluable exper ience of handling, directly, the nation's affairs for four years. He has been ais his life a deep student of inter-
national law. He deserves a respectful hearing, then, when he says

The gentlemen in the senate who are setting out to defeat the League of Nations are citing the constitution
as an argument against it. I revere and worship that as an argument against it. I revere and worship that
great instrument, and it is a new story to me if the constitution prevents the people from playing their part in
bringing peace and order and happiness to ourselves and the other peoples of the world.
"The application at this time of the doctrine of avoiding entan application at this time of the doctrine of avoic is reactionary to the extent o delaying world peace for a hundred years. The question
at this time is whether the whole great plan of the League of Nations is to be defeated because we can't get
thirds majority of our senate for its ratification,"
If the senate definitely refuses for any reason to of the nation, Mr. Taft is not the only good American that the senators will hear from. There are millions with him.
The Oregonian pretends to print an editorial review of President Wilson's six years in office, and never al-
ludes to such memorable achievements in legislation as the Iudes to such memorable achievements in legislation as the enactment of the federal reserve law, which has estabiish-
ed a real banking system for the country after generations of haggling over it; of the passage of the rural credits aw, which has resulted already in the loaning of hundreds of millions of dollars to the farmers at a low rate
of interest and on long time. It had always been talked about and never enacted into law. Of the creation off the federal trade commission which seems to handle "big
business" more sensibly than it was ever handled before by governmere sensibly than it was ever handied beford ministrative accomplishments of President Wilson which the Oregonian ignores by saying that in domestic affair the national administration has been weak

Having survived the oratorical offensive at Washing on, D. C., the League of Nations can probably stand any

## THE PROMOTER'S WIFE BY JANE PHELPS



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