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Bonding for Roads

There are a number of arguments which tend to prove that a county, and especially a new county, is making a good investment in bonding to construct a system of permanent highways. One of the strongest is the fact that the construction of good roads has the natural effect of increasing land values. In communities where it has been done it has been reported that the appreciation in values has been sufficient to pay several times over the amount invested in roads. The logical result is that the levy to cover interest and to establish a sinking fund is each year being made on an increased valuation, so that the burden, which at first may appear heavy, becomes relatively lighter each year. In Jackson county it was shown that the amount of money which was being expended annually under the old arrangement for the construction of what the county court admitted was a patchwork, would be sufficient to pay the interest on the \$1,500,000 and also to create a sinking fund sufficient to retire the bonds at the end of the twenty-year period for which they were issued. At the same time the county would be enjoying the use of the improved highways and reaping the benefits. Bonding for the building of a permanent system of roads enables a county to make an investment which, because of its effect in promoting the commercial welfare of the community and increasing land values, pays for itself within a few years.

Still Swarm To Cities

Although the "back to the soil" spirit has been as strong or stronger in Oregon than in other states, statistics just published show that there has been a strong drift even in this state during the past decade away from the farms and to the cities. Ten years ago the percentage of people in the cities of 2500 or more was 32.2 and on the farms 67.8. In 1910, so the figures just published for this state show, there were 46.6 per cent in the cities and 54.4 in rural Oregon. Harney, Lake and Malheur counties average less than one person to the square mile. This year will see a state-wide campaign of education which will lead toward instead of away from the farm. The State Bankers' Association, the O. A. C. and the Oregon Development League are co-operating with the state superintendent of public instruction to formulate a course of study to be introduced into the public schools. A conference is to be held at Corvallis the middle of the month. There are plenty of orchardists in the Hood River valley who have tried both city and country life and who can testify to the advantages of the latter. It is safe to predict that the movement just launched will meet with the active cooperation of the citizens of Hood River county.

A Presidential Year

It is doubtful whether a presidential year ever arrived with the political aspect of things so befuddled as they are with the coming of 1912. While this applies especially to the Grand Old Party, Democracy is in pretty much the same predicament. Woodrow Wilson's loss of his own state and the more recent "exposure" by his political enemies of his application for a pension from the Carnegie fund have hardly tended to brighten his prospects. In the Republican ranks the recent injection of Roosevelt's name cannot have

been entirely edifying to those who are supposed to be fixing things up for the campaign. Both parties are apparently scanning the horizon in vain for the man of the hour and as yet he gives no sign of making his appearance. To the dearth of eligible candidates, so far as getting the votes of the great mass of people is concerned, is added the further complication occasioned by the split between regulars and progressives in both camps. Taken altogether it is a safe guess that the old line politicians in both parties put a whole lot of sincerity into the words when they wished each other and the party a "Happy and Prosperous New Year."

Miss Rachel Bell will celebrate her hundredth birthday Sunday at Adamsville, O. She admits that for one hundred years she has never been kissed by any persons except her parents. Miss Bell may mean that this is the secret of her long life, but there are a whole lot of young women who will maintain that longevity would be vain under such circumstances.

If every man did his duty there wouldn't be an old maid in the country. The census bureau has just announced that there are 46,332,122 men and only 44,640,144 women. Unattached gentlemen are advised to bethink themselves of their shortcomings and make New Year's resolutions in accordance.

When Carnegie distributes his next batch of hero medals, his attention is respectfully called to the Oregon man who has just been made the father of Number Twenty-two.

DOCTOR REPORTS ON CITY'S HEALTH

At the meeting of the city council held Friday evening the report of Dr. Malcolm Bronson, city health officer, for five months was submitted as follows:

"Since July first to the first of the present month there have been reported to this office 34 births, 14 deaths and two cases of contagious disease. Seventeen complaints have been filed with this office and all have been satisfactorily adjusted except the following two: The Woodworth property on the north side of State street has no sewerage connection, the refuse being allowed to run in the open. This matter has been called to the attention of the health committee. Complaint has also been made by users of water from the Batchelder spring that it is rendered muddy and unfit for use by the drainage into it of surface water during the recent rains.

"Samples of water have been twice examined bacteriologically during this time and at both times the water from Batchelder's spring has shown colon bacilli.

"The dairies have been inspected and samples of milk examined. They are giving splendid attention to the proper care of cans and milk.

"At the beginning of the school term all public schools were thoroughly fumigated. This will be done again during the holiday vacation. So far there has not been one case of contagious or infectious disease reported this term among the school children.

"During the past summer one of the biggest problems to meet was the proper disposal of garbage. Now citizens, and especially those coming from the cities, cannot realize why the city has no garbage system. I would suggest that, if possible, some plan be laid looking toward the collection by the city of garbage at least once a week during the coming summer."

Annual Meeting

The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the Home Telephone Company of Hood River, Oregon, will be held in the rooms of the Hood River Commercial Club, in the city of Hood River, Oregon, at the hour of 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon of Monday, the 8th day of January, 1912, for the purpose of electing a board of five directors to serve for the ensuing year and for the transaction of such other business as may regularly come before the meeting.

E. O. HALL, Secretary.

DR. F. C. BROSIUS

Has established a permanent office at ODELL, PHONE 29, where he can be consulted morning and evening. City office HOOD RIVER, PHONE 12 B, open as usual 10 to 4 daily. Night Calls answered from ODELL, PHONE 20, 2811

DALLES MAN GETS BRIDE WHO WAITED TEN YEARS

A dispatch from Boston tells the romantic story of how ten years ago Charles T. Nagel of The Dalles graduated from the Mechanics Arts high school of Boston and left for the West with the promise of Miss Etta Mullen that she would "wait for him." It was a case of love at first sight, which started on a football field where Nagel was a star performer for his team. Now they are married, and to the knot doubly secure there were two ceremonies, one by a clergyman of the groom's church and one in the bride's church.

Good Health Bread put up in a sanitary wrapper before leaving the bakery. Save the coupons. For sale at Parkers."

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, in and for Hood River County.

Sidney B. Carnine, Plaintiff. Adelia A. Stranahan, Ella May Jones, A. B. Jones, Albert K. Stranahan, Corraean Stranahan, Ethel Anderson, Roy Anderson, May Mottishaw, Fred Mottishaw, Clinton Mooney, Bonnie Mooney, Hope Mooney, a minor, Elmer E. McCray, guardian of Hope Mooney, a minor, David E. Berdan, Addie Berdan, Anton Knudson, Ole Knudson, Knute Knudson, Mary Knute and Octavia Knute, defendants. To Ethel Anderson, Roy Anderson, May Mottishaw, Fred Mottishaw, Hope Mooney, a minor, David E. Berdan, Addie Berdan, Ole Knudson and Knute Knudson, defendants, impleaded with the other defendants above named, and to each of you.

In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you, and each of you, in this Court, in the above entitled suit, on or before the last day of six consecutive weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, as hereinafter stated, and if you fail to do so, for want thereof, plaintiff will apply to this Court for the relief demanded in his said complaint, and will take judgment for the reformation of three certain deeds of conveyance constituting a continuous chain of title, by amending and correcting the erroneous description of land contained in and running down through all of said deeds, so that the same will conform to the real and true intent of the parties thereto, and the said description therein read as follows:

Commencing at the quarter section corner on the south side of section 35 in township 3, north, range 10, east of Willamette Meridian, and run thence north along the quarter section line running north and south through said section 35, a distance of 15.63 chains, more or less, to the point marking the north-west corner of the tract owned by George H. Steinhoff and Edith O. Steinhoff, husband and wife, and run thence south, 62.08' east, along the north boundary of said Steinhoff's land a distance of 3.50 chains, more or less, to the southwest corner of the tract of land owned by Bertha E. Glass, for a distance of 11 chains, more or less, to the southeast corner thereof; thence running south parallel to the said east boundary of said Glass' land a chain, more or less, to a point in the road known as the Avalon Way, south, 39.98' east of the point of commencement; thence north, 39.98' west, a chain, more or less, to the point of commencement.

Said deeds being: One from O. L. Stranahan and wife to David E. Berdan, dated February 15, 1902, recorded in Hood River County Deed Records Volume K, page 286; one from David E. Berdan and wife to Christian Knudson, dated August 15, 1902, recorded in Volume A, page 075, same records; and one from Christian Knudson to Sidney B. Carnine, dated October 7, 1907, recorded in Volume L, page 626, same records.

Those of you found by the Court in its decree to be chargeable with that duty will be required to make and deliver new deeds of the form, substance and intent of such said originals described above, but containing such corrected and reformed description, within a definitely fixed time after the entry of such decree, or in case of failure so to do, such decree to stand as and for such new conveyance.

Plaintiff also prays that the cloud upon his title to said land, caused by said incorrect and defective deeds, be removed and that his said title be forever quieted against you; and for other equitable relief.

You are hereby served by publication of this summons by order of the Hon. Geo. D. Callerton, County Judge of Hood River County, Oregon, entered December 18th, 1911, which order prescribed that you shall appear and answer the complaint on or before the last day of six consecutive weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons; and you are further notified that the date of the first publication of this summons is December 20, 1911.

GEORGE R. WILBUR, Hood River, Oregon, Plaintiff's Attorney. Dec 20-Jan 31-12.

Administrator's Notice to Creditors. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed by the County Court of Hood River, Ore., as Administrator of the estate of Sarah J. Phelps, deceased, and all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to present the same to said administrator, at the Butler Banking Co's Bank, or at the office of E. H. Hartwig, in Hood River, Oregon, within six (6) months from the date of this notice, to-wit: Dated this 25th day of November, A. D. 1911.

Notice of Special Road Meeting. Notice is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the tax-payers of Road District No. 2, in Hood River County, State of Oregon, will be held at the school house in said district at the hour of 7 o'clock p. m. on the 25th day of December, 1911, for the purpose of voting upon a proposition to levy a special mill tax on all assessable property in said district, or so much more or less, in the opinion of the citizens attending the meeting, as deemed necessary for the purpose of improving the following described portion of county road in said Road District, to-wit:

All that portion of the County road beginning at the point of intersection of said road with the section line between Sections 2 and 6 in Township 2 North or Range 9 East of Willamette Meridian at the west boundary line of said Road District No. 2, and thence in an easterly direction over said road, and The Dalles and Sandy Wagon Road, where the same is adopted in connection therewith, for a distance of about 2 miles, to a point 200 feet east and 410 feet north of the corner common to Sections 23, 24, 3 and 4 in said Township 2 North Range 9 East of W. M.

Said road to be improved by proper grading and surfacing, removing rocks, stumps and other obstructions therefrom, and to be opened for travel a suitable width to accommodate wagons and all other vehicles, in so far as may be accomplished thereupon by the prudent use of the proceeds of said special tax.

Dated Hood River County, Oregon, this 5th day of December, 1911. C. S. W. CERRAN, Supervisor Road Dist. No. 2. M. I. OSTERGOD, Mrs. LAURA B. NELSON.

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