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THE ROAD BILL.

For every dollar that the farmer
of Wasco county pays out in taxes
for The Dalles-California highway,
he is going to get approximately four
dollars of road.

Here's why:

The total assessed value of prop-
erty in the county is \$29,162,972.44.
This is divided among public service
corporations, cities, and county out-
side of the cities as follows

Corporations, \$5,210,072.44, or 25.8
percent.

City values, \$4,155,440.00 or 20.6
percent.

County, outside cities, \$10,796,560.00
or 53 percent.

The farmer then, pays approximat-
ly 50 percent. The state will match
the bond issue, dollar for dollar, and
the farmer's expense is about one
quarter of the total.

Cities in the county will receive
about \$10 worth of road for every
dollar expended. The corporations will
pay about one-eighth of the total bill.

It should be remembered, when one
is thinking of his stand on the mat-
ter, that the one cost for the highway
will be the total cost. The highway
commission maintains the road after
it is completed. Other county road
funds will thus be released for roads
which are not state maintained, while
at the same time the big highway,
because of its condition and durabil-
ity, will be used much more, lessening
the amount of work and the consequent
expense of the county roads.

Truck and auto traffic is going to
grow. It is the economical, present-
day mode of transportation. Even
now, our roads cannot stand this traf-
fic. Dirt roads in Wasco county abso-
lutely will not stand up under heavy
motors. Every farmer knows it.
Under the 6 percent tax limitation,
this county cannot possibly hope to
stand the increasing cost of road con-
struction. The Dalles-California high-
way, a state market road, built in
part with state money, and maintained
in perpetuity by the state, will lift a
great portion of the road bill.

FRANCE'S POSITION

In the afterthought of cooler de-
liberation following the wild outburst
of wrath over Lloyd George's declara-
tion in favor of Germany on the Sile-
sian question, the French people are
acting wisely in deciding to remain
on an harmonious basis with the Brit-
ish.

The French have done everything
possible to build up a strong Poland.
In Poland, France sees a powerful al-
ly on the east, to take the place of
the old Russia, in the event of another
war with Germany. She has done
everything to foster the ambitions of
Poland.

French ammunition helped the
Poles drive out the bolshevist invad-
ers. French staff officers directed,
and French soldiers fought with the
Polish soldiers.

Early this year, a plebiscite was
taken in the province of Silesia. Self
determination was given to the peo-
ple to say whether they should be
governed by Poland or Germany. Sile-
sia, as a part of the old German
empire, was the extreme southeastern
province, a neck reaching down be-
tween Austria and Poland.

The plebiscite determined in favor

HAVING HIS 'FORTUNE' TOLD



of German rule by an overwhelming
majority, despite the intimidation to
which the people were subjected by
the ambitious Poles.

The Poles would not have it so. The
regions just seized by the Poles, who
established what is known as the Kor-
fanty line, are rich in coal and min-
erals. It would never do to allow the
Germans this country.

So in the free and easy way in
which central Europeans have been
settling boundary disputes the last
three years, the Poles stepped over a
score of miles and sat tight, hoping
that the entente, in general, all around
hatred of Germany, would justify their
action.

It was decided in the peace treaty,
signed by the British, the French, the
Germans and the Poles in addition to
other nations, that the Silesians
should choose their own government.
The plebiscite was ordered in accord-
ance with the treaty. It was carried
out under allied supervision. The Ger-
mans did not have charge of the prov-
ince when the vote was taken.

The French and English are endeav-
oring to make the Germans live up to
the peace treaty. If the treaty is to
amount to anything the allies should
also live up to it.

Lloyd George was right in his de-
claration that Germans will receive
"the favorable action" of the entente
in regard to Silesia. If Germany is de-
prived of every rich section she pos-
sesses, every basic possibility for pro-
duction, there is no chance she can
produce to pay the debts the allies de-
mand.

France would be well-nigh helpless
to enforce the peace treaty, if she did
not have the assistance of Great Brit-
ain. She is thinking well in tying to
the sturdy old empire which has
weathered many world conflicts. The
new Poland is a young and ambitious
nation, albeit a hot headed nation.
Surrounded by enemies, Poland's
place in the sun as yet is none too
secure. But France, remaining friend-
ly with Great Britain, has only to
stretch a hand across the English
channel to a country whose posses-
sions encircle the earth.

With all the friendliness that pa-
triotic Americans can engender,
France is indeed beloved by the peo-
ple of this country. France rests in
the affections of Americans far more
than any other nation. But with all of
that, there are millions of serious
thinking Americans today who do not
approve of the French position in the
present Silesian crisis, which is a se-
rious menace to the precarious peace
now existing in the world.

**ALASKAN COMMISSION PLAN
DENOUNCED BY SEC. WALLACE**

(Chronicle's Washington Bureau.)
WASHINGTON, May 18.—There
will be no Alaskan grab of all the re-
sources of the territory if the admin-
istration can prevent it. Secretary
Wallace of the agricultural depart-
ment hit the project of an Alaskan
commission to take the entire re-
sources out of the control of the fed-
eral government squarely between the
eyes when he denounced the plan to
Chairman Curry of the committee on
territories of the house.

In concluding, the secretary said:
"For the reasons stated it seems to
me that the enactment of this meas-
ure would be highly prejudicial to na-

tional interest and to Alaskan inter-
ests as well. It would remove whole-
some checks against the exploitation
of our vast national resources and
would deprive Alaska of the techni-
cal help for the federal agencies
which combine long experience and
the best scientific knowledge in
studying and developing specific nat-
ural resources. The people of Alaska
are entitled to the same sort of help
from the federal government that has
been so freely granted to all other
states and territories.

"Further, because of their remote-
ness, they are entitled to have on the
ground federal representatives who
are thoroughly familiar with Alaskan
conditions and clothed with the pow-
er to act promptly. By creating an
Alaskan board composed of represen-
tatives placed there by each of the
federal agencies now active in the
territory and of one or two perma-
nent residents of Alaska, every prop-
er purpose sought to be accomplished
by this measure could be brought
about, without jeopardizing national
and territorial interests.

LOOKING BACKWARD

From The Chronicle, May 18, 1896
Mr. Joles lost a fine milk cow last
night by fever. Mr. Cathcart also
lost a valuable gelding Saturday.

A petition was presented to the
county clerk this morning asking
for the nomination of P. P. Under-
wood for county superintendent, in
place of Miss Josie Hansbury, made
ineligible by the late decision of the
supreme court. The petition is from
Mr. C. L. Morse, chairman of the
Populist county central committee.

Almost all the inhabitants of the
city were out yesterday afternoon
enjoying the bright sunshine and
refreshing breeze, and listening to
the bewitching music of The Dalles
band, who gave its first out-door
concert at the school grounds at
2:30 o'clock. The solos were par-
ticularly fine, and the descriptive
piece attentively followed. The last
selection played was written by Mr.
Peterson himself, which establishes
his reputation as a composer of
worth. As a director he exhibits
great skill his graceful motions ac-
centuating the music and bringing
out its full value, the more deeply
impressing its beauties on the ear.
The band will continue these deli-
cious free entertainments during
the summer.

**CONGRESSWOMAN SILENCES
BANTER OF COLLEAGUES**

By United News
WASHINGTON, May 18.—Miss
Alice Robertson, congresswoman
from Oklahoma, silenced male ban-
ter when she made her first speech
in the house.

National parks were being dis-
cussed Monday.

"We have, by the way, a little
park down in Oklahoma that we
have been trying to get rid of for
the last few years by giving it to
the state," said House Leader Mon-
dell.

"Isn't that about the first piece of
property that the gentleman has
ever heard of Oklahoma turning
down?" Put in Representative Blanton
of Texas.

"I think the Oklahomans realize
that so long as they may utilize the
property and have Uncle Sam pay
the keep, that it is a very satisfac-
tory arrangement," said Mondell.

Miss Robertson rose to her feet.
"Can you tell me the name of
this piece of ground?" she inquired.
"Platt National park," answered
Mondell.

Does the gentleman know how it

graphic match. The score was 541 Military institute will shoot against
to 503. The individual score is R. the Aggie team, May 22, and Yale,
F. Krueger, 108; L. L. Smith, 109; May 28.
W. D. Hellman, 106; N. F. Scudder,
108; G. A. Archibald, 110.
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IN PISTOL COMPETITION**

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gon Aggie field artillery pistol
team defeated the University of
Oklahoma by 38 points in a tele-

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Starts the Wheels**

In November, business had a bluish cast.
The financial waters were troubled.

Corn and wheat and cotton were tumb-
ling—business was halting and hesitating.

Everywhere you heard the croakers say,
"People are not buying."

Then the retailers took the cold plunge.
They began to readjust prices and offer in-
ducements.

And they advertised the fact—advertis-
ed it in the newspapers of their home cit-
ies. They kept at it—and kept at it.

After a bit, buying began to wake up—
slowly at first, then in greater volume.

Progressive merchants who know news-
paper advertising pulls progressively went
at it harder.

Business grew better and better, and by
the last part of December many merchants
were reporting record-breaking sales, and
taking the country as a whole, business
was good.

Newspaper advertising saved the day
and made it possible for the merchants to
clear their shelves and reorder from the
manufacturer—thus loosening the clogged
stream of commerce and setting the fac-
tory wheels in motion.

Newspaper advertising is the greatest
single business force on this continent to-
day.

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