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PUBLIC FORUM

IS THERE GRAFT IN COOS COUNTY?

Rancher Writes a Letter to The Times About Graft and Good Roads.

Editor Times: The good roads election will soon be called and the question is, "will it carry?"

Now, I have talked with quite a number of people, among them several ranchers, on that matter, and while they want good roads there seems to be a feeling that a large per cent of public money goes into private pockets, or in other words a general system of graft is worked where public funds are used.

Now we want good roads and are willing to pay for them, but this distrust must be allayed. How are we going to do it?

One plan is to have the county hire a man to look after the expenditure of all public moneys and to give him, besides a fair salary, the total amount of any graft that he can discover upon the conviction of the grafters. That would prevent the saying that "they all do it," from applying to him.

It is too easy to charge the work up with 100 sacks of cement and only use eighty, or buying for a higher price than honest competition would warrant, with a "split the difference" between buyer and seller.

Now, whether this suspicion is justified or not, it is going to be a factor in the good roads election.

J. A. GOODWILL.

MARSHFIELD THE MUSICAL CITY

Editor Times:

The people of Marshfield can well be proud of her music teachers and directors. The writer believes Marshfield is head of any like city on the Pacific Coast for music. Music is fast becoming one of the necessities of life and will in the near future be one of the most important studies in the public schools. Among our teachers of piano are Mrs. Pearl Riley Ballinger, Mrs. E. M. Farringer, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Wm. Horsfall Jr., Miss Edna Louise Larson, Harry E. Leppert, Mrs. C. M. Nelson, Mr. A. Richards and Mrs. A. B. Gidley vocal teacher.

Among this list of teachers are graduates from all parts of the United States.

E. N. Fenton, director of the Coos Bay Concert Band deserves a lot of credit in the grand success he has had with his band and today we have a band that would attract any city. Mr. Fenton gives private lessons on band instruments also.

Then we have the famous Keyzers orchestra that is not to be sneered at; under the direction of Lew Keyzer who takes care of the teaching of string instruments.

We believe owing to the fact that we have so many capable music teachers it is a great benefit to Marshfield as our pupils do not have to go away from home to get the best instruction.

—Musician.

WORK ON RAILWAY.

EUGENE, Or., April 20.—Engineer Hoey said that the service will be extended westward on the Coos Bay-Eugene line gradually as the rails are laid. Gravel trains are now being operated from the gravel pits at Natron to the unballasted part of the track on the western end, and the roadbed will be placed in condition for comfortable travel as rapidly as possible. The road is in good shape at present as far as a point west of the Natron tunnel.

Engineer Hoey said that construction work all along the line is progressing as rapidly as possible, considering the bad weather. The heavy rains render the roads impassable and it is very difficult to haul materials to the bridge sites. Several of the bridges along the Siuslaw this side of Mapleton are in an uncompleted condition. Engineer Hoey said that the rails will probably not be laid into that town before fall.

A. J. Gillette, Eugene agent of the Southern Pacific company, said that he believed that a big business will be done on this line. He believes that many people, even this summer, will patronize the road to go to the coast for their summer outings. When the line is completed as far as Acme, or even to Mapleton, a great deal of the summer resort traffic may be diverted from Newport to the beach near the mouth of the Siuslaw.

NOSLER GETS OPINION

SALEM, Ore., April 20.—Attorney General Crawford handed out an opinion to A. L. Nosler, of Bridge, to the effect that it was against the law to keep a dance hall open at any hour on Sunday and that it must be closed at midnight Saturday.

DANIELS VIEW OF GOOD DONE

Secretary of Navy Lauds Nation's Leaders and Late Tom Johnson.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CLEVELAND, O., April 20.—The influence of Thomas Jefferson upon the character and construction of present day legislation and government was depicted by Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, before an eminent body of Cleveland Democrats assembled here for the annual Jefferson Dinner. The speaker eulogized the speaker of Democracy and declared that the same unselfishness, devotion and liberality which characterized its administration in the days of Jefferson were seen today widely depicted in the leadership of President Wilson, the counsel of Wm. J. Bryan and the example of Tom Johnson, Cleveland's late mayor.

Referring to the present administration, its tariff, currency and tax laws, Mr. Daniels said that they were in thorough accord with the principles of "our great mentors, Jefferson and Jackson." These statutes already enacted and the proposed anti-trust laws, he added, showed that the "Democratic party in the past year has done more in the way of constructive legislation than the Republican party has in the past decades."

Mr. Daniels paid a glowing tribute to the memory of Mr. Johnson. "Human liberty was threatened from a different direction when Tom Johnson was raised up to champion the weal of the masses. He incarnated the spirit of Jefferson. Jefferson was not more forgetful of himself in his thought of his countrymen than Johnson and in the latter's use of his wealth for the community."

Discussing the effect of the new tariff law, the speaker said that contrary to the predictions of the apostles of privilege, we are not flooded with "pauper" goods from abroad. Our imports have been increased, our exports have grown greater.

What is true of the tariff applies with equal force to the currency. The bill which the last Congress enacted embodies the best thought of the nation on the subject. It rears no overshadowing central structure to regulate the fate of the whole community.

"In the accomplishment of these Democratic and truly American pieces of legislation, I would not withhold the credit deserved by those members of Congress who differ with us politically, yet, who, in the liberality of their views, have rendered us their party support. It is seldom that two such vital issues are determined with so little party spirit and I regard it as most auspicious that the time has arrived when men of high station disregard the element of the party and lend their support for measures for which their opponents are responsible."

BUSINESS OUTLOOK GOOD

Ed. Andrews, a former associate of J. W. Perkins, passed thru here today enroute home to Medford after a nine months sojourn in the East. He believes money conditions in the East will soon become satisfactory to everybody. He especially noticed the way the West is being regarded as a place for investment, and on this ground, as well as the assured influx of immigrants with the opening of the canal, believes this section has a great future.—Roseburg Review.

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CORONER'S JOB LEAST SOUGHT

Fred Wilson Only One to File for Office—Full List of Primary Candidates.

COQUILLE, Ore., April 20.—The coroner's office is the least sought of any in Coos county, judging by the candidates filing for the primaries. Only one candidate has filed for the job and he is Fred Wilson of Marshfield, the present incumbent. Here is the complete list who have filed for the primaries May 15.

County Judge—Republican, W. C. Chase and James Watson; Democratic J. J. Stanley.

County Commissioner—Republican Thomas B. James, Geo. J. Armstrong, Frank Flam and Levi Smith; Democrat, Elbert Dyer and O. J. Seeley; Progressive, E. B. Curtis.

County Clerk—Republican, F. E. Allen, Robert R. Watson and F. D. Kruse; Democratic, A. B. Collier, Sheriff—Republican, Alfred Johnson, Jr. and Geo. W. Starr; Democratic, W. W. Gage and Z. T. Siglin.

Coroner—Republican, F. E. Wilson, County Treasurer—Republican, T. M. Dimmick; Democratic, M. H. Hersey.

County Surveyor—Republican, A. N. Gould and C. S. McCulloch. Commissioners of the Port of Bandon—Republican, A. McNarr and C. R. Moore; Democratic, T. P. Hanley and J. L. Kronenburg.

Commissioners of the Port of Coquille River—Republican, C. E. Huling and J. N. Gearhart; Democratic, Thomas D. Gearin and W. T. McCloskey.

Commissioners for the Port of Coos Bay—Republican, Henry Sengstacken, A. H. Powers and Anson Otis Rogers.

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