

THE ROAD QUESTION.

A New Plan Outlined—Critical Comments—Objections Answered.

To THE EDITOR:—I see the question of improved roads is being discussed through the columns of the ENTERPRISE, and understand it is a subject of general discussion throughout the county. No two or more men can meet on the public highway without the condition of the roads being referred to in terms more forcible than polite. Cuss words and unseemly epithets are hurled at the county court and "the bosses" in unmeasured terms, and the air resounds with threats and deep that "better men will be put in their places next time," all of which does no good except to indicate the deep feeling that everywhere exists. On the county court, no matter what the political complexion of its members, is heaped all the blame for our defective highways, when the fault, as I will attempt to show, lies mainly with the people themselves. To be a member of the county court, and especially to be a county judge, requires a man with a rhinoceros hide and a heart impervious to all abuse and unjust criticisms from his fellowmen. No more for the public good can be made by him without a thousand argus eyes seeing a "big nigger in the fence." We all remember what a well-nigh universal howl went up when Judge Meldrum instituted the work of reform in our methods of road work. Vituperative censures were poured on him without stint through the columns of the ENTERPRISE from the pens of its country correspondents. The judge was thrust aside, but today his system is adjudged, almost unanimously, to be far preferable to any system that had preceded it.

But the truth remains that there is no practical unanimity among our people on the carrying out of any one question. How, when and where to apply the new system, by whom the work shall be done, and how much shall be paid therefor, are questions over which bickerings and jealousies exist throughout the county. Very few, if any, seem to take into consideration the fact that the roads cannot all be improved at once, nor sufficient money appropriated under present circumstances to work them all at one time, and that those most used are the ones that should have the first consideration. The "honest farmer" (and the woods are full of them) wants the first improvement made right along the line of his own premises; and this having been accomplished, his subsequent acts will likely indicate that he is willing it should be the last.

If the city council grades Fifth street, and the county court builds a plank road therefrom a mile or two toward Mt. Pleasant, with a view of ultimately extending the same on a new route to Molalla, the good people along Molalla avenue from the head of Seventh street to Ely, and beyond on the old Molalla road to Carus, are not slow, whether justly or unjustly, in expressing the deepest indignation.

If a proposition is made to grade Molalla avenue and lay down sidewalks, and make a permanent improvement on the old Molalla road beyond the city limits, a wink and shake of the head by the other fellows are sufficient to remind the city council and the county court that they must "go slow," and straightway the problem of how not to do it is worked out with a skill which only the few initiated into such mysteries can understand.

If an improvement is made on the Highland road or any important route except that between Portland and Damascus, at once there comes up a strange wall from the latter place, and it is more than insinuated that Damascus is discriminated against in order to force its people to bring their trade to Oregon City?

And so it goes, ad infinitum, throughout the county. Is it any wonder that the county court is often puzzled as to the right line of action, when its members, no matter what their course, are sure to get more curses than thanks from their constituents?

The people of Clackamas county can have good roads throughout if they once show they are willing to pay for them. Without that willingness they will never get them. Our present condition can best be illustrated by the action of the voters of a certain remote school district in this county, as reported in the ENTERPRISE two or three years since. Their old school house was found to be too small and unsuited in every way to the growing wants of the district. A special meeting was called to take into consideration the propriety of building a new house. The taxpayers met and voted unanimously that a new house was what they would have. A site for the same was voted for and decided upon. Then came the vote for levying a special tax, and the tax was unanimously voted down! They would have a new school house, whether or no; but as to paying for it, not they.

Now, I am asked, What is your remedy for all this? I answer: If it can be done under existing law I would have the county court borrow money on long time at the lowest rate of interest obtainable, and bond the county for securing payment on the same. If this cannot be done under existing law I would have our members of the legislature at the next session secure the passage of an act authorizing it to be done. The amount so borrowed should be large enough to set men at work on every principal thoroughfare in the county, and to keep them there until the work was thoroughly completed. I would have the roads macadamized or gravelled, whichever might seem to be the most convenient in certain localities, but never planked except on heavy timbers over the gravel or macadam would be impracticable. I would have a special tax raised each year sufficient to pay the interest on the money borrowed and in addition thereto have a few hundreds to apply annually on the principal, thus gradually decreasing the debt.

with the appointment of engineers, construction bosses, etc., can safely be left to the county court. Hundreds of men now idle, and who would gladly have steady employment, could be given work.—money would go the rounds from hand to hand, and in Clackamas county at least we would have good times, and prove, what so many deny, that there are occasions when being in debt is really a blessing.

If the taxpayers negative the proposition so more need be said. We shall continue to have the same old undrained mud roads, with here and there a spot temporarily improved at a big expense, and of little value to the traveler from the fact that a long quagmire has to be waded through at either end before reaching it. We may hope, however, that those who vote "no" will give us a rest by ceasing their complaints about the partiality of the county court in favoring certain localities, giving fat jobs to "ring bosses," and all that sort of rot. It may be repeated—if they will vote to impose a tax on themselves and all other taxpayers of the county, they will get their improved roads, besides putting an end to the bickerings and petty jealousies now existing between certain localities that are clamoring for favors they can never get under our present system.

My objection to plank arises from the fact that to construct such a road to any considerable length involves a waste of an enormous amount of timber. Granting that plank make a smoother road for light vehicles, and is the cheaper road of the two in cost of construction (of which there may be a reasonable doubt), yet in the long run it becomes far more costly than macadam, especially so where rock for repairs is lying near at hand in every direction. The plank in a few years is worn out, and has to be renewed from forests already stripped of their best timber, and of course at a much higher cost than when timber was more abundant. Ultimately timber cannot be had for renewal and repairs at a price that the people can stand, and the macadam will have to come in as a dernier resort.

On the other hand the macadam road, if properly built, is built for all time. Of course constant travel on it will necessitate repairs, but the material used therefor is inexhaustible in this county, and the cost will be comparatively light when placed by the side of repairing with plank.

It would occupy too much space to discuss all the objections which will be raised to the foregoing. But I will notice one: It is said it would be unjust to create such a big debt and saddle its payment on our children. It would be just as sensible to say it would be unjust to clear up big farms and put on them barns, neat dwellings, farm machinery, etc., all of which are subject to taxation, and then bequeath them to our heirs. The heirs receive a valuable property at no other cost to themselves than using it in such way as to make it pay the taxes and liquidate the balance of any claims against it. The roads are the property of the people. Every man who uses them is benefited by the improvements made on them. Property all along the line where such improvements are made is enhanced in value. The time and labor saved, as well as the cost saved in the greatly decreased wearing out of wagons and horses, would be worth to the taxpayer each year double the amount of extra tax he would have to pay for the improvements. The coming man becomes an heir—a co-partner in the ownership of the road, and is benefited more than he who endures the toll and expense of changing from the old to the new. Why, then, should there be an objection to his helping pay for his heritage? It would be unjust if he did not.

Then let us consolidate our interests. The preliminaries could all be settled before April and by mid-summer we could have men at work all over the county. Money would circulate, farmers would be lifted from their despondency, new life and energy as well as good feeling would be with us all, and thirt would abound.

JURIS.

A Little "Ad." at the Plenie. Enterprise in advertising has almost become a fine art in the present day. Novelties are not only numerous, but frequently unique. A Birmingham chemist recently, with his family, attended a picnic, and after the knife and fork tea, which formed part of the programme, he distributed among the company a number of sweetmeats, all of which bore an advertisement referring to his specialties, and later during the concert which followed his daughter sang a song the words of which set forth the advantages which could be derived from the use of certain pills, the frequent application of a well known plaster or daily doses of some one's tonic. Such enterprise, if somewhat "shoppy," certainly merits reward for its ingenuity.—Birmingham Mail.

No Use Telling Him Anything.

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"Anything else, madam?" "Yes, I am tired trading here, the grocer never have anything fit for use, and when they have anything nice, they want two prices for it. Oh, dear, we have a house full of company and it is impossible for me to call and I am going to take my chances, giving my first order by telephone. Afterwards have your solicitor call every second morning."

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