

DOWN WITH BONDS

Give us Good Roads, Hard Surfaced Roads, but Let us Pay as We Go.—Joint Letter to the Voters of the County.

Editor Courier:—

In your paper of the last few issues, appear articles on road construction, bond issues, etc., all condemning the bond issue and bewailing the state of the roads at the present time, but none offer a remedy or way out of the difficulty.

As to the bond issue, we are opposed to it under any conditions, for the following reasons:

First—On account of the opening of the avenue for waste of funds.

Second—The cost would be excessive in the end.

Third—Under the present high tax rate for road construction it is needless.

As to the first reason, waste, we certainly have enough of it under the present supervisor system, without opening the gates to still greater waste under larger expenditure, which would occur under a bond issue.

When we travel over the county during the season of road work and note the doings of the supervisor, who thinks a public office is a private snap, and that the road tax was levied for his convenience and profit, can we think that a bond issue with its consequently greater expenditure, and chance for waste, would make for better and cheaper roads?

Under the second heading, cost, we have the propagandist idea carefully hidden by the proposition that we have spent money under the present system that has been literally thrown away. By his methods of building roads you would have fine roads in one year, or, as he would have you believe, for one dollar you would get two dollars' worth of roads.

Now let us see how this will work out. In the first, we are asked to bond the county for \$600,000. We are told that we can have 100 miles of hard surfaced roads for this sum, and nothing said of interest on this sum, or of any possible discount. In the first place 100 miles of hard surfaced roads cannot be built for \$600,000, unless you have the cash without interest and discount.

As the proposed bond issue is the full limit of indebtedness allowed by the recent law allowing a bonding of the county for not more than 2 per cent of its assessed valuation, we can not expect to get off with a discount of less than 5 per cent. When you add this discount and the interest at 6 per cent or 8 per cent, you will find when your bonds are due and paid for, that you will have paid in the 30 years allotted to the bond issue as its life, very nearly \$1,000,000 for your 100 miles of road.

In other words you are asked to pay a toll for the use of said roads, practically \$600 per mile per year beside up-keep and original cost. Now, ask yourself this question before voting for bonds: Can we afford the luxury of bonded roads?

Under the third heading we can show that the roads can be built without the privilege of paying the bond buyer for helping us out. This year the county court has levied the following sums for road work. For general road work, \$240,000; for payment of outstanding road warrants unpaid, (when, by the way, we were told a year ago, that the county was out of debt.) \$42,000; allowed the voting of \$80,000 for special road work, making a total of \$362,000 for road purposes this year, of which practically \$300,000 will be available in cash. Deducting the \$80,000 special tax leaves \$220,000 for regular work; 2 per cent of this sum or practically \$50,000, must be kept for bridge work. We will still have \$170,000 for our roads and now comes the remedy.

We propose in place of bonds for this sum, we would divide it into parts, according to the county and governed by the market centers of the county. We would expend this sum in building hard surface roads each year until the main market places were reached. In this way, when over \$1,500,000 was spent we would have far more roads than we could with a bond issue of \$600,000 with its accruing interest.

With the money on hand this year we could build about 25 miles. Next year the levy could be raised or the assessed value raised as Mr. Sullivan says and we could build more. When the \$1,500,000 was spent we would have some roads, and no debt. Under the proposed bond the principal thing we would have would be a

\$900,000 debt, which would probably become a \$1,000,000 under the other system. We could take our tax money and let the county judge decide upon the roads to be improved each year. He could do this after consultation with people interested or after petitions were filed with him.

And now a few words on the gravel and plank roads, we made a radical departure from the old system of dirt road building. Time has shown that the gravel road under heavy traffic, has proven only a makeshift, being only a few degrees better than the old style road.

We made a change of system as far another change, and this time we must make the change to hard surface roads if we would save money and lighten our tax burden in the future, especially as regards trunk roads.

Even the old macadam road may under certain circumstances as good a road as needed for other than trunk line roads, by taking the interest at 5 per cent on the difference between \$8,000 the cost per mile of hard surfaced road and \$4,000 the cost per mile of macadam, \$200 per mile which could be used each year for macadam maintenance. We may disagree on the costs stated herein but the principle is the same.

Under the present tax laws passed by the legislature with the consent of the people, the poor man or small taxpayer gets it in the neck proper. Who will have to pay interest on the unpaid half of his taxes? No one but the small home-owner and people who have gone in debt for their homes and have not succeeded in paying for them as yet.

The rich men or large corporations do not generally pay their taxes till the last minute and if they become delinquent before paid, they are never increased by penalties and interest. As a proof of this we cite the report that the Portland General Electric Company (now a part of the P. R. L. and P. Co.) allowed their taxes on mortgages, etc., to become delinquent to quite a sum and were allowed to settle them at a discount allowed to settle them at a discount on roads throughout our property.

Vote down the \$1,500,000 cost for 100 miles of road that will be a dead horse before the cost is paid off. Why paperize ourselves and our children by involving the county in oppressive and useless indebtedness? Why waste nearly \$1,000,000 in unnecessary interest? Why jump in on such a big thing before our officers have studied up and become trained in the best kinds of hard surfaced roads? It is highly within the range of possibilities that we might through ignorance even waste a large part of the principal sum to say nothing at all about the principal. Let us go slow, pay as we go, and get value received for every dollar by having each and every dollar used spent on the road, and by having each and every dollar spent on the road spent to the very best advantage.

Think of it. 150 miles of road in place of the interest we would pay. Can we afford to throw away 150 miles of road? Do people think for one instant that if he bonds are not voted we will have no good roads? Certainly not. Too many people want good roads, as we have funds enough already to start the work, and each year can have enough additional funds to build an additional amount of good roads.

Down with the bond issue; up with good hard surface roads, paid out of our regular taxes. Down with harassing debt; up with prosperity.

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David Cutting et ux to Ernest P. Elliott, tract of land in township 3 south, range 3 east of Willamette meridian; \$1.

Mt. Hood Land Co. to James E. Wright, 20 acres in west one-half, southwest one-fourth, northeast one-fourth of section 6, township 3 south, range 5 east of Willamette meridian; \$10.

United States to William Groshong, et ux, 1313.47 acres in the southeast one-fourth, east one-half, southwest one-fourth, northwest one-fourth, southwest one-fourth section 1, township 3 south, range 1 east of Willamette meridian; patent.

Wasco E. Shannon to William Allen, 120 acres in the Samuel Hughes donation land claim in section 4, township 4 south, range 4 east of Willamette meridian; \$10.

Dolly Crane to Walter F. Crane, et ux, 20 acres in the P. Warnock donation land claim in section 30, township 3 south, range 4 east of Willamette meridian; \$10.

Edmond Sweeney to C. A. Wolfgang et ux, lots 4, 5, 6, Block 8, Milwaukee Park; \$400.

Walter F. Crane et al to Peter T. Gannon, 20 acres in section 30, township 3 south, range 4 east of Willamette meridian; \$10.

James Adams et ux to Norman D. Root, 5 acres in section 22, township 2 south, range 2, east of Willamette meridian, \$1250.

Fred B. Madison et ux to Clackamas Realty company, northeast quarter, section 15, township 5 south, range 1, east of Willamette meridian, \$10.

Charles P. Maginnis et ux to Agnes R. Denerberg, 80 acres in west half, southwest quarter, section 27, township 2 south, range 4, east of Willamette meridian; \$1.

George H. Paltheorpe et ux to W. M. Stone, 160 acres in the northeast quarter, section 36, township 7 south, range 2, east of Willamette meridian \$10.

I Martin, to Parker Stennick, 100 acres, lots 14 and 15, Multnomah acres, \$10.

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THE MARKETS

During the past week there has been very little change in the market report of Clackamas County. Oregon asparagus is arriving in the local markets, and is meeting with a good demand. The wholesale price for this is \$1.00 per dozen bunches. The Oregon asparagus is more preferable than that shipped to the markets from California. The retail price is 10 cents per bunch.

California new potatoes have made their appearance in the local markets, the wholesale price being 7 1/2 cents per pound. Some of the strawberry growers of Clackamas county have given up the strawberry industry, and planting the ground to other crops. The conditions are favorable for a good crop.

The following is a correct report of the local markets: Livestock, Meats BEEF—(Live weight)—steers 7c; (dressed 12 1/2c; cows, 6c; bulls, 4 to 6c.

MUTTON—Sheep 4c to 5c; lambs, 6c to 6 1/2c. POULTRY—(buying)—Hens 14c; old roosters, 8c to 10c; springs, 23c; SAUSAGE, 15c lb.

PORK—8c to 10 1/2c. VEAL 10 1/2 cents and 11 1/2 cents. APPLES—\$1.50 to \$2.00. DRIED FRUITS—(Buying)—Prunes on basis 4 for 35, 40c; ONIONS—\$4.50 per sack. POTATOES—40 to 50c.

BUTTER—(Buying)—Ordinary country butter, 23c to 25c. OATS—(buying)\$22.00 to \$23.00; wheat, 88c and 90c; oil meal, selling, \$39; Shady Brook feed, \$1.30; steam dried beet pulp, \$1.40 per 100 wht. EGGS—Oregon ranch, 18c. HIDES—buying—Green salted, 10 1/2c.

SHEEP PELTS—75c to \$1.50 each FLOUR—\$5.90 to \$5.25. HAY—(buying) Clover at \$8 and \$9; timothy, \$13 and \$14; oat hay, best, \$10 and \$11; mixed, \$9 to \$12; Idaho and eastern Oregon timothy selling \$20; valley timothy, \$15 to \$16 FEED—(selling)—Shorts, \$28.00; bran, \$24.00; feed barley, \$29 to \$30; rolled oats, \$30 per ton. CORN—Whole corn, \$37; cracked \$38.

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NOTICE TO LUMBERMEN. Sealed bids will be received by the County Court of Clackamas County, Oregon, until May 14, 1914, at 10 a. m. for lumber to repair the suspension bridge across the Willamette River at Oregon City.

Specifications for the same may be found at the County Clerk's office in the court house at Oregon City. Date of first publication, April 23, 1914.

Notice to Bridge Carpenters. Sealed bids will be received until May 14, 1914, at 10 o'clock a. m. for labor and repair of the suspension bridge at Oregon City, according to specifications to be found on file at the county clerk's office.

FOR COUNTY CLERK John A. Lizberg is a candidate for Republican nomination for County Clerk of Clackamas County. He was born in Chicago, Illinois, Nov. 1865. From 9 to 12 years of age he worked in a tailor shop; moved to a Kansas farm, laboring there until 21 years of age; took a homestead in N. W. Kansas and tried dry farming for a few years, meanwhile picking up the common and high school courses and teaching school; attended Ottawa University and Kansas State University for 6 years; was a Register of Deeds; came to Oregon City about 5 years ago; and worked in Hawley's paper mills for a few months and since have been an abstractor here.

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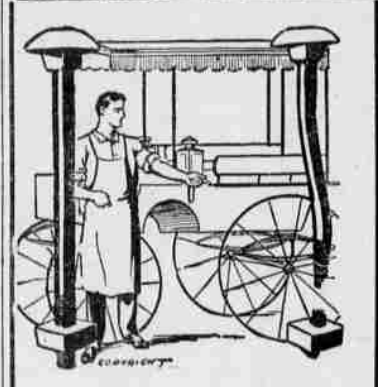
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