

IMPROVE THE COUNTY ROADS

COUNTY NOW ABLE TO ASSIST IN THE MATTER.

Pittsburg Road in an Absolutely Improbable Condition.

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Today there is no more momentous question before the people than good roads, and while those entrusted with the affairs of the county have acquiesced themselves in a most creditable manner, there are now matters which must claim their attention.

Four or five thousand dollars judiciously expended just now in the improvement of two or three principal roads would be of incalculable value to the entire county.

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DEMAND IS BETTER.

More Sales of Timber on Lower Columbia Than Formerly.

More timber land sales have been made this year along the lower Columbia than for many years previous and many more are likely to be consummated before the summer is far advanced.

It is believed that a large part of the land lying adjacent to streams on both sides of the river will pass out of the hands of first owners this summer.

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OUT AFTER THE COUNTY DEBT

THE TREASURER HAS DONNED HIS WARRING GARB.

Prospects that the County's Liabilities will Soon Resemble 80 Cents.

The public debt of Columbia county is vanishing like a snowball under a heavy pressure of warm atmosphere.

Half of the business year with the county is past, and the expenditures have fallen far short of the estimated expense, a very happy circumstance, as a matter of fact.

Personal Mention.

J. K. Blakesley visited the metropolis Tuesday.

Merchant Collins spent last Sunday in Portland.

Dr. Canwood, the dentist, is in St. Helens each Wednesday.

County Clerk Watts and family spent last Sunday at Scappoose.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Johns returned Monday from a visit to friends in Astoria.

Mrs. James Muckle and children, of Portland, visited in this city last Saturday.

Attorney R. P. Graham was down from Portland Tuesday attending to legal matters.

Dennis Perry and wife, of Portland, visited relatives in this city last Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Jacob George and daughter, Anna, of Portland, visited here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. Otto Kulper was in this city last Sunday en route to their home near Bunker Hill.

George Fox, the genial salesman for Watts & Price, of Scappoose, was in town Monday forenoon.

Mr. John Dibbles, of Rainier, was interviewing the commissioners Tuesday in regard to tax matters.

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PETITION FOR LIQUOR LICENSE.

To the Honorable County Court of Columbia County, Oregon.

CONTEST NOTICE.

Department of the Interior. UNITED STATES LAND OFFICE. OREGON CITY, OR., April 26, 1901.

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