

Public Opinion

From The People—Subjects of General Interest

INCREASE SUPERVISORS TO 118 Robert Schuebel Outlines a Plan to Improve our County Roads

Editor Courier:— In your last issue of the Courier you ask for a remedy for the present method of building roads under the supervision of 50 supervisors. I will offer this solution:—

That we change and have 118 supervisors, one for each school district. That will throw the work as much as possible in the neighborhood where the supervisor is directly interested, besides it will always be near enough to his home to always know the condition of the road and can attend to the work to better advantage. The districts are too large now for a man to look after properly without wasting considerable time.

I can guarantee this as a good remedy for we have done considerable work in my neighborhood and the men work well where they are interested without the use of the cat 'o' nine-tails.

My friend Cross wants to know what is the matter with the farmers; why they are not falling in line to the ideas proposed by him and the other Live Wire road boosters. Well here is the reason. When men have worked like slaves to try and better the road conditions in all kinds of weather; paid their taxes and donated liberally on the side, then to have a bunch of fellows who don't know what a day's work is, who never followed any of the useful occupations who wouldn't know the first thing about blowing out a stump, break a rock, hold a scraper or handle a shovel; who don't want to know how and yet insinuate that the men who have done the work have been wasting the money who wouldn't get sore at that kind of dope from such sources to prove that your fellows' figuring is all wrong. Let me illustrate.

District No. 19 has in the neighborhood of 40 miles of road. It has had an average about \$1,000 per year to spend for the last five years.

There are other ways of killing a cat than trying to strangle it to death with feeding him butter, as we are now doing when we bond ourselves and re-double our energies to build roads so as to give greater profits of the vampire monopolies that are taking all we can make and then some

A SOCIALISTIC VIEW

When Farmers Learn More Socialism they will get Cheaper Roads

To the Editor:— This is a question of importance to every farmer as well as every dweller in towns and villages. They add to the convenience and comfort of everybody. Day by day they are more talked about in the large cities than elsewhere, because since the advent of automobiles it is possible to more frequently enjoy the country life than before.

To secure good roads necessitates a large outlay of money and unless it can be shown to be a help to the farmers their co-operation will not be forthcoming.

To accomplish this means special education which is now being done. The farmer and his family as well as those living in small towns, will be able with more ease and comfort to share in the pleasures of social life and entertainment if roads are good. No people are more alert to this fact than the socialists, and moreover they know how to raise the funds to build roads without further burdening the taxpayers. Their plan is to socialize industries and public utilities and to use for road building part of the profits now going to the Goulds, Vanderbilts, Hills Harrimans and the horde of others, none of whom can claim they need all they now get from society, for can they say they in any way earn it. If farmers and all other working men and women would vote to have the rail roads owned by the people as the county roads are owned by the people the good roads problem would be settled. The fortunes accumulated by excessive freights, etc., would build all dirt roads for use of the farmers and city dwellers without adding one cent to their taxes. It will pay farmers along with other workers to study socialism and not to vote blindly for continuing to make millionaires.

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Joseph Barratt

WHAT IS YOUR INCOME?

Better Get Busy, as There are Only a Few Days Left to File

Only a few days left in which to file your income tax statement. Applications for blanks can be made to your bank or County Treasurer or to Milton A. Miller, Collector or Internal Revenue, Portland, Oregon.

Penalty of \$20 to \$1,000 for failure to file returns on or before March 31. Fine not exceeding \$2,000 or imprisonment not exceeding one year or both at the discretion of the court for making a false or fraudulent return. Every person having a net income of \$3,000 or over for calendar year (\$2,500 for year 1913) must make a return; a single person is allowed an exemption of \$3,000 and a married person \$4,000. (For year 1913, Mar. 1 to December 31, the exemption allowed is \$2,500 or \$3,333.33.)

All payments due on your income may be remitted at once or you can have until June 30 in which to pay. Payment must be made by certified check, money order or draft. Personal checks cannot be accepted.

Partners as such are not required to make income returns, but the members comprising the firm providing their individual incomes reach \$3,000 (\$2,500 for 1913) or over are to make returns.

In doubt regarding any part of the regulations write for information to M. A. Miller, Collector, Portland, Oregon. (For year 1913, the law operates only from March 1 to December 31 so the incomes, deductions and exemptions are figured accordingly.)

FARMERS AREN'T KICKING

It is the City Fellows who are Clamoring for Change in Road System

Editor Courier:— I have been reading the different opinions on the extravagant waste of money, and while so doing one peculiarity is very noticeable, that farmers living away from the much hollered about marketing centers, don't say a word. Can it be through ignorance, or satisfaction, from present conditions? I am very much inclined to believe that they are satisfied, and why should they not? They are getting their trails blasted so they can find their homes even in the dark.

It is but within the memory of some older settlers, when it was preached "open the roads to the market places first, and we will keep on clearing back toward the outer districts with road building." Well did that come through. I guess not. I can remember when we had to go and help somebody out of mudholes, and volunteers fixing roads where they were impassable. Well, then days are over, even under present system, with all its faults, not so many fence rail warnings in mud holes.

The Courier on February 5th says: "One million dollars expended in five years in this county for roads and bridges. This should have given Oregon City 150 miles of hard surfaced roads." Why should OREGON CITY in particular get the hard surfaced roads? Why not let the outer district get them as they do?

A. C. Anderson.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

CRITICISES DR. MILLIKEN Portland Writer Disagrees and Defends Christian Science Doctrines

Portland, February 13, 1914.

To the Editor of the Courier:

Your issue of February 5 contains an article by W. T. Milliken on "The Light of Faith," in which the writer condemns the teaching of Christian Science that material phenomena are unreal, as wholly fallacious, and upholds the country belief that there is in the universe a "phenomenon" as well as a nominal reality. In other words, the article supports the theory that God, who is Spirit, is expressed through material phenomena. Because Christian Science does not agree, its metaphysics is disproved. The critic correctly says that "The man who knows nothing save that which is physical and sensory is out of touch with his times" and "The man who knows only the physical sees but the world of change and decay and unreality." If he had not quite forgotten "these deductions in his later reasoning, and had refused to surrender his logic, for the sake of agreeing with commonly entertained belief, the conclusions which this critic condemns Christian Science for adopting would have been his also.

When the master Christian told his followers that they could not serve two masters, he exposed the fallacy of trying to cling to spiritual reality with one hand and holding to materiality with the other. "It is the spirit," he said, "which quickeneth, the flesh profiteth nothing," thus leaving no room for material phenomena in the consciousness which is wholly of God.

When physical science today admits matter to be "immaterial energy" it approaches a step nearer the conclusions reached by Mrs. Eddy more than forty years ago, that "mat-

WANTS A LIVE TRAFFIC LAW One that is Workable and Enforceable for Clackamas County

Clackamas, Ore.

Editor Courier:

A traffic law that will regulate is enforceable, that can be executed by the officers, is what I am finding many people ask and talk about.

Is there any encouragement in Mr. Schuebel's item along the line I wrote, as staying by the words I wrote will easily clear up the impression any one may have about there being an effective traffic law.

What little start on passing an effective regulation of the roads was what I mentioned and if the editors will print this act that is not enforceable it will put your minimum about weights out of the error; I would be pleased to meet you anywhere and talk up the law you claim is there and I am sure it will help to secure much more interest than some of the ways planned to get the people lined up to better roads at a reasonable cost without destroying a well made road before there are many miles made as many suggest which the people will agree to build at the cost they know it does, should it all get into road construction.

I would go ahead and enumerate a lot that I use, and know much of the circumstances about our road construction all of which we hear on every side and not getting us ahead with better roads that the expenditures justify.

The changing of a few words will misquote a person's meaning I said where we have agreed where and amount of money used before voting extra road funds which we have done several years past in several road districts there has been a weak minority against better road making.

A. C. Newell.

UREN AND BROWNELL Cherryville Writer Says they are Factors to be Reckoned with this Fall

Mr. Editor:

I see by a recent issue of your valuable paper that amidst the plenty of candidates for office in this state no one has appeared as a candidate for Congress from this district on the Democratic ticket in opposition to Hawley, the present misrepresentative of the Republican party. Most anybody ought to beat Hawley as his whole political career while in Congress has been a continuous case of assault and battery on the intelligence of the voters of this district. Any one belonging to the great producing class who do the work in the fields, farms and factories, who will deliberately go to the polls and vote for Hawley this fall ought to be sent at once to an institution for the feeble-minded. It is well for the big land speculators, the big corporations and big bankers and big business generally to vote for him, but what has he ever done for the common people?

No, Mr. Editor, it is time—high time—for the retirement of Mr. Hawley and if no one else offers to enter the list against him on the Democratic ticket then your correspondent will on the platform of restore the land to the people, and let the poor man have a chance. Never again, it is hoped, will we hear of 500 hungry men fighting in the streets of Portland for a chance to work on a rock pile for 3 days in the week. The Republican party while in power, has allowed big corporations to robble up one-fourth of the area of the state and hold it out of use and in all of these shameful transactions Hawley has had a guilty knowledge and never raised his voice in protest.

It is known to be a fact that there

CLYDE REPLIES

Slave Matter and Railroad Confiscation are Not any Comparisons

Editor Courier:— In reply to W. W. Myers' article, I would like to say that Webster defines confiscation as the act of condemning as forfeited to the Public Treasury, the goods of a criminal. This is justified by the Bible in Ezra 7:26.

Now then, we all know that the South rebelled and fired on the flag, and it was not a question of slavery but of secession in the beginning, and only because a military necessity after the South had cost the Nation more than the slaves were worth, and even then the rebels were given 90 days to lay down their arms, retain their slaves and come back to the Union. They did not, and the free North paid in blood and money many times the value of the slaves and gave them their liberty, so they were not converted to the public treasury—therefore not confiscated.

We believe in the Golden Rule and would apply it to all the walks of life, both public and private. The government took the people's land and gave it to the four transcontinental lines. We believe the government owns them and what has been built by private capital should be bought and paid for at actual cost. There is something wrong when a few men have become multi millionaires in a few years and the farmers and men who have worked hard and remained poor.

H. S. Clyde.

TWILIGHT

Some people are so sensitive that the walking of a fly on the ceiling disturbs them.

J. M. Jack, our progressive livestock man, attended a Duroc Jersey stock sale at Broomfield, Oregon. It has been decided by the Ladies Aid Society that the model husband is always accompanied by his wife when absent from home, and he lives in the rest of us, who usually steal away alone on the pretext of attending a "man only" meeting.

The present delightful weather has done much toward relieving that tired feeling so long noticeable on even the average citizen's visage.

The aged Mr. Meyer is still in very feeble health at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Nash.

A Portland pastor says "suicide is not an indication of courage, but the fight to win out in life is," and we believe he is right, after reading in the daily press of five children at a single birth and both parents agreeable to a continuation of life's battles.

St. Valentine's day was ushered in with a very pleasant party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kelland. It was in the nature of a surprise on the head of the house, and quite fully came up to the fondest desires of the promoter, Mrs. Kelland. Cards furnished the principal amusement and dainty refreshments were served to the delight of all present.

In addition to the immediate neighbors of the entertaining couple, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Bullard, of Oak Grove, and Judd Kelland of New Era, were present.

A prominent physical instructor asserts that the narrow skirts and high heel shoes worn by the fashionable set, is indicative of "malformation," which reminds us of the piteous pleadings years ago in our churches for missionary support to free the heathen Chinese' feet from bondage.

Reciprocity on the part of China, should soon locate missionaries in heathen America to free our poor women from hip pressure and the toe movement.

We are of the opinion that the reveries of a bachelor are but second to those of an old maid. The "what might have been" expression quite frequently oozes out of the former with the impression that the latter is solely responsible for his condition in life, which we must accept as true until some fair spinster disarranges our understanding of the situation.

AGAINST BOND ISSUE

Springwater Writer Says Taxpayers Demand Halt on Taxation

District 33, Feb. 16, 1914.

Editor Courier:— I see an ad in your paper, "Get down to tacks concerning the good roads." I think I know about as much about good roads as most of our county officials. It has been stated we have no roads of any account in Clackamas County. That is a slam on the County Court to make such statements as so much money has been expended under our commissioner's management. They say we have good roads under their term of office. I think I see where the shoe pinches. The court wants to let it out by contract so the farmers get no work. I think it is about time such nonsense is stopped.

If we have to pay a special levy we expect to get a part of our money back in work. Then to appoint a road boss we oppose. We farmers have a competent road boss and we believe he knows what a good road is and how to build one. We believe in building good, hard-surfaced roads and finishing as far as we go good enough for the auto to run over. I notice the autos can spin over our Springwater roads. I believe in a heavy rock bottom in low lands, with a coarse surface on top of that. Roll each layer as it is put down.

We farmers are positively opposed to bonding the district or county. Our tax is as high as we propose to stand. Every crook in the law means a new office, with a big salary. The forest and game warden offices are an imposition on the people. They have been more destructive fires since their appointment to my knowledge, than there was before. I tell you we taxpayers are getting tired of such work. If the bonding system is launched, the present officers of the county will go begging for office the rest of their days by my vote. We demand a halt to any higher taxation.

I. M. Park, Springwater, Oregon.

Gladstone Cleanings The Christian Church of Gladstone is having a revival. Come and get some of the spirit of the revival. God is moving the hearts of the people here to a great victory for Christ and His kingdom.

Three members were baptized Sunday in the Clackamas River; four having been baptized in the Baptistery of the church. God is surely blessing the meetings.

Brother Williams, the Christian Evangelist, assisted by the Pastor, Brother Dunn, are conducting the meetings.

UREN HAS THE SYSTEM Good Roads without Bonds paid for by Dead Men look Good

Mulino, Ore., Feb. 16, 1914

Editor Courier:— The road issue is the topic of the day, so will butt in.

Bonding for road building is or has proven so far a large field for graft without any great benefits being derived from it, it has been tried in a number of instances and has to a certain degree been a failure.

U'ren has given us a very good way to build roads without bonding. In this part of the county under U'ren's proposition we would have built several miles of good roads and would have been glad of the opportunity to earn a few dollars. General Coxie gave us as simple a plan to build good roads and pay for them without bonding as Myers did in paying for pure water in Oregon City, but its too simple and works hardships on the bond buyers and bankers (but we must take care of the moneyed men whether school keeps or not.)

The working people have about all the load on their backs that they can well carry without imposing on them any more.

Why can't the short term prisoners be taken to build our state highway by the county needing the work done. The county boarding them and sheltering them then by their good work and conduct cut their time to two-thirds by a recommendation from the proper authorities. At the time of a prisoners release give him back his citizenship, a new set of clothes, and ten dollars to start out to face the world again.

I think it would be better for the state and better for the men. For they would have just cause to try to become better citizens and cut this cutthroat bonding.

U'ren is the only candidate that has announced himself for the governor race, that has come out on any definite platform. He says what he means and means what he says without any sidestepping or dodging around the bush.

Yours for good roads without bonding.

A. J. Culbertson

UNION MILL

Grubbing, cutting wood and getting ready for spring work is the order of the day with us rubes.

Several rumors of chicken confiscating reported in these parts.

Our new crew in the (Union Mill) flouring mill is doing a good business. Success to them.

Arthur Zweifel is sporting a new boat on the mill pond. Those wishing the pleasure of a boat ride look Arthur's way.

Our school is progressing nicely. Two scholars passed the eight grade. H. J. Culbertson has a new hello box in stalled in his house.

Hult Bros. has a large run of logs in milk creek.

O. A. Davis has finished his log drive down milk creek.

Basket ball has hit these diggers hard. Some of the youngsters get a little bark knocked loose now and then but everything goes.

D. L. Trullinger has a very proud bearing now-a-days, on account of a large boil on his neck.

J. F. Nelson has been confined to his bed for several days on account of lagrippe, but is better at this writing.

Uncle Bob Morris was seen over in these parts one day last week. Wonder where the widow is. Health has been unusually good in this locality this winter.

Ye Liberal scribe and ye Courier editor haven't given us guff about green railroads and dry pastures since Oregon City went dry. Must have lost their special brains.

Ye Liberal scribe has settled down to asking brain wrecking questions. Liberal is on the boom. When the Clackamas Southern hits Liberal it will make a town yet. It has struggled hard and long.

Hay seeds, Hayseeds coming to town. To vote the good roads bondage down.

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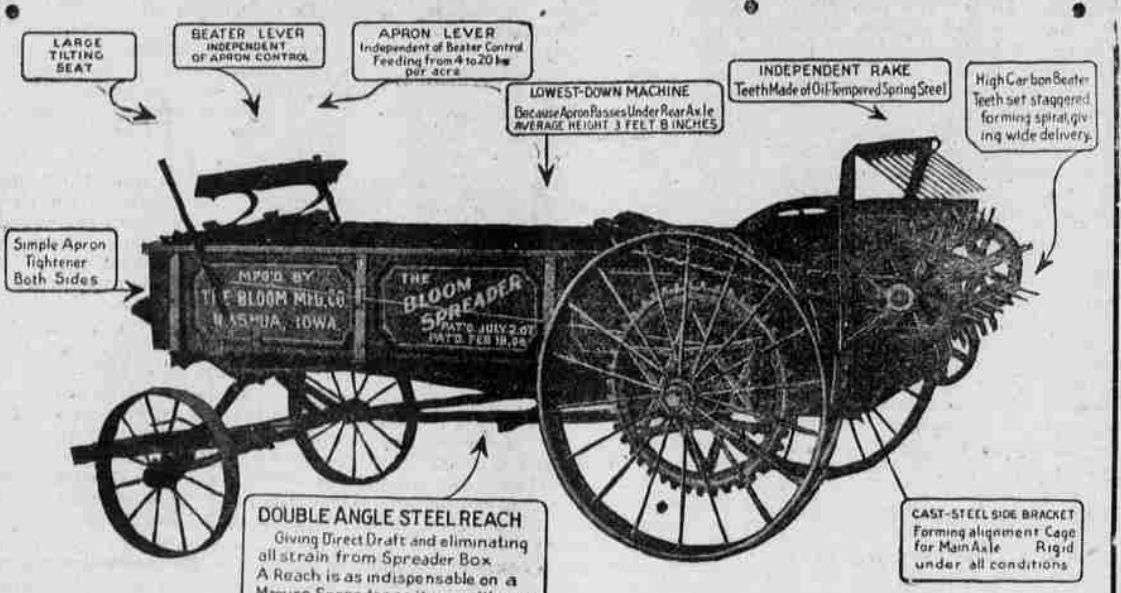
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LOGAN

The subject for discussion at the lecturer's hour at the February meeting of Harding Grange, was the temperance movement. There were not many speakers, but all agreed that the signs of the times show that prohibition is marching steadily on and that the liquor business is doomed to extinction at a not very distant day.

National and state officials, who help by example and strict law enforcement were highly commended. O. E. Freytag and A. C. Goodrich were present, the latter being commissioner with a district of seven counties. He gave an instructive talk on spraying and other treatment for fruit pests, showing thorough knowledge of the subject.

The masquerade ball on the 14th was a hummer. There was fine music, a large crowd of merry dancers, and everything went off finely. It is said that the prevailing lack of moisture in Oregon City had a beneficial effect.

The Equity Warehouse manager in Portland has been selling potatoes that for awhile seemed a drug on the market.

Well, Mr. Editor, the sun is shining brightly now and I must drop the pencil and grasp the plow handles.

Card of Thanks We wish to extend our sincere thanks to our friends and acquaintances for their kind acts during the illness and death of our beloved wife and mother, the late Mrs. George M. Secrest, also for the beautiful floral offerings.

George M. Secrest Albert Hall Francis Hall Mrs. Jessie Johnson Parnell Averill

Harding Grange Opposes Pacific Logan, Feb. 15, 1914

Oregon City Courier:— At the last regular meeting of Harding Grange, No. 122, P. of H., the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, that—whereas, there is a movement on foot, among the Pacific Highway boosters, to bond the county for the sum of six hundred thousand dollars, for so-called Pacific Highway purposes, principally:

Therefore, be it resolved by Harding Grange, No. 122, P. of H., in regular session assembled, that we are opposed to any bond issue for any such purpose;

And that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the county papers. Feb. 7th, 1914.

Mrs. Gladys Sloper, Sec. Harding Grange

The Courier and the twice-a-week Portland Journal, three papers each week for \$1.75 is some bargain.