

Constructive Road Work

Oregon Voter: Grange and common bodies of Yamhill county are united in support of a constructive road program, the main features of which are the redistricting of the county, the grouping of small districts under charge of assistant roadmasters, and the appointment of a roadmaster to assume general charge. In each of the small districts, the road worker will be on the job year round, patching and dragging his section of road and doing his best to keep it in condition. Experience demonstrates that where this method is followed, the roads are kept in far better shape at much less cost than when they merely get remedial attention once a season and go to pieces without care the balance of the time.

This program was originated in response to a county-wide demand for road efficiency and economy. The Carlton Board of Trade took the initiative. We will not mention the names of the men who did the organizing work—their reward will come in better roads and in taxes saved. Suffice it to say that several earnest, far-sighted men of Carlton have been busy for eight months on this matter, visiting every part of the county in company with similar men from other sections. They did not assume to have the right plan at the start, but they consulted and conferred wherever they went, and the administrative plan they have evolved is truly representative of enlightened public sentiment.

We publish the report in full, and commend it to the careful attention of officials and taxpayers of other counties who are struggling with conditions similar to those which have been faced in Old Yamhill.

The recommendations made by the committee were as follows:

First—That immediate steps be taken to prepare an accurate contour and map of the county. This map should contain the fullest possible data concerning population, extent of travel, bridges, crossings, drainage, grades, and condition of roads.

Second—That at the present term of your court, the proper steps be taken to re-district the county for purposes in accordance with section 6313, chapter 3 of Lord's Oregon Laws.

That the county be divided into a large number of small districts, the boundaries of each district to be arranged with reference to topography, and with the further view that the roads within such district be of such extent and situation that one man, working consecutively and devoting substantially all of his time to such work, could efficiently keep them in good travelable repair at all seasons of the year.

Third—That, only upon the recommendation of the roadmaster, hereinafter provided for, the county court shall, at their next January term of court, appoint a supervisor in each of said districts, who shall be a resident thereof, and who shall be employed to devote all of his time, or as much thereof as the roadmaster may deem to be necessary, in caring for, and maintaining the roads within said district, and that for this purpose, arrangements shall be made for providing the supervisor with the necessary tools, horse, wagon and road materials.

That the supervisor, so appointed, shall be subject to removal by the court upon the recommendation of the roadmaster.

Fourth—That the small road districts shall be grouped into three or four separate groups, as efficiency in operation may require. Over each group of districts, there shall be placed a superintendent, or assistant roadmaster, who shall be employed by the county court only upon the recommendation of the general roadmaster. The group superintendents shall devote all of their time, under the direction of the general roadmaster, in directing and looking after the maintenance of roads by the local supervisor in each district, and in supervising any new work on roads and bridges within their respective groups.

The compensation of the superin-

tendents to be fixed by the county court.

Fifth—That, at the next January term of the county court, the court appoint a general roadmaster in accordance with section 6322 of chapter 3 of Lord's Oregon law, and that the duties of such roadmaster shall be as prescribed in section 6323 of said chapter.

Seventh—That the county court pay such salaries to the roadmaster, and to the superintendents, as may be necessary to procure men of the highest qualifications for those positions, and that the selection of roadmaster be made as much earlier than January as possible in order to give the man selected an opportunity to do the large amount of foundation work that will be necessary for him to do before entering upon his duties next January.

The text of the report which the committee made was:

In the fall of 1915 you appointed the undersigned to act as a committee for the purpose of preparing and submitting to the court a plan for improving the present method of managing the county roads. You charged the committee with the particular duty of devising a practical and businesslike system that would insure the greatest possible efficiency and economy.

The fact that you appointed a committee for this purpose indicated that you believed that the present system of managing the county roads was unbusinesslike, inefficient and uneconomical, a judgment, happily, in which you are supported by the opinion of substantially every taxpayer of Yamhill county.

At the December term of your court, your committee submitted a preliminary report, and requested further time in which to prepare and submit its final judgment.

Being unwilling to trust its own opinions alone, your committee has utilized the additional time granted by the court, since last December, in visiting the various commercial bodies and farming communities of the county, and has held public meetings at all such places. At these meetings the substance of the preliminary report of your committee was submitted to the people and frankly and openly discussed.

These gatherings were attended by large numbers of people. The discussions were participated in by many persons present.

The deep and earnest interest in the subject felt by the people of Yamhill county was manifest at every meeting. As your original committee of three moved from town to town, it was augmented by large local committees, voluntarily appointed at each meeting, to join the movement in visiting the next town.

Local committees of from twelve to thirty men were sent out from each community. These men invariably went, and were always on hand at the next meeting.

Nowhere was indifference or apathy found. On the contrary, everywhere your committee went, keen and deep-rooted interest was manifested. The movement proved that the subject was one upon which the public's mind of Yamhill county was burning with desire—the desire for better roads, and for a definite, businesslike, modern, efficient system of road administration that would give to the people a dollar's worth of efficient work for every dollar of the people's money being expended on the public highways.

Your honorable court has already received official notice of the will of the people as expressed in the resolutions that were prepared, passed, and forwarded to you from each of the public meetings referred to. These resolutions plainly state just what the people want and are expecting.

As a result of these public meetings and discussions, your committee received many valuable suggestions. These suggestions have served in some particulars to modify the original views of the committee, and in other particulars, to confirm their judgment, as expressed in the preliminary report filed with you last December. Profiting by these suggestions, your committee now has the honor of submitting its final report.

they have this quality. A tool is left out on the lawn; there is a rail off the fence; there is a lock broken from a door; there is a window pane gone somewhere. The boy who attends to these things, because they need attending to, without specific directions, is the boy who, other things being equal, is going to be in demand when he gets out in the great world, and it is the attention to little things and the habit of observation, which sees what needs to be done and then does it, which makes exceedingly useful men and women. There will always be a position for such persons. There will

always be a call to come up higher. It is in one sense a small thing to do these little things without orders, but it is doing them that makes great captains, great engineers, great artists, great architects, great workers in any department, and it is the absence of this quality that make commonplace men and women, who will always have to live under the dominion of petty orders, men and women who do nothing unless they are told to do it. It is the quality which makes volunteers in church and work, and the invaluable men and women who do not have to be stood over. They are the joy of the pastor's heart; they are the persons who do not have to be watched.—Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, in The Lutheran Herald.

The "Automatic Ticket Takers" at the Oregon State fair might have had more practice if the board of managers had not cut out four-fifths of the appropriation for newspaper advertising. It looks a great deal like the fellow who spent his last fifty cents for a pocket book.—Silver-ton Appeal.

Appreciate The Observer.

It is with pleasure The Observer reprints the following items from contemporaries' issues last week:

On Tuesday the Polk County Observer issued a twenty page illustrated edition telling of the resources of Polk county and of the great and near great of her citizens. The issue is a credit to the publisher and merits a wide circulation.—Newberg Graphic.

The Polk County Observer gets out this week a creditable booster edition to observe the opening of the fair. Many things are found in the county and its cities and farms are commended to the stranger for further investigation. Polk county is in the oldest settled section west of the Rockies but many of its corners are yet new and there is still much room for development. The special edition of The Observer is a good one and well worth sending back to eastern friends.—Monmouth Herald.

The Polk County Observer issued a special fair number of twenty pages Tuesday devoted to the progress of Polk county and highly illustrated with cuts that showed up equal to the best. It was a good issue showing the excellent handwork of the writers and the printers.—Sheridan Sun.

The Polk county fair has been on three days this week, and proved a big success. The Observer printed a big twenty-page edition in honor of the event. This was the fifth annual event of its kind under the present management and each fair has improved over its predecessor.—McMinnville Telephone Register.

The Picture Theaters.

To the Editor: Anent the recent raise authorized by the Dallas council, permit me to ask space for this contribution from The Journal's editorial page.—W. P. Lewis.

Vancouver, Wash., Sept. 15.—To the Editor of The Journal—I would express my views regarding picture theaters. I feel that their value is seriously underestimated. My thought is that since the saloons have been closed the movies are of inestimable public value while the saloons were in operation they served the working class as club rooms. Working men could meet there in the evenings and spend a few hours in social enjoyment. By the closing of the saloons laboring men were deprived of this, their accustomed source of recreation. There was nothing left to them but work and sleep. Fortunately, the picture house has succeeded in supplying a want which was ignored by the philanthropist.

I am a patron of the movies, and am pleased to note that many of those who formerly frequented the saloons are now to be seen regularly at the pictures. This brings the thought that in no better way could our city fathers serve the best interests of their constituents than by encouraging the picture houses. They not only offer pleasant entertainment, but their influence is unquestionably of an instructive and educational character, to such degree, in fact, that it may be felt that to them should be extended the same consideration as school and church, and be exempt from all manner of taxation.

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JERRY HOGAN AND NOVELIST HOBOED TOGETHER.

One Went Up The Ladder; The Other Went Down—"The Other" Tells Story.

Fifteen years ago, two tramps became fast friends in a Memphis, Tenn., saloon.

One of them was Jack London, the author, and the other—Jerry Hogan, Sandusky horse thief and editorial writer for the Ohio penitentiary weekly newspaper. Jerry talked about it the other day.

"We were pals—Jack and I. For 15 years we hoboed together through the south. But he had ambition and I didn't—that's the whole story.

"The tramp life we led didn't kill his ambition. We both wrote articles and sold 'em fifty-fifty. Sometimes Jack signed his name to my articles and sometimes I signed my name to his—it didn't make any difference.

"But ambition for an education carried Jack to South America and we parted as he was climbing on the boat at Pensacola, Fla. I haven't seen him from that day to this.

"Wish you were goin' along, Jerry," he waved goodbye at me, 'I feel I'm going to make good from now on.'

"And his dreams have come true. He went up the ladder while I went down. Today his name is famous and he writes for thousands. The only name I've got now is a number and I write for a poor hundred or so convicts in the pen paper."

A Maid's Way With a Man.

"And I have tried to make it clear to you in every way I knew. I've asked you to this house, times without number. I've played tennis with you, and walked and talked with you, and ridden your rounds with you in your bumpy old milk wagon. I've simply thrown myself at your head, day after day. But you—wouldn't understand. You wouldn't look at me. Nor listen. You mooned about, and moped your ridiculous heart out. Because you thought I was such a blind, silly fool, I couldn't look past your poverty and your ill-luck, and see how splendid you really are. Because you thought I was such a stuck-up simpleton I'd not want to marry you, because you were a milkman, when I'd chase the cows for you, if you wanted me to."—Woman's Home Companion.

MANANA.

Manana, which is Mexican for "watchful waiting," is the Democratic keynote in the campaign. The Wilson drive is to begin "some time" after Sept. 1, but no definite engagements have been made, it is announced, for him to commence making political speeches. He has tentative engagements to make some western visits about the middle of September, but nothing positive. Plans are being formulated for carrying on a campaign to capture the woman vote of the country, but who will make the speeches on this phase of the controversy has not been determined. It has been expected that Mr. Bryan would speak in the Maine campaign, but it is now believed he cannot do so, but will make some speeches later. And so it goes. Watchful waiting will prevail, while in the meantime Mr. Hughes is carrying on a positive campaign and arousing the entire western country.

"I don't care, if I am elected president, what becomes of my personal political fortunes. I propose that we shall have no more, if I can stop it, of those 'kiss me and I'll kiss you' appropriations in Congress."—From Mr. Hughes' Speech at Chicago.

SOUTH-IN-SADDLE IN NAVY.

Out of the 17 Ranking Officers in Charge of Naval Affairs 12 Are From South.

To Josephus Daniels, who has represented the Administration's Policy with regard to the first line defense, is credited responsibility for cramping and thwarting progress and efficiency in the navy.

Many new men have been brought into the Washington end of the navy organization. Of the seventeen high ranking officers who are charged with the responsible duties of administering the affairs of the navy twelve are from the Southern states. In years gone by necessity did not arise to question from what section come the officers chosen to head the bureaus of the Navy Department. Comparisons between the army and navy in this respect will show that no such conditions exist in the war Department.

It is true, as Vice President Marshall remarked, that the Hughes speech of acceptance "had all the length and tone of a dissenting opinion." But he omitted to add that the dissenting opinion thus expressed is that of the American people.



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The Boy in Demand.

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