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IT SEEMS TO BE THE PREVAILING OPINION throughout the farming communities of the county that the proposed \$600,000 good road bond issue would improve nothing but the Pacific Highway...

The farmer has pictured to himself heavy taxes to build the road, and the road, when built, dotted with speeding automobiles wearing out his highway and endangering his life.

Unfortunately for Clackamas County the Pacific Highway has been much advertised and those who are opposed to the bond issue argue that the good road plan is nothing but a scheme to hard surface that road and nothing else.

Every part of Clackamas County would be benefited, every farmer in all the county would be better off, and every acre would be worth more if this county were bound together by a system of 100 miles of hard surface such as the bond issue could build.

With \$600,000 a road could probably be built from Oregon City through the Logan country to Estacada, from Molalla to Canby through the Macksburg country, from Molalla to Oregon City, from Molalla to Willhoit, from Oregon City through Willamette and Stafford into Wilsonville, and a road down both the east and west sides of the river into Portland.

Such an argument that the money derived from the bonds would be used for nothing else than the Pacific Highway shows to what extremes those opposed to the plan are driven.

A MONTH AGO "Boss" Charles F. Murphy was the most powerful influence in the Democratic party in the state of New York. He was the power behind the New York State Democratic committee and the head of Tammany hall.

A month ago Murphy declared to the press of the city of New York that he was in politics to stay and the attacks of Ex-Governor Sulzer and his friends had no effect on him.

The early part of this month a dispatch was sent out from New York to the press of the nation as follows: "Boss" Charles F. Murphy is boss of the New York State Democratic Committee no more.

There is a moral and a bit of cheer in this action. A month ago the leader of the New York Democracy was defiant. He refused to listen to the voice of the public and to the pleadings of the strong men of his party and was determined to hold his control.

FEW DAYS AGO in the National Gallery of London the militant suffragists achieved their most brilliant deed of their long line of triumphs. To illustrate the winning points of the militant arguments for suffrage, by assault and battery on public men, by exploding bombs in theatres and churches, by destroying public parks and gardens, to practice arson almost as a profession, they have at last stooped so low as to spoil a work of art, almost priceless and, as a result, the majority of the merc men, not only in England, but also in Europe and America are growing sick of such tactics.

A worthy follower of Mrs. Pankhurst, to show the true height of genius attainable in the militants, now attempts to destroy a painting, valued in mere dollars at \$300,000 but in its worth to civilization and to the art it represents at much more.

In the meantime what will the leaders in the government do? Will they continue to allow such premeditated crime as this go with a sentence in the work house or will they take some more drastic measure to curb the acts of violence which grow worse with each offense?

IN THE ORGAN of the state game and fish commission, which is edited by William L. Finley, and which has for its purpose in life the creation of love and admiration for the state commission on the part of the pub-

lic in general (if such a thing were possible), there is the following selection published under the head of "Clackamas County":

"The new law permitting the catching of trout over ten inches the year round seems to meet with the general approval of the Clackamas County sportsmen and there was not as much trouble with fishermen catching undersized fish as was expected."

This is the feeling in this county, according to Editor Finley. This is the spirit that Editor Finley would like to have in Clackamas but which, as nearly as can be learned, does not exist here.

Setting back in the office chair (purchased by the state) in his Portland office (rented by the state), Editor Finley has dreamed a dream. He has dreamed that the sportsmen of Clackamas County are satisfied with the fish law enacted by the last legislature and to make that dream all the worse he had published it.

The sportsmen of Clackamas do not favor the recent law passed by the legislature, that is at least the majority of them do not. The same lawmakers who drew up that measure should also have painted a sign in the language of the fish, which when translated would read like this:

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR FISH!

Fish under 10 inches beware, Over 10 inches help yourself to the bait. When a trout is hooked, jerked out of water, unhooked, and thrown back in again, in about nine times out of ten he dies in the water.

The clause in the law was nothing but a compromise between the game hog and the conservator of game. The former would have open season all year so that he could rob the streams in December as well as in August while the latter would protect the fish by drastic legislation.

But the folly of the 10-inch trout law is not the only folly of the state game laws which are easily brought to mind. The new measure provides that from March 15 to May 1 fishing for salmon is not allowed under penalty of a fine.

Now this law provides that fishermen may fish from the time the season opens until the run gets under way and then they must stop. It provides that they must stop until the flesh of the fish becomes soft and unfit for food and then they may begin again.

These two follies of the state fish law are not all. There are many more and each is as illogical as the 10-inch trout clause or the closed season salmon fishing.

REPORTS WHICH ARE SENT TO THIS COUNTRY of incredible slaughter in Mexico must be accepted with some doubt. The jingo newspapers have killed more men in Mexico during the last few months than fell at the greatest battle of our own Civil War.

What we call civil war is absolutely unknown to the present generation in Mexico. That country is plundered, raided and otherwise oppressed but, strictly speaking, that is not war.

There is a reason for the existing conditions south of the Rio Grande aside from the general character of the inhabitants. Disorder is profitable to those who are responsible for it.

Not a single one of these "heroes" ever fought in a real battle or commanded a real army. The battles, which are so widely advertised in American newspapers, would be nothing more deadly than gun fights in a city in the United States.

EVER SINCE MR. WILSON became president there have been rumors that he planned to make Mr. Taft a justice of the supreme court if there should be a vacancy on that bench.

It cannot be claimed that most if not all of this talk was merely gossip but this sort of gossip might well be true.

THE WILL OF MATHEW J. MCINTIRE, of New York, an illiterate hog raiser, who had to sign the document with an "X" mark because he was unable to write, is an unusual instrument.

It is easy to see that his lack of education was no handicap to his business abilities. Nevertheless, he evidently regretted his lack of training, as many intelligent illiterates do, he left the bulk of his fortune to St. Patrick's church in Long Island to be used for the support of the parochial school that the children of the neighborhood in which he had lived might have the advantages which were denied to him.

FORUM OF THE PEOPLE

BONDING TO BUILD ROADS

OREGON CITY, Rt. 2, Box 86, Mar. 16—(Editor of the Enterprise)—I take it for granted by your past favors that you are willing to give both sides to this very important controversy, a fair and equal opportunity to express their views.

The past four or five years, have been the most prosperous years for the farmers, that we have ever enjoyed in this country. Then you may ask me, why I am pessimistic of the future? I will answer by asking what made the farmers so prosperous during the last four or five years? I'll tell you, the principal cause was because we did not have an over production of the necessities of life and our protective tariff prevented an invasion of our markets by European products and European prices.

acts in connection with a greatly increased immigration from Europe, that there will still be a steady demand in our markets for all our own products together with the increased products by foreign immigration and shipments from foreign countries, at present remunerative prices? Now Mr. Sullivan calls this "pessimism," but we are told that "the wise man foreseeth the evil and passeth by."

COUNTY ROAD IS PUBLIC UTILITY

W. L. MULVEY SAYS POLITICAL DEBT PAYING MUST BE STOPPED.

FAVORS PATROL FOR REPAIR OF ROADS

Republican Candidate For County Judge Makes Strong Statement of Policy Relating to Public Affairs.

W. L. Mulvey, Republican candidate for County Judge, on Saturday issued a formal statement to the people of Clackamas County, outlining his position on public affairs of particular interest to the voters and taxpayers of this county.

"If I am nominated and elected I will administer the affairs of the office with the highest efficiency and honesty and at the least cost possible to the taxpayers. I believe that a public officer is a public servant whose duty at all times is to conduct his office with as high standard of honesty, morality and integrity as a man would his private business."

"In auditing claims against the county none of the loose unbusinesslike methods heretofore used will be permitted by me. I will carefully scrutinize each and every bill presented and will allow none unless the same is verified and itemized. I will always exercise the greatest care in the expenditure of the taxpayers' money, and will oppose any unwarranted expense."

"When good gravel or macadam roads are built I will insist that the same be kept in good repair by a road patrol. The road patrol is a regular employee in the road organization in the European countries and in a great many states in the United States, but no attempt has ever been made in Clackamas County to keep in repair the roads which have been built."

"I will favor a less number of road districts for the county, since some of the districts formed have only \$432.00, \$423.00, \$419.00 and one has only \$219.00, which is a little good to any district. I believe the best interests of Clackamas County would be served by the consolidation of districts. We now have 59, the supervisors of which are appointed by the County Court who can if they so desire build up a formidable political machine.

"The practice of putting petty politicians in control of a vital public utility, like a county road, for the purpose of paying a political debt must be stopped. A public road is a public utility which has occasion to use it. It is a liability upon all of the people who have to pay taxes upon it; the building of it requires work, money and knowledge and wherever for political consideration any of these features are ignored or modified by the County Court, the public must suffer. I maintain that the road system of this County must be treated as a great business enterprise and conducted honestly, wisely and with reasonable balance between benefits and burdens."

"I ask your support for this office because I know I can render the county a service which means economy, a thing which you will agree with me is badly needed. I am well aware of the importance of this office and am thoroughly familiar with its duties, having worked in conjunction with the County Court for the past four years."

"I am against a County Court playing politics in any manner whatever, and am not and will not be, if elected County Judge, the candidate of any political ring clique or set of men. I come straight to the people for this office on my merits, and ask that you investigate my record, my character and my ability. I have passed the bar examination of this state and have been admitted to practice law. I am thirty-four years of age—the age when the mind and character of man have fully matured, when he is entering upon the period of his greatest efficiency and usefulness and before inactivity and mental decay render him unfit for active public service."

"If you are satisfied that I am the right man for this place I will appreciate having your support and vote on May 15."

FEDS CLOSE CAMPAIGN

GILMORE SAYS NO MORE MAJOR LEAGUE PLAYERS NEEDED

CHICAGO, March 17.—The campaign of the Federal league for major league baseball players is at an end, according to interpretations today placed on a statement of James A. Gilmore, president of the Federals, that he was "well satisfied" with the present makeup of the Federal league ball clubs.

The action of President Gilmore is looked on as good stroke for the Federals. When it was announced that the new league was not going to respect the contract of players who had signed it was generally considered to be a piece of bad judgment.

Naturally, the Federals must depend upon public approbation and sympathy to succeed in the long run, and by breaking its word given at the start in regard to not tampering with signed players it cast discredit on its own ranks, no matter what the organized forces did.

The Federals will lose money this year, no matter what brand of ball they play. Next season there will be any number of players who have one-year contracts who can be signed by the younger organization without violating the declaration. It is generally believed that the Federals will go through the season all right, pocket their losses and proceed to get busy with players whose contract have run out in order to strength still further.

SEND BODY SOUTH

The body of William Nickell, who committed suicide Thursday morning at Island Station, was sent Medford Monday evening. Charles Nickell, a brother, arrived Sunday from his home at Yerkes, Cal., to take charge of the remains.

ROYAL Baking Powder Saves Health and Saves Money and Makes Better Food

Redmond Farmer Tells The Many Advantages of Permanent Road

Why will good roads benefit the farmer? They are the means by which the farmer gets his produce to market. Without good roads the product of the field, forest and mine cannot be handled; without good roads there can be no real prosperity for the farmer.

Washington has set the pace in good roads, and I see in the face those twin sisters, our Washington and Oregon, beside that beautiful one the Columbia, becoming world centers for their wonderful climate, their green fields, their prairies, forest mountains and rivers; their power sufficient for all the world.

WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

SALEM, March 16.—George Giesendorfer, an experienced box manufacturer, has started a large box factory at Hudson.

Lane County manufacturers adopted resolutions favoring the use of Oregon building stone and Oregon made steel on public structures.

Albany City Council has adopted resolutions looking to acquiring a municipal light and power plant for that city.

The Oregon Power Company will spend \$10,000 on a new fuel plant at Eugene.

Clackamas County will build a steel bridge at Harton over the Clackamas river and install a rock crusher at Sandy.

Guthrie, McDougal & Co., of Portland has the contract for constructing a large section of the Puget Sound and Willapa Harbor Ry.

LITERARY TEST KEPT IN BILL REPORTED

WASHINGTON, March 12.—The much-discussed literacy test will remain in the Burnett immigration bill when it is presented to the senate for action.

"OLD CHESTS" are not safe depositories for money. What a contrast between the "old chest" and our magnificent steel-lined vault! It will cost you no more to keep your money with us where it will be absolutely safe, than in an "old chest" where it is decidedly unsafe. The Bank of Oregon City OLDEST BANK IN CLACKAMAS COUNTY