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PAY OFF THE DEBT

NO ROAD MONEY WILL BE APPORTIONED THIS YEAR.

Nearly \$40,000 Will Be Received From Taxes For Roads But a Debt of \$35,000 Affects This—Repairs Will Be Kept Up.

Clackamas County will have no road apportionment this year. Judge Ryan made this rather startling announcement yesterday and stated emphatically that if one other member of the board would stand by him, would try to pay of every dollar of the road debt before plunging deeper. Hanging over the county's head is a road debt of something like \$35,000. The debt has been steadily increasing for a long time and notwithstanding this fact, the board of county commissioners contemplated making the annual road apportionment as usual at the February term of the commissioners court. But the apportionment was held off until the bill repealing the law creating a separate board of county commissioners passed the legislature. This bill was introduced and passed to carry out promises made during the last campaign whereby county Judge Ryan was to be restored to the bench, from where he was deposed four years ago by a special act creating a separate board of county commissioners for Clackamas county. The new law removed Chairman John Lowellen from the board. The county will receive about \$40,000 from this year's collection of taxes for the road fund, but \$5,000 of this amount goes to Oregon City, which is entitled to 40 per cent of the road money collected in this city. Judge Ryan said today that with the amendments to road laws

passed at the recent session of the legislature each supervisor has charge of the expenditure of 50 per cent of road money collected from taxpayers and property owners in his district. The balance goes to the county.

In addition to Oregon City there are three incorporated towns in Clackamas County: Milwaukie, Barlow, and Canby. The first were incorporated by the legislature just closed and under their respective charters will obtain all the road money collected within their boundaries. The charter of Canby was amended to give the town the same privilege.

The avowed determination of the new county court to make no road apportionment until the road debt is wiped out will cause wide spread comment and some severe criticism. But to the majority of the taxpayers of the county the announcement will be most welcome. The little money that will be expended on Clackamas County roads during 1903 will be for necessary repairs.

FIFTH YEAR AS PASTOR.

Special Services at the Congregational Church Next Sunday.

With next Sunday Pastor Bollinger will begin the fifth year of service at the Congregational Church. The subject of the morning discourse will be "The Model Congregation." The members are asked to make a special effort to be present. In the evening the choir will give a praise service. The full choir will sing three anthems, "The Lord Reigneth," "I Love to Tell the Story," and "This Night, O Lord, We Bless Thee!" Other numbers will be "Lead Kindly, Light" a ladies' quartette, trio, "Hear Us, O Father!" (ladies' voices), duet, "I Will Give You Rest," Miss Mark and Mrs. Caulfield, duet, "Crossing the Bar," Mr. Malason and Mrs. Caulfield and solos by Miss Maysie Foster and Miss Buchanan.

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ACTION POSTPONED

FORTY MEN ATTEND MEETING OF FEDERAL LABOR UNION.

Secretary Instructed to Throw Light Upon the Situation—Brownell Has a Card Up His Sleeve That He Will Spring Tomorrow.

Federal Labor Union Monday night postponed action upon the failure of State Senator Brownell to secure the passage of Senate Bills 148 and 149, which provided that eight hours should constitute a day's work throughout the state. Several members of the painters' union were present and met the federal union and in all about 40 men were there. It would seem, in view of the publicity given the matter, that the laboring men had little interest, as they did not make it manifest with their presence. After several hours discussion, action was postponed until the secretary could secure a copy of the senate records. A motion to adjourn until next Monday and invite Mr. Brownell to be present and make an explanation was lost by one vote, but adjournment was finally taken until next Monday, when all of the unions of the city will be invited to be present.

Meanwhile Senator Brownell and his friends are not idle. The senator is preparing to spring something tomorrow that will be of great interest, not only to laboring men, but to others. Mr. Brownell and his supporters consider that adverse action upon his conduct in regard to labor bills is unjust. Those familiar with the situation state that he did all in his power to get a favorable report from the judiciary committee and Senators McGinn, Band, and Mays

testify to the same thing. In fact, all of the evidence introduced is in his favor, but some of the laboring men are satisfied that the senator did not do his part and the carpenters' union has passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, local union No. 1131, of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, having become convinced that Senator George C. Brownell did not make good his promise to the local unions of Oregon City, wherein he promised to secure legislation making eight hour day a state law;

Therefore, Be it resolved, that in view of his posing as a friend of labor in the past and his utter failure to make good his promise, we condemn him as a traitor to the cause of organized labor and withdraw from him our political support and promise to hand him out something interesting in the future.

P. K. Kester, C. A. Frost, C. B. Johnson, committee from local union 1131.

Matters are shaping themselves to a point where it is believed that federal labor union will take no action. Even if it should it is not considered likely that Mr. Brownell will be singled out. While the unions are doing the thing, it may be they will condemn the judiciary committee, the Oregon legislature and every man in it.

Opinions from others parts of the state demonstrate that as a class the labor unions are very well satisfied with the result of the recent session of the legislature. Eight bills were passed favoring the working men and this is indeed very good for one session. But those complaining take the position that Senator Brownell let Senate Bills 148 and 149 go by the board and they will have to be shown.

Reaper, mower, rake, disc harrow and many other farm tools for sale cheap. J. Sugarman, Oregon City.

SUCCESSFUL CONCERT.

Woodmen Hall Was Crowded With Music Lovers Last Tuesday Evening.

The concert given by Miss Mary Conyers in Woodmen Hall last Tuesday evening was successful in every particular. The hall was crowded and every number on the program was enjoyed. Mrs. Sheldon's sympathetic voice was particularly pleasing in Kjerulf's "Synouve's Song," and her rendition of Hasting's "My Love is Like the Red, Red Rose," brought a perfect storm of applause. Dom J. Zan's number "Gipsy John" was especially pleasing. Mrs. Robert A. Miller gave a Shakespearian reading

and won plaudits from the audience. Miss Veda Williams played Beethoven's beautiful "Moonlight Sonata" and Miss Marian Lawrence, a little girl of seven years, re-rendered Koelling's "Zullie Bumen" on the piano. Mrs. E. E. Williams was the accompanist. After the program the floor was cleared and dancing was indulged in until a late hour. Miss Conyers received many congratulations upon the success of her concert.

Abbott, the optician of Portland, will be at the Electric Hotel, Oregon City, Saturday, February 28. Do you have headaches? Does your eyes smart and burn, lids swollen and reading matter blur? If so, consult me.

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