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NO POLITICS IN THIS.

Mr. George E. Oglesby, supervisor of the Marks Prairie road district, has ruffled up his feathers and in this issue of The Enterprise he has a communication in defense of the "system" of which he is a fifth part.

But he is wrong and he ought to know he is wrong in his statement that the wide-spread movement for the appointment of a road engineer is political in character.

No road supervisor is bigger than his job. He is under bonds, it is true, as Mr. Oglesby argues, but the competency of an official is not to be based upon the amount of his bond.

The Enterprise realizes that the proposal for the appointment of a road engineer is not popular in certain localities in the county districts, but popularity does not make good, substantial, permanent highways.

Nothing else! You may drive from Clackamas to Multnomah and you can't see when you cross the line with your eyes shut.

There is nothing in this question to make Mr. Oglesby peevish. He is wrong in saying The Enterprise roasted him. We roasted no one, and we are not in the roasting business.

WILL OREGON STAND FOR IT? J. Pierpont Morgan, organizer of the Steel Trust, the Shipping Trust and a dozen other gigantic combinations of capital, conceiving it to be good (?) for the people of this state, aspires to merge its independent telephone lines, which he either owns or controls with those of the Bell Company which he also largely owns and controls.

A man does not have to be endowed with an inordinate amount of horse sense to perceive what is inevitable if the absorption of the independents by the Bell is allowed to go unchallenged.

At conferences held in New York and Chicago a few weeks ago at which H. P. Davison, one of Mr. Morgan's partners, Theodore N. Vall, President of the Bell System, and representatives of the independents were present, it was openly stated that with competition ended rates could be raised and economies instituted that would enable the monopoly to place the stock of the independents on an 8 per cent basis.

Thus, the monopoly, which now owns the Western Union Telegraph Company and through that corporation has recently acquired six of the largest of the trans-Atlantic cables, will control every channel of communication on land, except the telepost automatic telegraph lines.

With the end of the autonomy of the independents, every advantage secured by competition will be at once surrendered and every section of the state that has heretofore profited by the keen rivalry for business that has existed between the two systems will experience the same arbitrary inflation of rates as has followed the termination of competition elsewhere.

The butcher, the grocer and the doctor will pay the freight. They can protest and anathematize the trust, call Morgan mean names and make the air heavy with sulphurous maledictions, but it won't do any good.

When he acquired control of the independents, Morgan made an affidavit to the Supreme Court of Ohio that his purchase was for private investment and not for the Bell Company.

Underpaid County Officials. "I am opposed to any increase in the salary of officials of my county," said Carter of Clackamas when the automatic salary bill was up for consideration in the House.

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London has free docks and it is now planning to spend \$70,000,000 to widen the extent and improve what it has. The work is to continue over a period of twenty years.

it a scramble) for the offices, has nothing to do with it. The people elect the best men, as a rule. Mr. Carter cannot pretend to talk for the people of Clackamas County, when it is well known that he was elected to the legislature solely because he was on a Statement No. 1 ticket.

The Portland Journal of Friday tells the story of potatoes selling in that city for \$1.50 the bushel, and talks of recent raises to reach that point. Oregon City merchants have been paying that price for several days, and that price here for a week or ten days.

The United States Court has declared that a law passed by initiative goes into effect the moment the election is ended, the canvassing of the vote simply confirming it and having no force in fact except to show the measure is operative.

Many farmers in Oregon would be better off in ten years if they gave away half their land and fully cultivated the remaining half. A boy in South Carolina recently raised more corn from three acres than any of his neighbors did from 20.

Governor West thinks that Mr. Bailey has been making a private snip out of the government office of State dairy and food commissioner.

The stock of the Fair association is to be increased from \$5000 to \$20,000. This increase will make it possible, if all paid in, to do certain work of improving that is needed to assist in making a big and prosperous Fair.

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WHEN ONE MAY HUNT AND WHAT AND WHERE

TEXT OF PROPOSED NEW LAW THAT HAS A GOOD CHANCE OF PASSING.

Section 1. That Section 2340 of Lord's Oregon Laws be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 2340. It is hereby prohibited and hereafter shall be unlawful for any person within the State of Oregon to hunt for, pursue, take, catch or kill any of the game animals, fowls, or birds protected by the laws of the State of Oregon during the open season when it is lawful to take the same, without such person having in his personal possession and carrying with him at the time of said hunting, pursuing, taking, catching, or killing, a license therefor, duly issued to him by the county clerk of one of the counties of this State; provided, however, that no license shall be required of a man or members of his own family for permission to hunt upon his own land, and the county clerk of each and every county of the State of Oregon is hereby authorized to issue such license under the provisions of this Act.

Section 2. That Section 2341 of Lord's Oregon Laws be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Sec. 2341. All licenses provided for in this act shall be issued as follows: Upon application therefor by any person, either a resident or nonresident of this State, who shall file an affidavit with the county clerk setting forth his age, residence, occupation, etc., an annual license shall be issued to such person by the county clerk to whom such application shall be made, and shall be issued as follows:

(a) For the purpose of hunting for, taking, catching, or killing any of the wild fowl, game birds, or animals protected by the State of Oregon, and which said license is issued to hunt for, pursue, take, catch, or kill any of the said game animals or birds within the State of Oregon during the open season when it is lawful to kill the same, and every person who is a citizen of the State of Oregon, upon the issuing of such license, shall pay to the county clerk the sum of \$1 and every nonresident of the State of Oregon shall pay for such license the sum of \$10.

(b) No license shall be granted for a period longer than one year, and all licenses shall expire on the thirty-first day of December next after their issuance, and the same shall not be transferable.

(c) Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$150, or by imprisonment in the county jail of the county wherein such unlawful act was committed for not less than ten days nor more than ninety days, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

ESTACADA GAMBLER IS RELEASED FROM JAIL

JAMES SHELL COFFMAN PAYS BALANCE OF FINE WITH ONLY FIVE DAYS TO SERVE.

James Shell Coffman, who was convicted upon a charge of gambling at Estacada, was released from custody Thursday. He had only five days to serve, and paid the balance of his fine, amounting to \$10 and was allowed to go.

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ANSWER IS "NO" FROM MAPLE LANE

CLAIMANT WOULD INVEIGLE MAPLE LANE GRANGE BY OFFERING FREE BUILDING SITE

TWO GRANGES LIKELY IN FUTURE

Claimant Citizens Pushing Out Everything Not Nailed Down—Maple Lane Will Now Get Busy.

The citizens of Claimant are in earnest in their efforts to build up that neighborhood and are putting their best foot forward in trying to accomplish good things for the community.

Mr. A. J. Lewis: I am writing you this date as I understand that you are a member of the Maple Lane Grange, and would like for you to suggest my proposition in your meeting next Saturday.

Furthermore, the writer would like to make the following proposition: If the grange would move to Claimant, and change the name of Maple Lane Grange, to Claimant Grange, and build a hall, the writer would give the grange, free of charge, a lot in Claimant for the building site and would also contribute fifteen new members to start with.

Mr. R. Kuppenbender: Your communication to me in regard to moving Maple Lane Grange to our neighborhood and changing the name to the Claimant Grange was duly submitted at the meeting of Maple Lane Grange, held at their hall in Maple Lane, on Saturday, the 4th inst., and it was unanimously decided not to accept your suggestion, but to offer you a vote of thanks for your proposition as it was the means of making us realize how much we thought of our organization and particularly of the name of the Maple Lane Grange, and also to ask our good brothers and sisters of Claimant to come and join us, and help us to keep Maple Lane Grange in the front rank of the Granges of our county, where she has always stood.

Very respectfully yours, A. J. LEWIS.

OGLESBY IN DEFENSE OF PRESENT METHODS

ROAD SUPERVISOR SAYS PLAN TO APPOINT ENGINEER IS POLITICAL GAME.

MARKS PRAIRIE, Feb. 6.—(Editor of the Enterprise).—In your last week's issue you proceeded to roast the undersigned to a finish and in reply will say that no disrespect was intended the County Court by sending out those remonstrances against the appointing of a Road Engineer as 99 per cent of the taxpayers regard it as a graft pure and simple.

The County Superintendent announced that the next institute is to be held at Gladstone.

The "astounding" statement of Judge Dimick comes with very poor grace at this time. Why did he not make this statement before election? It shows one thing or the other—he was afraid he would lose votes or had some pet in a position that if it would affect, we think, the determined effort being made by the Oregon City "Hor Air" Club, is not conducive of the best results for the improving of our public roads, especially when one of their leaders is known to be one of the greatest tax dodgers in Clackamas County.

Supervisor of Road Dist. No. 22.

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WANTS EIGHT HOURS FOR LABORER'S WIFE

MRS. ERNESTINE SINGER WANTS DIMICK TO SAY WHO WILL CHOP KINDLING.

OREGON CITY, Or., Feb. 2.—(Editor Enterprise).—A number of men affected by the eight-hour law which has passed the Senate are endeavoring to ascertain from Mr. Dimick whether they will be permitted to chop kindling after they have finished their working day.

The eight-hour laborer's wife, of course, merely has to get up at five or half past, cook breakfast, put up the luncheon, get the older children off to school, clean up the house, wash, make, sew, get supper, wash dishes, put the children to bed, and then crawl out half a dozen times in the night to give little Jimmie his cough medicine and cover up the baby.

In short the institute was a grand success from every standpoint.

INSTITUTE HELD AT CANBY SATURDAY

that they submit their papers and allow them to be printed. This motion carried unanimously.

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