

In a recent edition of this paper we devoted considerable space to the subject of macadam roads, and the benefits to be derived by establishing them in this county. We do not undertake to say that these roads are the cheapest in point of actual construction, but we do maintain that they are by far the most satisfactory and economical for this county to build. The experience of road building in this county has been, and will continue to be, identical with that of other counties in our state, especially that part of it lying west of the Cascade range, where much rain prevails, and this experience has been that earth roads are out of the question altogether, and that plank roads are not satisfactory for two reasons—first, they are not sufficiently durable for continuous heavy traffic, and secondly they are too slippery in snowy or frosty weather for mountain roads. None of these charges can be made against macadam, however, and the weight of argument is, therefore, largely in their favor. As above stated, we advocate macadam roads, and in the article referred to we recommended the county to purchase stone-crushers for the manufacture of its own macadam. We have since devoted some pains to the collection of facts as to the cost and capacity of these machines, also the results to be obtained from a day's run and the average cost of operating them. We find that a crusher, such as is used by Messrs. Burke & Chapman of this place, can be purchased at a cost of \$500, and that in a ten-hour run it will crush 125 yards of rock suitable for use on county roads. The average operating expenses of the plant, we are assured, will not be more than ten cents per yard, and 125 yards of rock will macadamize 375 linear feet of road, six inches deep, and sixteen feet wide. These results recommend themselves without further argument. Another phase of this matter is the question of road taxes. We are confirmed in the opinion that this county should collect road taxes in cash and put the fund thus created at the disposal of qualified supervisors to be used in operating stone-crushers and macadamizing the roads. Multnomah and Washington counties are using this system of road-making successfully and with entire satisfaction, and the roads of those counties are both a credit to their enterprise and a comfort to the people. This county must adopt a similar system before we will ever have a satisfactory solution of the road question.

CAREFUL INVESTORS.

The eagerness with which capitalists are clamoring for an opportunity to invest their money in the \$50,000,000 six-per-cent government bonds, which Mr. Carlisle proposes to issue in order to replenish the \$100,000,000 gold reserve, is conclusive evidence of the fact that there is yet a little money left in the country, notwithstanding the statements of some people in the contrary, and that the owners of it are willing to invest it in anything that is comparatively safe, even though it may bring an interest rate of only one per cent. Mr. Carlisle has asked congress for permission to issue \$200,000,000 in government bonds, which shall bear not more than six per cent interest, and before his recommendation has even been considered by congress, he is besieged with offers from capitalists who are anxious to buy the bonds at from two to three per cent interest. This is an indisputable evidence of the fact that the concentration of money is the direct result of the uncertain policy of the democratic administration, and the almost absolute certainty that the present protective tariff will be destroyed, and every industry in the country which has flourished under it will be forced into competition with those of foreign countries, which would result in closing every factory in the country, or force the proprietor to sell his goods at free-trade prices, and the operatives to compete with pauper labor. With the certainty of these things in sight, it is small wonder that capitalists will not invest their money in any kind of a speculation or hazard. There is more money in the country now than ever before, but it is held by men who have accumulated it by practical business methods, and they cannot be expected to scatter it broadcast over the country, just for the accommodation of those who have been less fortunate or successful, nor to jeopardize their fortunes by investing them in any kind of an enterprise where there is nothing but certain ruin ahead, and that in plain sight. Let the administration define its policy on a few questions, and give the people some idea of what the future is to be, and there cannot help but be at least some change for the better.

JANUARY 29th has been set for the date of final vote on the Wilson bill.

Both the opponents and adherents of the bill are doing everything possible to advance their interests, but it is not thought the bill will pass the house at all, except in an amended form, and then only by a very small majority. If the bill ever reaches the senate in any shape it is destined to strike a snag which will rip it from stem to stern, and send it to oblivion, where it belongs.

Tomorrow has been fixed as the date for the formal opening of the Midwinter fair, which the Californians claim is now complete in every particular, and ready for public inspection. If this is true, the projectors of the fair are certainly entitled to the credit of being the greatest hustlers on record, and their exhibition should be patronized by the entire world.

COUNTY COURT.

Bills Allowed at the January, 1893. Term of Court.

Table with columns: Names, For what allowed, Amount. Lists various court cases and amounts, including Barr Bros, Orwig, Cramer, Quick, etc.

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