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COME TO THE PAYERS OF PROPOSED ROAD TO CRATER LAKE

It is said that there are some persons who object to the construction of the Crater Lake highway because of its cost to the taxpayers. This paper does not believe that there are any such people in Jackson county, "where a hammer is hewn every minute." After the unanimity of sentiment in favor of the road, as shown at the great meeting of heavy taxpayers at Jacksonville Thursday, it would require considerable nerve to oppose the proposed appropriation.

The state of Oregon has appropriated \$10,000 for the highway in four equal annual installments. The terms of the bill provide that when the governor shall be advised that Jackson county has appropriated \$2,500, he shall appoint the Crater Lake road commission and thereupon 25 per cent of the \$10,000 becomes available for use during the first year. Jackson county receives her \$2,500, \$25,000 each year for four years, independent of Klamath county. Upon Klamath appropriating \$2,500 the balance of the state's fund becomes available in four equal annual payments.

The appropriation of the Crater Lake road expense by the state will total 18 cents on each \$1000 of assessed valuation. It is true it assessed for \$1000 worth of property, he will pay 90 cents taxes in four equal installments. For the Crater Lake road, at 25 1/2 cents each year—an improvement upon Jackson county's annual appropriation of the road will be \$755. Joseph's \$875 and Klamath's \$410.

When Jackson county appropriates \$2,500 for the road the total cost of the road to a Jackson county tax-payer whose property is assessed at \$1000 will be \$1.28, divided into four equal annual payments of 32 1/2 cents each. A majority of people pay taxes on \$1000 valuation. The road will cost these people 12 1/2 cents in four years, or seven cents a year. What is the burden of liability imposed by such a tax? What is the expense that will not be recovered in value, thereby, to the owner of the road?

The cost to the property owner of Klamath county for the \$2,500 appropriated by that county will be slightly heavier than in Jackson county, because the assessed valuation of the county is smaller. The total cost to the owner of all property assessed at \$1000 will be \$1.28 a year, and the cost to the owner of \$100 worth of property he has paid a year ago, or 12 1/2 cents a year, or 3 1/4 cents a year.

Who is there in other counties who will not cheerfully pay their share of the cost to him individually to secure the expenditure to a million to their county? And who is there who will object to paying some such a share of \$100 valuation for a later highway to Crater Lake?

A BROAD EXHIBITION OF INTEREST

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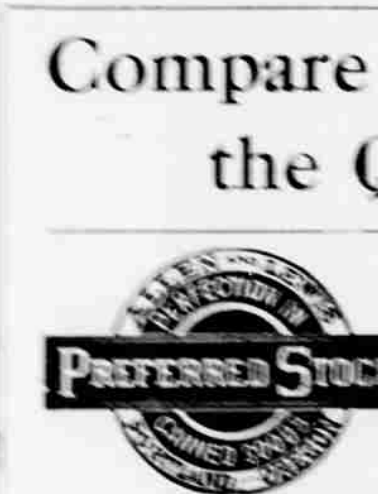
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