

OLD ROAD SYSTEM GIVES ITS LESSON

Marion and Clackamas See in Present Highways Hope for Better Scheme.

BOND AVENUE ONLY AID

Opposition Silenced by Known Conditions and Feeling Is Expressed

That Amount Should Be Greater Than Fixed.

BY ADDISON BENNETT.

SILVERTON, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—There are just six days left for the voters of this county to make up their minds whether they will vote for or against the issue of road bonds to the extent of \$50,000. This expires tomorrow, Sunday, during which day the campaign will rest. It is safe to say that during the five days, from Monday to Saturday of next week, the interest will grow with each day. That was the case in the Clatsop and Columbia campaigns, and it will likewise be true here.

One of the most important meetings of the advocates of the bonds held thus far took place here last night in the opera-house. There was a large audience present and every word spoken by the advocates of the bonds was listened to with great interest. It was reported in Salem before we came here that the Silverton people, and the farmers near here, were very generally opposed to the bond issue and that the meeting would be made rather stormy by these opponents. On the contrary, the meeting was one of the most satisfactory of the week and scarcely a word in opposition has been heard on the street, and surely at the meeting no such opposition was shown. On every hand one hears the complaint that the issue should be for about \$2,000,000 instead of \$50,000, the advocates of so large an issue claiming that the amount to be voted upon is not large enough to do all that ought to be done. These people also claim that the taxable value of the county is less than \$43,000,000 and 2 per cent of the taxable valuation is all the law will allow at this time to be levied on its road building. It is, many think, a pity that the lawmakers did not make the limit 5 per cent instead of 2. If it were 5 per cent, the amount of money to be voted for \$2,000,000 in place of the sum now specified.

Limit May Be Raised.

No doubt at the coming session of the Legislature will be heard the demand to raise the limit to 5 per cent, or at least 4 per cent, and from the feelings expressed in this county it seems more than likely that such a measure will meet with the approval of the voters of the state. The campaign for road bonds is bound to be waged during the coming year in many counties. The elections in Marion and Clackamas a week from today will have a great effect on various other counties. If the bonds carry in both of these, a half dozen others will at once fall into line on the side of better roads.

Looking at the situation here at first hand, and considering it at close range in Clackamas, it can truly be said that the voters of this county are far more favorable than the voters of Clatsop or Columbia a week before the vote was taken. It will be remembered that when Amos Adams was pitted against the campaign in Columbia on Saturday before the Monday of the election that the party returned to Portland very much depressed and with a defeat in their faces; but the bonds carried by a substantial majority.

It seems far more than possible that the result will be the same here in Clackamas. When the voters come to cast their ballots here they will have matter sifted down to about this proposition: Our old roads are falling and maintaining our roads has been a failure; perhaps we had better try a new plan, and this bonding plan seems to be about the only method now open to us. And then the votes will be cast for the bond issue.

Better Roads Are Needed.

Every man, woman and child in Oregon knows our want of better roads. The only disagreement is on the method of getting them. Under our laws there is no other way save by the bond issue route. Therefore, the voters have confidence in the intelligence of the voters of Marion and Clackamas to think they will take a step backwards when they go to the polls a week from today. They believe they will, by a good majority, declare themselves for the bond issue. This beautiful and quaint little city never looked better than it does today, the people never seemed more prosperous than they are now, the surrounding country never seemed better advantage than it does at this moment. Everybody who knows anything about Oregon is aware that Silverton is situated on one of the most beautiful and beautiful spots of the state. It was one of the earliest settled portions of the olden Oregon, and it has a fine barn today which bore on it a date of 1859. I do not know what alterations have been made to it in the intervening 55 years, but would not be surprised if it must have been a fine structure when erected.

I have often heard it said that the land owners hereabouts are the most progressive in the state, that they make as much money per acre from their land as any farmers in the state. They go in for the best methods and the best livestock. Many of them reap a large profit each year from their covered sales, and others have a few hundreds as there are in Oregon; they are as a rule money-makers and money-savers.

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SOUTH BEND MASS MEETING PAVES WAY TO 'REGULAR' COUNTY CONVENTION.

Corvallis Regiment Undergoes Annual Inspection.

VISITORS LOUD IN PRAISE

Governor West and Many Officers at Festivities, Which Include Competitive Events and Sham Battle, Ending With Ball.

ANOTHER PIONEER PASSES

John Adam Schmidt in Oregon Since 1858 Dies at 84.

MEDFORD, Or., May 8.—(Special.)—John Adam Schmidt, affectionately known by hundreds of men, women and children of Jackson County, died suddenly at his home in Jacksonville Monday at the age of 84.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, May 8.—(Special.)—Clouded skies and intermittent showers failed to interfere seriously with the inspection of the Oregon Agricultural College cadet regiment today, and the annual military day was a success from beginning to end.

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There will be offered at public auction in the cities of Vancouver, Victoria and Prince George, British Columbia, the government holdings in the town-sites of Prince George, Fort George and South Fort George, comprising in all 2350 lots. Dates of sale:

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CADET DRILL GIVEN

Superior Court for injuries alleged to have been sustained by a fall from a boxcar in the local yards assets of the local yards said her husband confessed that he pried the handhold loose.

CRIMINAL COURT IS BUSY

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 8.—(Special.)—The heaviest and most sensational criminal docket ever to confront Chehalis County jurors will come before the Superior Court of this county at the opening of the session in April. There are already on the list four murder cases, a bank holdup and robbery, two forgery charges and three assault cases.

ABERDEEN, Wash., May 8.—(Special.)—The forgers case against Harry A. Sampson, alias Fred B. Roberts, and Ferguson and his associates devoting considerable time to an inspection of the arms and equipment of each cadet. Competitive drills between companies, sergeants and privates, occupied the most of the remainder of the morning.

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