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ASHLAND OPINION OF CAPT EGGLESTON

What Prominent Business Men and Citizens Think of Good Roads and Reform Candidate for County Judge - Most Competent and Efficient.

RECORD OF FAILURE. (Ashland Valley Record.) The public has just been apprised of another addition to the departments of county government that has been allowed to go to the dogs - the office of county superintendent. A defalcation of nearly \$1000 in the funds of two country districts and the superintendent's bond shows that only a \$1000 bond was exacted; that the superintendent had never signed the bond as principal; that a mediocre attorney, who prepared the instrument and it was accepted and now declares that he can not be held for the shortage, refuses to pay, is not forced to pay and is a candidate for district attorney, and should he be successful, the devil will be to pay before the losers get their money back from him. This situation talks on the heels of a horizontal "equalization" of 66.23 per cent on an assessment that the county judge affair yet put up in Jackson county; and other officials now declare was the most ineffectual and incongruous sheriff's office allowed to run itself just as poorly as it pleased, and then some; a county poor grand jury report that disgraced the county throughout the state, and a road and bridge policy that is headed backward in place of forward. It is one of the mysteries of the people why such general irresponsibility should exist at the courthouse. It would appear that it is somebody's business to interfere and call a halt somewhere. The public is tired of the incompetency, inefficiency and want of decision of character that seems to permeate the courthouse.

BURDENING A WOMAN. This paper is in receipt of a communication from a Medford woman, which throws a sidelight upon the actions of the courthouse ring in the Daily affair, and shows how the fairer sex view the transaction: "Medford, Or., April 16, 1908. To the Editor: In all this talk about the school superintendent's office I notice that the bondsmen and judge are exonerating themselves by saying that Mrs. Daily promises to pay it. A woman with three children to raise under these distressing conditions has enough on her hands without assuming such a burden in a crisis like the one that has befallen her family. It appears to me that such big men as Mr. Newbury and Mr. Dunn should have paid the money promptly out of their ample fortune and not allowed the scandal to get out. The brave little mother could have paid the amount in later years and have been saved the bitter grief of exposure to her children. It appears that the fault lies with the other officials in a measure as they seem to have known what was going on before the calamity came to a head. Where does this boasted equality of the stronger sex appear in this unfortunate affair, and would this not seemly desire to fasten the burden of it upon the woman be so keen in a civilization wherein equal political privileges prevailed? From a WOMAN'S POINT OF VIEW."

ROADS AND BRIDGES. The county roads and bridges of Jackson county are monuments to the ineptitude of the present administration. Scarcely a bridge in the county is safe. From Gidd Hill and Woodville to Florence Rock and Prospect the costly structures are on the verge of collapse, simply through carelessness and neglect on the part of officials and a grudging economy that saves a penny to lose a dollar. The county highways are the worst ever. In the mountain districts they are impassable. In the well traveled sections, full of ruts, chuckholes and hogbacks, welligh impassable. New roads are allowed to lapse into a disgraceful condition and old roads are still worse. The people have a chance to change all this at the polls tomorrow, a chance to substitute modern, up-to-date methods for makeshift, and to nominate men who know a good road when they see one, understand how to build one and will keep roads and bridges in repair.

MR. NEWBURY'S REPLY. Gus Newbury, bondsman for P. H. Daily, recently county school superintendent, replies to another column to the charges made in connection with the shortage found in the courthouse. His answer is interesting in its admissions and omissions. If the bondsmen offered to make good the shortage to the county court why did the court not take him up? If the district attorney threatened the bondsman with a lawsuit to recover a defalcation, why did the bondsman force Mrs. Daily to put up the money he had agreed to put up himself? The bondsman has not been notified that a shortage exists in another school district, yet it was reported by the county superintendent. If Mr. Daily's name does not appear as principal on the bond, can his signature be held? The county court which approved and accepted the bond was surely grossly negligent in this. Mr. Newbury does not explain why the defalcation was hushed up and kept secret from the public.

Methodist Episcopal Church, B Street. There will be a Good Friday service tomorrow from 2 to 3 p. m. There will be three ten-minute addresses on subjects appropriate for the day. All are invited.

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GROGGER Pa says a rose by any other name would be just as expensive back east this time of year. I sometimes think he pines for the piney woods in old Penobscot, Frappe County, Maine, where he was raised—but that's one thing yours truly never hears for. The good mountains and the good old ocean and nice old Oregon atmosphere are good enough for me. But it's all in how you were raised. Pa likes clam chowder and corn on the cob, and harvest apples and a lot of things that a kid who was born this side of the snow sheds hasn't had much chance to get acquainted with. Those who have lived on both sides of this great country and lived long enough to know what's what can get all those things just as nice one place as another, if you know where to buy. We've got clam chowder from Boston that is just as nice as any you ever ate on the sand, and lots of other things that have that "Down East" taste.

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When the Fire Bell Rings Most people WAKE UP. Haven't you heard it ringing, ringing, ringing loud enough to wake the dead in Medford during the last year? It means that right now is the right time to get in on the ground floor in the heart of the city, before the new railroad, the water system and the coal road sets things to booming in Greater Medford. It means that such a chance as we are able to offer for the next FIFTEEN DAYS ONLY Of Twelve Choice Residence Lots in the Beautiful FAIRVIEW ADDITION. On West Seventh street, for the low price of \$3500 for the entire twelve lots will not occur again in the history of Medford. The time is limited; don't let the chance pass you by. For full particulars call on the Rogue River Land Co. Exhibit Building

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