

TALKS GOOD ROADS

FRANK TERRACE SPEAKS TO MANY AT NORTH BEND

Gives Cold Facts Which Make Impression With the Farmers—in Marshfield Tonight

A crowd filled the North Bend Chamber of Commerce rooms to overflowing last night for the opening meeting of the Good Roads campaign to hear Frank Terrace from King county, Washington.

With Mr. Terrace it was strictly an experience meeting in which he related the benefits which good roads had brought him and how he had been enabled to make more money as a farmer since the improvement of his roads. His talk was very convincing and there was not a person in the audience who was not able from the simple illustration to see just the reason why good roads will help the farmer.

Gives Cold Facts

There was nothing flowery about Mr. Terrace but when he explained how he had been able to haul but 2500 pounds of cabbage to the sauer kraut factory in 12 hours before the roads were improved and that he could now carry 5000 pounds and make the round trip in eight hours, the farmers present could see the point. He allowed \$5 a day for himself and team, which was little enough and did double the work with lighter horses. Besides it was much easier on the driver as well as the team.

By thus saving more than half of his time in hauling and making \$5 a day thereby it did not take many days for the improved roads to earn money enough to pay his taxes. Good roads, he said, will pay the taxes and Mr. Terrace knows plenty of reasons why.

Before the speaker had a good road past his door he had to haul his milk to the railroad and pay two cents a gallon for the railroad to take it to Seattle. Now, the motor truck backs up to his barn door and hauls the milk into the city all the way for one cent a gallon and the farmer don't even have to hitch up.

While Mr. Terrace is a plain farmer who makes his living on the farm he makes good roads his religion. He has attended many state and national meetings dealing with good roads and his knowledge of the subject is very broad. Yet he looks at the matter from only one viewpoint, that of the men on the farm, and his sincere enthusiasm inspires his hearers to the farmers' real need.

Mr. Terrace is giving his time to talk to the people of Coos county on the subject of good roads and he will address meetings in all parts of the county between now and the election. No farmer or town man who can possibly hear him should miss a chance to attend one or more of the meetings. He also says emphatically that he has a message for the women and he wants them to come out and give him a chance to deliver it.

There were large delegations at the meeting last night from Kentuck and Coonon, coming over in special boats. Charles Hall, president of the Good Roads Association, presided and there were brief remarks in behalf of good roads by Mrs. Foreman of Coonon, County Judge James Watson, A. G. Raab, and County Roadmaster R. B. Murdoch.

The Golden West Quartette composed of Charles Lash, Jay B. Tower, Homer Maurey and V. O. Pratt delighted the audience with a number of songs and made a big hit with their good roads songs.

Here is one of them:
Tune—Chorus of "Old Gray Bonnet"
We want good roads, sir,
We want you to know, sir,
That we can pay the bonds when they're due;

And we'll ride all over,
For we'll be in clover
When the bond issue goes through.

This morning Mr. Terrace left for a tour of the Coquille Valley and will speak in the following places:

Wednesday, May 10th
Bandon 7:30 p. m.
Thursday, May 11th
Fairview 10:00 a. m.
Dora 1:30 p. m.
Coquille 7:30 p. m.
Friday, May 12th
Arango 10:00 a. m.
Broadbent 1:30 p. m.
Powers 7:30 p. m.
Saturday, May 13th
Gevel Ford 10:00 a. m.
Myrtle Point 1:30 p. m.

Holman Is Coming
Multnomah County Commissioner Rufus C. Holman will arrive in the county in a day or so and will probably join Mr. Terrace at the meeting at Coquille Thursday evening, returning to Marshfield for a big meeting Saturday night. Sunday there will be a big rally at Lakeside where Multnomah County Roadmaster John B. Yeon will join the party and there will be meetings Sunday night at Haynes Inlet school house; Monday night at Allegany Hall; Tuesday night at the Marshfield Fellowship Club dinner and Wednesday night at the Sunner Hall.

Prize Essay on Good Roads

The following is an essay on good roads written by Thelma Lyons of the Marshfield high school and which was awarded first prize in the high school class in the contest which was held. The subject of the essay was, "The Advantages of Bonding Coos County for Good Roads" and is as follows:

"Oh my, what a jolt! These Coos county roads are awful." This is what came from the back seat when I struck a piece of corduroy road shortly after leaving town with a few of my friends, to see the advantages in bonding Coos county for good roads. And I answered them by saying, "Wait till Coos county bonds for three hundred sixty-two thousand dollars and puts her roads on a permanent line and grade, then corduroy will be something of the past."

We had traveled only a short distance when we came upon a man trying to repair some springs. We offered our assistance but the man only remarked that it would break anything to have to travel this road. We consoled him by saying, "Wait till Coos county bonds for three hundred sixty-two thousand dollars and puts her roads on permanent line and grade, then traveling will be better."

A little farther, and we met a farmer coming to town with a fine team of horses but only a small load of very good apples. One of our party insisted on stopping this man to ask if this were all the apples the farmer had. My friend was quickly informed that there were great quantities of these apples going to waste at the farmer's home. My friend then asked the price and the farmer telling him this, added that it was impossible to reach town without badly bruising them and that it cost more to haul the apples than they would be worth. The farmer's intentions were to sell his place and invest in one nearer town, where he could raise apples and bring them to market. My friend quickly said, "Wait till Coos county bonds for three hundred sixty-two thousand dollars and puts her roads on a permanent line and grade; then it won't be necessary to change your location." The farmer agreed and seemed to be well pleased with the prospect.

A short distance on, as we reached the top of a rather steep hill, we came to a man with a load of lumber who seemed to be having some difficulty in reaching the summit. Making inquiries, we were informed that the hill was so steep it seemed almost impossible to haul enough lumber to build the barn he had planned to have on his farm. We told him to wait till Coos county bonded for three hundred sixty-two thousand dollars and put her roads on a permanent line and grade, and then he could haul twice that amount of lumber in half the time. The farmer decided to wait.

Then we reached one of the beautiful little cities in our country. While we were talking to one of the merchants of that place, he told us that business was not as good as it might be and that a great many of his customers were unable to find work. He also added that there were so many people sending away for their goods and so sending their money out of Coos county and the county was really short of cash. We asked him if it wouldn't be a good plan to bond Coos county for three hundred sixty-two thousand dollars and put the idle men to work on the roads, and by so doing put three hundred sixty-two thousand dollars in circulation in Coos county, then induce these men to spend their money at home. He readily agreed with us and emphasized the fact that the money should be kept in Coos county.

As we were seated in a hotel at lunch, we were very pleased to discover an old friend who lived on a ranch a short distance from that town. He told us that he was in town looking for a house, for in order to keep his family together he must move to town because his children had reached an age when they were dissatisfied with the farm. We advised him to vote for the bond issue and get a good road built between his farm and town, then buy an automobile and it would take him only about twenty minutes to come to town. In this way his children would have as many advantages as if they lived in the city. He was very much pleased with the idea and decided to buy the automobile right away.

While we were still in town one of my friends who had been interested in real estate in a well developed section of the country, noticed a real estate window, where a farm was for sale. "What a cheap place! I wonder where it can be located?" he remarked. After making inquiries, he found out that the farm was located on the other side of the hill where the man with the lumber was having trouble. "When Coos county bonds for three hundred sixty-two thousand dollars," he told us, "and puts her roads on a permanent line and grade that farm will be sold for twice as

much as it's listed for now." My friend went on to relate a case where he had been offered a tract of one hundred and eighty acres for one thousand dollars without any improvements. He refused it and one year later, after the road had been improved past this tract of land, he bought it for nine thousand dollars. There is no question but what every acre along a good road will improve in value.

Stopping for dinner at a nice looking farm house we sat down to one of the best dinners I ever tasted. There was a great variety of vegetables which greatly appealed to my friends. The question arose why we couldn't get vegetables like this in town, and I remarked that after we had bonded for three hundred sixty-two thousand dollars we would be able to secure the vegetables fresh from the garden at home. The farmer at the head of the table spoke up and asked, "What about this bonding Coos county?" Therefore it was "up to me" to explain that the Good Roads Association of Coos county is endeavoring to have the county court place on the ballot at the coming election the question of bonding Coos county for three hundred sixty-two thousand dollars. The aforesaid bonds shall bear interest at five per cent per annum; to be redeemed one-tenth annually beginning at the end of the fifth year.

The enterprising farmer listened intently to my explanation and after I was through made the remark that he was with us heart and soul and he fully believed that the day a good road passed his place the farm would be double in value. He went on to relate that in one part of the south where he lived before coming here that upon a certain road the land had almost doubled itself in

value when the road was improved. During the remainder of the dinner several discussions on good roads took place.

Discovering that the sky looked a great deal like rain and fearing that it would rain before we reached home, we started on our return trip. We had not gone far before we met our friend in his automobile with his entire family. As we passed he waved his hand and shouted "The bond issue must carry!"

Before we reached our destination rain overtook us and after having a great many difficulties we parted with the motto: "The bond issue must carry!"

- SOCIAL CALENDAR**
- Monday**
 - Alpha Delphian Society, with Mrs. Kate Lando.
- Tuesday**
 - North Bend Catholic Guild with Mrs. Sheridan.
 - Eastside Royal Neighbors with Mrs. Stockel.
 - Mothers' and Teachers' program in Commercial Club rooms.
 - North Bend Athene Delphian Society at the library.
 - Episcopal Ladies Guild in Guild hall.
- Wednesday**
 - Marshfield Bridge Club with Mrs. G. W. Kaufman.
 - Auction Bridge Club with Mrs. R. E. Laraway.
 - Pastime Club with Mrs. Roscoe Hazer in North Bend.
 - Jolly Dozen Club with Mrs. Brookmuller in Bunker Hill.
 - North Bend Card Club evening session with Mr. and Mrs. George Stephenson.
- Thursday**
 - Kloster Club with Mrs. O. H. Wilson.
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