

## SUPERVISOR WARD TALKS ON ROADS

**ROAD BUILDER SAYS THIRD OF  
MONEY SPENT IS NOT OF  
LASTING BENEFIT.**

**MACHINERY NOT NEAR SUFFICIENT**

**Important Question Is Thoroughly  
Analyzed and Remedies Based  
Upon Experience Are  
Suggested.**

Are the road supervisors giving to the people of the county results in roads of a durable nature, that will justify the County Court in its taxation of the people, and acceptance of the roads?

This is a question which I shall attempt to answer in my own way.

First, we have four rock crushers, one road roller, about six road graders; not an average of one wheel scraper to each district, probably four slips to each district, and one plow per district.

Now with this equipment let us see what is the opportunity of the supervisor. Four crushers to 55 supervisors is about one to 13. Allowing 120 days to be the time of actual work gives nine days to each supervisor. The crusher having on an average the capacity of 85 yards per day would give 765 yards of crushed rock. This spread 12 feet wide, 15 inches deep, would cover 765 yards of road in each district per working season. Thus, it is clearly visible that the equipment is not sufficient to allow time for good work or proper results for money spent.

Secondly, another cause of unnecessary expenditure is the lack of system. Heretofore, the system, if such it may be called, adopted by the County Court and the people of the county has been:

I would recommend that the County Court formulate plans for all roads to be built in the county, whether rock or gravel, and these plans be carried out by the supervisors of the several districts, and for such roads built in accordance with these plans, the County Court become responsible for

If I am willing to do this, let them appoint a man as general superintendent who has a practical knowledge of roads, and can survey and build roads. Let this man have the supervision of all roads to be constructed in the county, and let him lay them off and give the supervisors specifications of the work. If a supervisor is found who cannot follow his directions in a workmanlike manner, let the superintendent have the power to remove said supervisor and select a man from said district who is able to do said work according to plans.

the past twelve years, during which time I have been supervisor, the greater part of the time, that I firmly believe one-third of the money spent on cuts and grades has been spent with no lasting benefit to the road.

During my service for fifteen years, the last year was the first time I ever

had the opportunity to build a piece of road, according to my idea, which I think will be lasting. But on account of the scarcity of crushers and rollers they were taken from me before I had time to finish it in a workmanlike manner.

**W. C. WARD.**

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**PUBLICITY COMMITTEE**

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**Meets Thursday Evening and Organizes**

The publicity committee of the Commercial Club met Thursday evening and organized for the year's business. O. D. Eby was chosen pre-

dent, Frank Busch, treasurer, and J. Lazelle secretary. The plan for the new Commercial Club building was approved and the project given official sanction.

While much good work was done last year's publicity committee, the fact that the good effects of the last year's work can be seen here

spirited the new committee and plans are now in hand for a more active campaign than was carried on last year. The committee has in mind

plans for a booster day and various other means for advertising Oregon City in a way that will mean lasting good to this city.

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