

# TO HOLD GOOD ROAD MEETING

**PROF. G. V. SKELTON OF OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE WILL DELIVER TALKS—JUDGE HALL TO PRESIDE.**

A series of good roads meetings will be held at various points in Coos County during May 11-16. These meetings will be presided over by County Judge John F. Hall and addresses will be made by Professor G. V. Skelton, of the Highway Engineering Department at the Oregon Agricultural College. The dates for the good roads meetings in Coos County are as follows: Myrtle Point, May 11; Coquille, May 12; Bandon, May 13; and Marshfield, May 16. The meetings will begin at 10 a. m. and end at 2 p. m.

Professor Skelton has recently returned from a good roads tour of the middle and eastern parts of the United States, which was made primarily to investigate the most approved methods of highway construction in the old states. He comes prepared to consult with farmers and officers of the Oregon counties in regard to the construction of highways throughout the state. Professor Skelton advocates primarily the use of local road material for the construction of Oregon highways.

During his work in Coos County Professor Skelton desires to meet road supervisors and with them take up the problem of highway construction and maintenance.

## WOOD BLOCK PAVING.

Below is an article written by a very prominent lumberman for the American Lumberman:

In London, where I put in ten days, I spent a great deal of my time investigating the paving business in company with the foreman of the Improved Wood Block Paving Company of London. He was superintending the relaying of wood blocks in Trafalgar Square, the heaviest traveled thoroughfare in the world. The old wood block pavement had been in service for over fourteen years and the surface was still perfectly smooth, but on account of not giving the street a proper crown for drainage and because the heavy traffic on either side had worn the pavement down somewhat, so that the water could not readily drain to the curb, it had been decided to renew the pavement. All of the blocks removed were in a perfect state of preservation.

All of these features impressed me deeply and led me to make a thorough investigation of the matter. The foreman of this company said that his people were laying wood block pavements in every country in Europe. And while the initial cost is perhaps from 25 to 30 per cent higher than for stone, asphalt or concrete, the life of the pavement is from 200 to 300 per cent longer, and in addition to this it is absolutely noiseless and dustless, and the fact that wood blocks were being relaid was evidence enough that it is the best type of material to be used.

The lumber used is fir brought from Norway and Russia and cut from small trees, but unlike our small growth timber, the grain of the Norway and Russian fir is very close, not less than seven or eight to the inch. The blocks are treated with creosote just as we do over here.

My informant threw up his hands when I told him how we laid wood block pavement over here and said we were twenty-five years behind the times. So far as the concrete base is concerned the practice is about the same, but where we lay a sand and concrete cushion and then place the blocks on top of that, in Europe they put in the concrete foundation and give it a smooth top like a sidewalk with a smooth crown to permit perfect drainage, but use no cushion. The blocks are laid right on the flat, hard surface of the base and the cushion is in the block itself. The theory in Europe is that you must have a foundation that will not shift. The blocks being sawed absolutely even to begin with, they would wear even under any amount of traffic until they are practically gone, but when you begin to put a sand cushion under the blocks and the sand washes away, you are starting something that spells ruin to your pavement.

The foreign wood block pavements are put down with a graduated scale of guarantees. A 4-inch block carries a 10-year guarantee and a 5-4-inch block is guaranteed for fifteen years.

Unquestionably, their greatest opportunity lies in the development of the wood-block industry, and it is up to every citizen on the coast to instruct his city councilmen, county commissioners and other authorities in whom the power to award contracts for paving is vested, to see to it that the taxpayers' money is not sent to all parts of the world for other kinds of paving material but spent here at home for wood blocks, the very finest material for such use in the world. I say this should not be done from purely patriotic motives but because it is sound economy.

It is safe to say that on the Coast from San Diego to British Columbia, and west of the Rockies, fully 1000 miles of paving is laid every year. A street forty feet wide from curb to curb will take from \$60,000 to 1,000,000 feet of lumber in the form of good blocks for each mile. Should 1 streets be improved with this material, it would mean a consumption of actually 1,000,000,000 feet of lumber each year right in our own door and if you were to take into account the amount of paving done the east and middle west, we wouldn't be able to make blocks fast enough to supply the demand if we had the thing right.

should do is to organize a wood block paving company with sufficient capital so that it could go out into the cities of the world and absolutely guarantee the merits and value of this material for paving purposes. We could do just what this company in London is doing—develop an enormously profitable business and the wood blocks would absorb a great bulk of our raw material for which we get little or nothing now. The common or lower grades of lumber make just as good paving blocks as the clear and where we are using only fifteen to twenty per cent of the timber now for clear lumber we would increase this to fully eighty per cent of the log if we converted the residue into wood blocks. It would not only reawaken the stagnant lumber industry but inasmuch as about seventy-five per cent of the wood block paving business would be labor, it would mean the employment of a vast army of men at good wages.



The Chandler. C. H. Butler, Berkeley; E. B.

## Political Announcements

The Marshfield Sun says: "Frederick Hollister, of North Bend, is closing one of the most brilliant campaigns ever put up in this district by a Democrat for the Congressional nomination. Hollister was never known to do things by

undertakings, he has applied that indomitable energy that has won for him such distinguished success in the legal line and the business world. He has conducted a clean campaign and if echoes from the press and street talk can be taken as indicating a popular favorite, Hollister will land the nomination in a walk. This section has long been neglected, even when considering Congressional candidates, and Mr. Hollister is the first man that ever entered the race from Coos. It is not strange that this locality, irrespective of party predilections, takes an interest and a pardonable pride in Mr. Hollister's candidacy. Few people are better known in Coos than Fred Hollister, and wherever he has traveled in the outside counties embraced in this district, he has met with enthusiastic encouragement. That Hollister has made a success of his own affairs and is one of Coos County's foremost and most prominent business men, should give the Democrats full assurance that they are voting for a man of sufficient caliber to handle the affairs of this district in Congress. Fred Hollister is a full-fledged progressive; one of the kind that never gives up; he has a superabundance of grit, stick-to-it-iveness, in fact, his personal make-up is energy personified. Anyone that knows Fred Hollister knows that he has these essentials which most fittingly equip him for the position to which he aspires." (Paid Adv.)



FREDERICK HOLLISTER Democratic Candidate for Congress.

To the Democratic Party of the First Congressional District of Oregon:

The Democratic County Central Committee of Coos County wish to herewith state that Mr. Frederick Hollister has received the endorsement of our committee for the office of Representative in Congress from this district.

We are glad to say personally that Mr. Hollister is a clean, aggressive Democrat; that he has lived with us in Coos County for some eleven years, and that during that time he has built up a reputation among his associates and acquaintances for honesty, sobriety and ability. We cordially recommend Mr. Hollister to you for your support at the coming Primary Election, believing and knowing that if nominated that he will be in the fight all the time.

Yours for success, Hugh McLain, Chairman Democratic Central Committee, Coos County; W. J. Rust, Secretary Democratic Central Committee, Coos County.—(Paid Adv.)

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for County Commissioner



Robt. R. Watson

**REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE** for nomination for COUNTY CLERK Primary Nominating Election, May 15, 1914. (Paid Adv.)

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**  
I announce myself a candidate for State Representative subject to the will of the Democratic voters at the primaries May 15. Will work for better road laws to enable the people to get Oregon out of the mud. A. T. MORRISON. (Paid Adv.)

**ANNOUNCEMENT**  
As I have lived in Coos County since 1872, familiar with all the roads in the county and their conditions, believing that I can be of service to the taxpayers of Coos County as a Commissioner from this district, I hereby announce myself as a candidate on the Republican ticket at the primary May 15, 1914. I stand for good roads and reasonable repair. FRANK FLAM, Bandon, Oregon. (Paid Adv.)

**NOTICE**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of county clerk, on the republican ticket of Coos county to be submitted to the vote of the people at the primary election May 15th. F. D. KRUSE (Paid Adv.)

**FOR SHERIFF**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the office of Sheriff of Coos County, subject to the action of the Republican electors at the primaries May 15. If elected, I hereby pledge myself to a policy of rigid law enforcement, without fear, favor, prejudice or partiality, and shall, during my incumbency, conduct said office in a business-like and economical manner. ALFRED JOHNSON, Jr. (Paid Adv.)

**ANNOUNCEMENT.**  
I hereby announce myself as a candidate for the nomination of sheriff by the Democratic party at the Primary Election May 15, 1914. If nominated and elected I will conduct the office along the most economical lines possible, consistent with efficiency, and do my best to enforce the criminal laws. W. W. GAGE. (Paid Adv.)

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