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THE Oregon Good Roads association has launched a movement to give counties of the state an opportunity to assume a bonded indebtedness for the construction of good roads and an initiative petition is now being circulated throughout the state to bring the question before the voters in November.

WHAT MALHEUR COUNTY NEEDS If this amendment is passed it does not mean that every county positively must bond itself; it simply means that the counties

have the right of bonding themselves if they so desire, and most of them will be glad of the opportunity. There is no reason why future generations should not share the burden of building good roads, for they also will reap the benefits. With money secured by issuing bonds the counties could build roads of a permanent character, which would last for years. It is not the idea of plunging into debt, but the idea of securing substantial highways and allowing those who come after us to assist in the payment of them. Such are the ideas of Judge Webster, of the Good Roads association, who lectured in this city some time ago and who has taken preliminary steps toward organizing a county movement. They will find great favor in Malheur county for every taxpayer daily sees the great need of better highways.

CAUGHT IN THE TRAP Within two days after publishing more of his fabrications to turn public opinion in his favor through which he hoped to receive the sympathy of the people of this city and vicinity, is what happened the past week to Editor Hurley of the Oriano. Before the ink had dried on his editorial evidence appeared in town which made him forget his false accusations as well as the title to the one-man organization he has been attempting to represent. In his own mind he had usurped power, he was secretary of the old Commercial Club. Yes, but on Monday he was tickled to death to drop it and forget it. He was no longer the czar, the usurper of power, the moulder of public opinion. On Monday he made no claims. He was afraid to show his hand, but nevertheless he was caught. Remember, "your sins will always find you out."

In last week's issue of the Oriano, he says editorially. "The Oriano editor saw that there were things that needed remedying and believed that it was time to remedy them so we have used the title that we have because the old Commercial Club has never been dissolved and the editor is still secretary." This was written last week, and to show just how much he meant of this we will quote him further: "The Enterprise will look over the records it will find that practically all outstanding Commercial Club obligations have been paid. We presume the debts he refers to was that of the advertising due the Pacific Monthly which was subscribed by individuals and not by the club, and which we believe has been paid."

Having run out of arguments the poor fellow, narrow as he is, stooped further than he ever has before and, as seen in the above clippings from his own paper, told one falsehood after the other. Such was the fact when he contradicted all of those statements to Fred Lockley, field manager of the Pacific Monthly, who came to Vale Monday especially to collect the advertising bill contracted by the old Commercial Club, which had never been paid. Lockley went to Hurley, who had the nerve, after having printed what he did, to deny that he had anything to do with the old Commercial Club, he also had the nerve to send him to the secretary of the present Chamber of Commerce. Hurley told Lockley that the old Commercial Club was a dead one; that he had nothing to do with that body. He was

not man enough to show him the article in which he signed himself as secretary of that club, in which he also claims to be answering so many letters of inquiries. No, he did not claim on Monday a single one of these honors, but rather, when the collector was here, he was crooked enough to lead him astray by dirty, sneaking methods—the only one he ever uses. The poor fellow hasn't the truth in him. Yet he tries to pose as the "moulder of public opinion." Hurley was caught—the same old story. Who would follow in his footsteps and be dragged into the mire of deceit, falsehoods, misleading fabrications, just to have a reason to raise a continual howl?

THE appointment of Bruce R. Kester and Henry G. Guild as register and receiver of the new United States land office in this city was no surprise. On account of the conditions outside men, who could be counted upon to make no delays or mistakes, had to be chosen. Not that there were not

THE OLD STORY AS TRUE AS EVER eligible men in this land district, but because the eligibles were crowded out by "would-be office holders," who before this have always attempted more than they could finish. It no doubt seemed best to the President to place competent men in these offices—men who have had experience because there would be a vast amount of work to be done, men who would not delay the work, men who would not spend their time telling their troubles or those of others. The contest between Senator Bourne and Representative Ellis was a comparatively small affair since Senator Bourne maintained that competent and well-versed men be appointed. Congressman Ellis of course protested, fighting for local men, but they having no qualifications weakened the protest to such an extent that the President appointed men "who knew."

In reviewing the events of the past few weeks, one will see how some men will push themselves to the front. They wish to be in the limelight, they continue to class themselves with the eligibles for any office that comes to their notice. They are bigoted enough to think that they are called to serve the people, and in their own estimation they are the big "I am."

They forget the past. Numerous defeats, either received themselves when they have run for office, or by candidates they have supported, are blanks to them. Not satisfied with the overwhelming defeat in the race for the office of county judge after a stirring and amusing campaign of "bonnet peddling," nor that in which he attempted to elect a county clerk of his own choosing rather than the one who is now serving, nor that of attempting to elect another council than the one now in office—he bobs up for an office he knows nothing about. To use the slang expression, "he gets popular with himself." Through his Oriano, he talks, he blows, he slanders, he lies about people opposing him, he stoops to low means—that of fabricating stories to fit the occasion—he libels himself. And the blow comes—he is defeated.

To illustrate just one of these points. Three issues ago Hurley in his Oriano printed: "We are informed this week that a deal was made whereby Major French was to get the land notices from the new register, in case his man was appointed. We do not know whether there is anything in this fact, but we feel sorry for the man who would barter the land office business for the influence." Hurley printed the above and at that time knew he had no foundation for that story. He stated that "he was informed" of such and he used it as the truth to work in his favor and injure another. He didn't have the manhood to find out the truth. Now that Kester has been appointed and has already arrived in Vale, Hurley has a chance to prove this. He owes it to the new register.

In the same way he has been publishing all sorts of misrepresentations, all fabrications of his narrow, weak mind. Did he not publish the death groans of a live organization? Why? Because he had no office, he did not behold himself in the limelight, he was a common human being, drawing no attention.

Let's hope that this last defeat will bring him out of his trance. His friends will wish it, since his every boast has been a knock and a death blow when running for office. He and a few other editors of this county, whose papers have a circulation of about two hundred, now boast that they will defeat Senator Bourne when he comes up for reelection. The Senator ought to rejoice—the Oriano's knocks, as in all other cases, can only mean one thing—an overwhelming victory for the candidate it is opposing. History always repeats itself and in the Oriano's case it is defeat after defeat.

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