

REPORTS ON ROADS

Shows Condition of Highways in Various Districts.

MUCH WORK IS REQUIRED.

Recommendations Will be Made to the County Court at Its Session Next Week.

Roadmaster J. Waldo Finn has completed a report on road conditions throughout Polk county for submission to the county court at its regular monthly session next week, which report is herewith published in full. Mr. Finn recommends to the court that the Eola hills be reduced to a four per cent grade; that the strip of road known as the Guthrie lane be thoroughly graveled and that twenty-five miles of road about Dallas and Independence and Monmouth to Salem be oiled.

District 1. Alonzo Tharp, Super.
Owing to the very bad weather, nothing in actual construction has been done. Mr. Tharp has patched a few bad places that threatened to become impassable, but has nearly all of his road money left to build with when the crusher starts. The temporary bridge across the Yambill to the crusher is nearly completed under the supervision of Mr. Tate. The first bridge washed out last winter. It is proposed by the county court to re-locate the crusher at a better quarry of rock just south of the Butler store. Considerable money will have to be spent on the "Williamina Grade" this year, as it is in a bad state of repair.

District 2. H. A. Dorton, Super.
One bad characteristic of this district seems to be the narrow roadways—fence to fence in places about 30 by 40 feet. Mr. Dorton has been doing a good strip of grading which, if carefully handled will make good earth roads, as the soil is right for that sort of roads. Mr. Dorton needs a better grader, and a split log drag.

District 3. D. L. Keyt, Super.
This district is noted for its fine herds of Jersey cows, its chuck holes, and its unlimited number of "good roads" boosters and enthusiasts. Mr. Keyt has just completed an extended campaign of filling all the chuck holes and skimming up with the grader. He has also been sounding the court as to cutting down a very bad hill south of Mr. Goetz's residence on the Perrydale-Dallas road.

District 4. V. A. Cockran, Super.
Many rains and heavy traffic have raised Sam Hill with the Salem-Monmouth road, but as soon as teams can get in to the gravel bars the ruts will be patched. Mr. Cockran has been busy repairing and grading. He has a very large district to cover and some of the heavy traveled roads of the county. The attention of the county court is continually being called to conditions on this Salem to Monmouth road.

District 5. Mariam Putnam, Super.
This is known as the Eola district, and like all the other districts needs some good work done, and will get it under Marion Putnam's administration. The searifier is working on the Salem road in this district now, and with considerable patching this strip of important road will be in better shape. Putnam needs a grader about as bad as any one I know of. He and the neighboring supervisors have to hire most of their tools and machinery.

District 6. F. E. Vallier, Super.
Work in this district is progressing very nicely. The ruts are being patched, some grading done, and drains laid. A 26-foot steel bridge replaces the wooden span north of Rieckreall. Plans are laid to start a better road construction north from Al Vernon's corner into the Oak Grove section. They need it too.

District 7. Chas. Durrell, Super.
Mr. Durrell has been busy in his district south of Independence, doing good work blasting stumps, grading, graveling and rolling. The roads need good care and maintenance in this district, as they have a great deal of heavy travel to hold up. Mr. Durrell is fortunate in having abundance of pit gravel to work with. Pit gravel, in my estimation, makes the best road of any similar material, including crushed rock, and this pit is accessible at any time of the year.

District 8. Jacob Smith, Super.
Jacob Smith has the reputation of being one of the hardest working supervisors in the county, and I might say that Monmouth district needs a man of that sort. The streets in this town are as rough as any county road I have struck. Mr. Smith has most of his main roads in good repair.

District 9. M. N. Prattier, Super.
This is Buena Vista district, and probably has more early work done than any other district. A valuable change has been made through Commissioner Wells' property to avoid a bad hill; the road has been opened and is about ready for the public. A good deal of donation work has been done on the two-year-old road through Prattier's bottom leading south from Buena Vista to Benton county line. This will be a main road some day. One property owner just north of the Laekiamute bridge, on this road, has the anchor wires for his hop poles out in the road about twenty feet.

District 10. F. N. Stump, Super.
I haven't been over much of Mr. Stump's district, but what I have

seen shows up well for him. The soil here about Saver station is well adapted to earth road construction. Gravel is shipped into this district at a reasonable rate from Corvallis or Independence.

District 11. C. S. Calkins, Super.
Mr. Calkins has made a good showing with his early work, but hasn't begun any actual construction. The immediate roads leading into Airle are in bad shape and are going to get attention this summer, as the people in Airle are awake and ready to "get out on the roads" all the gravel the court may have shipped in. Considerable donation work is to be done north of Frank Laughary's on the road, leading from Monmouth and the court will be able to meet this community half way, as they sure do need some work on their roads so they can get their bull calves and cream to the station. It is planned to ship gravel into Laekiamute station for this work.

District 12. R. R. Riggs, Super.
Mr. Riggs has played wise this rainy spring and saved his road money until such a time as it will do some lasting good. Mr. Riggs has charge of the celebrated Guthrie lane, one of the worst pieces of road I have been over. Gravel will be shipped in here and a good road made as far as funds will permit. Fern bridge will be replaced by a 26-foot steel span.

District 13. T. J. Aisip, Super.
Some good work has been going on here. One piece of rough road has been scarified, smoothed up and the road widened to standard width. Patching the chucks with gravel will be done as soon as teams can get to the bars on the LaCreole. It is proposed to build another mile or so on the south side of the creek. Work will also be done around Polk Station and Smithfield; gravel to be shipped from Independence to these places. New rates secured from the S. P. are more favorable.

District 14. S. L. Stewart, Super.
The roads in this district will be considerable, as they have a special tax to help them out. Work will consist of grading, graveling, cutting down hills to better grades, replacing old wooden culverts with cement tile, and next winter maintaining the work that has been done with the split log drag and banks of gravel for patch work, etc. Several bad places will be remedied as soon as possible.

District 15. Walter Bird, Super.
This district adjoins Dallas on the south-west, and is not a very large district. About the only thing here is a good grade and plenty of gravel or crusher rock. The drag here will benefit little, owing to the light soapstone character of the soil. Work is planned on the Oakdale road and McBea road, but it would be better to change the road here in order to get a better and dryer grade.

District 16. J. J. Underwood, Super.
Mr. Underwood's main roads are among the best maintained roads in the county. His is north Independence district. He is kind of up against it for a grader, as the Independence grader is being used to scarify the rough roads preparatory to oiling. Work has started on the Independence-Monmouth road to widen and drain it. One bad feature of this two miles of important road is that three supervisors have a chunk of it to take care of, consequently there has been three types, or kinds of work.

District 17. James Middleton, Super.
This district lies north of Dallas, and has several miles of crushed rock roads, also some good gravel roads leading back into the hills. It is planned to extend the rock road to the Salt Creek school house, and do other work up in the hills where it is much needed. Work has been going on, blasting out stumps, widening the road in places and generally standardizing the system. Crushed rock will be used principally this summer.

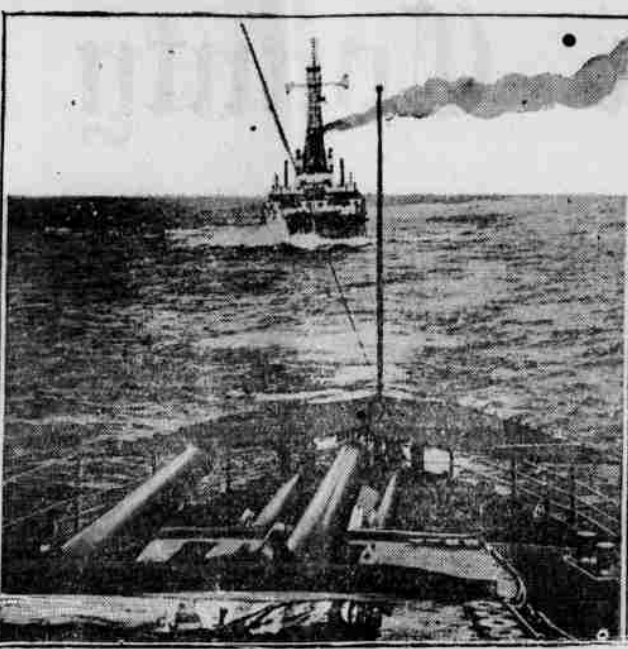
District 18. Frank Wilson, Super.
Considerable ditching, etc., has been going on here. At present Mr. Wilson is at work near the Wallace farm, widening the road to standard width and will gravel the same when he can get into the gravel bars. A great deal of donation work is done in this district every year, and these people deserve a good deal of consideration from the court.

District 19. Ren Womer, Super.
Ren Womer has the famous Edwards Hill in his district, and also other roads that are hard to keep up with the money available. He has wasted none of his money by getting out too early this year, as the rains would have washed away a good part of work that might have been done.

District 20. L. I. Barsell, Super.
This district extends north and west of Monmouth and has a good many hills to contend with. Mr. Barsell is now busy with the grader and will do considerable work where it is very badly needed and where it will, no doubt, be appreciated, as the people here produce to get to market.

District 21. Ed. Sampson, Super.
Some of the worst roads in Polk county may be found about Falls City in the winter time. They are practically bottled up and plans are under way to help them out providing they lend a hand. Abundance of good rock is to be found west of town above the falls, and the contract is let for crushing a quantity of rock to rock the roads with. Ed. Sampson has about 50 miles of road in his district, consequently he has a hard proposition to wrestle with in this mountainous section. I carry some life insurance and my advice to Ed. would be to take out a few thousand right away.

District 22. T. J. Murrick, Super.



LOUISIANA FROM BEAR OF NEBRASKA

Tommy has a moose of a district. Portions of it, like Red Prairie, would mire a saddle blanket at times. About the best thing for these people in the winter time would be for the court to buy them a good, reliable flying machine. The gravel that Tommy has to put on the roads is of inferior quality and there seems to be no good rock in the district. Butler hill is in Tommy's district and we know the reputation that hill bears, but the west slope has been kept in pretty good shape. The Savage bridge will be replaced by a steel span this season.

NEW DEAL IS SOUGHT

WOULD CREATE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS.

Proposed Amendment to Constitution—Department to Furnish Employment.

The creation of a department of public works by the state the duties of which shall be primarily for the establishment of public works for the employment of the unemployed citizens of the state is proposed in an initiative petition for a proposed constitutional amendment initiated and filed with the secretary of state by B. F. Ramp, of Brooks, chairman, and E. L. Cannon, of Salem, secretary-treasurer, of the party. According to the provision of the amendment it shall be designated as article xxix. Following is the proposed amendment in full:

Section 1. There is hereby created and established a department of industry and public works, which shall be under the supervision and control of the state labor commissioner. Such department shall establish industries, systems of transportation, distributing stations, and public works for the employment of the unemployed citizens of the state of Oregon and for the distribution and sale of their products.

Section 2. Funds for the operation and development of this department shall be derived from a tax upon the estates of deceased persons appraised at fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) or more, in value, and from appropriations that may be made for such purpose. Said tax on estates of deceased persons shall not be less than 10 per cent and may be graduated above that percentage by law. Such tax shall be paid and collected for the payment and collection of the inheritance tax in chapter IV, of Title XVI, of Lord's Oregon Laws. All income from the operating of industries under this department shall be used in further development of this department.

Section 3. All funds collected and appropriated for this department shall immediately, upon collection, be available for use by the department. All expenditures of these funds by the state labor commissioner shall be subject to the approval of the Oregon state board of control.

Section 4. All provisions of the state constitution and laws of Oregon in conflict herewith are hereby abrogated and repealed insofar as they conflict with this article. This article is in all respects self-executing.

Advertised Letters.

Advertised letters in the Dallas postoffice, April 28th, 1914:—Cheney, Mr. Milton; Collier, Miss Rae; Fran, Mr. Grant, Mrs. Jas; Jenner, Mr. Ben; Olsson, Mr. Chris; Portland, Eugene & Eastern Ry. Co; Roalssen, Miss Laura; Rewitzer, Mr. John; Stump, Miss Katherine; Wolfe, Mr. O. W.; Wolfe, Mr. R. L.; V. P. Fiske, Postmaster.

Impressed With Old Polk.

"This is a remarkably fine country," said Attorney-General Crawford to the Observer on Tuesday. "I have been more favorably impressed with Polk County on this visit than ever before. The farms and orchards are looking splendidly, and everything, including the country homes, present a prosperous appearance."

Cherry Fair in July.

The Salem Cherry Fair will be held early in July, according to a recent decision of the Salem Commercial Club. Exact dates will be selected

later. A new public market building is being erected in Salem and has been offered to the committee as a location for the fair. It is possible the scope of the fair will be extended this season by the addition of other agricultural products.

Chicken Raiser Makes Money.

W. J. Garner, a poultryman at Polk Station, transacted business in Dallas yesterday. Mr. Garner at present has 500 White Leghorn layers, and is now receiving about \$125 per month from the sale of eggs. He keeps an accurate account of each hen, but of these eggs, sold at the market price, brought \$5.69, while feed cost \$1.14. Mr. Garner has 1100 chicks, and will in the near future install an incubator of 1200 capacity in order to minimize brooding labor. Besides being engaged in the chicken business, he has twenty acres planted to apples, raises a few hogs, and is, like most farmers in this county, making money.

Crop Outlook Is Bright.

Fruit prospects generally throughout Polk county have not been affected by the recent cold weather. Peaches probably will be a total failure, but cherries and plums were too far along when the cold rains and frosts came to be injured seriously. Indications are now that there will be a big crop of both this year. Vegetation generally is nearly a month advanced. Roses and other flowers that usually are not in full bloom until just before Decoration day, have been blossoming for the past week.

Blaze Does Slight Damage.

The rooming house of Mrs. Mary Brown immediately east of the High School building, was damaged by fire during the lunch hour on Wednesday. A spark from the chimney lighted on the roof and burned a large hole before extinguished by the fire-department. The loss by fire and water is light, and is fully covered by insurance.

Too Many Wednesdays.

"Well, by Jove!" remarked Secretary Miles of the Commercial club, as he tossed aside a notice he was preparing for a meeting of that organization for Wednesday evening. "There are five Wednesdays in April, and as the club meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, I guess this is a work to be deferred a week." The club will meet next Wednesday evening.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The law provides that the public highways must not be used as dumping grounds for garbage, refuse or rubbish of any sort. Violation of this law is punishable by heavy fine and imprisonment. Supervisors of the several road districts are instructed to keep a sharp eye out for violation of the above law.

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By Mrs. Janet McKenzie Hill, Editor of the Boston Cooking School Magazine

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One cup sifted flour; scant half teaspoonful salt; 2 level teaspoonfuls K C Baking Powder; grated rind of 1 lemon; 2 eggs beaten light; 1 cup sugar; 1/2 cup hot milk; glass of jelly; powdered sugar.

Beat the sugar into the eggs; add the lemon rind, then the flour, sifted three times with the salt and baking powder; and, lastly, the milk. Bake in a buttered dripping pan; turn out on a damp cloth, trim off the crisp edges; spread with jelly and turn over and over into a roll while still warm. Dredge the top with powdered sugar.

Hot milk used in the jelly roll enables it to be rolled without danger of cracking. Have the milk scalding hot, also be careful to have the eggs and sugar beaten together until very light and creamy. Bake in a moderate oven.

K C Jelly Roll is illustrated on page thirty-two of the new and handsomely illustrated 64-page K C Cook's Book, which may be secured free by sending the certificate packed in every 25-cent can of K C Baking Powder to the Jaquess Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.

TAXES MUST BE CUT

---CHARLES A. JOHNS

PORTLAND ATTORNEY SEEKS REPUBLICAN NOMINATION FOR GOVERNOR ON PLATFORM PROMISE TO REDUCE EXPENSES.

On a platform that promises to reduce taxes, cut the expenses of state offices to a minimum, abolish all unnecessary boards and commissions, and to reduce the expenditures of all commissions not abolished, Charles A. Johns, attorney of Portland, is making a clean-cut race for Republican nomination for Governor. Although Mr. Johns has resided in Portland only two years, he is a pioneer of Oregon. He was Mayor of Baker for four terms, and School Director of that city eighteen years. He has received the unqualified indorsement of all bankers of Baker of his candidacy.

Regarding his platform, Mr. Johns says: "Expenses of the State of Oregon showed a material increase for 1912-14 over 1902-04. That was natural. But the increase was more than \$3,000,000; that is outrageous.

"The unnecessary increase—out of all ratio with the growth of Oregon—of its almost unbearable burden to taxpayers of the state, is my first reason for entering the race for Governor. "Fair-minded voters will concede that there should be a material increase in the expenses of the office of Governor for 1912-14 over 1902-04, but there is no valid reason why this increase should be \$14,700. This is entirely undefensible. It cost \$1,000 to conduct the office of Governor for 1902-04; in 1912-14 the appropriation for the same office was \$2,700.

"The appropriation in 1902-04 for the office of Secretary of State was \$24,000, and in 1912-14 it was \$68,000, an increase of \$44,000. The office of State Treasurer cost the taxpayers \$10,000 for 1902-04, but increased to \$25,500 for 1912-14. Appropriations for the office of Attorney-General increased from \$7,200 for 1902-04 to \$25,600 for 1912-14. There are no valid reasons for these excessive increases, and I promise in my platform to reduce taxes, to consider this a sacred promise and will keep it.

"Other excessive appropriations were for boards and commissions. These expenditures increased from \$67,600 in 1902-04 to \$1,178,091.50 for 1912-14. If elected Governor I will abolish all unnecessary boards and commissions and make a material reduction in the expenses of those not abolished.

"The increase in the expenses for State government from \$1,192,451.52 for 1902-04 to \$6,172,175.17 for 1912-14 is excessive, and I promise in my platform to reduce a material decrease in this expenditure and a consequent reduction in taxes.

"My record as Mayor and as School Director of Baker shows the affairs of these offices were conducted at a minimum cost and on a business basis, and that the service was efficient. For this reason, I received the unqualified indorsement of the three banks of Baker. Officers of these banks say over their signatures that, in my judgment as Governor, he could and would do the same thing for the State.

"The State of Oregon needs a clean-cut, business administration, and as Governor I can and will give it that kind of an administration."

WHAT HIS OLD NEIGHBORS SAY.
To Whom It May Concern: Charles A. Johns was a continuous resident of Baker City for twenty-four years, during which time he served four terms as Mayor and sixteen consecutive years as School Director.

As Mayor he gave the city an honest, efficient administration, and its financial affairs were conducted on a clean, safe, economical basis and at the very lowest expense to the taxpayers.

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