

PASSAGE OF PROPOSED BOND MEASURES OPENS ROADS TO PROSPERITY

Division of Funds Under Plans of County Court Insure Equal Distribution.

By Jas. S. Stewart. Generally, it may be said that the people of Marion county do not thoroughly understand the market roads measures that are to be voted on at the June 3 election...

Bonds Sold as Needed. Judge Bushey and the county court have announced that the bonds will be sold in yearly installments as needed...

By this plan each road described in the election notices will receive double the amounts that are shown thereon. Thus, Road No. 1, commonly known as the Jefferson and Green's Bridge road...

Silverton Mt. Angel—Scott's Mill's section—Amount paid in, \$240,480; money contributed by Salem, \$33,015; total amount of section, \$273,495. This is the fairest and most equitable distribution of road bonds ever devised in any county of the state of Oregon up to the present time.

When Payable. The law provides that four years after the first of the bonds are sold payment of the principal must begin, and that payment be continued each year thereafter at the rate of \$50,000 a year until the entire \$250,000 bond issue has been paid off.

Interests on the Bonds. The interest on the bonds from first to last, based on the plan of installment issues worked out by the county court, will be less than \$200,000 and will be much more than met by the county's share of the auto tax...

per year. It would be too much to expect that high rate of increase to go on indefinitely, but figured on the extremely moderate increase of 10 per cent per year for the next four years, five per cent per year thereafter for the succeeding five years and no increase at all for the last five years, Marion county would receive as its share of the auto tax during the life of its bond issue something over \$520,000, which would not only liquidate the entire interest, but pay off about \$225,000 of the bonds as well.

Tax Increase Small. If the Pierce market roads bill (the so-called Grange measure) should pass—which seems almost a certainty—the county of Marion will receive as an absolute gift from Multnomah county the sum of \$17,000 next year, under the provision that divides over two-thirds of Multnomah's share pro rata among the other counties of the state each year.

Tax Burden Light. The infinitesimal nature of the burden on the taxpayer may be gathered from the fact, even if no part of the bonds were paid off by the auto or state market roads taxes, and all of the bonds would have to be retired by direct taxation, the man whose property is assessed at \$10,000 would be taxed only \$20 per year for ten years beginning with the year 1924, as his share of the bonds.

As a rule, the farmer who pays cash for 95 per cent of what he buys and uses his credit only to the extent of \$1.50 on the hundred, or who borrows no more than \$200 on a \$10,000 farm, is thought to be in pretty good circumstances and a long way from the ragged edge.

Money Kept in County. Then why gag at a 2 per cent loan that is to add to the value of all our farms by eliminating the mud and chuck holes. It would be well to forget the dreadful word "bonds" and simply realize that the county is giving its note for 12 years at a low rate of interest so as to get capital to build our market roads in the near future instead of the distant future.

Since Oregon's first state auto license act went into effect the number of cars has increased at the rate of 30 per cent

RURAL POST ROUTE IS CUT BECAUSE OF ROAD

Country Residents Warned Mail Delivery Depends Upon Highways.

If the people on the rural routes want free delivery service at their front doors they must see to it that the roads are in good condition. Postal authorities have recently taken the stand that people who are not interested in good roads are not entitled to free service.

CONDITION OF WESTERN OREGON ROADS. McKenzie Highway. Open and in fair condition, Eugene to Blue River; condition poor, but passable, Blue River to Lost Creek ranger station; closed by snow between Lost Creek ranger station and summit.

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put out mail boxes on the main road of travel. Rural route 3 out of Salem, running south to Oreville and returning on the Riverside drive, will have added a little over five miles beginning June 1. This will bring the route up to about 30 miles, making it one of the heaviest of the nine rural routes out of the city.

that on route 5 near the Albert T. Carey corner the roads are in bad condition. Also on rural route 9 between the Blanton and Norwood corner, roads are also in bad condition. With this report going into postal headquarters, people in those districts stand a chance of losing free mail service, as the department is taking the position...

WHAT NEXT? Washington, May 24.—(United Press.)—Automobile tires can be made from sage-brush of the western prairies, Representative Baker, California, believes. He has introduced a bill asking the government to investigate the feasibility of the plan.

GOOD ROADS MEASURES TO BE VOTED ON AT JUNE 3 ELECTION AND THE CAPITAL JOURNAL'S RECOMMENDATIONS. STATE MEASURES

Submitted by the Legislature—SIX PER CENT COUNTY INDEBTEDNESS FOR PERMANENT ROADS AMENDMENT.—Purpose: To amend Section 10 of Article XI of the Constitution of the State of Oregon so as to raise the present 2 per cent limitation placed upon counties in the creation of debts and liabilities for permanent roads, to 6 per cent of the assessed valuation of all the property in the county. Vote YES or NO

300 X YES 301 NO

Submitted by the Legislature—THE ROOSEVELT COAST MILITARY HIGHWAY BILL.—Purpose: To appropriate the sum of \$2,500,000, contingent upon the appropriation by the United States of an equal amount, for the purpose of assisting the United States in constructing a military highway from the city of Astoria through Clatsop, Tillamook, Lincoln, Lane, Douglas, Coos and Curry counties, State of Oregon, to the California state line; to raise said sum by the issue and sale of bonds, of the State of Oregon and to provide a method of payment of interest and principal thereon and for the retirement of such bonds. Vote YES or NO

310 X YES 311 NO

Submitted by the Legislature—MARKET ROADS TAX BILL.—Purpose: Providing for the construction of State market roads under the supervision and control of county courts; providing for the annual levy of a 1 mill tax on all taxable property, apportioning the proceeds among such counties as become entitled to a share thereof; authorizing county courts to levy a property tax in each county for construction of market roads in an amount equal to the sum apportioned, to such county hereunder; excepting from the limitations imposed by Section 11 of Article XI of the Constitution all taxes levied under the provisions of this amendment. Vote YES or NO

316 X YES 317 NO

Submitted by the County Court—MARION COUNTY ROAD BOND ISSUE.—Shall there be issued bonds by Marion County, Oregon, to the amount of eight hundred fifty thousand (\$850,000.00) dollars, due serially, the first installment of eighty-five thousand (\$85,000.00) dollars to be due and payable four years from the date of such bonds and each successive installment of eighty-five thousand (\$85,000.00) dollars to be paid annually each succeeding year from such date until the entire issue of eight hundred fifty thousand (\$850,000.00) dollars shall have been fully paid and redeemed, the last installment thereof being due and payable thirteen years from the date of such bonds, said bonds bearing interest at not to exceed the rate of five and one-half per cent per annum, to provide for permanent road construction, in Marion County. Vote YES or NO

318 X YES 319 NO

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CHEVROLET The Time Has Arrived When orders will have to be taken and filled in the order taken for Chevrolet cars. Since April 1st, we have received and sold over 90 Chevrolet cars and have orders ahead for all we can deliver between now and June 1st. On May 21st, we sent the following night letter to the Chevrolet Motor Company, at Oakland, California: "Ship us ten car loads of Four Ninety Touring during June. Entirely out of cars and orders ahead for more than we have coming balance this month. Advise if can depend on the ten car loads and how early in June will ship first car load and at what intervals during month." We received the following reply: "Cannot promise more than contract allotment for June until production schedule is complete." Signed Chevrolet Motor Co. The above is the true situation and we would advise any one wanting a Chevrolet car to place their order NOW for we must fill our orders in rotation. Salem Automobile Co. F.G. DELANO And Republic Tires Distributors CHEVROLET and Scripps-Booth Cars SALEM, Phone 97 A.I. EOFF And Republic Tires DALLAS, Phone 14