

GRAFTERS PLAYED FOR ROAD FRAUDS

Highway Supervisors Held Responsible for Poor Roads in Washington County.

MUCH NEW WORK PLANNED

Even Though Proposed Bond Issue Has Fallen Through, Officials Are Out With Promise of Much Better Travel.

BEAVERTON, Or., Jan. 27.—(Special.)—The roads of Washington County have been the subject of condemnation, execration and damnation by the traveling public for many years, said R. A. Caples, president of the Alpha Commercial Club, yesterday. "While conditions have improved in some sections, it is impossible to recognize the millions of 25 year old in other localities, simply because they have become deeper and of greater extent. During the rainy season the highways, for the most part, are a disgrace to modern civilization. Now, however, efforts for the betterment of the roads are being concentrated and in a comparatively short time our people can be justly proud and consequently more prosperous by reason of having a system of modern rock roads. "The Commercial Club of Aloha started a campaign early last Summer, with the immediate result that the road between Reedville and Beaverton is in better condition for Winter travel than ever before.

Head Issue Favored.

The club considered many propositions for county-wide improvement and concluded that a county bond issue in a sum not less than \$300,000, to extend over a period of 30 years, would meet the approval of the citizens of the county. It was proposed in the plan to complete the rocking or macadamizing of the Cornell road leading into Portland, raising the standard of the Tigardville road, rock the Base Line and Barnes roads from Forest Grove to Portland, the Farmington and Scholl's Ferry roads and the highways leading into Portland from the eastern end of the county. In fact it was proposed to have the proposition placed upon the ballot at the November election, with provisions eliminating districts already rock, like Scoggins Valley and Galey Creek, from becoming responsible for any bonded indebtedness. "One half million was to be asked for upon the first issue, it being estimated that by the employment of good business methods and the elimination of the tax-eating supervisor system, all the principal roads in the county could be made what they should be for \$1,500,000.

Economy Great Factor.

There are indisputable arguments in favor of this bonding from an economic standpoint, and the proposition was heartily accepted by the commercial bodies and other progressive organizations of the county. "One of the features was a county highway connecting at the border of the county with the proposed Yamhill County boulevard leading to McMinnville. This route would be from the west end of the county, through Cornelius, Hillsboro, Reedville, Aloha, Beaverton and into Portland through the canyon or along the heights. A right of way has been donated by the owners in order to straighten the road and make it run on a tangent from East Hillsboro to Beaverton along the Southern Pacific track, which is laid in a straight line for this distance.

Short Route Selected.

This boulevard would shorten the route from Forest Grove to Portland a fraction less than four miles and would avoid the up-and-down grades along the Base Line. "A committee had been selected to draft the initiative act and a corps of prominent citizens representing nearly every section had volunteered to canvass and boost the issuance of bonds throughout the county. Several weeks ago the matter was submitted to County Judge Stevenson, himself an ardent advocate of good roads. He wet-blanketed the proposition by giving his opinion that the bond issue act made no provision for presenting the question of a bond issue for ratification or rejection by the voters, although bonding for roads was authorized. Attorney John M. Wall coincided with Judge Stevenson. In spite of this, however, there were many enthusiasts who urged that the bond issue be presented to the voters. "The decision of the State Supreme Court in the Jackson County case proved Judge Stevenson and Mr. Wall to be correct and until the act is amended the elaborate proposal is knocked into a condition like unto one of Professor Wilson's cooked hams.

Road Issues Grilled.

The late County Judge Sewall had plans for the betterment of the roads, but he died before he could effect a change in the system by which thrifty supervisors, at considerable expense, year after year scraped the dirt during the Summer into a semblance of grades, only to be washed away in the rainy season. "Judge R. O. Stevenson succeeded Judge Sewall and at once let it be known that he stood for good permanent roads and opposed the frittering away year after year of the county money with results of but little if any value. Entertaining districts voted an extra tax from time to time and constructed permanent rock roads. Intervening districts of less enterprise refused to improve. Judge Stevenson at once advocated the levying of a special 10-mill tax throughout the county for permanent roads and an order to this effect was made by the County Court this month. "Districts already improved will be credited with their share of the tax, as, according to the order, the money must be expended in the district in which it was raised. "This plan of Judge Stevenson's meets with universal approval, but there are many who assert that the money to be raised will not be sufficient to make a good showing. Be that as it may, if the plan had been adopted 25 years ago there would now be no controversy upon the question of good and bad roads."

LAW'S PENALTIES VIEWED

J. F. Smith Discusses Justice of Capital Punishment.

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 25.—(To the Editor.)—As there seems to be considerable discussion of late in regard to the law of capital punishment, permit me to say a few words on the subject. We have those who quote the old Mo-

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saic doctrine of "an eye for an eye," and we have those who refer you to the words of Jesus, "Bless them that curse you." At the time of Jesus the world was not ready for any such teaching. The people were taught by tradition that every crime and injury must be avenged. They could not see how they were to be benefited by applying the rules that Jesus laid down for them. We have the same conditions today. The world is not ready for it. Where is the man who when his fellow man does him an injury wants to apply the teachings of Christ? It might be well enough for some one else to do it, but not so in his particular case. He finds an example in the mechanism of the law. He might through an unbecomingly fit of temper slay his fellow man. But the law says: "Here, you cannot kill your fellow man. You are a murderer, so we'll hang you." Then along comes the hangman and does identical more inclined to seek revenge. He finds an example in the mechanism of the law. He might through an unbecomingly fit of temper slay his fellow man. But the law says: "Here, you cannot kill your fellow man. You are a murderer, so we'll hang you." Then along comes the hangman and does identical

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PRISON POLICY SURVEYED

Writer Submits Comments on Way to Deal With Criminals.

PORTLAND, Jan. 27.—(To the Editor.)—Ever since the so-called "prison policy" of Governor West has been in vogue, I have read with considerable degree of interest the discussion being carried on through the columns of your paper as to the merits of this reform policy. While not expressing any opinion either pro or con, when so many learned doctors disagree, I will simply quote a couple of excerpts from "Fragments of Science" touching the moral responsibility of the individual—a work by John Tyndall, one of the most humane of men, and the foremost scientist of his day: "I met some years ago in a railway carriage, the Governor of one of our largest prisons. He was evidently an observant and reflective man, possessed of wide experience gathered in various parts of the world, and a thorough student of the duties of his vocation. He told me that the prisoners in his charge might be divided into three distinct classes. The first class consisted of persons who never ought to have been in prison. External accidents and not internal fault, had brought them within the grasp of the law, and what had happened to them might happen to most of us. They were essentially men of sound moral stamina, though wearing the prison garb. Then came the largest class, formed of individuals possessing no strong bias, moral or immoral, plastic to the touch of circumstances, which could mold them into either good or evil members of society. Thirdly came a class whom he kindness could conciliate and surmount. These were sent into this world labeled "incorrigible," wickedness being stamped, as it were upon their organizations. It was an unpleasant truth, but as a truth, it ought to be faced. For such

Sensation of the New York Show Has Arrived

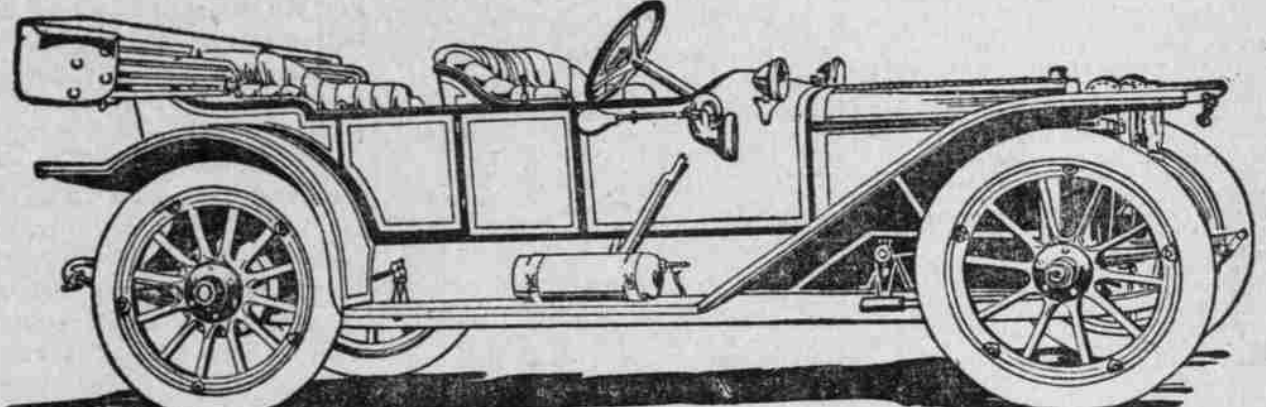
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