

FOR BETTER ROADS.

Judge J. H. D. Gray's Address at the Farmers' Institute.

Mr. Superintendent, Ladies and Gentlemen: I was at a loss to understand why the originators of the Farmers' Institute should have selected one who, for more than thirty years has been engaged in nearly every capacity, from deckhand to master, agent, and owner of steamers, navigating first the waters of the Frazer river, British Columbia, and Puget Sound, then the waters of the Columbia river, from its mouth nearly to the Salmon Falls of the Snake river, to address you upon the subject of wagon roads in Clatsop county.

I was very strongly disposed to decline the honor, but remembering that I am now the servant of the people, they have a right to know the views of those whom they have placed in positions of honor and trust, I appear before you to briefly state them. The peculiar topographic character of Clatsop county, (especially the most populous portion, located upon a peninsula surrounded by bays and rivers and heavy timber) make the building of roads a very serious and costly problem; in fact ten miles, I believe is all the prairie or open country that the pioneer of 1844 found within its present boundaries. But roads have been cut through dense forests and bottomless swamps.

In that year less than a dozen pioneers took donation land claims along these beautiful plains, built clapboard houses to shelter their wives and little ones, whom they had brought here from Astoria in canoes, landing at Tanzy point, and from there on horseback across the beach to their homes.

The first wagon road was built in this county in 1844, from the upper Skipanon landing through dense woods to the old Tibets or Ward farm, and I well remember in 1848, when a boy, the anxious moments, as with frightened step I ran across the corduroy or pole bridges, one-fourth of a mile long, that Solomon H. Smith, William Hobson, John Hobson, George Somers, William T. Perry, E. Trasks, Calvin Tibets, and Thomas Owens, had spent months to build in 1844-5. For years afterward, first brush and then sand was carried from the hills on to the bridges, until what was an impassable swamp is today some of the best road in the county. I am told that the poles covered with water, sand and brush, are as sound yet as ever. Ancient history, says some of my tenderfoot friends, is very gratifying to the pioneers and mossaheads, but what are we to do at the present time? Competition from California, the Columbia and Willamette valleys, and the settlers along the banks of rivers in Washington, for some reason, can undersell us, and supply our merchants and citizens with more than one-half the farm products consumed in this county.

There are many reasons for this condition of affairs, most of which other speakers have fully informed you. But transportation is the great expense that a farmer has to contend with, whether he hauls his products in his wagon, puts it in his boat, or steamer, or places it upon the cars and sends it to market. It is a continuous charge and tax upon him. The question of paramount importance is how to secure the quickest and cheapest transfer from the farmer to the consumer, who finally pays the extra cost of delays and transportation. Unquestionably good wagon roads, from the farmer direct to market, is much superior to all other transportation. How, then, to secure good wagon roads, concerns not only the farmer, but the consumer, and every citizen of the county. I am quite confident that all will agree with me on this proposition. But it costs money to build good roads, and the interest-bearing debt of Clatsop county is about \$80,000, (our state constitution limit is \$5,000), with assets of doubtful character for about one-half that amount, resulting in discounts of county warrants of an average of ten per cent; therefore it is reasonable to say that our monthly interest is about \$550 per month. This amount could be greatly reduced by changing our state constitution so as to allow the county to issue bonds, which sell at a much less rate of interest than we are compelled to pay on county warrants, and save discount.

This matter I earnestly hope will have the special attention of our members to the next legislature. The situation must be met as we find it, and better roads we must have; therefore, the present county court has thought best to call a road convention to meet in Astoria on Tuesday, August 7th, 1894, for the purpose of considering and recommending to the county court the best manner of building and improving the roads of this county.

The object of the meeting is to unite the people of the several districts if possible, upon the most economical and at the same time permanent plan of making good roads. The court has recommended that each supervisor, together with the delegate to the road convention, prepare a memorandum of the total number of miles of hill, swamp, sand, gravel, pole or corduroy, puncheon or plank road in their district; also the location of gravel, rock quarries and sand banks, the location and kind of timber along the line of the road, whether it is suitable for sawing by portable mills, dense green woods, or open burnt country with brush thickets, and any other information that can be filed with the county court for future reference. We have also sent for catalogues of the cost of rock crushers and other road appliances, also portable saw mills, and will ask mill men to state the lowest price they will furnish lumber; also what contractors will construct puncheon road for.

We shall, if possible, place all the information obtainable before the convention. I trust that the delegates will be able to arrive at a satisfactory conclusion regarding the kind of roads, the different localities require, and the cheapest possible cost of such roads. These subjects will require much careful consideration and detail work by the convention to enable them to make intelligent recommendations to the county court, or that will be satisfactory to the people when adopted. The matter of providing money to carry out and build the roads I have planned is where nearly all such enterprises have heretofore failed. Fellow-citizens, good roads cannot be built without money, and the taxpayers must make up their minds to go without or be taxed to pay for them.

I believe that we have laws on our statute books, if properly compiled with and enforced, will solve the problem. I will read from the road laws of Oregon, compiled by the secretary of state, Sec. 4084, Sec. 4085, Sec. 4104. These are the laws the former county court has been acting under and must be our guide in future, unless the people desire to accept what is known as the Cross Road law of 1893, which I think is the best we have now, and is found on pages 42 to 43, road laws. The latter law should be amended so as to allow the building of plank, or puncheon roads, and the state constitution should be amended so as to allow by a vote of the people, the counties to incur an indebtedness of 10 to 20 per cent upon the assessed valuation of the county. Then permanent improvements can be made, such as building roads and a creditable courthouse, to be paid for by those who will enjoy them hereafter, and not by a direct tax upon those who have borne the burdens so long.

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NOTICE. Notice is hereby given to all persons holding Clatsop county warrants No. 174, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

By virtue of a warrant issued by the county clerk of Clatsop county, State of Oregon, in and against the county and state, on the 16th day of April, 1894, and to me directed and delivered commanding me to levy upon the goods, and chattels of the delinquent taxpayers named in the delinquent tax roll of Clatsop county, State of Oregon, for the year 1893, thereto attached, and if none be found, then upon the real property as set forth in said delinquent tax roll, or so much thereof as shall be sufficient to satisfy the amount of taxes so charged therein, together with the costs and expenses, I did on the 26th day of June 1894, levy upon (having been unable to find personal property sufficient out of which to make said taxes and real estate as set opposite the names of the respective parties, firms and corporations contained in the following list to satisfy the amount of taxes and costs assessed and charged against such persons, firms and corporations in said delinquent tax roll, all of said property being situated in said county and state, and described on said delinquent tax roll for said county and state for said year, as follows: Bloom, H. A. NE 1/4 section 25, township 5 N, range 6 W, 160 acres..... 11 93 Chappell, Samuel, sub of block 23, Tract No. 2, McClure's addition to Astoria, as laid out and recorded by Hustler and Alken, exec's, undivided half Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, Block 23..... 11 89 Cox, Wm. A, sub. of block No. 23, Tract No. 2, McClure's addition to Astoria, as laid out and recorded by Hustler and Alken, exec's, undivided half Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, Block 23..... 11 89 Dunham, Charles L. NE 1/4 section 24, township 7 north, range 9 west, 160 acres..... 11 04 Dunne, P. subdivision of Block 72, Shively's Astoria, Lot 6, Block 72..... 3 15 Frank, Alfred S. McClure's Astoria, as extended by Cyrus Olney, undivided 1/2 Lots 1 and 2, Block 104..... 4 85 Goldsmith, M. Lots 1, 2 and 3, section 24, township 8 north, range 8 west, 50.50 acres..... 5 58 Hill, F. A. Adair's Port of Upper Astoria, Lots 6 and 7, Block 60..... 7 29 Hustler Eliza J. beginning at NE corner of L. J. McClure's section 24, thence N 1/2 sec 24, south line of land owned by John B. Blanchet, thence west to right bank of Young's river; thence southerly to NW corner of Lot 9, thence east to McClure's adjoining section 24, township 8 north, range 9 west, 63 acres; NW 1/4 section 24, township 7 north, range 10 west, 160 acres; SE 1/4 section 24, township 7 north, range 10 west, 160 acres; sub. of block No. 25, Tract No. 2, Olney's addition to Astoria as laid out and recorded by Hustler and Alken, exec's; undivided 1/2 Lots 1 and 2, Block 23, McClure's Astoria; Lot 6, Block 43, McClure's Astoria, as extended by Cyrus Olney, Lots 1, 2, 13, 14, Block 114..... 59 47 Hunter, J. G. estate of McClure's Astoria, Lots 2 and 3, Block 43..... 77 22 Kruger, Carrie A. SW 1/4 section 11, township 7 north, range 8 west, 160 acres; subdivision of lots 1, 2, 7, 8, Block 56, Adair's Astoria, Lots 11, 12, 13, 14; Flavel Center, as laid out by W. E. Warren, lots 1 and 2, Block 2..... 11 53 Leinenweber, Thomas Fred. Adair's Port of Upper Astoria, Lot 5, Block 32..... 13 90 Marion, R. R. SW 1/4 section 22, township 8 north, range 8 west, 160 acres; undivided 1/2 of beginning on west line of McClure's Astoria, in center of Concomly St., thence south 225 feet; thence west 150 feet; thence north 100 feet, thence east 50 feet, thence north 125 feet, thence east 100 feet to point of beginning; section 7, township 8 north, range 9 west, 30.100 acres; McClure's Astoria, Lot 5, Block 16, Lots 1 and 2, block 50; Shively's Astoria, undivided 1/2 of lot 6, Block 3; subdivision of Block 8, Adair's Astoria, undivided 1/2 Lots 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34; Block 8, undivided 1/2 Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34; Block 88..... 127 67 Marion, Annie E. estate of NE 1/4 section 22, township 8 north, range 8 west, 160 acres; sub. 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 section 25, township 8 north, range 9 west, 20 acres..... 10 85 McCar, Sophia. W 1/2 of E 1/4 section 2, township 6 north, range 6 west, 160 acres..... 11 93 McCormick, John. 8 1/2 of NW 1/4, SW 1/4 of NE 1/4, NW 1/4 of SE 1/4, section 14, township 7 north, range 8 west, 160 acres..... 9 16 Newman, George. W. McClure's Astoria, as extended by Cyrus Olney, Lot 1, Block 154..... 3 15 Pacific Union Packing Company, Shively's Astoria, Lots 2, 3, 10, 11, Block 147; frontage of Lots 2 and 3, Block 146..... 129 53 Peters, J. T. McClure's Astoria, as extended by Cyrus Olney, undivided 1/2 Lots 1 and 2, Block 76..... 16 61 Reid, Agnes. Railway Addition to Ocean Grove, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Block 1; Lots 7 and 8, Block 2; Lots 1, 2, 10, 16, and 17, Block 3; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, Block 4; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, Block 5; Lots 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 10, 11, Block 6; Lots 5 and 9, Block 7; Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, Block 8..... 126 71 Smith, W. M. McClure's Astoria, as extended by Cyrus Olney, Lots 1 and 2, Block 194..... 4 86 Spadden, Mary C. subdivision of Block No. 23, Tract No. 2, Olney's addition to Astoria as laid out and recorded by Hustler and Alken, Lots 1 and 2, Block 23..... 1 52 Strong, Miss E. C. McClure's Astoria, Lot 2, Block 46..... 27 12 Thompson, Edwin H. McClure's Astoria as extended by Cyrus Olney, Lots 7 and 8, Block 135..... 8 40 Thornburg, Wm. Y. McClure's Astoria as extended by Cyrus Olney, Lot 1, Block 108; Columbia 2nd Addition to Astoria, Lots 7, 8, 9, Block 55..... 10 54 Twilight, Mary A. north 1/2 of John Brown D. L. C. sections 17, 18, 19, and 20, township 8 north, range 7 west, 160 acres; beginning at 1/2 post on south line of section 22; thence north 22 chains; thence east 25 chains; thence south 22 chains; thence

west 20 chains to beginning; section 23, township 8 north, range 9 west, 64 acres, beginning on county road 85 feet south of NE corner of land sold by C. Bradbury to R. Houseman as per records of deeds Vol. 13, Page 233, thence west 6.19 chains to Necanicum river; thence south 4 degrees 30 minutes west 55 feet; thence east to west line of county road; thence north 2 degrees 30 minutes east 55 feet to beginning; also tide land fronting said tract; section 21, township 6 north, range 10 west, 50.190 acres; McClure's Astoria, Lots 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, Block 2..... 154 70 Utzinger, A. W. subdivision of Block No. 15, Tract No. 3, Olney's Addition to Astoria as laid out and recorded by Hustler and Alken, exec's, Lots 20, 21, 22, 23, Block 15; subdivision of Block No. 23, Tract No. 1, Olney's addition to Astoria as laid out and recorded by Hustler and Alken, exec's, Lots 10, and 11, Block 23..... 27 90 Willamette Falls Pulp and Paper Mills, Lot 12, section 22, township 7 north, range 9 west, 15.45 acres; north 1/2 of NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 (except 35 acres sold to H. Olliverson) section 27, township 7 north, range 9 west, 90 acres..... 47 70 Williams, John W. E 1/2 of SE 1/4 section 10, township 6 north, range 7 west, 145.40 acres..... 7 95 Worsley, J. H. McClure's Astoria as extended by Cyrus Olney, undivided 1/2 Lots 1 and 2, Block 76..... 16 61 And notice is hereby given that on Saturday, the 28th day of July, 1894, commencing at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, at the Court House door in the city of Astoria in said county and state, I shall proceed to sell the above described real estate to the highest bidder for cash in hand in U. S. gold coin at time of sale, subject to redemption, to satisfy said warrant, costs, and accruing costs. H. A. SMITH, Sheriff of Clatsop County and Ex Officio Tax Collector.

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