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TIME FOR ACTION

The board of directors of the Ochoco District are to be commended for the action taken Monday of this week in the bond sale whereby the final block of \$200,000 worth of bonds of the original authorization of \$1,100,000 was sold to Clark, Kendall & Co., of Portland, and Stephens & Co., of San Francisco.

Although the time for this sale was set just a week earlier, the delay was justified because of an attempt to get together with the contractor, Twohy Bros. Company, and adjust such differences as are actual or fancied, between the contractor and the district.

As resulted on former occasions, however, the attempt was of no avail, and the matter stands where it has rested for many months, with the contractor in a measure marking time and the board of directors, in an attempt to promote the best interests of the district in which they are heavy stockholders, yet attempting to avoid an open breach with the contracting concern.

From the standpoint of one who is not on that board, but only posted on the affairs of the construction work that are apparent on the surface, it would seem that the offer made by the board of directors was fair enough to everyone, in that they offered a settlement based on actual performance by the contractor. They offered to pay a sum agreed

upon by the board, \$60,000 to be exact, which was to be paid to the contractor as a final amount for all adjustments, the money to be delivered as work progressed on the project. This offer was promptly refused by the contractor.

It is neither wise nor fair for anyone to adjudge just how the alleged differences between the contractor and the district should be settled, or if anyone is in the wrong, and the land owners under the project are to be congratulated that they have a first class ditch system and an excellent start on a first class storage reservoir, and no one should be condemned for delay in the work, if in any way that delay is justified.

The material, water, power, and every other necessary element is available for putting in a large yardage per month, enough to make a large amount of storage water for every acre of land that is included in the project, and complete the reservoir by early fall.

If there is delay in completing the dam to the point where the maximum amount of storage is thus provided, it will be a financial loss to the community, and who ever is to blame for such neglect and delay is guilty of criminal negligence, and should in some way be held financially responsible for the loss of revenue to the land owners, and the community.

The plan suggested in the Journal of last week looks feasible enough to the ordinary citizen. If it is feasible, it should be put into operation at the first possible moment. If it is not, then some other plan that will get results should be used.

DANGER IN SECRECY

The world has been taught the danger that lurks behind a curtain of secrecy.

The slaughter of the past 4 years would never have been possible had the method of secret diplomacy which made Germany the most horrible example of secret and untrue methods the world has ever seen been possible.

The same danger threatens in the world peace conference, and the most enlightened powers there are making a brave fight for all discussion and all proceedings to be made public at all times.

The same conditions prevail in smaller matters.

Some individuals are called good press agents. They have a faculty of keeping themselves before the public by doing spectacular things, and in that manner often become very powerful without realizing just how or why they should have reached that position.

In the instance of an individual of a business organization the rule applies with even greater force.

Two men will start meat markets side by side. The one has a good patronage among those that know him, treats them well, pays his bills, and is an all around good citizen.

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The post road highway from Burns to Crane is now assured. And there is a larger appropriation to build it than was expected. R. L. Hass, county commissioner, returned from the highway convention held at Portland last week, and brought the good news that the state and federal government

will appropriate \$90,000 and Harney county \$30,000 for the immediate construction of a hard-surface road from the city of Burns to Crane. The greater portion of the highway is to be built during the year 1919.—The Crane American.

Chas. Erikson of the Princeton section says he was not looking one day last week for ground hogs or any other sign of an early spring, but was startled beyond conception to discover a live rattlesnake on a rim-rock hill near his ranch. This was on January 7. The snake was up and doing, ready for a fight. The out-of-season freak of nature was a big specimen, having nine rattles.—Crane American.

The heavy wind of Tuesday night blew the chimney off the roof of the M. E. church in Canyon City. The damage will be repaired before Sunday and services will be held as usual.—Blue Mountain Eagle.

ESTRAY NOTICE

Estrayed from my pasture, two yearling heifers. One red roan and one pale red mottled face. Both are branded 73 on hip and Bar Lazy L6 on right side. End of left ears cut off with underbit and split in right ears. Please notify Chas. Palmer, Roberts, Oregon. 1913p

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Brand MH left side underbit both ears.

Brand bridle bit on reverse 61f6 connected, left ear split, wattle left side of nose.

Brand writing CN connected left shoulder right ear off, hole in left.

Brand crescent reverse EK connected right side, right ear cut off and double split.

Brand 3 lazy H left hip.

Brand lazy JB right hip, both ears cut off.

Brand MH connected over crescent, left hips or right side, swallow fork both ears.

Brand milk bottle left flank.

Brand HC connected left hip.

Brand F bar lazy S on hip.

Brand bar L bar T connected on left hip underbit both ears.

Brand At or OUT connected in writing left side under bit both ears.

Brand LC left hip left ear split.

Brand Y on right neck, crooked stitch on left hip wattle under chin.

Brand J left hip.

NOTICE

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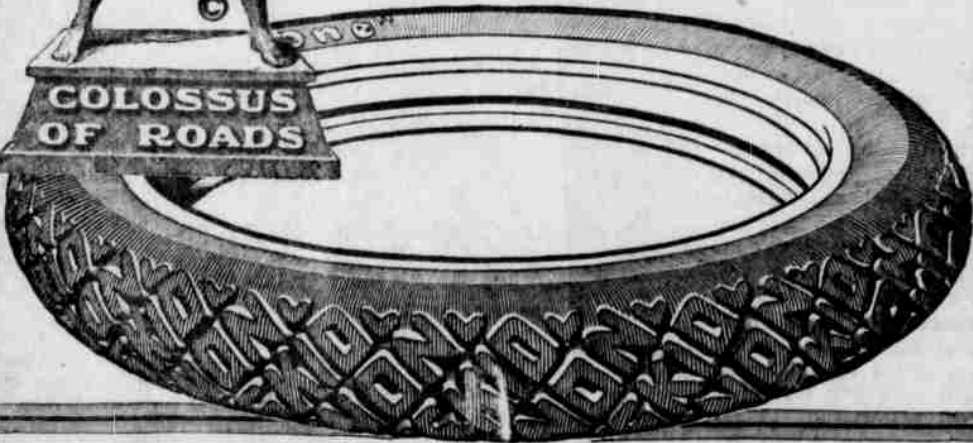


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