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ON REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS AND SMALL TOWNS

THE AVERAGE, middling, fairly well to do citizen of the small town possesses, to a rare degree, the clear, unblinkered vision of the blind man. With this he is content, discerning neither good nor evil in the broader conception—dolting and dreaming behind the cataract of the commonplace.

He is blind to the possibilities of his town and blind to the fluttering vision of fleeting opportunity. Every little hamlet, where the fliers whistle hoarsely as they scoot through, is full of him. He is that frequent fellow whom the country papers delight to honor as "our representative citizen."

The ad-pensioned editors of the rural weeklies are telling the truth, for once, with deadly accuracy, whenever this reference brags out from the locals—sandwiched between a honey and tar filler and the Sunday service item.

If—let us take fancy by the hand and walk afield—if our friend were not the truly representative citizen, our town would not take his characteristics as faithfully as the chameleon matches its mistress' gown. It might remain a little place, true; but it would have individuality. It would emerge from the drab and do-less swaddling of the commonplace, taking on brighter colors and keener vigor. It might even be a "tough" town, folks, but it would make itself remembered.

This is no plea for the tough town. There are methods of making community fame and fortune that are moral methods—fair, above-board and commendable. They give a town character and faith in itself.

No place is so poorly situated that it does not possess certain natural and inherent advantages over every neighboring city or village. The soil of its tributary acres may produce superior garden truck. Local business men should encourage this form of agriculture and provide suitable means for converting it into revenue for the growers. The town may be ideally located for industrial enterprise. Local business men should capitalize such industries as they are capable of handling, and bend every effort toward interesting the big fellows in its undeveloped resources. Nature may have mapped the perfect playground in its environs. Local business men should see to it that the world is advised to come thither for rest and recreation.

A score of unrealized possibilities present themselves—each craving the vision that will perceive, and the community power that will give them birth in realization.

This is the plaint of the small town—a coward's chant—a wastrel's wail—that it cannot fight the city and endure.

There is no need for conflict with the city. Let the village of some happy, little valley realize itself, let it throw a ton or two of public spirit into the balance, and the scale of prosperity will rise. It will!

And in that town—Utopian dream—the "representative citizen" may inflate with proper pride.

He will represent something really worth while.

THE PEERLESS ONE ON PEACE

"THEY TELL YOU that we must make our flag one to be feared; tell them we must make it one to be loved." This one admonition of William Jennings Bryan's plea for peace, before 10,000 listeners at Medford on Thursday evening, was the keynote of his speech. Time and again, when the mission of this nation as the Great Neutral was dwelt upon, his auditors broke into hurricanes of applause. That the temper of the people is for peace, despite the alarm cry of the jingoist, was evidenced, locally at least, by the genuine approbation of the Great Commoner's remarks, voiced on every hand by men of all political faiths. Mr. Bryan spoke convincingly of the folly and futility of war, of the tremendous economic waste, and the appalling loss of the most virile national manhood in the conflict of arms. In all, his speech was a forceful and eloquent brief for calm counsel and arbitration in the crisis of nations. The duty of America as the Great Neutral was limned in detail—the mission of this country being to usher in, by precept and example, the era of real human fellowship. It appeared to many of those who were privileged to hear Mr. Bryan that no more fortunate circumstance could have arisen, in view of the present situation, than his freedom from official restraint and the consequent liberty to both voice and mold the sentiment of America for peace—present and permanent. Southern Oregon thanks most sincerely the members of the Medford Commercial Club, whose enterprise in securing Mr. Bryan's visit to the Valley cannot be too genially commended.

The prediction that Gold Hill will become Southern Oregon's industrial center is about to be verified. Watch Gold Hill go!

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The Gun of Grandsire's Day

Bring back the splendid forties and lift me out of the dust; my lock is dry with decades, and my throat is parched with rust. I grieve for the bawling oxen and the dust of old, old trails—they have shod the way with iron and run their beasts on rails. Bring me the golden forties, the lure of the western sun, when I was bright from the smoky-borne by a man—his gun! Flame fled from this muzzle when we woke to the night attack. The Sioux braves lanced our leader ere the bullets beat them back. Nestled against the stubble of my man's lean jaw, I spat death at a raiding Blackfoot thief one morn on Prairie Flat. I have ridden the saddle fair into the charging van, when wild from our wheeling horsemen the driven buffalo ran; and coughed my ball to billet as, out of the log stockade, my man sped on the sorrel mare to call the swords to aid. Bring me the fighting forties—and have your way with me then—for I was a plainsman's rifle, and took the trail with men!

Bring back the splendid forties and give me my man again; grant me to ride the saddle, swung clear of the loosened rein. My scroll is dulled in its silver, the rust bites deep my sight—they forge a newer comrade who takes ten loads at a bite. Bring me the golden forties, times I am making my quest—the blue yet bright on my barrel—into the gallant West. Never have I forgotten, as men forget and deny, the roar of swollen fordings, the gleam of a clearing sky. Where is my man that named me, and nicked his bear on my stock? I'm fit this hour for service—a little grease on the lock. Nay, but I yearn for service—the press of my man's lean jaw; the quick, sure tug at trigger when he lined the sights—and saw. They leave me here in silence—it never was my man's style—to grieve for ball and powder, to yearn for a marksman's smile. Bring me the fighting forties—and have your way with me then—for I was a plainsman's rifle and took the trail with men!

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

State of Oregon, County of Jackson.

Sealed proposals, addressed to the County Court of Jackson County, Oregon, and indorsed "Proposal for Constructing a portion of the Pacific Highway in Jackson County, Oregon," will be received by the County Court of Jackson County at its office in the Court House, Jacksonville, Oregon, until 11 o'clock a. m. of the 4th day of August, 1915, and at that time and place publicly opened and read.

All proposals must be made on blank form, to be obtained from the County Highway Engineer, at his office, Central Hotel Building, Central Point, Oregon, or from the County Clerk, Court House, Jacksonville, Oregon; must state the unit or units bid on (bidders may bid on all the units); must give the price proposed, both in writing and in figures; and must be signed by the bidder, with his address.

Each bid is to be presented under sealed cover, and shall be accompanied by cash, a bidder's bond made payable to Jackson county, or a certified check made payable to the County Judge of Jackson County, for an amount equal to at least five per cent of the amount of said bid, and no bid shall be considered unless such cash, bond, or check is enclosed therewith. Such bidder's bond shall be conditioned that if said bid be accepted, the party bidding will duly enter into and execute the contract. Should the successful bidder to whom the contract is awarded fail to execute the same within ten days (not including Sunday) from the date of notification of such award, such cash, bond or check shall be forfeited to Jackson county, and the same shall be the property of the county. All other cash, bonds and certified checks will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders who submitted the same.

A corporate surety bond will be required for the faithful performance of the contract in a sum equal to one-half of the total amount of the bid.

All bids are to be compared on the basis of the county highway engineer's estimate of the quantities of work to be done as follows:

The estimate of quantities referred to in the foregoing notice is as follows:

Unit 3.

From station L285 to station 390. Miles 6, 7, 8.

Embankment, 90 cubic yards.

Earth excavation, 5,997 cubic yards.

Hard pan excavation, 3,398 cubic yards.

Loose rock excavation, 200 cubic yards.

Soft rock excavation, 100 cubic yards.

Stock Ranches —FOR— SALE

720 acres, solid body, in Meadows district, small house and good barn, old orchard in bearing, several good springs, about 40 acres under cultivation. Price \$12,500 per acre.

665 acres, near Debenzer Gap, 16 miles from Gold Hill, over 100 acres under cultivation, 10 room house, good barn, live creek through it, and several springs, all good land. Price \$35.00 per acre.

200 acres near Beagle, finely improved, including stock and all agricultural implements, all for \$40.00 per acre. Terms.

604 acres in one solid body five miles out, Sams Valley district, nearly all under cultivation, no better alfalfa or grain land in this county. Price \$100 per acre.

120 acres on Footh Creek, 7 miles out, 45 to 50 acres under cultivation, as much or more could be easily cleared and cultivated, almost unlimited range for stock, good house, two large barns, hog and chicken houses, good stream through it. Price \$75.00 per acre.

160 acres near Asbestos, 20 miles out, some under cultivation, small house, large amount of small fruit, small bearing orchard, most of this is heavily timbered, unlimited range for stock, several good large springs. This is a bargain at \$4500. Considerable stock and implements go with the place at that price.

Several other farms, large and small, several fine garden tracts from two up to 50 acres, improved and unimproved, several of them are decided bargains. If you want anything in this line it will pay you to call and see me, or write for particulars on any of the above.

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Hard rock excavation, 1,165 cubic yards.

Rip rap, loose, 10 cubic yards.

Overhaul, per 100 feet, 9,805 cubic yards.

Clearing, 9.0 acres.

Grubbing, 470 square rods.

Tile drain, 4 inches, 10 lineal feet.

Corrugated iron pipe, 12 inches, 26 lineal feet.

Corrugated iron pipe, 24 inches, 23 lineal feet.

Concrete pipe, 12 inches, 178 lineal feet.

Concrete pipe, 20 inches, 60 lineal feet.

Concrete, class A, 22 cubic yards.

Concrete, class B, 2 cubic yards.

Concrete, class C, 12 cubic yards.

Reinforcing steel, 835 pounds.

Unit 5.

From station L484 to station L505. Miles 10.

Embankment, 10 cubic yards.

Earth excavation, 250 cubic yards.

Hard pan excavation, 400 cubic yards.

Loose rock excavation, 10 cubic yards.

Hard rock excavation, 275 cubic yards.

Overhaul, per 100 feet, 100 cubic yards.

Corrugated iron pipe, 24 inches, 16 lineal feet.

Corrugated iron pipe, 36 inches, 40 lineal feet.

Concrete pipe, 12 inches, 36 lineal feet.

Concrete, class C, 6 cubic yards.

Unit 8.

From station Lg782 to station Lg795. Miles 16.

Embankment, 300 cubic yards.

Earth excavation, 753 cubic yards.

Hard pan excavation, 100 cubic yards.

Loose rock excavation, 10 cubic yards.

Overhaul, per 100 feet, 780 cubic yards.

Tile drain, 4 inches, 10 lineal feet.

Corrugated iron pipe, 30 inches, 40 lineal feet.

Concrete pipe, 12 inches, 34 lineal feet.

Concrete, class B, 20 cubic yards.

Concrete, class C, 4 cubic yards.

Unit 10.

From station Lg930 to station Lg1104-50. Miles 19, 20, 21, 22.

Embankment, 2,077 cubic yards.

Earth excavation, 6,456 cubic yards.

Hard pan excavation, 41 cubic yards.

Loose rock excavation, 1,462 cubic yards.

Soft rock excavation, 100 cubic yards.

Hard rock excavation, 3,556 cubic yards.

Rip rap, loose, 10 cubic yards.

Overhaul, per 100 feet, 5,660 cubic yards.

Clearing, 22.8 acres.

Grubbing, 1,360 square rods.

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Concrete pipe, 12 inches, 300 lineal feet.

Concrete pipe, 15 inches, 114 lineal feet.

Concrete pipe, 20 inches, 48 lineal feet.

Concrete, class A, 127 cubic yards.

Concrete, class B, 5 cubic yards.

Concrete, class C, 15 cubic yards.

Reinforcing steel, 15,115 pounds.

The foregoing quantities are approximate only, being given as a basis for the comparison of bids and the county court of Jackson county does not expressly or by implication agree that the actual amount of work will correspond therewith, but reserves the right to increase or decrease the amount of any class or portion of the work that may be deemed necessary or expedient by the county highway engineer of Jackson county, Oregon.

Plans may be seen and forms of specification and contract may be obtained at the county highway engineer's office, Central Hotel building, Central Point, or at the county clerk's office, Jacksonville, Oregon.

The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for Jackson county.

COUNTY COURT OF JACKSON COUNTY.

F. L. TOU VELLE, County Judge.

W. C. LEEVER, County Commissioner.

F. H. MADDEN, County Commissioner.

Attest:

G. A. GARDNER, County Clerk Jackson County.

Jacksonville, Oregon, July 16th, 1915.

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