

COUNTY COMMISSIONER RYAN

Has Some Interesting Suggestions On Road Taxation.

DRAIN, Nov. 1.—(Editor News:—) If you will favor me with a little space in your valuable paper, I will give the people of our great county a few of my ideas as to good roads and levying taxation to make them good. Now, there are a great many of our good people who have not the time to keep posted on county affairs as well as they would like to on account of having a great deal of their own work to attend to. They think that county business is what the county officials are elected to office to attend to, and they leave it to them to do. While in the main they are right, the fact is undisputable that they should know something of what is being done by the county officers.

In the first place we all want good roads, and we all know that it takes money to build them. This admitted, the question arises, which is the best way to raise that money?

This year of 1909, the good road campaign work was started, and for the first time in the history of road building in the county there was money enough to make a good start with.

In January, 1909, the County Court saw fit to make a levy of 23-19 mills for general roads, and the people in twenty-seven districts in the county, wanting more money expended on the roads in their respective districts, voted a special tax ranging from two to ten mills, showing that they desired more money to be expended on the roads.

It is my opinion, judging from what information I have from most of the taxpayers with whom I have spoken on the subject, a 5 mill levy should be made for general roads, or whatever is agreed upon, and the fact of the levy made public by the 1st of November of each year. In this way if any district desired a certain sum of money to expend on its roads the residents of that district would have something correct to figure from; for instance, if the county court should decide upon a 5 mill levy, and it should be found necessary to set aside 1 1/2 miles for bridges and emergencies, it would give each district in the county 3 1/2 mills for their roads. Then if they wanted more money for road improvement they could figure exactly how much more.

It is my opinion a good general levy would be better, for the reason there are a number of districts in the county that would like to have more road money if they could secure it without resorting to a special tax, as there is more or less trouble, and in many instances more or less ill-feeling caused between neighborhoods because of the special levy. For one other reason I favor a general levy, and that is, all districts will improve their roads alike, and as a result, in a few years Douglas county will be up with our sister counties in the matter of good roads.

M. R. RYAN,
County Commissioner, Douglas Co.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The Sisters of Mercy are most grateful to the following charitable persons who have kindly sent donations to the Hospital:

- Mrs. Bellows, pears, buttermilk, canned fruit, jelly and flowers.
- Mrs. Hall, tomatoes and canned peaches.
- Mrs. Stone, cherries.
- Mrs. Hurley, tomatoes.
- Mrs. T. F. Sheridan, canned fruit and dried prunes.
- Mrs. John Byrne, Olalla, bedding.
- Mrs. S. R. Stevens, jelly and preserves.
- Mrs. W. R. Willis, quince preserves.
- Mrs. McElhinny, preserves.
- Mrs. Frey, canned fruit and flowers.
- Mrs. Natcher, eggs.
- Mrs. Green, jelly.
- Mrs. Dunkin, pears, cherries and strawberries.
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MYRTLE CREEK NEWS

Mrs. C. C. March, of Vancouver, Washington, arrived here Saturday forenoon to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Mulkey.

Mrs. T. N. Humphreys lies in a very precarious condition at her home up Missouri Bottom and Mrs. A. A. Piper is also on the sick list, and Miss Sena Bailey.

C. H. Richey and wife from Falls City are in town visiting relatives. Mr. Richey being the only son of Mrs. W. B. Drake, and Mrs. Richey a daughter of Mrs. Dick Harlo.

Mr. Lutz, of Silver Lake, accompanied by a friend, Mr. Childs, was the guest of his father-in-law, John Hall, the first of the week.

Clifford Strong, aged 17 years, the older son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Strong, died Saturday at 5 p. m. from typhoid fever and buried from the Christian church Monday, at 11 a. m., the funeral service conducted by the Rev. Mr. McConnell, of Roseburg. The body was laid to rest in the Odd Fellows cemetery. Clifford left many relatives and friends besides the immediate family to mourn his untimely demise, he being a bright, spirited young man, and a general favorite. The out of town relatives present were the Hunsakers, from Dillard; Mrs. Thurman Chauey and son from Roseburg.

Frank Gazely and wife from the Sound country near Seattle, visited friends here Tuesday on their way to Canyonville to see Mr. Gazely's sick brother. Mr. Gazely was County Clerk a few years ago.

Jeff Roberts bought the Judkins property on the hill and moved into it Tuesday.

The farmers are busy hauling in their prunes and shipping them to Mr. Giles of Roseburg.

The Rev. Mr. McConnell preached at the Christian church Monday night.

The Hard Times social given by the Berean class of the Christian church at the hall Saturday evening was a success both socially and financially, some eleven dollars being harvested. For a dime you were admitted to the hall, given a cup of coffee and a doughnut and the privilege of listening to an entertaining program of songs, dialogues and recitations. The young people played games at the end of the program.

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CALL FOR COUNTY WARRANTS

Notice is hereby given all parties holding county warrants issued by Douglas county, Oregon, and indorsed "not paid for want of funds" prior to and including the 14th day of January, 1909, to present the same to the treasurer of said county at his office for payment as interest will cease thereon after the date of this notice.

Dated at Roseburg, Oregon, this the 1st day of November, 1909.

J. E. SAWYERS,
Treasurer of Douglas County, Ore.

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