

SYSTEM IN ROAD BUILDING URGED

LIVE WIRES PRESENT OPINIONS TO COUNTY COMMISSIONERS MATTOON AND BLAIR.

DIMICK SAYS MUCH MONEY WASTED

Former Head of the County Court Makes Astonishing Statement That Fully Third of Funds Improperly Expended.

System in road building was urged last night at a meeting of the Live Wires of the Commercial Club, at which were present two members of the county court, H. E. Cross, E. G. Caulfield, Grant B. Dimick, Mayor Reed, of Estacada, City Engineer Noble, B. T. McBain, City Attorney Shipp, Dr. Hugh S. Mount and J. F. Hedges talked along practically the same lines, aiming at the heart of the proposition and speaking in advisory and cooperative sense.

Commissioners Mattoon and Blair, who were present and who talked briefly, did not commit themselves, but referred to the proposed plan of appointing a roadmaster in a guarded way. They promised consideration, however.

Mr. Cross went into the scheme in detail, giving some of his own experiences in road making, and Judge Dimick electrified his hearers with the astounding statement that fully one-third of the money spent on the improvement and construction of roads during his four years' administration had been wasted. Judge Dimick made it plain that the county court was not to blame, but the fault was with the system.

"When the bills come in," said Mr. Dimick, "we recognize that a great deal of the money had been thrown away."

Mayor Reed believed that it would be a wiser plan to have several engineers to look after the work of the road supervisors, as he doubted that one man, no matter how capable, could care for 3200 miles of road in Clackamas County. He agreed with the other speakers, however, that the present system might well be remedied. City Engineer Noble regretted that road construction did not receive more general attention and aid, and he feared that politics and wire-pulling would continue to be an obstruction.

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COUNTY PRISON IN A BAD CONDITION

JUDGE BEATIE SAYS IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED IN AND ABOUT COURTHOUSE.

PAVILION WANTED FOR HOME EXHIBIT

Publicity Department of Commercial Club Will Probably Obtain Permission to Construct Near Building.

Practical assurance was given Friday by the County Court to the publicity committee of the Oregon City Commercial Club that permission would be given for the erection of a small building on the southeast corner of the courthouse square. The construction will be without expense to the county, and the cost will be defrayed by publicity funds. The estimated cost of the building is \$500. It is proposed to have a small building, of pleasing architecture, about 20x30 feet, with 20 feet fronting on Main street, running back 30 feet on the eighth street side of the square. Nearly the entire building will be of glass, with only sufficient lumber to support the paces on four sides, and the structure will contain exhibits of fruits, grains and grasses from every section of Clackamas county, and the office of the publicity secretary will be located there.

Since the organization of the publicity department more than a year ago, the office of the secretary has been on the fourth floor of the Masonic building, adjoining the rooms of the Commercial Club. Hundreds of strangers come to the city every month and they never see the exhibits of the county products and much of the effort put forward by the publicity department is lost. For some weeks the committee has been looking about for a suitable site upon which to place a building for exhibit purposes. The first idea advanced was to construct a building on the Southern Pacific depot grounds, as is done in other Oregon towns, but the peculiar situation of Oregon City made it apparent that people coming into the city by electric car or steamer might not go to the depot. It was then suggested that the publicity building be located on the courthouse square and the matter was presented to the county court this afternoon by Chairman H. E. Cross, B. T. McBain, O. D. Eby and Frank Busch, of the committee, with the result that the court agreed to co-operate as far as possible, always with the protection of the courthouse in view.

County Judge Beatie told the committee the court expected to go immediately to work to consult an architect in relation to the alteration of the courthouse, which is too small for the county business, nearly all of the offices, noticeably those of the clerk and sheriff, being entirely inadequate. No one knows this better than Judge Beatie, who has just completed two terms as sheriff and tax collector, and who has realized for a long while that the sheriff's office, during the tax collection periods, was not more than half large enough.

Just what form the extension of the courthouse will take is not known. It is possible that excavation will permit the installation of offices in what is now the basement of the building, and another idea is to lower the roof of the circuit courtroom and add another story to the building. This will be determined by the county court, after consultation with the architect.

The publicity committee has promised to move off its little building whenever the court says the word, as the ground may some day be needed for courthouse or jail purposes.

BOOSTER TALKS BY LIVE WIRES

FORMATION OF REALTY ASSOCIATION IS DISCUSSED IN DETAIL.

ALL OFFICIALS ARE RE-ELECTED

Members of County Court and Tax Payers Will Be Supper Guests Thursday and Roadmaster Question Will Be Bore.

The most important meeting of the Live Wires since the organization of that bunch of electric sparks took place last night following a supper in the banquet hall in the Masonic building. The quarterly election of officers was held, and Main Trust W. A. Huntley, Sub-Trunk L. A. Morris, Transmission Wire Gilbert L. Hedges and Guy Wire M. D. Latour were retained, despite their efforts to shoulder the heavy burden upon others. Dr. Clyde Mount is the new feed wire.

Considerable time was spent in the discussion of a proposition to form a board of realty associations, the definite purpose to build small houses, which may be rented to workingmen. There is a great demand for houses of this character, and because there are few, the paper mills have been compelled to hire foreign workmen in place of Americans, for the sole reason that the latter class have been unable to find residences for their families. Within a few minutes \$1250 was subscribed as a nucleus to a building fund, and C. D. Eby, G. B. Dimick, H. E. Cross, C. G. Huntley, R. T. McBain, William Sheehan, and Frank Busch were named as a committee to formulate a plan of operation and report at a later meeting. The scheme in general embraces the organization of a company to erect houses, and sell them, and then build there will be enough residences in Oregon City to accommodate its growing population. Many of the Live Wires are enthusiastic over this plan, which will be pushed vigorously. Houses that rent from \$8 to \$12 per month are exceedingly scarce in Oregon City, and the forward movement of the town is retarded as a result.

Teachers' institute at Canby. There will be a local institute of Clackamas County teachers at Canby Saturday, January 28. The program is now being arranged by County School Superintendent Gary and will be announced in a few days.

OREGON CITIZEN VISITS THE EAST

STORY TOLD OF SIGHTS AND SCENES THAT CAME TO VISION OF HE WHO TRAVELS.

TELLS OF BIG AND POWERFUL ENGINES

Makes a Journey East to Visit Friends and Relatives Who Live at Kingfisher, Oklahoma.

(Editor of the Enterprise.) Thinking that perhaps it may be of some interest to those who have not had the opportunity to see the middle west, I will try to give a brief description of the country I passed through on my way from Portland to Kingfisher, Okla.

Leaving Portland on the 7th of September I passed through the southern part of Washington to Spokane. Here we changed cars, taking the N. P. R. to Billings, Mont. The country between Spokane and Billings is one of the most picturesque countries I have seen. The country is comparatively level, but going eastward toward the Rocky Mts. the country gradually becomes rougher. In the distance we now see, what looks to be a low line of hills. These are the Rocky Mts. Swiftly we are approaching them. (The mammoth moguls of the N. P. are made for speed as well as strength.) Here and there we see lofty peaks rising their snow covered heads high above the clouds. Traveling around the foot of one of these mighty wonders of nature, we gaze upwards on its mighty splendor. Now we can realize the truth of the saying, "What is Man, that thou art mindful of him?" At the foot of these great mountains of nature we see tiny rivulets making their way toward the great sea. These mountain streams are innumerable numbers of mountain trout. The delight of the sportsman. Now we are passing around the edge of a great canyon. Thousands of feet deep, through which flows some mountain stream. Leaving behind us the great backbone of the American Continent (The Rockies) we now go through a rough, rolling country, interspersed here and there with small fertile valleys, in which a few farmers are making comfortable homes. Still traveling eastward we at last arrive at Billings, Montana. Here we again change cars. This is one of the great shipping centers of the wool industry, Montana being a great sheep raising state. From Billings we now go southward, passing in sight of the famous Big Horn battle field. In the distance we see the monument erected in honor of the famous general who fell in that awful battle. This is in the Big Horn Basin. The Crow Indians are on reservation here. Passing still southward through Wyoming and South Dakota we come at last to the broad, open country of Nebraska. Here we see the wonderful results of scientific farming. The farmers of Nebraska are in no wise behind the times. They are well posted on the latest up-to-date methods of farming and we can see the effect of this in the hundreds of acres of alfalfa, corn, wheat, oats, etc. Also their barns are filled almost to bursting with hay, grain, and feed stuff of all kinds. They are also in line on the fat stock proposition. Having an abundance of corn they are not slow in taking advantage of the fact that good corn makes fat hogs. Fat hogs make more money to buy more land to raise more corn to fatten more hogs, etc. Fat cattle are also in evidence here. In speaking of the Nebraska farmers I do not wish to lose sight of the fact that the farmers of Kansas are in no wise behind them raising corn, wheat, oats, etc. The farmers of Kansas certainly deserve good, honest credit for their pluck and energy in converting an almost barren and unproductive desert into the American continent. Arriving at Kansas City I made my first acquaintance with the famous, world-renowned animal known as the "Missouri Mule."

Leaving the mules to take care of themselves (which they generally do) we go southward toward the land of sunshine. Arriving at Kingfisher, one of the most productive countries Okla., I was met at the train by my brother and family and after the usual hand shaking and greetings we started for his beautiful country home. My stay here covered a period of about ten weeks during which time I enjoyed myself beyond measure. One of the pleasantest times I had was a day's ride in a large touring car. The roads being smooth and dry the big car moved swiftly and silently.

The crops raised in Oklahoma are about the same as those in Nebraska and Kansas. Cotton is also raised to a small extent. Oklahoma City is the largest city in the state, and seems to be growing every day. The business men of this town have certainly got the push and energy that makes success. The large packing plant just opened there is one of the signs of industrial development of that city. The capacity of the new plant is 3,500 animals. I also took in the state fair, while there, and it was certainly fine. Although Oklahoma is rapidly pushing to the front, it still has a long way to go before it gets to the position now held by our own beloved state, Oregon.

On my homeward trip I passed through the two great cities of Lincoln and Omaha, Nebr. Omaha is one of the great shipping centers of the west. All fruit, etc., going to the far east passes through this city. Passing through southern Nebraska and Wyoming we turn our course to the Northwest. Going through Idaho we come again in rough, hilly country, where large numbers of cattle and sheep can be seen grazing in the small valleys between the hills. Now we come to Pocatello, then Huntington and on and on until at last we reach the great city of Portland, the coming metropolis of the Northwest. Taking a car for Oregon City I arrive, at last, safe at home, where friends and loved ones were waiting to greet me. "Nuff said."

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MAN REAL ESTATE DEALS REPORTED

WINTER IS NO BAR TO BUSINESS IN THIS GREAT NORTHWEST COUNTRY.

GOOD DEALS AT BIG FAT PRICES

Oregon City Real Estate Men Say Present Movements in Realty Premonition of Big Business in 1911.

During the winter a great many important sales of real estate have been negotiated by local dealers, running into many thousands of dollars. The most noteworthy of these are listed below:

E. P. Elliott & Son have sold within the past six weeks the following pieces of land: 160 acres on the Molalla road, which was sold to Mr. Reed, of Spokane, Wash.; 35 acres at Carus, belonging to N. Van Metre and which sold to Mr. Schrader, of Portland; one lot on Main street, Oregon City; the Cascade Laundry belonging to Mrs. T. M. Cross. The price of this land was \$1325; 80 acres of land at Beaver Creek was sold to J. Maloy, of Eastern Oregon, the consideration being \$5000; 20 acres on the West Side to J. A. Soebbe, consideration being \$5000; 80 acres on the Abernethy road belonging to Mack Howell, consideration, \$10,500; 20 acres of Mack Howell's property to Mr. Bowman, of Jennings Lodge, consideration being \$2500.

The real estate firm of B. F. Mitchell & Company has made several sales during the past week, with several other pieces of land to close in during the coming week. A tract of land belonging to George Gill, of Redland, to Mr. Wade, of Clackamas county. This is a good piece of land, and is excellent for farming purposes.

Cooper & Company has sold two lots on Jackson street to Mr. Trimble. This land belonged to Mr. Frank Riegler, of Portland, and was only recently placed on the market. The land lies in a slightly location. There are other small deals that will probably be closed within a few days.

Cyrus Powell's real estate office has made several important land deals within the past month. An 80-acre farm belonging to Mrs. Parrish of this city, and which is located on Buckner Creek, was sold to Dan Greaves of Molalla, the consideration being \$2000. Part of this land has timber on, small house beside an orchard; six acres to Julius Robinson, of Kentucky, belonging to John Baker, located on the Molalla road about 3 1/2 miles from Oregon City, consideration being \$6000; 41 acres belonging to A. Brunn to Ernest Case, of Park place. Part of this was a trade including two houses and two lots besides a consideration of \$500. The land, which Mr. Case has just purchased lies on Buckner and Milk creeks, east of Molalla; 15 acres being under cultivation, while the remainder is in timber. This firm has also sold 150 acres on Milk Creek for \$5000. A deal will probably be closed within a few days, when a man of North Dakota is expected to locate in Clackamas county.

The following are the sales that have been made by W. F. Schooley & Company, 612 Main street: 40 acres in Molalla; 160 acres in Canada; 7 acres, Clackamas Heights; 40 acres in Molalla; 8 acres on Highland Road; 10 acres in Willamette; 12 1/2 acres of William Beard, land on the Molalla road; confectionery store of McFarland; 8 1/2 acres, Highland Road; 8 1/2 acres, Molalla Road; 8 acres for Mrs. Williams on Molalla Road; 246 acres at Redland; 40 acres on Molalla Road; city property, 2 lots of Robert McClinton; house and two lots, C. H. Willoby, Oregon City; 53 acres Molalla Road; 114 acres of J. W. Elliott, Molalla Road; 17 acres of Kuppenbender property in 2 1/2 acre tracts; 61 acres, C. T. Toose, Molalla Road; house and 2 lots, Green Point; one block and house in Canemah; 10 acres, Carls, Molalla Road; 2 lots and house, home property, Oregon City; 4 lots and house, West Oregon City.

Freytag & Swafford report a number of good sales during the last two weeks, and have had more inquiries for property than for the last six weeks, and have a good sale or two now pending. They have a splendid exhibit of the products of Clackamas county consisting of grains, grasses, fruits and vegetables, which they are always pleased to show to new people whether they want to buy or not.

The Chas. T. Toose Real Estate Co. has just purchased the Fred Ely tract at Elyville which they are having platted, in lots and acre tracts, which they will soon place on the market at a very reasonable figure and on easy terms. It reports quite a demand for small tracts and lots in Oregon City and are negotiating for a larger tract, close in, which they will also have platted into five and 10 acre tracts. This firm has recently closed deals on a 61 acre farm, also a 70-acre tract, also one of 40 acres all within a limit of 8 miles from Oregon City. Also have under way one of 1100 acres of timber, and one of 1000 acres of fruit land, all within 16 miles of Oregon City.

The latest sales negotiated by S. P. Davis are a farm of 52 1/2 acres near Beaver Creek Store to A. W. Baltz, a new arrival from Kansas, and a three-acre tract in the J. G. Swafford D. L. C. to Frank E. Andrews of this city.

Cross & Hammond, who are located in the Beaver Building, have reported the following sales within the past month, with others pending, that will probably be closed during the coming week: Two acres of the F. C. Canon D. L. C. to Frank Cross, consideration \$700; 80 acres in the Mathew Richardson D. L. C., valuation \$2400. This was sold to Henry Harkness; 79 acres of the Rank place to a Mr. Valentine for \$6000; three lots at Gladstone to Mr. Kellogg for \$600. Mr. Kellogg will build immediately, and this firm has also sold to John Anderson, of Gladstone, five acres.

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SAYS PRESENT OF ROAD BUILDING MEETS APPROVAL OF MOST FARMERS.

BURDEN IS EQUALLY APPORTIONED

Dover Man Thinks Districts Levying Special Taxes Should Be Aided Beyond Those Who Spend Only General Revenue.

EAGLE CREEK, Or., Jan. 10, Road District No. 41, Dover.—(Editor of the Enterprise)—I have been noting with interest your editorials on road matters and am pleased to know that you are interested in same. I also am interested that you are aiming to treat the matter fair and unprejudiced. Since you have invited a discussion, I will say a few things because this is a question that greatly interests me. Possibly because while quite a young man, I was my father's foreman when he was a street contractor and graded many of the early streets in East Portland. This would naturally give me an eye for following grade stakes and an interest in good road building. My real interest in roads during the past 16 years is because I have been an extensive user of them and that not with an automobile but in the old fashioned way, by team, on horse back and not a little on foot. I am not opposed to the "auto" and the only reason I do not have one is because I can not afford it. During these 16 years I have used the roads quite extensively in seven counties, Multnomah, Washington, Tillamook, Polk, Yamhill, Marion and Clackamas. I have watched Clackamas come out of a mud hole of despair until she is ranking well with other counties in road building and by far ahead of some of her neighbors. I can well remember when Multnomah was as bad a mud hole as Clackamas ever dare be.

The best system for a county to operate under, I believe, is the question asked to be discussed. I have no fault to find with our past county court. I think they did splendid work and I believe it has been the best four years of road building in the history of the county. Their system throughout was good and I believe that another four years under the same system will do far more than the past four years.

The bridges have been their heaviest burden but they now are practically all in good condition. We are just getting acquainted with the special tax question and that is the only system which gives each locality the privilege of solving its own road problems and it is doing it where properly encouraged and that is the reason for the increasing demand for the division of road districts. I believe that any neighborhood that is willing to assume its own burden of road building should be given the privilege. The special tax is not a burden to resident taxpayers because they soon earn it back. I believe that road districts which are levying heavy special tax should be assisted or encouraged by the county court in preference to the ones who do not. If I were a member of a county court it would indeed have to be a very extreme case to induce me to agree to appropriate one dollar to a district which did not levy a tax first to help itself or make a very liberal donation.

I understand that the past court has worked on a policy of giving to the rural districts every dollar of the general road levy belonging to that district and this is only fair and as it ought to be. The road supervisor problem is probably the greatest of all and I doubt very much if a general supervisor or road engineer would solve that problem. I am quite sure that the placing of a county like Clackamas into one or two road districts would not do it. We have tried electing the supervisors and it was a flat failure. In fact we are just recovering from that dilemma and I hope Clackamas has too good sense to ever try the experiment again. The petition plan may do simply as a suggestion or indication to the court and yet it often results very disastrously. By this plan

neighborhoods are torn to pieces, friends are made enemies and often the most incompetent man is put into office. The most competent road supervisor is not always the most popular man in the district. In fact it is some known men to oppose very competent road supervisors simply because they tried to make them earn their wage, because they insisted on a day's work for a day's pay.

This is where the great leak or waste of road money comes in, in incompetent road supervisors. I doubt very much whether a general supervisor would solve this difficulty any better or so well as the present system for he would draw big pay and his job would largely depend on his popularity with the district supervisors. However, should we ever be so unfortunate as to get back to the old elective system of the district supervisors, then I would say by all means have the county court appoint a general supervisor so some one would be responsible to the court.

I believe we should select and elect men to our county court who know the county well enough that they are competent to select competent men for supervisors regardless of petition or personal pull. The past court, I believe, was doing this and I believe if left alone the present court will soon get this problem in hand. I believe our present commissioners are thoroughly competent for each to oversee one-half the county; and I believe Judge Beatie is well enough versed with the county to give it a sort of general oversight. The cheapest money that Clackamas county ever paid out and from which it received the best returns was John Lewellen's expense account. The present system is working well. By all means give the new court a chance and do not force them out of a good system into some radical experiment because that will only retard road work and be expensive to taxpayers.

Above all things do not encourage the legislature to tamper with our present system but say to them "hands off" this session anyhow.

J. W. EXON.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

THE MARKETS.

Oregon City Quotations.

Dried prunes—Good stock of Oregon prunes is becoming scarce, fancy stock brings top prices—6c to 8c. Grain—Little movement in local markets with prices firm. Wheat commands 90c; corn selling by 100—shelled 11.75, crushed 12; oats bring 27c a bushel.

Poultry—No great demand and local market shows little fluctuation; all classes bring 12c lb., no movement in turkeys, geese or ducks. Flour, local wheat, bbl., \$3.20. Flour from hard wheat, 5.50. Bran, by sack, 80. Shorts, sack, 1.20. Barley, sack, 1.15. Timothy hay, ton, 20.00. Clover hay, ton, 14.00. Beef hides, 10c. Cat skins, 10c to 15c. Sheep pelts, 10c to 15c. Eggs, do., 10c to 15c. Butter, roll, 60c. Cheese, selling, 25c. Pork, dressed, 11c. Veal, dressed, 12 1/2c to 13c. Mutton, dressed, 8c to 10c. Lamb, selling, 15c. Apples, box, 50c to 1.25. Potatoes, lb., 1c. Onions, lb., 1c. Garlic, lb., 2c. Dried apples, paying, 7c to 8c. Salt—Liverpool, 70c. Select, 1.00. Dairy 1.50.

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