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ROAD SUPERVISORS

There are some ninteen road supervisors in Union County, who have been selected for that important office by the county after the manner of school court. The term important is used advisedly because we know of no officials in the county upon whose official acts and efficiency the progress and development of the county so much depends. There are about 1,500 miles

of common road in this county, in other parts of Oregon. over which the products of about 1,500 farmers, (there were 1,481 Gentlemen : in 1900,) has to be drawn to market and the home supplies now take this opportunity of exer of every kind roturned besides ing my gratification upon learning the travel on the roads to meet from your letter of the 19th inst; that the social demands of the entire population of the county and way improvement throughout this the transmission of the U S state. I firmly believe that there is no mails, and strangers looking for problem now before the American location, pleasure or business. is of no great importance. I am, there-Now take your pencil and figure up the amount of travel on our for further information to Hon. Mar common roads and you will be the Dodge; Director of Public Road astonished at the stupendous Enquiries, Washington D C. A letter amount. Then calculate the addreased to that department, asking amount. Then calculate the difference in the cost of moving upon the subject will be heartily rethis tremendous tonnage of weight and wast number of persons over good or bad roads and you will have some idea of the importance attached to the position of the men who have been Judge Stewart of Liun county inform-

To assist you somewhat in your calculation the following call upon me at any time. figures are quoted from page 58 Thanking you for the interest maniof the hearing on roads and road building before the committee

roads.

them by study, observation and experiment. He must study what roadmakers in other countries have found out. observe closely the material at his disposal, aud experiment with conditions that surround his work. To do this successfully the supervisor will find it a great help to confer with others who are working on the same line. The Supervisors of Oregon, to the better prepare themselves to perform their important duties should, and in some counties they are, meeting in convention to talk over road making, and it would be a capital idea for the supervisors of Union County to, teachers, assessors and other county officials, meet in convention at stated times and discuss road making. The letter from Judge Scott of Marion County, Oregon, and president of the Good Road Association, will show what supervisors are doing.

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A few days ago I sent some data relarive to highway improvement. I for the latest and best publications sponded to and the fruits of which will be of great interest to you.

We have just had a convention of our supervisors and find that it was a very profitable one, and I believe it will be followed by similar conventions in many of the counties in the state. placed in charge of our county ed me yesterday that he has called a similar convention that will convene within a few days. If you find that I can do you any good for the cause,

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