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WHAT HAPPENED IN ONE COTTAGE GROVE ROAD DISTRICT.

As the recall campaign nears its end The Sentinel finds that it yet has information of value that has not been used which would fill whole pages. In some cases it was not used because the right fellows were not as accommodating in building in as was the friend for whom Commissioner Sharp tried to get \$5000 of the county's money.

While the great bulk of unused information can not be used at this late hour The Sentinel wishes to cite a road district case in this section which shows the school-kid fashion in which Commissioners Roney and Sharp operate.

When Sharp was a candidate he promised H. R. Rawlings, of the Mosby creek district, that he would put in a bridge at the Rawlings ford, provided Rawlings would put the material on the ground. Candidate Sharp did not so much as look at the site or pass upon its feasibility, but after he was elected he kept putting Mr. Rawlings off with one excuse and another until Nels Roney became a candidate. Then the promise to build the bridge was renewed. With the heroic Nels, mighty bridge builder, a member of the county court and ready to take off his coat, spit on his hands and go to work, there would be no trouble in building the bridge.

There was almost enough good material in "My Platform" to build the bridge with.

But despite the fact that the planks in "My Platform" have never been used for anything else, the bridge at the Rawlings ford has never been built. That it has not been built is not because Mr. Rawlings has not often reminded the commissioners of their promise. He even went so far as to offer to pay \$200 in cash in addition to furnishing the material.

The facts related may indicate why the name of H. R. Rawlings appears upon the recall petitions.

Another instance in the same road district:

Commissioner Sharp told Finley Whipps, former road supervisor in that district, that his application for reappointment would receive consideration provided he had the support of the district. A petition representing 80 per cent of the residents of the district was submitted to the county court but the petition received no more consideration than if it had not been submitted. Boney Patton was appointed in his place. The Sentinel hasn't a word to say against Mr. Patton. It rather admires him for the fact that when Commissioner Sharp neglected to come and view the work that was being done in that district, Road Supervisor Patton told Sharp what he thought about the way Sharp was keeping his platform pledges.

It will be remembered that "My Platform" promised supervision on the part of Commissioner Sharp of every road in the county. Road Supervisor Patton could not get Sharp even to come and see the work that was being done. He resigned his position and told Com-

missioner Sharp the reason. The facts related may explain why the names of both Finley Whipps and Boney Patton appear upon the recall petitions.

Another incident in this same district:

When Commissioner Sharp promised to build the Rawlings bridge, he indicated it to be his intention to close the east side Mosby creek road which serves a number of families. He inferred that with the bridge the road could be dispensed with. He did not even examine the road to learn whether or not it was needed. The road is still open and is being used but so far none of the road money which has been spent with a lavish hand elsewhere has been designated for work on this road.

At least one more road supervisor in this section of the county alone has resigned because Commissioner Sharp won't even come to look over the work being done—and yet he is running the wheels off that county car. The Sentinel would like to hear of a single road the construction of which Sharp has attempted to supervise.

Where there is so much smoke there must be some fire.

HURD DEFINES POLICIES.

Eugene, Ore., May 6.—(To the Editor.)—As a candidate on the republican ticket for county commissioner in the May primaries, I wish to take this means of making a statement to the public.

I have no promises of the impossible to make but will give my best efforts to be one of a three-man county court and to use economy so far as I can for the good of the county in general.

I believe it is time we had three men who will work together. While they may not always agree, when any certain line of work is started all three should get behind and push. I believe that with the road equipment which Lane county has it should build its own roads.

All bridge and road projects now started must necessarily be finished insofar as there are funds to do so. The qualifications of a county employee will be his ability to do the work over which he has control; his policies are his own. No precinct or locality will be penalized or shown favors according to their vote.

I shall insist upon a dollar's worth of labor or supplies for each dollar expended. Do not believe in bonus or cost-plus system. All purchases of materials or contracts of any sizeable amount should be by competitive bid, bids to be passed upon by all members of court in regular session. Shall patronize Lane county merchants and Lane county labor insofar as I can.

Should expect to be the servant of the people from all parts of the county alike. I believe that each of the remoter districts should have a main road through its center, giving the people of that locality egress to and from their homes both winter and summer.

Am not promising that I will cut your taxes down one-half. This promise has been made from time immemorial without any notable success. The best that any county court can do is in keeping expenses as low as possible without detriment to the county.

Have always been for good roads and am still for good roads in every part of this county. I believe that the bonds voted for each project are enough to build a water bound macadam, which I would attempt to do, and let the other fellow do the experimenting.

Am as much in favor of a timber cruise as any man of Lane county and believe I was one of the first ever to talk of a cruise at taxpayers' meetings in this county. I came from near the white pine belt of northern Wisconsin and Minnesota and after it was gone people discovered they had lost something, taken by some of the

same men that are large owners in this county.

Have been fairly successful in ranching and if elected will try to give the county the same service I have given myself.

CLINTON HURD.

TURNER CONTINUES TO DISPUTE RECORDS.

Cottage Grove, Ore., May 12.—(To the Editor.)—Well, you see that I am back inside the ropes with my gloves on—ready to dispute your record dope.

I just want to say that any records that show that the viewers testified at my trial or that they had anything to do with fixing the damages for the additional right of way are untrue. The amount of damages, and the offer, was made by the attorney for the state. The amount of damage—\$600—that you claimed the viewers allowed is also untrue.

You say I have forgotten offering my place for sale. The word of the man who owns the place should be better authority than "common talk" for whether he has offered to sell or wishes to sell his own home.

You also say that The Sentinel has at all times been quoting from the records. In your first reply your records stated that I sued the county and that Sharp testified the amount of damage was \$4000. Now your records show that the state sued me and Sharp testified the amount of damage was \$3000. Now what kind of records have you—records that omit the occasion or record breakers?

You say that the lawsuit between the state and myself grew out of my refusing to accept the amount offered me by the state for a strip of my farm. My farm doesn't lie under my barn. If it had been only farm land, it would have cost the state nothing for the additional amount of land.

Mr. Reader, I am not a smoke screen artist. I am not built that way. What I give you is straight goods. Here is what three good, truthful men testified at my trial—that the state attorney referred to as reliable men. These men testified my place was worth \$6000 before the highway was built. Three state witnesses, who came up from Eugene, testified my place was worth \$2500 after the highway was built. No one disputed the word of any of these men. Now, Mr. Reader, you can see, according to this testimony, that my place was damaged to the amount of \$3500—the difference in value before and value after the highway went through my place. Admitting, for argument's sake, that Sharp did testify \$3000, he would still be \$500 too low.

You say my memory is bad. I confess that I never remember anything that didn't happen. The worst fault I have is that I do not own a sawmill or timber and I have to work on the railroad section or some place else for my cow and chicken feed.

FRANK TURNER.

The Turner case has been given attention out of all proportion to its importance. The only points of interest in connection therewith are that County Commissioner Emmett Sharp testified for his former neighbor that \$3000 of county funds should be paid for damage while the viewers said the damage amounted to only a fifth of that amount, while two witnesses from this section who are familiar with land values said the damage was only a fifth of that amount, and the jurors allowed only a fifth of that amount.

The Sentinel would not refer to the matter except that Mr. Turner has written his weekly letter in which he denies that the viewers or Mr. Sharp testified and in which he makes the statement that three state witnesses testified to such an outrageous damage as \$3500.

The Sentinel would like to quote in its entirety its certified copy of the records from the official court reporter, but that would require too much space. The Sentinel will merely state the amount of damages to which each testified and leave it to the curious ones to come and see the certified copy of the official records, which Mr. Turner has not asked to see.

Testifying for the state: A. L. Woodard, \$500; M. H. Anderson, \$600; John Baird (viewer), \$700; R. A. McCully (viewer), \$650. Where are the \$3500 fellows to whom Mr. Turner refers?

Testifying for Turner: J. H. Hawley, \$2500; Emmett Sharp, \$3000; Steve Tonoli, \$4000; G. P. Miller, \$3840; Nelson Lewis, \$3000.

Mr. Turner testified that his place was worth \$6000 before an acre and a half of it was taken for the road and that without this acre and a half it was worth but \$2000. The entire strip was taken off the 40-acre tract in Lane county. Immediately after the strip was taken the assessor raised the assessment. He did not agree with Mr. Turner and Commissioner Sharp that the place had been ruined. His opinion was that the value of the place had been increased several hundred dollars.

This is the last word that can be said about this case. The last word should have been said long ago, and would have been but for the fact that Mr. Turner persisted in keeping before the public one of the most flagrant breeches of a public trust upon the part of a county commissioner of which The Sentinel has ever heard.

Mr. Sharp did testify. The certified records so state. The viewers did testify. The certified records so state. The jurors said that Commissioner Sharp put the damages at five times what they should have been. The assessor decided that Turner and Commissioner Sharp did not know what they were talking about and immediately raised the assessment.

Where there is so much smoke there must be some fire.

Correct styles always in wedding and social stationery at the live wire print shop.

THE END OF THE SMOKE TRAIL.

The Sentinel is reliably informed, although there is as yet no record to that effect, that in case the recall fails Campaign Manager Ben Keeney is to be rewarded by being provided with a county automobile. Such talk is current and generally believed and seems reasonable. Surely Ben should be rewarded in some way. He can't buy one himself, the salary isn't large enough to provide one and one who has such flights of fancy as Ben does surely should have something to take such flights in. Besides, Lane county is rich, no one cares about taxes and we can make a great hit with prospective settlers by showing them our great fleet of county-owned automobiles, operated at county expense but not always on county business. Prospective settlers will be at once attracted by our prodigality with public funds.

Some folks think the road money is going to last forever. It may be interesting to some taxpayers to know that for the Lorane road there now remains the sum of \$3,374.05. It is the plan, when this small amount has been expended, to complete this road from market road to that of one, taking nearly as direct a tax upon the county as a whole. The taxpayers may just as well commence to anticipate the completion by direct taxation of the roads which have been bungled by the mighty road builder, Commissioner Sharp, and his associate, the Heroic Nels.

The Sentinel would like to know how soon the county will have to make an assessment to pay the claims of laborers in the amount of some \$9000, claims which Commissioner Sharp urged the laborers to present after a settlement had been made with them upon their own terms by former commissioners.

Many would like to know when those who sold that old road roller to the county, taking nearly as good a roller in exchange, and who once rushed to the defense of the commissioners, are going to answer the two or three pointed questions asked them which gave them the opportunity to defend the commissioners, provided the questions could be properly answered.

Commissioners Sharp and Roney, in their famous platforms, said that road and bridge work was costing about twice what it should. That left them a wide margin to go on in reducing expenses. If they have increased by 50 and 100 per cent costs that were already double what they should have been, are we to understand that their own platforms prove that present costs are three and four times what they should be?

The Sentinel presumes that at this late date it may take it for granted that the great many explanations which it has asked of the commissioners can not be made—and that by their silence the commissioners and their official apologizers admit the truth of the allegations made. The question naturally arises: "If all these allegations are admitted to be truths—by the lack of any denial—how much of the same kind of business was there that did not come to lights?"

Where there was so much smoke there must have been much fire.

THE TIMBER CRUISE.

The only defense offered in support of Commissioner Roney and Sharp has been that they put over a timber cruise. That was not a great feat. Ninety per cent of the people of the county favor a cruise. The timber interests do not oppose a cruise as a basis for taxation. The assessor has been offered for purposes of taxation the cruise of 50 per cent of the timber of the county upon which such timber has been bought and sold. Owners of timber who have no cruises will welcome a fair cruise on the part of the county to be used by them—at the expense of the county—as a basis for future sale.

The anti-recallers are spending more money in advertising and in other ways than the recallers—so that the largest financial contributions are being made to the anti-recall campaign.

Mr. Hurd and Mr. Crowe, the recall candidates, have stated that they favor a timber cruise. They have always favored such a cruise. Mr. Callison, the candidate for assessor against Campaign Manager Keeney, says that he favors a cruise.

The cruising of the timber of the county will go ahead regardless of the outcome of the recall election.

What the taxpayers of Lane county object to is the manner in which the Nease contract was let, without bids and at the highest price ever paid for a timber cruise in Lane county. Mr. Nease, who is no cruiser himself, simply hires the

same cruisers that the timber owners would hire were they seeking a cruise. The cruisers are getting about eight cents the acre for doing the work and Mr. Nease pockets the remaining 14½ cents. The county commissioners could have hired the cruisers just as well as Mr. Nease and could have saved the county the fabulous fee that is to be paid Mr. Nease for being shrewd enough to put over a contract that guarantees him many thousands of easy money from the treasury of Lane county.

The timber cruise is the only defense put up against the many charges made against Roney and Sharp.

The manner in which the Nease contract was let and the price that is to be paid are in themselves added reasons for the recall of the commissioners. The principal of a timber cruise is not at issue.

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WOODARD COMES AGAIN.

Cottage Grove, Ore., May 10.—(To the Editor.)—Again in self defense I wish to make a few observations upon the Turner case.

In regard to Mr. Turner, I have nothing against him personally and in regard to Mr. Sharp, I have never bothered to lay a straw in his way except in connection with his office. It is time that someone was saying something, and someone who is competent to do it. I am talking about the 40 acres of land in Lane county and not that part in Douglas county, for the road was only

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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.

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