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OREGON CITY, ORE., THURSDAY, JAN. 22, 1914.

Who Knows? Our friend Silas Wright of Liber-al was in the other day. He is something of a philosopher, quite a think-er and a man who likes to ask hard questions. Here are some he asked the Courier editor, and he "passes

You have seen hundreds of white horses, why did you never see a white colt? Why does a horse eat grass backward and a cow forward? Why does a hop vine twist to the left and a bean vine to the right? Why does a horse staked out by a rope unwind it, while a cow winds it up into hard kinks? Why does a horse get up on his front feet and a cow on her hind feet? And why does a dog always turn around three times before ly

High School Boys Win Oregon City High defeated Canby High School last Saturday evening in the Armory, in an exciting basket-ball contest. The final score was 17 to 14, and the Canby boys put up

a game fight througut. a game fight throught.

The fast Canby aggregation played the Oregon City boys off their feet in the first part of the game, but the home team braced up and came to the front in the last half. The playing of Coleman of Canby, and Orem and Green of Oregon City was a feature. This was the first game for the local team, and a large

A CASE IN PARTICULAR An Illustration of How the Tax Ex-emption Bill Would Work

(By Alfred D. Cridge)

tion amendment.

"I am willing to pay my taxes," he said, "and this measure wouldn't help me for I own over \$25,000 of assessed values in this county, and most of it is land I can't sell the way things are now. If you will put in a little time Mr. Cridge, in trying to sell my land I will give you a good per centage for every sale made by you directly, or indirectly. That will pay you better than working for this sort of single tax measure. I don't believe it will reduce any man's taxes, for it requires

on the product of their industry and present system, under which 60 per-thrift. Oregon wants the men with cent of the 59 supervisors have had

I showed him that it would not in- away money. crease taxes in his county more than eight per cent, and probably five per our roads was the use of unfit rock cent. He finally admitted that it for top dressing; that field stones might increase taxes less than 10 per cent, and we proceeded on that basis. It requires same figuring but it H. E. Cross stated that two years amounts to the certainty that a farm-er's taxes would be the same if he had the full amount of improvements and but nothing came of it. He held the would not be increased thereby; or he unless the system be changed. would sell part of his land and do so, E. E. Brodie stated that

"while it would increase my taxes if cording to the law, in January. I kept my land, it would induce people to come to Oregon and buy it, and enable me to pay off my mortgage and improve my property and live more comfortably. I am no land hog: I honestly want to sell nearly all my land."

cording to the law, in January.

Livy Stipp said as he construed it the court could appoint at any time, but he did not think they would appoint at all. He cited how new supervisors were appointed by every court; some learned the work, others land."

able to do without any orders."

and taxes are going up every year on system. any man who tries to use his land and develop the country. Give me a petition; I can get some signers."

T. W. Sullivan said the work started by H. E. Cross two years ago was showing results now, and if the 'How about that two per cent com-

"Eh! Eh! Eh!" he laughed. "Say,

While I am afraid I can't do any banking on his promised one per cent I know it will be coming to me on and after next November.

The exemption of the home from taxation in Oregon up to \$1,500 of give assessed values on dwelling house, live law. stock, tools and other labor values means the most unexampled prosperity for all classes of people; and will not leave the land owner out in the cold who is willing to let go while let-

ting go is good, and it will be good. The land speculator who hangs on to his empty lots and acres can afford to pay the increased taxes, and will cheerfully do so, while the land user will pay less and get more for his

NOTICE. The big ad. of Elliott What J. W. Thomas Thinks of Our Jewel (?) Filter and Water Source Bros. in this issue has the date Editor Courier:-Monday, Jan. 27. It should read Having read with very much in-Monday, January 26.

WANTED, CHANGE IN ROAD SYSTEM

VIEWS OF DIFFERENT MEN EX-PRESSED AT LUNCHEON

WHAT IS THE NEEDED CHANGE

Present System is too Expensive to Be Borne by County

Roads was the problem before the Live Wires Tuesday noon, and it was the livest and warmest topic the Wires have taken on in some time. And here are the outline expressions of the men present-all agree-ing on the main principle, but differing in details:

Judge Dimick strongly condemned the present system of 49 supervisor districts and declared that the best results would never come from the system. He stated that back in Judge Ryan's administration \$29,000 was raised for roads and bridge work; that this had gradually increased to the present year to \$318,000, and that results were in no way proportionate, because we are turning the money over to road supervisors who A farmer in southern Oregon some weeks ago "flew in the air" at the suggestion of the Home-Tax Exemption amendment.

reduce any man's taxes, for it requires law which requires all districts exjust so much money to run this pending \$1,000 to let the work by country and if the farmer is ex-contract to bidders and asked how empted on his house and barn it will this could be done unless specifica-be taken up on his land." this were submitted. He stated that "Would you be willing to give two in four years this county had expendper cent to any person who would secure the sale of your property?" I asked.

"Sure!" he replied. "Show me!" the Judge, "but the system. Our road supervisors have no training for the tures to this petition, and help it out work. One man, appointed by the for-financially," I said. "It will bring mer court, and a man who had never thousands upon thousands of people paid a cent of taxes, said he did not to Oregon to buy home places, and to build them. It will bring to your ing to learn. It is the duty of the door ten people where you now see one looking for a home. People al-ways come where they are not taxed system. I am bitterly opposed to the

the home: it requires just so much of road contracts by the mile; that taxes, anyhow?" the present system was throwing

F. M. Swift said one fault with

personal property allowed by the county courts were entirely to blame amendment exempted (\$1,500) and and responsible for the present syshad land and other property to the tem. He opposen the proposition assessed value of \$13,500 not exempt. A small farmer with land to the value less taking all their road money, A small farmer with land to the value of \$2,700 would only have to have improvements and personal property exempted up to \$300 to be even; and he would set them in bad with the farmers. He would be encouraged to put \$1,200 advocated that the people take the more into improvements as the taxes money away from the county courts

E. E. Brodie stated that if the court abided by the law and appoint-Then," said my land owning friend ed a road master it must be done, ac-

did not; some of the present appointees were good, others very unsatis-"Well, great Jehosophat!" he ex-claimed, "why don't those real estate agents send you round in a palace car to whoop this measure up?"
"Because, my friend," I replied
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Jesse Hazell said we should get smilingly, "Real estate agents are as the farmers in with us, and that if blind as you were a few minutes ago, the work succeeded it must through and they wait for orders from the them. He cited how 59 supervisors, higher-ups before they allow their with a following of ten each, became brains to revolve, which I see you are a power that county courts would listen to, and that only through co-"It is a cinch," said Mr. Land Own- operation of the farmers could we er, "that things can't be much worse, get enough strength to change our

people kept up the agitation a change was bound to result; that present system was expensive and wasteful; if this measure carries and I sell that land I'll send you one per cent on general principles." system was expensive and wasterul; it was time to get action, time to convert men and change the system.

Justice Sievers pointed out that

Justice Sievers pointed out that under the law passed by the 1913 session road engineers are already provided in the county engineers in every district that expends \$1,000 or more. Another column on this page gives a more extended notice to this

Mr. Randall declared that the far- certificates. mers were already interested in The county treasurer will be ready changing the road system; that they to receive tax payments on or about would contribute and work for it, Feb. 13. terested singly, and the result was often big expenses on side roads with main roads, like the Molalla road, uncompleted.

THE CITY'S DUTY

terest all that has been said, through Oregon City Woolen Mills our country papers, about Oregon

City's present "Jewel" (?) water system for the past two years, and before the gem (?) or Jewel (?) fil-ter was installed to transform the

ter was installed to transform the Willamette River water into the "purest water on earth," according to government test.

The writer, being just from an extended trip on the head waters of the beautiful, crystal Clackamas, snow-fed mountain stream, could see no comparison with this source of water and the represed working over no comparison with this source of water and the proposed working over of the Willamette River water into the pure, undefiled article of "cold chuck." More than a quarter of a century ago it was suggested to the old Oregon City "moss-backs" to pipe in the Clackamas water as it could be relied on as the equal of "Bull Run." or any other run of water.

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Then the City Dads' minds could not see any further, past personal interests, than down at the mouth of the Clackamas, where it empties into the Willamette, that both waters tasted about the same to hem.

Increased population with the multiplied filth dumping for all these years, has more than swamped the installed "Jewel" filter, with all its chemical auxilliaries, failing at last to hold public confidence to the registre. ister point, where the job was certainly performed in screening out col-

These annual typhoid bugs, jump-ing thru the filter gate, have be-come a horrible menace to humanity, as evidenced by our friends spending many months between life and death

Oregon City owes it to herself and her neighbors to NOW SECURE WATER OF UNQUESTIONABLE

J. W. Thomas.

PROVIDES NEW SYSTEM

New Statute Places Supervision of \$1,000 Jobs With Surveyor
Tuesday's meeting of the Live
Wires of the Oregon City Commercial Club was devoted largely to a
discussion of the roads of the county and the need of a different cur-

is to be spent, the county surveyor shall have supervision of such work, and shall prepare plans, estimates and specifications. It was apparent that the existence of this law was news to the gathering.

The law is contained in Chapter was already served by an older drain, which had been paid for by property owners or that the result.

142 of the session laws of 1913, and is the outgrowth of house bill 312. It provides that the county court shall determine at its first term each year the moneys to be expended in each road district and that if the "amount be \$1,000 or over, whether apportioned out of the general fund or voted by any road district for permanent road or highway construction or of sewer be started at once, so that thrift. Oregon wants the men with a small means now going elsewhere to build where they will not be taxed on houses and fences, live stock and other things."

George Randall stated that in district No. 16 a boy had been appointed overseer, who was not even a taxpayer. He advocated the letting the year for which the same was apportioned or voted, the same was apportioned or voted, the county court shall instruct the county surveyors or county road master to prepare plans and specifications of the proposed improvement within said road district as to line,

> fications together with an estimate of the probable cost thereof in the office of the county clerk of said county The law further provides that after such plans have been approved by the county court the clerk shall advertise for sealed bids for the improvement. When the bids have been received the county court may use its the work to the lowest or some other owners bidder, or may reject all bids and readvertise, or may make such im-provement itself under the driection

grade, drainage, material or materials, and file the said plans and speci-

of the surveyor or road master.

This section of law also provides that the county surveyor or county road master may order such repairs to roads as may be found necessary, so that the roads shall "at all seasons of the year, be firm, smooth and convenient for travel."

This law apparently opens a way for a change in the system of road maintenance in Clackamas county, so that consistent highway work may be carried on, and the various lines of travel placed in a condition that will make them a credit to the county, and also make them useful at all asons of the year. Though the Live Wires took no action in the matter. it is hoped that the county court, in its wisdom, will adopt as far as may be possible the new plan, so that consistent road work may be carried out here according to a uniform plan.

Dates to Remember Registration closes May 1. Primary election, May 15. Registration re-opens May 16. Registration open to Oct. 3. Biennial State election Nov. 3. All who wish to vote must regis ter or have their votes sworn in.

Register at county clerk's office, o with the clerk's deputies. All taxes payable before April 1. Half may be paid before April 1, and half before Sept. 1, second half to carry a penalty of 1 per cent per month until paid; if not paid before Sept. 1, becomes delinquent, subject to 10 per cent penalty and 12 per cent interest, and after Oct 1 fifteen

cent interest on sheriff's The county treasurer will be ready

Wanted! WOMEN and Girl

(over 18 years of age)

To operate SEWING Machines in garment factory

COUNCIL PASSES BOTH FRANCHISES

CLACKAMAS SOUTHERN ROAD AND CARVER LINE FIXED

SEWER PLANS ARE DISCUSSED

Franchises for both the Portland & Oregon City Railroad the Carver line) and the Clackamas Southern Railroad (now to be known as the Willamettee Valley Southern) were passed by the council at its special meeting Wednesday evening, no dissenting votes being cast, and all the city fathers except Councilman Metzern one. Mr. Albright also moved document having been drawn by the city attorney after the road's own

submitted franchise had been vetoed.
Councilman Albright moved the
final passage of the Carver franchise

Tuesday's meeting of the Live Wires of the Oregon City Commercial Club was devoted largely to a discussion of the roads of the county, and the need of a different system of control It appeared to be the concensus of opinion that there ought to be appointed a competent highway engineer to plan roadwork and to prepare specifications.

When this opinion had been voiced, Justice John M. Sivers called the attention of the meeting to a law passed at the last session of the legislature, which provides that in each road district where \$1,000 or more is to be spent, the county surveyor is to be spent, the county surveyor shall have supervision of such work.

There was nate accompliant of the meeting to a different system devised by City Engineer Noble, who placed the cost of the work at \$6,070. The estimate was contained in a special report of the special sewer committee, which recommended that bids be advertised for upon the work. This section of the sewer is a 'part of the trunk sewer to at the last session of the legislature, which provides that in each road district where \$1,000 or more is to be spent, the county surveyor shall have supervision of such work, and inquired who was the concensus of opinion that there ought to be appointed a competent highway, and a betterment to of present roadway conditions thrustatus of the curfew bell, which has been out of use since the new fire alarm system was installed. Councilman Long reported that the only bell available for such use was that of Cataract Hose company, and the of Cataract Hose company, and the opinion had been voiced, Justice John M. Sivers called the attention of the meeting to a law passed that the last session of the legislature, which recommended that bids be advertised for upon the work. This section of the sever at the of Cataract Hose company, and the of Cataract Hose company, and the of Cataract Hose company, and the opinion had been voiced, Justice John M. Sivers called the attention of the recommendation of a meeting that the opinion had been voiced,

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of sewer be started at once, so that he surface drainage could be cared Under present conditions this water is not carried off and frequent flooding of property results. Unfair Charges Alleged

Complaint was made by property that sewer assessments upor the hill had been levied in the past in a manner that was strange weird. Instances were cited lots on one side of a block had been assessed \$49.50 each, and lots on the other side but \$20 each for the same sewer work. It was also charged that when the original Seventh street sewer was laid, lots on the south side of Seventh street had been assessed \$50 each, and that later property on Eighth street was connected up with the same sewer at the city expense. discretion in letting a contract for and with no charge at all to propetry

After much more discussion, Councilman Andrews moved that the report and estimate be accepted and placed on file, and then Councilman Albright moved that the city record er advertise for bids, and that the city attorney be instructed to look into the legal phases of the question. Councilman Templeton thought

that advertising for bids might be extension might be entrusted to them. They are already on the ground," he said, "and probably could do the work the goods:

later Councilman Albright withdrew be a candidate against Judge Anderhis motion, and the whole matter was laid over to a special meeting to be

ent Babcock to tear down the fences, and to report this work as done by the special meeting on Friday.

Complaint was made by the board of underwriters that wiring in the fire hall was unsatisfactory, and the matter was referred to the fire committee for investigation. mittee for investigation.

An offer from Harvey Cross in residence of the could be had for gard to the settlement of claims the w. Coler of Oswego; J. D. Thorne of four dollars. President Williams, of city has against him was referred to Maple Lane. mayor, recorder and city attorney

with power to act. A resolution fixing the recorder's salary at not to exceed \$85 a month was also adopted, the resolution containing provision that he should em-ploy a clerk who should also be at the disposal of the city engineer's office.

Hard-Surface is Sought Councilman Tooze told the council that D. C. Ely and other property owners on Seventh stree desired hard surface paving laid on certain blocks, and wanted to know if there was anyway this could be accomplished. Mr. Tooze was informed that the only way such a change could be made was upon petition of all of the property owners concerned, and by their paying the extra cost. The street is now

being improved with macadam. Property owners on John Adams street, between Eleventh and Twelfth, asked to have that block included in he approaching improvement of the street. On motion of Mr. Albright the city engineer was asked to include this block in his plans and specifica-

The street committee recommended the placing of an arc light at the in-tersection of Seventeenth and Washington streets, and the council approving, the committee was in-structed to ascertain the cost of such

Elevator Bonds Unsought Either because of the uncertainty over the working of the new income tax law, or owing to the business de

Fencing in of Division Street near School Reported; Babcock to Act School Reported; Babcock to bids had been asked some weeks ago. The finance committee reported that

senting votes being cast, and all the city fathers except Councilman Metzern one. Mr. Albright also moved of Cregon City road is given 90 days in which to accept its franchise, the which to accept its franchise, the council of the condition of the paving tween the Clackamas Southern tracks of the Oregon City Commercial Club pears that the tracks have settled at this point, and the original street two hours of exciting session finally adopted resolutions that met with

to move into their new home on the second story of the new business block on the corner of Eighth and Main. It is expected the new quarters will be ready by February 1. We understand the Maccabees will have the rooms vacated by the club.

ALBRIGHT FOR SHERIFF?

Councilman Reported to be Consider-

of Clackamas county. Mr. Albright will neither confirm nor deny this, but simply smiles and says that he believes he has a good chance should he determine to enter the lists.

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Mr. Albright has been on the police and health committee of the council for some terms, and has accomplished much good legislation for the benefit of the city. During the time that he has been in charge of men at the local mills he has shown himself capable of directing a large force of workers, and his friends declare that he would be most acceptable and efficient as

TALK ON STREETS

Just Political Gossip
The air is full of all kind of politirumors for Clackamas county the general boosting.

fall, and there promises to be State Engineer Bowlby was re

Here are some of "those mention" Some of these are flatly denied by those rumored; some are openly announced candidates; some are useless delay, and pointed out that the Oregon Engineering & Construc-tion company already had work upon the street, and thought the sewer places and who are entirely in ignorplaces and who are entirely in ignorance of their names being mentioned But here is the gossip mixed with

vision street, and were curtailing the playground space that by right should be given over to the children. The council ordered Street Superintenders Belock to the children of Street Superintenders by the street rumor.

For representative—C. Schuebel, Oregon City; O. D. Robbins of Logan; William Grisenthwaite of Beavent Belock to the children of Stone; tention of getting votes for the county tention of getting votes for the county Gustave Schnoerr of Oregon City. And it is said the Democrats are

> Assessor-H. W. Robbins. County Clerk—S. L. Casto of Car-is, M. E. Dunn, Oregon City. County treasurer—J. O. Staats,

And there are more to come

Ladies Attention Ladies who are in any way inter-ested in sewing, either to take up a full course in Dressmaking or for their own home and personal use will kindly call on Miss Bovill of the Scient:fic Dressmaking Academy of Port-land, now at 509 Third street.

Mrs. Ola Ogle and niece, Miss Le-ona Gurley, of Canby, were among the Oregon City visitors Monday.

PACIFIC HIGHWAY ROUTE APPROVED

EAST SIDE OF RIVER FROM PORTLAND IS FAVORED

THREE COUNTIES BACK PLANS

Delegates Participate in Lively Argument at Local Meeting

A report from the special committee appointed to look into the matter once. Mr. Albright alsibo moved the final passage of the Clackamas Southern one. Mr. Albright alsibo moved the final passage of the ordinance appropriating \$300 to pay for an examination of the H. A. Rands survey for a pipeline from the South Fork of the Clackamas river, and this ordinance also went through with a unanimous vote. Other than this there was little accomplished by the city fathers.

Sewer Problem Reviewed

Presentation of a sixteen foot, hardsurfaced highway from the southern approach of the interstate bridge to the contained no recommendation. Councilman Tooze moved that the city recorder write too three or more cities of the same approximate size as Oregon City, and urge the state highway commission to designate route of the road along the most direct and feasible line. The association also goes on record in the resolutions as urging all communities in the three was little accomplished by the city fathers.

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It was early announced that the gathering would not try to fix the route of the Pacific Highway, but would merely devote its energies to working for the construction of such a main trunk road, and for the general betterment of all branch roads. Permanent highway construction and a cessation of the past waste of road funds, was set forth as the keynote ing Entering County Race

Rumors are current that Councilman John Albright is soon to announce himself a candidate for sheriff
of Cleckames county Race

to carry on preliminary work was made, and it was finally determined moved to re-refer the majority report that each community represented be assessed two dellars to defray expensions.

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M. J. Lee, of Canby, reported early in the proceedings that not only in the districts along the proposed Pacific Highway was there enthusiasm for the project, but that also in outlying communities there was a growing tendency to seek better roadway conditions. Mr. Lee mentioned Molalla as being a case in point, and told of the desire of the people there to have

better roads. E. E. Brodie called attention of the meeting to an editorial in a recent issue of the Molalla Pioneer, in which the bond issue plan was criticised, and Mr. Lee was appointed a com-Candidates for Office, not Authentic, mittee of one to see the editor of that paper and show him the "error of his ways" and to bring him in line with

next fall, and there promises to be several varieties of politics, parties ported as desiring to be kept in touch with the work of organization; and President Sullivan cautioned Marion county delegates to watch out for a reported plan to utilize all road mon-

eys raised in their county in the im-mediate vicinity of the capitol city. Resolutions Start Activity Resolutions to be sent to the state highway commission, voicing the purpose of the organization, were then demanded, and President Sullivan appointed Daniel Kellaher, A. King Wil as cheaply as anybody else."

County judge—H. S. Anderson, W. son, H. G. Starkweather, Grant B. L. Mulvey, but Mr. Mulvey says this the councilmen, and a few moments is the worst of gossip and he will not draw up such resolutions. While the committee was thus engaged there was general discussion of road mat-County commissioner-W J Smith, ters, in which the present system of Street Fenced In
O. D. Eby, on behalf of the schol board, reported to the council that property owners near the Eastham school had fenced in a part of Dischard, street and were curtailing the feet of first class roadway. Mr. Olds

> Mr. Hull, of Gladstone, spoke about planning a surprise party. The Socialists are talking M. V. Thomas of Sandy; W. W. Myers of Oregon City and John Stark of Maple Lane.
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> Sheriff—William Wilson, Jack Jack he had to pay \$6 for a cord of wood in the winter time, while in summer the year, same amount of fuel could be had for Th the Gladstone Commercial Club, said that he thought the greatest need of incorporated cities and towns, \$46, the situation was the education of he 616.64. public to the real economy of the surfaced roads.

Location Cloud Arises Mr. Andrews, of the East Side Businessmen's club, of Portland, sugthis a resolution was introduced from in building roads and paying off the Milwaukie Grange, No. 278, endors-Milwaukie Grange, No. 278, endorsing the location of the Pacific Highway upon the east bank of the Wil-

zation had agreed at a former meeting to leave the matter of location up to the state highway board. Finally a motion was adopted which would place all resolutions dealing with location of the highway upon file.

Reading of a lengthy communication from the Hood River Commercial club useing co-peration with

No. 35

cial club, urging co-operation with that county in the construction of a road from Clackamas county to Hood River through the Oregon Forest served to still the storm that threatened over location matters; but the calm was of short duration.

Majority Favors East Side Immediately following this the resolutions committee brought in two resolutions committee brought in two
reports, one favoring the location of
the Pacific Highway on the east bank
of the Willamette, signed by Kellaher,
Starkweather, Dimick and Lee; and a
minority report, signed by A. King
Wilson, in which the location of the
highway was placed entirely in the
hands of the state highway commission. Both reports called for a sixsion. Both reports called for a sixteen-foot highway.

At once turmoil began. Mr. Kellaher defended the majority report and moved its adoption. Mr. Lee said that

the matter of location could not be dodged, and that it might as well be faced now as to any later time.

Mr. Wilson then obtained the floor and argued long and earnestly for the placing of the road upon the western paring has not been properly replaced. O. D. Eby, counsel for the road, promised to look into the matter and have repairs made.

Printing Figures Asked

A report from the special commitmissioners anyway, and insisted that his report, in which location was avoided, was the one that ought to be adopted. In the course of his re-marks he intimated that if he had known the matter of location was to be broached he would have had on hand sufficient delegates to swing the vote to favoring the west side route.

Voting is Close
J. W. Moffatt, of West Linn, in the
course of the hour's discussion that followed, charged that "old time po-litical methods of the packed conven-tion" were being followed, and that adherents of the east side route had sprung the location question because they saw they had a majority present. Mr. Starkweather took Mr. Moffatt sharply to task, and demanded what right he had to make the charge. He also asked him how he thought the majority of the people who would have to pay for the road felt about

the matter. Motion to amend the majority report by striking out the provision suggesting the east side route failed to carry, the vote being 17 to 14. On find passage the majority report carrie by a vote of 16 to 12; a rising vote being necessary on account of the uproar.

M. J. Lee then made a suggestion that the report he amended so as to

that the report be amended, so as to read that the organization would suggest a route "starting at the southern approach of the interstate bridge across the Columbia and running by the most direct route to the capitol

city.

The committee retired to redraft the report, and at the suggestion of Mr. Andrews President Sullivan was added to the committee. While the resolutions were being remodelled, discussion of the bond issue was taker up. Some of the delegates opposed it, saying that they did not believe in "saddling a debt upon the unborn."
Others declared that probably most of the money raised by the bond issue would be spent on main roads, and that doubtless many living in more remote communities would therefor oppose it as "taxation without due bene

fits accruing."
Other delegates favored the bond issue, and spoke enthusiastically of it and of its chances for passage. The resolutions committee then reporteld again, and the redrafted locument was adopted, calling for the

location of the highway along the shortest and most direct route from the interstate bridge to Salem. Oswego Defeated Again This seemed to please A. King Wilson, but his joy was short-lived, for a delegate from Gervais rose and complained that such a routing would carry the highway through Newberg, and would leave Gervais and much of

Marion county out. Mortimer Latourette, secretary of the organization, smoothed this difficulty out by moving that the reso-lution be amended calling for the construction of the highway along the shortest route "passing through Ore-gon City," and this amendment was adopted with but two dissenting votes

both from Oswego delegates.
Delegates were urged by the chair to keep persistently hammering away in their home communities upon the advantages of permanent highway improvement of hard-surface vari-ety, and the meeting adjourned until call of the chair. There were

about 40 delegates present. COUNTY TAX \$840,914.92

Interesting Taxa Figures for the Taxpayers' Consideration The tax roll for the current year

shows some interesting figures. The total assessed valuation of the property in the County is \$30,521,902.12, about two million in excess of last The total amount of special school levies is \$108,021.60. Special road levies \$75,838.62. Special taxes levied by

The State and County tax amounts to \$610,438.06 in addition to the special levies, bringing the total of the tax roll to be collected \$840,914.92. Of this amount \$155,000.00 goes gested that a committee be appointed for State purposes, \$94,600.00 goes to obtain data as to the most feasible route for a Pacific Highway, and that information that they might acquire of the County, including care of the County inclu be forwarded to the state highway widows' pensions, court expenses, board. Before action was taken on etc., and \$286,900.00 is to be spent

Adding the Special road levies voted by the people themselves to the amount assessed by the County This brought forth a storm, in Court for road purposes we have which it was declared that the organia \$362,744.50 to be collected this year.