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MOTTO—The development of Crook County, and may God pity the man who doesn't stand hitched.

THE STATE ROAD PROGRAM

As County Judge of this county, the editor attended the last meeting of the State Highway Commission in Portland last week. The purpose of the trip was to consult with the members of the State body with reference to the situation in this county. It will be remembered that Crook County has heretofore pledged fifty thousand dollars to the commission which was affected by the recent opinion of the Supreme Court, and that unless this opinion can be reversed upon rehearing we will be just this fifty thousand dollars short of our pledged funds. Many other counties in the state find themselves in the same condition. This is working a great hardship on the Commission and is forcing it to retrench in many ways. Where the money has been pledged and the State has let the contract, the money must be had from some source or else the State and the contractor will both lose money. The bond market has not been as bad in many years; contractors are losing money; people from every section of the State are making unusual demands upon the commission. We sat in the room with the session of the Highway Commission last Tuesday and heard delegations not request but demand immediate action on some pet road or project. There are a lot of people in this state, mostly politicians, who are trying to play horse with the biggest thing in the State. No three men in Oregon can handle the situation better than the present commission if only these fellows would let them do so. Threats of suits, some already in the courts, charge and counter charges have been made. It's a shameful fact that there are men in Oregon who would use the road program to further the interests of some property holders and politicians. That this is being attempted, no one having knowledge of the situation will for a moment deny. The Commission, individually and as a whole, are big men, no bigger in the state; they are doing everything in their power to further the interests of the state and the various communities, but it is most discouraging to see the present attempts of some people to disrupt the entire program of the commission. We hope to see a decided change in the tactics of a few politicians of Oregon, and the time has come for those who believe in the Commission and the great plan outlined, to swat the fellow who would play politics with that one thing that means more to the people of the state than any other.

NON-PARTISAN PROPOGANDA

The following is a sample of the stuff being sent out by the so-called Non-Partisan Group that has been organizing the new third party which is being generally called the Farmer-Labor party. To arouse class hatred, the article quoted is being credited to "The Bankers Magazine," but no place of publication of the magazine is given and none can be found. It is a most malicious attempt to discredit American institutions and our financial system and is without question an attempt to mislead and arouse the people. We quote the article in full.

To All Organized Labor,
Dear Sirs and Brothers:

In compliance with the directions of the State Campaign Committee, I am again directing your attention to the policy adopted for raising a campaign fund to enable the committee to carry the plan to a successful conclusion. All that is asked is the equivalent of one hour's pay per month from April to November 30, 1920.

What do you say? You know the attitude of the State Legislators toward Labor by enacting the Industrial Court Bill. The Congress of the United States has failed to do its duty. It has failed to meet the emergency. Its dominated thought has been the repression of labor, and why? Read the following clipping taken from the Bankers Magazine and you will understand. Read it carefully, let your friends read it, then act according to your own judgment.

"We must proceed with caution, and guard well every move made for the lower orders for the people are already showing signs of rest-

less commotion. Prudence will, therefore, dictate a policy of apparently yielding to the popular will until all our plans are so far consumed that we can declare our designs without fear of any organized resistance.

"The Farmers Alliance and the Socialist organization in the United States should be carefully watched by our trusted men, and we must take immediate steps to control these organizations in our interest or disrupt them.

"At the coming Omaha convention our men must attend and direct its movements, or else there will be set on foot such antagonism to our designs as may require force to overcome.

"This, at the present time would be premature. We are not yet ready for such a crisis. Capital must protect itself in every manner through combination and legislation.

"The courts must be called to our aid, debts must be collected, bonds and mortgages foreclosed as rapidly as possible.

"When, through process of law, the common people have lost their homes, they will be more tractable and easily governed through the influence of the strong arm of the government applied by a central power of imperial wealth under the control of the leading financiers. A people without homes will not quarrel with their rulers.

"History repeats itself in regular cycles. This truth is well known among our principal business men now engaged in forming an imperialism of capital to govern the world. While they are doing this the people must be kept in a condition of political antagonism.

"The question of tariff reform must be urged through the organization known as the Democratic party, and the question of protection with reciprocity must be forced to view through the Republican party. "By thus dividing the voters we can get them to expend their energies in fighting over questions of no importance to us except as teachers to lead the common herd. Thus by discreet action we can secure all that has been so generously planned and successfully accomplished."

Headquarters have been established in Topeka, Kansas. Please send all communications to the undersigned, who will gladly furnish you with information and receipt you for all money received.

Fraternal yours,
CHARLES HAMLIN, Sec. Treas.

Lock Drawer 647, Topeka, Kansas.

There is such a big crop all over the country that it seems to make hard times. This may sound a little queer, but figure it out for yourself. Every bank in the country is overburdened with calls for money to handle the heavy crops; there is no ready present market for these crops in some sections; the banks must carry the farmer until his crop can be placed on a market. This is one reason for money being "tight."

If you want to put a lot of Jazz in a fellow, just catch him doing something you appreciate, and then tell him about it. It is said that an ounce of praise makes a pound of "pep", but when a fellow is doing the very best he can under the circumstances, it certainly takes a lot of grit to stand up under criticism. Just try it once.

In olden times they killed the fattest calf for the prodigal son. This was all right for the son but pretty hard on the calf. Some people seem to think that the order should be reversed now.

Weekly Sermons

CONSTRUCTIVE AND DESTRUCTIVE

Every community possesses two distinct classes of citizens, although this community is to a certain extent an exception to the rule. Both classes are critical as regards community affairs, but one class is constructive and one is destructive. The one sees the weak spots in our municipal life, points them out and suggests rational methods and improvement. The other class sees the faults, criticizes the authorities for permitting them to exist, but offers no sane suggestion for correction.

The man who accepts a position of authority in any community must expect criticism, and he generally gets it. But he has a right to expect the public to refrain from violent criticisms unless it can suggest a method of procedure that would be an improvement over the one he employs. The public has a legitimate right to criticize its officials when it feels

that criticism is due, but it should be certain of the justice of that criticism before it is uttered.

A constructive critic is an asset to any town, but the destructive one is simply a knocker. Constructive criticism is always welcome to any high-minded and well-intentioned public official but it is a thorn in the flesh to those who surrender to ulterior motives and forget the duty they owe to their constituents. Joseph is fortunate in having officials that are constructive in both their intentions and in their methods.

If you see something that needs correction, tell them so. They will welcome the information. But go a little further and suggest what appears to you to be the best method of correction. It may be an improvement to what our officials would deem appropriate action. It is teamwork of this kind that breeds success in all our town affairs.—Joseph Herald.

DON'T KICK YOUR TOWN

There is no better evidence of a commendable community spirit than that of loyalty to a town in which a person lives.

If a town is worth living in it is worth defending and supporting in its efforts to advance with the rest of the world.

Yet in almost every community you will find people who can see nothing good in their surroundings.

They cannot recognize the fact that though it may be humble, it yet is home—that it has clothed them, and fed them, and cared for them in sickness and in health, and has furnished them friends who have been steadfast and true.

They magnify its imperfections and spread clouds wherever they go.

They often make life miserable for others and invariably make it a reproach to themselves.

But there is a brighter side to this story.

The abuse these short sighted people heap upon their place of abode generally falls upon unsympathetic ears.

Their neighbors and friends know them as they are—as people who might have been valuable citizens capable of constructive work but whose dispositions have been warped in younger days, possibly through no particular fault of their own.

Their criticisms are listened to with good natured patience, but are forgotten about as soon as uttered.

The views of the chronic kicker and fault finder have less weight than those of any other adult element in the human race.

When he thinks he is kicking his town he generally finds that he is kicking himself instead.—Times-Herald.

Presbyterian-Methodist Churches

Services next Sunday. Sunday Schools at 10 o'clock. Preaching in the morning at the Methodist Church at Eleven o'clock. In the evening at 8 o'clock at the Presbyterian church. Church night at the Methodist Church Wednesday night at 8 o'clock all members expected to be present. All others not worshipping elsewhere most cordially invited.

COUNTY COURT PROCEEDINGS

(Continued from page one.)

Clarence Mertsching, work in Clerk's office, 92.00
G. W. Lippincott, Meals for Prisoners, 21.00
E. T. Luthy, Commissioners Fees, 23.50
Prineville Drug Co., Mdse for Poor, etc., 8.55

Road Fund

D. W. Demaris Saw Mill, Lumber, \$ 50.61
Lakin Hardware, Mdse, 22.20
Otis McKinnon, Hauling Lumber, 102.60
Coon Creek Mill Co, lumber, 321.72
Chas. A. Sherman, road work, 321.72
Chas. A. Sherman, Board of Road Men, 117.00
Peter Christofferson, road work, 11.94
Elias Fowler, do, 70.03
R. J. Magers, do, 259.72
Herman Haas, do, 65.88
D. C. Watson, do, 27.34
Frank Meritt, do, 40.50
E. T. Luthy, road work, 60.00

High School Fund

West Disinfecting Co, Mdse, \$36.43
Inland Auto Co, Mdse 52.50
Remington Typewriter Co, Supplies, 6.95
Fac. Tel & Tel Co. services, 3.25
Ireland's Transfer, express, 4.97
Gunn-Quealy Coal Co., fuel, 210.60
Deschutes Power Co. light and Water, 45.10
Permanent Road Fund
W. F. King Co., Iron gates \$634.25
A. Guthrie & Co., building Fence, etc, 326.65

Franklin D'Oller, national commander of the American Legion, will be a Portland visitor from Saturday, August 7, to 10, according to a communication received from national headquarters by W. B. Follett, state commander of the legion.

The Morrow county wheat harvest is expected to begin in the country north of Lexington and Lone this week. The crop promises a heavy yield. Some fields were slightly injured by the recent hot weather, but the damage is not believed to be great.

A definite decision to proceed with the construction of the proposed Baker natatorium as long as the funds on hand will allow has been reached, and under the superintendency of City Engineer J. W. Peters active work on the excavation for the pool and building has started.

The rates, practices and service of the Bentley Telephone company are to be investigated by the Oregon public service commission on August 2, according to an order issued by the commission. The corporation serves a number of towns in Polk, Lincoln and Yamhill counties.

A defeated candidate of either the republican or democratic party for nomination for office at the primary election cannot accept the nomination of the rival party or become an independent candidate at the general election, according to a legal opinion given by Attorney-General Brown.

At the request of the Chamber of Commerce, R. L. Polk & Co. are taking a census of Medford while securing names for a new city directory, checking the federal census recently announced, which, it is generally held in Medford, is a thousand or more short of the city's real population.

The Oregon peach crop has probably never before been so near a failure as this year, according to F. L. Kent, field agent for the bureau of crop estimates, who has just made a thorough canvass of the state. Except in the Ashland and Grants Pass districts the prospect is "no crop this season."

A file of the "Stars and Stripes," the paper published by the American troops in France, has been presented to the Albany public library. It is the gift of Captain C. B. Winn, for many years a resident of Albany and now of San Bernardino, Cal., who served in France in the quartermaster's department of the army.

Brigadier-General McAlexander, for several years instructor in charge of military training at Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, and who, as commander of the thirty-eighth infantry won the soubriquet of the "Rock of the Marne," breaking the Hun attack on Paris on July 14, 1918, has been made a Brigadier General in the regular army.

New indictments for alleged sugar profiteering were returned by the federal grand jury in Portland against L. M. Starr, president of the Starr Fruit Products company, and Richard Adams, agent for Parrott & Co., of California. The indictments were brought in because in the other indictments returned recently there were said to be slight errors on the percentage of profit charged.

Establishment of a big Swiss colony in some good farming community of Oregon is contemplated by E. H. Bally, of the Bally Company, Inc., who with eight delegates from Switzerland was in Portland making a survey of the situation. It is proposed to bring to Oregon 100 or more families of the best class of Swiss farmers and provide homes for them in some district which will be suitable to them.

Governor Olcott officially reviewed Oregon military forces at camp Lewis in a great assembly Saturday morning. The governor personally presented awards to winners of camp competitions. The Drake silver trophy was presented to D company of Medford, Captain H. A. Canaday, commander. The company was designated as the most efficient unit at the Oregon camp. The award has not met with general satisfaction among the other companies.

Under the new gubernatorial succession amendment to the state constitution, W. T. Vinton, of McMinnville, president of the Oregon senate, was acting governor of the state while Governor Olcott was at Olympia attending the funeral of Secretary of State I. M. Howell, of Washington. Under the new amendment the president of the senate, and not the secretary of state, is the governor's successor in event of inability of the latter to act.

The milk distributors of Portland will not pay in excess of \$3.20 a hundredweight for milk, nor will they consent to an increase in the retail price at this time. The Oregon Dairymen's Co-operative league will not deliver milk to distributors who refuse to pay the league price, but instead will immediately take steps to secure equipment and deliver milk direct to the consumers of Portland. Out of these two ultimata there promises to develop a pitched battle between distributors, who propose to deliver non-league milk, and the league, which plans to distribute its own milk.

Summer Medicines.

How are you feeling?

Does the warm weather agree with you? Or are you feeling out of sorts because of the heat.

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