

THE OFFICE OF COUNTY SURVEYOR

Pendleton, March 19th.—(To the Editor.)—I have noticed for some time that your paper has been an advocate of two of the most vital factors in the future progress of this state, viz: Irrigation and good roads, both subjects have been pretty thoroughly discussed through the press, and the people, with one accord, seem to realize the necessity of earnest, prompt and well-directed action on both questions.

It will probably be the duty of the next legislature to enact some new laws governing these matters and revise some old ones to work in harmony therewith.

As both subjects come within the province of civil engineering to a great extent it might be well while these questions are in the embryo, to examine the laws prescribing the duties of the office of county surveyor.

Present Status is Trifling.

As the law now stands that office is of very little benefit to the people, and none whatever to the incumbent. The legislature of 1901 passed an act prescribing the duties of county surveyor, and there are a few meritorious clauses in the bill if they had been put in proper form, yet the major portion of it is, to say the least, stupid and meaningless. It sets forth a lot of duties and places a few matters within his discretion, but at the same time the legislature creates the office of roadmaster and gives him some of the duties, and gives others to the assessor; and then places all the discretion in the hands of the county court and what few duties and privileges are left in violation are so vague and mystifying that the surveyor has construed them to suit himself. He can get no light upon the matter from the courts, (at least that was my experience), who seem to ignore the matter altogether.

To begin at the beginning, I believe there should be a state board of engineers created, whose duty it should be, among other things, to examine all candidates for positions of public trust in that profession. No person should be eligible who is not a graduate of some institute of engineering recognized as having authority to confer the degree of C. E., or who can not pass an examination in the theory and practice of plane and topographical surveying, leveling, methods of U. S. government surveying, geometry, plane trigonometry, mathematical drawing and mapping, use and adjustment of field instruments; also the theory and practice of road-making, the laying out of roads, specifications and estimates of all kinds of earth-work, the laying out and construction of canals and ditches, reservoirs, dams, etc., the gauging of water flow in streams, and, in fact, all that pertains to the profession of ordinary civil engineering.

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of the above subjects and furnish evidence of good moral character, he should be commissioned a state engineer for life, and as such he would be eligible for the office of county surveyor or deputy. Civil engineering is one of the learned professions and the sooner it is recognized by law and placed on proper footing, the better for both the public and the profession.

The county surveyor should be paid a fair salary, commensurate with his duties, the fact that he has to provide himself with a lot of costly instruments and standard text books and books of reference as well as team and conveyance to carry him around, should not be lost sight of. He should turn over to the county treasurer all fees received by him for official surveys for private parties, except mileage fees.

He should be ex officio county road master and should constitute one of the viewers in the laying out of new roads. He should be a member of the county board in the consideration of all matters of public improvements.

Properly Define His Duties.

It is impossible here to define all his duties in detail, sufficient to say that he should be entrusted with all that comes within the province of an engineer. This would not entail an additional expense, but would insure a better public service for the same cost. It is certainly no boast to say that the men of that profession are as honest, discreet and intelligent as men in any other calling, and are better fitted by education and experience to understand matters of public improvements than is the ordinary county judge, with all due respects for his august dignity, however.

In the matter of irrigation I would suggest that persons claiming water rights should be required to have a survey of such irrigation systems made by the county surveyor of the county in which they are situated, at the claimants' expense, such survey to consist of a description of the source, whether natural water-course, lake or spring, if water-course, giving flow of, at normal stage, the name of stream if named, and bearing of course; if lake, size and depth of same as near as practicable; if spring, giving flow of same, location of head of ditch by the line nearest government survey corner, size and capacity of ditch and bearings of its onward courses to its conflux with water course of dispersion or absorption, as the case may be.

The surveyor should also determine the area of ground irrigated by such ditch, also the area of all lands available for irrigation by such ditch belonging to the owner or owners of said ditch, and make a true and accurate map of the same, drawn to a convenient scale, which, together with the narrative description and notes of survey certified to by the county surveyor, shall be placed with the recorder of deeds for record in a book kept for that purpose.

I do not presume to say that the courses that I have outlined are the best that can be adopted, something infinitely better may be suggested, if this should be the means of inciting abler persons to take hold of the matter and formulate something better it will have fulfilled its mission.

I have had over 30 years' experience in these matters, several years in official capacities, and have given the subject some thought. This is the first time I ever expressed my views to the public, and if I am forgiven for it I will never say another word on the subject until I am asked.

All I have said for the benefit of the county surveyor is from a purely disinterested motive, as I shall never more be a candidate for that office under any circumstances. Yours for green fields and good roads.
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It was just 100 years ago today that this splendid civil code, which has been adopted in part in almost all civilized countries and which is without a doubt the grandest monument which the great Corsican left behind, was adopted by the French government, and the transfer to the

national archives was in commemoration of the centennial.

Those privileged to attend the ceremony were allowed to examine the venerable parchments, yellow with age, but in a good state of preservation. The code consists of hundreds of little booklets, all bearing the seal of the French republic and every one signed by Bonaparte as first consul.

Metal Trades' Association.

Philadelphia, Pa., March 21.—Representatives of the 80,000 workmen throughout the country who are under the jurisdiction of the National Metal Trades' Association, were present today at the opening of the annual convention of the association. The gathering will be in session three days and will be devoted to the discussion of various questions affecting the interests of the association and its members.

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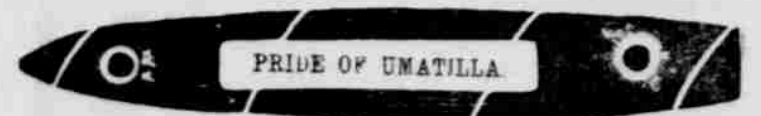
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