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NETWORK OF MACADAMIZED ROADS WILL BOOM UNION COUNTY LAND VALUES

The Union County Good Roads Association held a most enthusiastic meeting last night at the Commercial Club. The order of business was the adoption of By-laws for the permanent government of the organization.

After considerable discussion it was unanimously recommended that trunk lines of macadamized road should be built in Union county at the earliest possible date over the following routes:

One road from La Grande to Island City, thence, after crossing the river on the present steel bridge, following the line of the Elgin branch railroad to the Sandridge at or near Conley Spur. Another line from La Grande to Union by way of Hot Lake, the line to follow the south side of the railroad track from La Grande to Hot Lake, thence across the railroad track to the north side and follow a straight line to the city of Union. This line would reduce the distance from La Grande to Union to 14 miles and would not have a hill on the road. Another line should be built branching from the last mentioned line at the Gekeler Lane and running due east to the Cove. This line would have no hills and would shorten the distance to the Cove by nearly 2 miles. Another line should be built branching from the last mentioned line, either at Pny's Point or a half mile west of there, and run straight to the city of Union. Another line should be built from the City of Elgin to Wallowa. Bridge at the mouth of the Minam. This road should be surveyed so as to avoid as much hill as possible, and especially cut out the Ownbey hill by running south up the ravine and connecting up with the present road either at Pine Grove or at the top of Wallowa hill. Another line should be built from Elgin directly north or 4 miles to the foot hill. These trunk lines would aggregate about 50 miles of road and would accommodate the largest possible number of people. Other roads should be macadamized as rapidly as possible and in the order of their importance.

A canvass was made among the people present at this meeting, and it was ascertained that the right-of-way for the road along the Elgin Branch to the Sandridge, and the road along the railroad as far as Hot Lake would be donated without charge, and it was believed by those present that

land owners between Hot Lake and Union will see the advantage of a first-class macadamized road to their own lands and would donate the right-of-way clear into the City of Union. It was estimated that these roads can be built by exercising proper energy and economy at an expense of from \$100,000 to \$120,000, and that they would increase the value of the lands in the county several times that amount.

A resolution was unanimously adopted declaring that Union county ought to bear one-half the expense of the construction of these roads and that the people living in the vicinity of the roads should bear the other half, either by donation or direct taxation or by bonding under the Tuttle Law as the people themselves may determine to be to their own best advantage in the respective localities; but that the county should promote the building of those roads first in which the people are most interested and toward the building of which they will contribute the most money.

The County Court was urged to levy a five mill tax for road purposes and to buy a rock crusher and a steam roller together with proper screens and dump wagons, at once. It was recommended that the County Court divide Union county into two road districts, one of which should cover all of Grande Ronde Valley and Elgin country, and that a Supervisor should be placed in charge of this large road district who is himself a competent engineer in order that the proposed macadamized roads may be constructed with proper and intelligent supervision.

The various Vice-Presidents heretofore elected were urged to organize their respective precincts and localities by enrolling as large a local membership as possible. A letter was read from Judge Scott, Chairman of the State Good Roads Association, inviting this association to send delegates to the State Convention to be held in the City of Salem on January 24 and 25, and the following delegates were unanimously elected and all except to attend that convention: J. L. Caviness and C. D. Huffman of Island City; J. T. Galloway of Elgin; J. M. Selder of Cove; W. T. Wright of Union; J. L. McKinnis of Summerville; W. M. Pierce of Hot Lake; and J. E. Reynolds and Turner Oliver of La Grande.

It was the unanimous opinion of this meeting that the Good Roads movement in Union County is here to stay and that all the trunk lines proposed can be built within the next three years without working any hardship upon the county or the people along the lines of the proposed roads.

The bylaws of the association as adopted, are crude but as time goes on they will be broadened out and new ones added to meet coming conditions. Following are the new ones now adopted as the basis for a full and elaborate constitution:

Section 1—The membership of this organization shall consist of any and all persons who desire better roads in Union County and are willing to exert their influence to bring about an improvement in the condition of the public highways, and all such sympathizers in the good roads movement may become members by having their names enrolled with the Secretary or any Vice-President.

Section 2—The officers of this organization shall consist of a President, Secretary and Treasurer, and six Vice-Presidents. The office of Secretary and Treasurer may be filled by the same person. The President and Secretary and one Vice-President shall constitute quorum to do business at any regular meeting, but any member of the association shall have a right to attend and vote at any meeting of the association or of the Board of Control.

Section 3—(a) It shall be the duty of the President to preside at any meetings of the organization and to represent the organization as its executive officer in any and all business of the organization and to appoint any committees necessary to carry out the purposes of the organization.

(b) It shall be the duty of the Secretary to keep a record of all meetings of the organization, and to carry on its correspondence, and to perform any other services required of him by the President or imposed upon him at any meeting of the organization. He shall also, by ex-officio Treasurer of the organization.

(c) It shall be the duty of any Vice-President to preside at any regular meeting of the organization when the President is absent, and the Vice-President shall, also, be the local chairman of the good roads association in the various precincts where they reside, and it shall be their duty to solicit membership in their respective precincts or localities and organize local associations which shall be a part of the general organization.

(d) The President, six Vice Presidents and Secretary shall constitute a Board of Control of this organization, and this Board of Control of this organization, and this Board of Control shall hold a meeting at La Grande on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Section 4—The regular annual meeting for the election of officers for this association shall be held at La Grande, Oregon, on the first Wednesday in December of each year at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

Section 5—At present there shall be no dues or fees, but at any time the Board of Control shall consider it advisable they may fix such dues as will enable the organization to carry out its purposes, and these by-laws may be amended at any regular meeting of the Board of Control or at any regular meeting of the organization.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

At the last regular meeting of Grande Ronde Circle No. 47. The following officers were elected: Past Guardian Neighbor, Minda Pattison; Guardian Neighbor, Neri Ackles; Adviser, Mary Ormond; Magician, Deborah Aikin; Clerk, Lizzie Ellsworth; Banker, Alice Ackles; Attendant, Lillie Alistott; Inner Sentinel, Ross Corbett; Musician, Elsie Ackles.

CATTLE GOING BLIND

Two cases of an unknown disease among cattle have been reported within the past two weeks in Grant county. This disease affects the eyes and often causes blindness. One case is reported from Henry Fedler's ranch, the other is from William Carter's place east of Long Creek. The disease is accompanied by a frothing at the mouth and causes the eyes to turn white gradually producing blindness. This may not be a new complaint, but the people of this county are not acquainted with it and are at a loss to know how to treat the trouble.—Long Creek Ranger.

COUNCIL MEETING

A letter was read last night at the council meeting from the Wallace Coats Engineering Company stating that it had not yet completed its report on the Beaver Creek water project. Their estimate of cost of constructing providing the city used an 8 in main in coming down the hill to the reservoir was \$142,000 which would be increased to \$154,000 if a 10 in. pipe is used, as the large sized pipe furnishes an additional 100 horse power, if the voters vote the bonds, the 10 in. pipe will probably be the one considered.

An ordinance was passed providing fines and imprisonment for dumping manure and filth into the streets and alleys.

The Observer bid for city printing being the low st, was accepted.

The proposed gas franchise was considered and referred back to the committee for further recommendation.

That old and constant cause of expense, the city sewer upon which \$5500 was expended about three years ago, was up again as it must be repaired or the alley closed, being in the center of the business district, that is not practical. The Water Superintendent stated that the cost of permanent repairs which would be putting in a terra cotta pipe of a 24 in diameter or a 30 in. galvanized pipe, would cost between 8,000 and 10,000 dollars. The matter was referred to the water committee.

A liquor license was issued to R. Kelly for six months.

The council adjourned until next Wednesday night to consider the charter and it is also expected that the report of the consulting engineers will be received.

STRIKING MINERS IN CALIFORNIA

(Scripps News Association)

Grass Valley, Cal., Jan 3—The conditions of the miners' strike is unchanged. The operators have asked the appointment of committee of miners to discuss the trouble but the request has been refused, the miners saying that they prefer to settle matters by correspondence. The operators anticipate a long struggle Higher wages is the contention.

STANDARD INDICTMENTS SUSTAINED

(Scripps News Association)
Chicago, Jan 3—Federal Judge Landes this morning sustained eight indictments and quashed two, against the Standard Oil Company, overruling the demurrers and refusing the immunity baths such as the meat packers received. The trial will proceed upon eight indictments.

GLOOMY OUTLOOK FOR CUBA

(Scripps News Association)
Havana, Jan. 3—The prospect of the withdrawal of the American troops, has aroused the bankers and brought out the island to declare, that if the troops leave that it will not loan money on crops. Bankers say they cannot take the risk. Financiers have taken gloomy views of the outlook for Cuba.

PASSENGERS WRECKED

(Scripps News Association)
Brule, Neb., Jan. 3—Overland limited number 2 and the Los Angeles express both east bound, and representing the two finest trains on the Union Pacific were wrecked by a rear end collision near here today. Two deaths and many injured is reported.

CONGRESS AGAIN IN SESSION

(Scripps News Association)
Washington Jan. 3—Both houses met at noon, today after a recess lasting thru the holidays. The lower house adjourned at twelve.

RECORDERS COURT

The Recorder is engaged this afternoon in hearing the case of the city against Marshall Rayburn charged with using profane language. The prosecuting witness is R. Kelly. Later—The verdict is not guilty.

A warrant was sworn out yesterday afternoon against R. Kelly charging him with resisting an officer. This case is set for Saturday forenoon.

ANOTHER TEDDY APPEARS IN THE POLITICAL ARENA

(Scripps News Association)

Washington, Jan 3—The political fight of the coming year will center in New York, for all forces of corporate and political fights are being marshalled against the reform proposed by Governor Hughes in his initial message to his legislature. The fight will be national because, if the trusts win, it will effect and retard the reforms in other states.

Political parties are certain to undergo a realignment. Governor Hughes is backed by President Roosevelt, who is silent, but with the knowledge gained while

governor of New York, he will be able to aid Hughes indefinitely. Many declare that Roosevelt is responsible for Hughes message, which proposed radical reforms. At any rate, the President was delighted, when he found a man full of his own ideas and strong enough to profound them in the executive chair of the empire state. Hearst says he believes Hughes to be sincere and promises every support

Congressmen have today been flooded with entreaties to head Hughes off. At Albany, the assemblymen are armed for the fight to save their political lives.

CANADA INVITED TO ATTEND

(Scripps News Association)

Seattle, Jan. 3—Ira A. Nadeau, director general of the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition, which is to be held at Seattle in 1909, has gone to Ottawa, Canada, in the interests of the coming fair. Mr Nadeau took with him an engraved invitation, formally requesting the participation by the Dominion government in the exposition. In Ottawa he was granted an audience by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the premier, to whom he presented the invitation.

The exposition management considers it essential to the full success of the next Western World's Fair that the Dominion of Canada be represented by a comprehensive display, housed in a suitable building, and has every confidence that Mr. Nadeau's efforts in Ottawa will be successful. As the name implies, the Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition is to be held to exploit the resources of Alaska, the Yukon, which is Canadian country, and the countries which border on the Pacific Ocean.

That Canada will see the advantage of participation in such an enterprise there is little reason to doubt. The benefits which will accrue to Alaska and the Pacific northwest from the holdings of the fair will accrue in like measure to the Yukon territory and the Dominion of Canada.



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