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AGENTS FOR THE ENTERPRISE.

Table listing agents for the Enterprise in various locations including Oswego, Canby, Clackamas, etc.

The way to build up Oregon City is to give Oregon City people your patronage.

TO ROB THE PEOPLE.

The following taken from the Spokesman-Review, of Spokane, and the leading paper of Eastern Washington, is a concise showing as to the effects of Carlisle's wild-currency scheme.

The capital of all the national banks in the United States is \$850,000,000, and of the state banks \$332,000,000, or a total of \$1,182,000,000.

Of course nearly every banker in the country will favor this or the still more advantageous scheme advocated by Eckels.

NATIVE OREGONIANS.

Why not have an organization of native sons and daughters of Oregon? Oregon City has a large number of young men and women who are eligible to membership.

THE LEGISLATURE.

On Monday next will take place the meeting of Oregon's legislature. There was never a time in the history of the state when so much was expected of a legislature as of this one now about to convene.

that many needless expenses may be curtailed. A host of commissions and last offices should be dispensed with or made to serve the purpose for which they were intended.

BOARD OF TRADE.

On next Monday evening will take place the annual meeting of the Oregon City board of trade. At this meeting the reports of out-going officers will be made and the election of officers for the ensuing year will be held.

The present manner in conducting the examinations before the Oregon State dental commission smacks too much of the old Spanish inquisition for these days.

The late press dispatches announce that the Carlisle bill is defeated, and the probabilities are that no more financial legislation will be attempted during this session.

THE ENTERPRISE will have a reporter in attendance at the coming session of the legislature and will give each week a full and concise account of what is done that is of interest to the people of Clackamas county.

THE NEW state officers will be sworn in next Monday on the convening of the legislature, and Penney's political days will be done.

INTEREST in the good roads movement shows no decrease and the ENTERPRISE has several more articles on the question this week.

SPIRIT OF THE PRESS.

The Corvallis Gazette makes a sensible suggestion in regard to the disposition of the state permanent school fund: A word in relation to the handling of the school fund we think would not be out of place.

It is a fact not to be disputed that the state printing office is one of the greatest leaks, not excepting the railroad commission, that there is of the people's money.

OUR HIGHWAYS.

To THE EDITOR:—From the recent articles I have seen in the columns of your paper I am glad to see that quite a number of our people have awakened to the fact that we must have some good roads.

The only way we can get good roads is to make them, and the only way we can make them is to go down into our pockets and "dig up." This is a question of vital importance to every property owner in Clackamas county—more important, in fact, than any other question before the people.

The first step toward the good work is how to get the money. Let a five-mill tax be raised, or six, if necessary. This will raise \$25,000 or \$30,000. Don't you see that with this amount of money on hand a vast amount of work could be done even in one year.

I don't believe in bonding anything—not even a school district. Debts may be good enough for those who desire them, but as for me, I would prefer good roads, and I would pay for them too or not have any.

Now when we have our five or six mill tax levied we would first determine on what leading roads we intended to improve and go over the ground very carefully. Then it the road was not properly located the first thing to do would be to put it on the best ground possible.

As to the manner of making the road it has been the experience of all time that the permanent roads are the cheapest and most satisfactory. Gravel is very abundant in many parts of the county, while in other parts plenty of good stone abound that might be crushed and made into good roads.

In conclusion to summarize: First, pay for the road as we go along and not go into any bonded indebtedness. Second, have the roads and work laid out and planned by a competent engineer.

MORE ROAD TALK BY "H."

MOLALA, JAN. 5.—TO THE EDITOR:—I am sorry that Mr. Carter has taken umbrage at what I had to say in my last letter concerning road matters, for I had no intention of offending Mr. Carter or any one else.

hundred dollars to spend on them. The fault of the court is, it has undertaken an impossibility.

Now what I want, and what I need most, is one good road—not from my door, but from my neighborhood—straight to market, so constructed that it will bear a heavy load at any season and with such grades that one team can take a heavy load and travel along at a reasonable gait.

When the court begins on this road I want it to begin on the market end, so that I may get some return for my money the first year. Otherwise if we begin at the outer end of the road no one is really benefited until the road is complete.

True, there are a few short pieces of such road at the present time—such as "Moss hill," "Oakley hill," "Apperson hill," a short piece of the Latourette road, and perhaps one or two other places.

My idea is, the court should select five or six roads in the county and spend most of the money on them; say one tapping the Molalla country, one for Highland, one up the Clackamas, dividing at Baker's bridge and tapping Springwater, Eagle Creek and Sandy; one from Oswego south tapping the whole west side; another leading from the Multnomah county system and tapping the north end of the county, and one for the south part of the county.

We can't build a system of this kind in one year, even with unlimited capital. It took the Lord six days to build the solar system, and he is omnipotent; but if we get pointed right and keep pegging away in the same line, we may have a good system of roads in old Clackamas in the course of twenty years, and that with nothing but a direct tax levy every year.

FAVORS A HIGH ROAD TAX.

Springwater, Jan. 7.—TO THE EDITOR:—As "roads" seems to be one of the chief themes of your correspondents I will offer a few thoughts on the subject.

Let there be a tax levied of five or six mills for road purposes. Let the county court provide a large roller to press the roads well down when they are thrown up good and high, and also provide a rock crusher which can be bought now for \$500.

A. M. SHELLEY.

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