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GOOD ROADS BONDS.

WHAT has become of the proposition to bond Coos County for the construction of good roads?

The campaign was inaugurated some time since with the blare of trumpets and drums and a big mass meeting, but not much has been heard of it since.

Ever since the enactment of the state law granting counties the right to bond themselves for highway purposes there has been more or less talk of activity along this line, but it never seems to get farther than talk. Talk makes no better paving material than good intentions.

What is needed is a prompt and effective application of this new law to the road system of Coos County.

It is to our common advantage that a more complete and successful system of road building be prosecuted here, with ample resources, conclusive engineering and the substantial basis of state sanction behind the effort.

While there has been some criticism of the trunk roads outlined, those are details that may be settled at a county mass meeting. One thing the people of Coos County should realize and that is that a complete system of highways cannot be built in one year and that there must be compromise and concessions if we are to secure the best results from a systematic program of procedure.

Under the old and time worn system of general and distinct taxation for road purposes the results have been meagre, detached, selfishly dictated at times with no regard to the consummation of anything positive, permanent and of general value to the community and county. In fact the heavy expenditures made through the years have been frittered away in broken segments of roads and unconnected, unserviceable and unscientific groups of highways which return no interest upon the great sums spent. In view of this hodge-podge state of affairs we believe it would be wise and expedient to bond the county for a sum requisite for the concentration of all plans and the direct and consecutive building of such a network of roads as shall really serve every end of commerce and traffic as the same shall apply to the great and small communities in the county and contiguous thereto. It is the only way in which we will ever get the benefits sought and we might as well do the work in wholesale fashion as to scatter it through the years and over a lot of widely separated territories with intervening barriers of unimproved trails and no-roads-at-all.

Coos County has spent enough money in the last five years to have a much better system than now exists. The State Engineering Department should be consulted in the more comprehensive plan now contemplated. They could quickly and easily prescribe the character of the work to be done and distances and directions to be followed, defining the trunk roads and laterals in such fashion as shall best serve the exact local interests and at the same time fully conserve the larger interests of state and nation, all of which are logically interwoven in any such program of development. We might just as well spend half a million of money as it shall be needed for the perfection of a solid, understandable and compensating highway establishment, as to keep on sinking a hundred and forty thousand dollars annually in incomplete, badly spaced and ineffective roads and thus economize in a department, where to date, economy has been the last and least consideration. The fact that the bonding proposition has the weight of state sanction and super-

vision reduces the chance of maladministration of the great trust to a minimum and adds materially to the credit of the venture wherever it shall be undertaken. Coos County should get busy on the road bonding project at once.

WHEN Charles Dungan was down from the ranch the other day he met Jack Flanagan.
"Got a separator?" asked Jack.
"Yep," replied Charlie.
"What make?" asked Jack.
"I'm it," Charlie replied. "I separate the cows from their milk twice a day."

PERSONAL OVERFLOW

M. GRAVES and wife are in Marshfield from Portland. Mr. Graves is a map salesman and will be in this section several weeks calling on the farmers.

A. F. HODGSON was down Saturday from South Inlet and stayed over Sunday. His wrist, which was injured several weeks ago at camp there, is now strong enough that he has taken the splints off.

P. A. SATER and wife returned today from a Northern and Eastern trip. They will occupy the residence of Mrs. Preuss in South Marshfield, Mr. Sater resuming his position with the C. A. Smith Company.

MRS. NORWOOD L. CURRY left overland last Friday to visit her father and mother in Portland, accompanied by her daughter-in-law, Mrs. Merton L. Curry, and her son, Joseph, who goes to see his great grandfather and great grandmother.

J. G. HORN, a member of the North Bend City Council, left on this morning's auto to attend the Northwest League of Municipalities at Portland this week and also to look after other business. Mr. Horn was chosen as the official representative of the North Bend City Council.

NORTH BEND NOTES.

Mrs. Geo. Hazer and Mrs. Robt. McCann, were in Marshfield yesterday to attend the Frances Willard memorial tea.

Mrs. C. R. Holmes, of Union ave., was in Marshfield shopping yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Worrell plan to leave in a short time for a trip to Portland.

Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Rhodes of Spokane, Wash., arrived on the Breakwater and have located here. They are the parents of Mrs. Roscoe Hazer and are very much pleased with the prospects here.

Receiver Watters of the Kinney properties reports that there is nothing new in the matter. Attorney Eryson has returned from Eugene and they will complete their report to Judge Harris. When this is done the new appraisers will be named. Mr. Watters said that neither F. B. Waite or W. J. Burns of Portland, representing the Balfour-Guthrie people, had called on him about the Kinney properties.

D. A. MacLeod reported today that the hotel committee was getting along fine with the subscriptions and now have about \$15,000 promised. They will not require \$20,000, Mr. Kearney having agreed to pay for the excess portion of the Eckhoff property, the Eckhoff property containing a little over 13,000 square feet instead of the 10,000 square feet that Mr. Kearney needed for the hotel site. Some of the probable big contributors have not been given an opportunity to aid. Among the latter are the two banks and Fred Hollister.

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SOCIETY NEWS

FRANCES E. WILLARD MEMORIAL TEA

The Frances Willard memorial was given at the home of Mrs. F. Wheeler yesterday afternoon and was well attended. The program of the afternoon was carried out by Mesdames C. H. Marsh, D. C. McCarty, A. Z. Downs, G. LeRoy Hall, Miss E. Topping, and Mr. Hutton. Those present were: Mesdames J. H. Rahskopf, Baker, M. R. Smith, Robt. McCann, H. Savage, M. R. Brown, C. S. Hoffman, Ranier Ward, A. Z. Downs, C. H. Marsh, Geo. Hazer, D. Nelson, F. Wheeler, G. LeRoy Hall, D. C. McCarty, J. C. Doane, Phillips, J. L. Brown, Geo. N. Bolt, J. Wright Wilson, Tate, Misses Francis Franse, E. Topping, and Mr. Hutton.

NORTH BEND EASTERN STAR

The members of the Coos Chapter No. 99, Order of Eastern Star, charmingly entertained their husbands and a few invited friends on Tuesday evening. A very comical program including a mock initiation occupied the evening which was complete with the refreshments served at the completion of the program.

NORTH BEND AID

The Presbyterian Ladies' aid met Thursday afternoon, Mrs. Geo. Bolster acting as hostess. A charming afternoon was spent by Mesdames Geo. D. Mandigo, J. Mende, R. C. Holmes, J. W. Wann, Geo. Bolster, C. H. Fariss, Robt. McCann, E. Russel, W. Watson, M. Gurnsey, H. O'Mara, V. E. Watters, C. A. Smith, L. Taylor and Wm. Vaughan.

SOCIAL CALENDAR

MONDAY
Progress Club picnic at Coos-ton.

TUESDAY
Mrs. F. A. Sacchi will entertain at sewing.
Episcopal Guild, with Mrs. E. G. Perham.

Misses Mildred and Helen Russell and Master Raymond O'Mara.

M. E. BROTHERHOOD MEETING

The Methodist Episcopal Brotherhood met Friday evening at the I. S. Kaufman home. A lengthy discussion along religious lines and some business completed their session, after which different games were enjoyed. Light refreshments were served before the close of the evening. The next meeting will be held on the last Friday in October.

Through an error, the name of Mrs. J. C. Jones was given as one of those participating in the Doric Chapter festivities, when it should have been Mrs. John D. Jones. MRS. L. W. HOLMBERG and son will leave on the Nann Smith tomorrow morning for her home in Oakland, California. Mrs. Holmberg has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Swanson for about three weeks.

COOKING CLASSES.

Ladies who wish to take the high school cookery course will meet at the domestic science room at two o'clock p. m., on Friday, October 3. Miss Moore wishes to meet all store and office girls who wish to take work in cookery at her home, 272 South Tenth (Painter bungalow) at 7:30 p. m. Wednesday, September 30.

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