



THE MATTER OF GOOD ROADS

Every Part of the County Entitled to Equal Rights in the Matter of Road Improvements.

SHOULD BE NO DISCRIMINATION

The Western End of Umatilla County Receives Little Recognition From County Court--Citizens Have to Dig Up Hard Cash for Road Work

Good roads do more toward advancing the business interests of a town and in the enhancement of the property valuations of a particular community than any other one thing. Every precinct in Umatilla county on its assessed property valuation pays its pro rata of the county and state taxes, and thus is justly entitled to and should receive equal rights and privileges along with every other precinct or locality in the county in the matter of road improvement. There should be no discrimination on the part of the county court. The county should be a unit for road improvement in its every nook and corner. Do not try to build up one part of the county, exclusively, with county funds and allow another just as resourceful a part to drag along the best it can. The county funds are for the use and improvement of all the county, not for any one particular part or locality.

The people of this end of the county feel that they have a just grievance.

When it comes to bettering the condition of the roads, or in making any improvements thereon, the western end of Umatilla county receives very little recognition from the county court. This condition has existed so long that the people of this end of the county, and especially the business men of Echo, have come to consider it almost obligatory on their part to go down into their pockets and dig up the hard cash for necessary and immediate road repairs. It is either do this or go through a lot of necessary red tape in petitioning the county court to take action in the matter, which would require a great amount of time and trouble, and by the time the county court would

finally get around to it the exigency for action would be past.

As an illustration we might mention that only about a week ago the road from Butter creek to Echo, at one point, was almost in an impassable condition. It needed repairs at once. The matter could not wait to be carried to and parleyed over before the county court. The result was that, as on many and many former occasions, the business men of Echo were called upon to put up the necessary money for the repair of this road that should have been justly borne by the county.

A remedy for this condition of affairs, and only in justice to our taxpayers, is for the county court to give this end of the county just recognition; appoint a competent road supervisor with full authority to do necessary work, at the time it is needed, without having to go through all this red tape business.

OREGON STATE FAIR.

The next Oregon State Fair will be the forty eighth annual one in the history of the organization, and it will be conducted at Salem during the week of September 13-18, under the direction of the Oregon State Board of Agriculture, the secretary of which is F. A. Welch, and the president, W. F. Matlock.

The racing at the fair will be of the best sort, as many horses of extraordinary speed have been entered for the rich purses that will be hung up. The race course is in splendid condition for record-breaking events.

Many alterations and improvements have been made on the grounds, looking to the entertainment and comfort of visitors. The secretary reports that there are many entries of agricultural products, and livestock in their several classes will be more plentiful than ever.

The camp ground at the Fair is in readiness for the great number of campers that will occupy space thereon during the week. Albert Tozier is superintendent of the camping quarters and he expects that the tented city will be larger than ever this time. Massive oak trees form a nice grove on the camping quarters, which makes it an attractive place to enjoy a week's outing away from one's home, whether it be in the city or country. An evening scene on the camp ground is a most

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RECEIVED SAD NEWS.

E. R. Ware, the furniture dealer, and brother Clark received the sad intelligence Friday last of the accidental death by drowning of their younger brother, Harley, which occurred at Farmington, Iowa, on Wednesday night, August 11.

From information received in a letter Monday from a sister about the accident, Harley attended the Chatauqua meeting that night, after which he and six other young men went in bathing opposite the power house. They had been in but a few minutes when one of the boys who was just ahead of Harley, shouted to him if he "could touch bottom." He did this twice and received no answer, then looked around and could see nothing of him. The boys searched and called and then gave the alarm. The work was continued all night, and about 7 o'clock in the morning the body was found on the opposite side of the river in shallow water. He uttered not a sound, and some believe when he sank he never came up at all. It is supposed that he was seized with cramps.

Harley was one of the prominent young business men of his home town, Farmington, being engaged with an elder brother in the undertaking business, and his sad taking away will be deeply mourned by the community in which he lived.

The funeral took place in Farmington at 10 a. m. Saturday last, the services being conducted in the Baptist church, and interment in Bonaparte cemetery.

He leaves a mother, three sisters and three brothers, Mrs. Dora McKiernan of Kewanee, Ill., Mrs. Margaret Locke, Alpha Ware and Phil Ware of Farmington, and E. R. and Clark Ware of Echo. To these the sympathy of this community is extended in their sad hour of affliction.

GOVERNMENT RECLAMATION

Why Does the Government Hesitate to Begin Construction Work on John Day Project

BEGIN THE WORK ON \$1,000,000

Echo Business Men Should Get Together on This Proposition and Start the Ball to Rolling--Some Pertinent Sayings About Officials

The Reclamation officials have long ago decided that the John Day project is a good one, and that in reclaiming 250,000 acres of the very choicest arid lands of the West it would not cost to exceed \$5,000,000. If private enterprise can successfully install an irrigation system, such as the Twin Falls in Idaho, at a cost of \$6,000,000, and do it, too, without red tape, parley and delay, we can see no good reason why the United States government cannot take up and carry to completion the John Day project. If the government at present has not all of the necessary money, let it set aside even \$1,000,000 and begin work on the project. By the time that amount is used up there will certainly be more money available and thus the work can easily be carried on to completion. There is no necessity of waiting until the full amount necessary to complete the work is in the treasury.

Echo business men should get together on this proposition and appoint a committee to wait on Secretary Ballinger while he is in the West, or, better still, invite the Secretary to come to Echo and let all the people have a chance at him.

Just think, Mr. Business Man of Echo, what the installing of the John Day project means to you in dollars and cents, and to the country generally in development and the upbuilding of beautiful and prosperous homes.

Under the John Day project there are 250,000 acres with an over abundance of water to cover every acre of it; natural reservoir and power sites, excellent drainage, and the easy work of canal construction in diverting the waters onto the lands, are some of the existing conditions that will appeal for the beginning of work on the project at an early date. Sitting idly by and watching the Reclamation funds being thrown away on high salaried officials, and in installing wild cat projects where graft is dominant, will never build the John Day project. Secretary Ballinger, possibly is "from Missouri" and will have to be shown, and the people of Echo, whose interests are paramount in the project, are the ones to show him, and to impress upon him the reasons why work on the John Day project should not longer be delayed.

The government is slow, and like the government mule you have got to keep prodding it up in order to accomplish results, and as regards the Reclamation Service and officials there is certainly a good deal of truth in the following editorial taken from the last issue of the Silver City, Idaho, Nugget:

"The Irrigation Congress now in session at Spokane is having a lively time. Many of the delegates do not hesitate to express

themselves as opposed to the slow manner in which the government is taking hold of and completing reclamation projects. There is too much red tape and not enough effective business methods employed. If two-thirds of the high salaried engineers and officials would be relegated to the ranks of common laborers, where they properly belong, or else told to "hit the trail," and some one with good "horse sense" put in control there would be something doing.

"A great part of the money spent is squandered in salaries to high priced officials and special agents. A practical man like J. J. Hill of the Great Northern R. R. would construct more reservoirs and complete more reclamation projects in one year than Newell and his corps of red tape attaches have done in the last ten years. Some of the assertions being made at the present gathering in Spokane are as follows: "The government of the United States is sitting idly by while millions of dollars worth of natural resources are going to waste. American lands are going to waste while last year 65,000 Americans sought homes in Canada."

The auto fiends in Portland are going to form a sort of auxiliary police association to stop fast speeding. According to any auto fiend, however, when he butts a woman or a child clear over a telephone pole he was going about four miles an hour only, and gets off with a fine for cussing the officer that arrested him.

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