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THE UNIVERSITY AND ROADS.

The Sentinel has heard so much about the expense of education, especially about the drain of the treasury by the demands of higher education, that we are somewhat astounded by the statement that the annual income from state taxes for the support of the University of Oregon is only \$848,820. It so happens that this amount is almost identical with the amount which Lane county paid last year for the building and repair of roads and bridges—and there are many who maintain that this great sum of money was wisely and economically expended.

It is not our purpose to here discuss the wisdom of our road expenditures, but it strikes us that if one county of the state can spend \$820,000 in a year upon its roads, the whole state of Oregon is not overdoing things to spend \$828,000 in making men and women, the greatest asset which any state can have, without whom our roads would be useless.

The \$5,000,000 gift campaign of the University of Oregon, now in progress, should have a direct appeal to all citizens who believe that higher education promotes a sounder citizenship and a happier state. Pride in Oregon should not be the only motive which prompts participation in the generous project for improved facilities at the university. Faith in the state must also be manifest. To have faith in the state's institutions of learning, and to support that faith, is to insure the future against ignorance and failure.

Within the past ten years enrollment at the university has more than tripled. This attests the normal growth of the state itself. Meanwhile the high schools have reflected the same natural and inevitable increase—and these are the sources from which the university derives its student body. During the past four years the income of the university, from combined millage taxation, has increased 5 per cent. But during the same period enrollments have increased 39 per cent, or almost eight times as rapidly. Such are the circumstances which have prompted the \$5,000,000 gift campaign, which purposes to supply that amount within the next five years.

Clearly the university, without such aid, must speedily discover its resources to be insufficient for the educational demands made upon it. It would face the necessity either of curtailing its courses or of restricting the admission of qualified applicants. It must grow with Oregon or rest by the wayside, confessing its inability to serve the state as it should serve. There is entire confidence, however, that when Oregon understands the need and the urgency the gift campaign will thrust aside this sorry possibility. We are not minded to deny our boys and girls the educational opportunity which is theirs of right.

Let us regard the university as an investment in citizenship and compare the institution itself to a huge and prosperous factory. Time

and again the factory has paid enormous dividends, until it has far more than returned to us the wealth represented in the investment. But so efficient has this factory become, so skilled at the making of a superior product, that the demands for its wares threaten to exceed its greatest possible production, though it be operated night and day. Do we say, at such a time, "We will invest no more money in this factory of ours; it is altogether too profitable!" Or do we increase the factory facilities and reap an even greater reward?

The gift campaign, when it has realized its goal of \$5,000,000, will supply the buildings needed for the expansion of the university—which is really the expansion of the state in another guise.

DON'T COMMISSIONERS KNOW NAMES OF SUPERVISORS?

The county commissioners certainly must have been born under unlucky stars. They can't do anything without having it misunderstood.

For example, a few days ago a display advertisement appeared in a Eugene paper notifying all road supervisors of the county to be ready to drag their roads immediately after the first rain.

No doubt that was the proper thing to do. Newspaper advertising is the best way to reach all the people, but that idea seems to have just recently percolated into the minds of the county commissioners. Possibly they have learned that folks are reading the things that are being printed in the newspapers.

This being the first time that the commissioners have ever used newspaper advertising to send word to their supervisors, the curiosity of the taxpayers has been aroused. Some have made the unkindly comment that this may be a way the county commissioners have of giving the impression that they are doing everything possible to give the county good roads, thereby attempting to nullify the impression which is quite prevalent that this idea of good roads is a rather sudden one.

In the good old days before "dry platform" became the rage the county court had a record of its road supervisors and their addresses, so that they could be reached within a few hours by mail. Of course if the present county commissioners do not have a record of who their supervisors are, and do not know their addresses, there is nothing that they can do except to notify them through display advertising in the newspapers as to what is expected of them—but that advertising should be published far enough in advance to be of some service. The rain had started to fall before the supervisors had an opportunity to see the advertising in a Eugene paper and could not be expected to get out in the rain to get their machinery ready to use as soon as the rain stopped.

The Sentinel wonders whether it was just a coincidence that no newspaper which had seen fit to criticize the commissioners editorially received the display advertising addressed to road supervisors. No notice was published in Cottage Grove. Possibly the supervisors here didn't have to be told—or, possibly, the supervisors here are not expected to do any work on the roads. There are only two, anyway, and both seem to have intelligence enough to know when roads should be dragged even should they fail to see a political advertisement—paid for with county funds—in a Eugene newspaper.

witnesses—came up from Eugene, looked around a few minutes, saw about one tenth of my place and qualified to testify this. Come, now, Bede, if you are so familiar with the records of the trial, why don't you tell your readers what my place was worth at time of trial? You would have done this before now if you had ever seen the records. Now, Bede, you can consult some of those prominent witnesses that you mention and find out what the valuation of my place was at time of trial and call it record stuff. As to the present valuation of my place, see A. L. Woodard as he has volunteered to set the valuation on my property. I want the assessor to consult A. L. after this, too, so I can save about three-fourths of the taxes I am now paying. I shall say, since you want to know, that my place has never been listed with a real estate agent, has not been offered for sale for over twenty years, and is not for sale today, not because of the productiveness of it or because the highway runs under my barn, but for reasons best known to myself.

As to those statements to which I asked you to testify, I knew you could not do that, and I had my reply ready before you made it. You will recall that, in my first reply, I asked you to go to Eugene and get record proof for your statements, but, since you fail to make correct statements and are still asking for information that is in the records, doesn't it look like you know nothing about them?

I just want to say, Bede, that you have the hardest battery against, though you seem to have your guns so badly arranged that your shots are ineffective and all we have to fear is the noise and smoke from them.

You also tell the readers of the Sentinel that I butted in or I would not have been dragged in by you. I am willing to leave it to the readers as to who butted in—you will remember that the extent of my butting in, in the beginning was this: I asked for space for a short article in which I expressed it as my opinion that I could see benefits for the big timber interests back of District Attorney Johnston's desire to have Commissioners Sharp and Roney and Assessor Keeney resign; that the object of Johnston's move was to destroy the effectiveness of the timber cruise. I made no personal mention of Mr. Sharp. I think a lot of the timber cruise, but, for some reason, it seems to be a tender spot with Bede, for he immediately told the people why they should not pay any attention to what I said and, also, how his explanation would take away the force of my letter—how his explanation would I cannot see, as it was based on untruths. Now I leave it to the readers—which one of us butted it? And what has this to do with the recall?

FRANK TURNER.

SENTINEL HAS CERTIFIED PROOF OF SHARP'S TESTIMONY.

Mr. Turner, who butted into the recall mess, has been somewhat vociferous, through the printed word, in questioning the veracity of The Sentinel's statements of the testimony of Commissioner Sharp in the case resulting from Mr. Turner's refusal to accept the price offered by the state for a small strip of his farm wanted for highway right of way.

Mr. Turner has repeatedly characterized as absolute falsehoods the statements that Mr. Sharp testified and that the viewers testified.

The Sentinel has been at all times quoting from the records, but it now has in its possession a certified copy of the records from S. M. Calkins, who was the official reporter for the trial in question.

There is no need to repeat the statements which have been previously made. It is sufficient that they are substantiated by the certified copy of the records, that the viewers did testify and that Mr. Sharp did testify that the amount of damage was \$3,000.

This certified copy of the records may be seen at any time by Mr. Turner or by anyone else interested or curious.

that he was explaining his side of my (the Turner) damage suit in self defense because Mr. Sharp's swearing that the damage was \$3000 made him out a liar and perjurer. "Now, doesn't it seem strange to you that over three years have gone by before Mr. Woodard realized that his honor had been hurt and burst into print to protect it? (You know his name, evidence or honor has never been referred to in the controversy between Elbert Bede and myself.) Doesn't it seem strange that Mr. Woodard, who has a saw-mill and timber interests, didn't know his honor had been hurt by Sharp's testimony until more than three years later when Sharp helped to launch a timber cruise?"

This new information bureau of Bede's seems, also, to be very badly in need of a dose of truth serum. In replying, I shall refer to Mr. Woodard as "A. L." but I want to address some of my remarks to the public so they won't fall on deaf ears.

Now, A. L., are you trying to belittle me? What harm did I ever do you or any other man? Did you ever come to my place, look over my barn, the corral north of the barn, and the road that I had to build to get the cut for the highway was made? Did you even know I had a road to my barn that cost me \$350 that was destroyed? Did you even know that the highway took two of my cherry trees that were alone easily worth the \$50 you would allow? Well, A. L., I understand you were down looking over my place the other day to find something to tell. Do things look any better now since I have done about \$400 worth of work on slide, fence, road to barn, etc., since the trial?

Now, A. L., you say you can build a new barn like mine for \$150. I will be glad to pay you the \$150 for the same amount and same grade of lumber as is in my barn, together with the nails and shingles and I will build the barn myself. Our local insurance man, accompanied by the special inspector for his company, visited my place about six weeks ago and insured my "old barn" for \$600, which they estimate as two-thirds valuation. Quite a difference, A. L., between your valuation and their valuation but there was no Bede smoke in the canyon when the insurance men were here. Another thing, A. L., you quote prices of land. Does it make any difference whether or not land is good for farming if it is the land that is under your buildings? Would you take the same price for the land under the building that you would take for that out in the pasture? You say they took title to a strip of land that extended back under my barn four or five feet (the records would say eight feet) and then say my barn "hasn't been moved and doesn't need to be for it can sit where it is." A funny picture, especially when the barn is located on top of a deep cut. The fact is that the state highway department has never called for or used this additional strip of land after they got it but, Mr. Reader, if you had been in my place, wouldn't you have presumed, as I did, that they expected to use it and estimated your damages accordingly when they started their condemnation proceeding? Of course, they may call for this strip of land yet, and when they do I shall give Mr. Woodard the contract for moving the buildings—still better building new ones—as he is by far the lowest bidder.

You, A. L., like one of Bede's lieutenants, had something to say about my private railroad crossing and two gates. They are still there and in use, though now I have one more gate than before. You see I have some of that "goat pasture" and "brush" on the other side of the railroad and it bears fruit—peaches, prunes, cherries, grapes, and walnuts. You also mention 40 acres, just as Bede continually does, when the records show 78.

A. L., you don't seem to think much of a common working man or small property holder, or, at least, you left that impression when you voluntarily told the court when you were testifying at my trial that you were once the largest property holder on the Coast fork and caused people to laugh. You seem to pity me but don't waste any pity on me. The records at the assessor's office show that Bede and I are about on a par as to assessed valuation, so give your pity to Bede. He may need it and want it. You, also, had something to say about anarchists. I am proud to say that I, like most others, contributed, according to my financial ability, to all charitable causes, bought government bonds and savings stamps.

I had one son in the ship yards and another son in the army during the world war while you, A. L., were getting your war prices for lumber and bugged to me that you never did any of these things and that you were notified that you, for that reason, were not really an American citizen. And then you talk about anarchists. You evidently do not believe in majority rule either for you say that if we keep Commissioner Sharp you suggest that we get the devil himself next time. Are we supposed to think this statement equivalent to announcing your candidacy?

Please understand, A. L., that Emmett Sharp was called to testify at my trial as a private citizen—not as Commissioner Sharp—and he was called because he made the cut in front of my buildings for the highway when he was grading this section of the highway before he even thought of being commissioner. His testimony was wanted particularly about the engineer's stakes.

I maintain that Emmett Sharp never testified that I should have \$3000 but, for argument's sake, let's suppose he did and quote from Mr. Woodard's letter: "No doubt Mr. Sharp was sympathetic for the poor man and thought he needed help, and no doubt he did, but it's highway robbery to give that much at a time—fifty dollars would have been an outrageously big price, not

considering the benefits." Now, then, Sharp would, according to Woodard's statement, allow the "poor man" about five times what the jury allowed. Woodard would, by his own statement in his letter, allow the "poor man" over ten times less than the jury allowed. Which is the worst "perjurer" of the two?

Getting back to the truth instead of supposition, Sharp did not testify as Woodard would have you believe and, as I close, I leave it to the readers of The Sentinel: Isn't this a dense and stifling smoke screen that Mr. Woodard, who is himself interested in timber, is helping Elbert Bede to throw out to cover up my first little letter of 48 lines wherein I expressed it as my opinion that I could see benefits for the big timber interests back of District Attorney Johnston's desire to have Commissioners Sharp and Roney and Assessor Keeney resign; that the object of Johnston's move was to destroy the effectiveness of the timber cruise.

If anyone should happen to be interested in seeing for himself the truth of my statements, come out and I'll be glad to show you

around. Come on Sunday or after five o'clock as I am under the disgrace of having to work away from home for a little chicken feed.

New, A. L., go away back and sit down and study this over and then, if you want to reply, cut loose

and I will meet you half way. FRANK TURNER.

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When the bridge is built, the state will have one of the best highways in the world—solid paving from end to end. Lane county will share in the benefits equally with Linn county. It means a \$300,000 improvement for only \$70,000 to be paid by this county. The state wants this bridge now and bids will be advertised for even before we vote the two-mill tax. The highway commission is sure the vote will carry. So do not stay at home on election day, May 16, but come out and vote for the tax—two mills, to run one year only—and keep Lane county in the lead of good road counties.
Don't turn down Lane county. Don't turn down Oregon.
The bridge will replace the ferry, which is costing \$5000 a year to operate, to say nothing of the replacement. It costs twice this amount or more in waste of time to the public. It may cost ten times this much by a single ferry disaster. Even yet suits may be started because of accidents and deaths there.
Lane county has maintained a lead in good roads and bridges. It will vote to maintain it still. The paving is complete from Portland to the bridge. The grade and gravel is ready from Harrisburg to Junction City—a grade that has been tried by the highest flood in twenty years. This grade will be paved at once if you vote the two-mill tax.
THE PAVING ALONE IS WORTH MORE THAN THIS COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE BRIDGE, AND IT WILL NOT COST LANE COUNTY A CENT.
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THOMAS NELSON, SECRETARY



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