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MONMOUTH VIEW ON HIGHWAY

The Monmouth Herald has discovered "that sentiment in the state at large is with the highway commission in its plans for building the state roads in a systematic plan." We are wondering if the Herald would have been able to "discover" this sentiment had Monmouth been left off the route of the highway.

There was likewise "sentiment" in Germany supporting the Kaiser in his outrage of Belgium. So is there sentiment favoring the repeal of the eighteenth amendment to the constitution and a sentiment can be created for many other things which may have been decreed unlawful. This same sentiment may be created by intentional misrepresentation as has been the case in this highway matter.

The Enterprise still maintains that a very large majority of the people of Oregon are law abiding. That they believe in a strict enforcement of the provisions of the statutes. If this supposition is correct, then sentiment is not in favor of the highway commission violating a law any more than it would be for the individual.

The Herald is fully aware that the highway commission willfully violated an act of the legislature receiving the endorsement of the people when it attempted to build the Pacific highway through Polk county without going through Dallas and Independence. Notwithstanding this, the Herald is upholding the highway commission. Why? Purely a selfish one. Monmouth is on the highway and will be on the highway even though the highway commission be compelled to route the highway as the law specifies. By going direct south from Monmouth Independence will be eliminated. To prepare the highway and cross the Luckiamute at the point selected by the highway commission will cost Polk county many additional thousands of dollars over what it would cost to go by way of Independence. The Enterprise wishes to remind the Herald that the route south from Independence is shorter, better and will eliminate heavy grades and a difficult river crossing. As the county has to build the bridges and prepare the road for paving, thousands of dollars would be saved to Polk county taxpayers.

Here's what the Herald says:

"That sentiment in the state at large is with the highway commission in its plan for building the state road on a systematic plan is evident to everyone who has taken the trouble to investigate. There is also reason to be hopeful where the supreme court is concerned, for the court in its decisions has shown a disposition to look at the welfare of the state broadly and not stop at technicalities. Two opinions have been had of the road situation in Polk county, one by Attorney General Brown and the other by Judge McCourt. Both were based on technicalities as to just what action by the commission would satisfy the letter of the law. Judge Stapleton, it is evident, might have come to a still different conclusion. In the Riddle case the court ruled the commission must not be hampered by conflict with the opinions of county courts. Judge McCourt would substitute for county courts, circuit judges who would decide where the road should be built. We gravely doubt if the supreme court, having abolished the dictation of county courts, would hold the commission subject to the dictation of circuit judges in laying out the highways of the state."

The Herald is fully aware that the Riddle case was not similar to the one here. In the Riddle case Commissioner Benson made certain definite promises and then repudiated them. The legislature did not provide the exact route of the highway as it did in Polk county. The Enterprise is unable to find any court decisions which have favored Polk county on "technicalities." There is nothing very technical about a law which says a certain thing and in a language which the ordinary school boy can comprehend. This was what Judge McCourt based his decision upon.

It's the highway commission which is endeavoring to put "technicalities" into the law in order that it may be disobeyed.

The Enterprise continues to maintain that unless the state highway commissioners can follow the law in routing this highway, or any other act for that matter, it is up to Governor Olcott to remove them.

LEAGUE DEMOCRATIC ISSUE

In his speech accepting the democratic nomination for president, Governor Cox of Ohio, has declared that the acceptance of the league of nations as propounded by President Wilson will be the paramount issue in the democratic campaign. He also urges the ratification of the woman's suffrage movement and the adoption of the budget system for handling government expenditures.

Governor Cox was silent on the Volstead law, but promises dry enforcement, declaring, "The public official who fails to enforce the law is an enemy both to the constitution and the American principle of majority rule."

The deduction to be derived from Governor Cox's speech is that he will endeavor to continue along the same lines which have been so definite during President Wilson's regime.

In other words, Mr. Wilson's declaration that the league covenant would be submitted to a solemn referendum of the people is to be realized through Mr. Cox's candidacy.

The league issue is an important one. The democratic party is now squarely committed in favor of its adoption, and the republicans want it shorn of all possible foreign entanglements. Now it's up to the voters.

HIMES IS MAKING ROAD MAP OF POLK COUNTY

E. J. Himes of Dallas was in Monmouth Wednesday surveying off the part of the Wm. Riddle farm recently sold to E. Nissen. Mr. Himes is spending his odd moments preparing a road map of Polk county. He has devised a novel apparatus for doing the work. With his wife he is driving over the roads of the county in his car. Ahead of him in the car he has a ship's compass for giving levels and speedometer for distances. With Mrs. Himes' help all of these go along and with the information thus given a map is prepared which will without doubt be in demand among people who travel the roads of the county.—Monmouth Herald.

POLK COUNTY BREVITIES

President I. C. Powell of the Monmouth bank, is in Hood River recreating.

New vault fixtures are to be installed in the county clerk's office this fall.

Jacob DeLong and Dick DeLong of Ballston, are making preparations for a visit to their native land.

E. M. Ebbert and family of Monmouth, are in Newport for a couple of weeks. W. J. Hastings of Ashland, is running Mr. Ebbert's barber shop during his absence.

M. B. Young has tendered his resignation as a member of the city council of Dallas from the second ward. His successor has not yet been named.

Damaged by fire in May, the work of remodeling the Christian church at Dallas has been completed and services have been resumed in the building.

Holland. They will be accompanied by their families and expect to be gone about four months. The DeLongs came to Polk county in 1911, became citizens six years later, and have prospered.

A. M. Esson has moved his family from St. Helens to Monmouth in order that his children may have an opportunity of attending the Normal school. He has purchased the P. E. Chase property, the consideration being \$1,000.

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CLOVER RETURN ESTIMATED AT OVER \$160 PER ACRE

Fruit is not the only thing from which the farmers make money in this section, says the Dallas Observer.

Clover, the wonderful fertilizer, is a highly profitable crop. It not only puts the soil into condition so that it will grow a bumper crop or two of wheat or oats, but first gives a crop of hay and then furnishes a seed crop that makes farming compare to gold mining.

H. B. Fanning, a rancher living near Ballston, this county, has a hundred acres in clover this year, and has a stand that is simply superb. It is estimated that he will

get not less than six bushels of clover seed to the acre. This means that he will harvest 360 pounds of seed to the acre, and that for the entire 100 acres he will thresh 36,000 pounds of the valuable seed. It is considered certain that he will receive from 45 to 50 cents per pound for the product. At the lower figure he will sell his clover seed crop for \$16,200.

When it is considered that this reward is to come from one crop, the farming possibilities of this section begin to become evident.

Mr. Fanning is an up-to-date rancher, who has made a life business of producing from the soil, but himself says that he is not extraordinary in this regard. He, in common with others, insists that farmers

from other sections of the state can do equally well here.

Liked Movies.
Kind Old Lady—"Why crying, my boy?"
Bo—"Pa fell down stairs."
Kind Old Lady—"Well, he'll be all right soon."
Boy—"Yes, I know. But never saw him fall all the way never saw nuthin'!"—American Wiers.

Marriage of Truth in Her Newspaper "colymus" as bear a 75 per cent resemblance a bride's wedding ring—old, something new, something rowed—but nothing "blue."—Transcript.

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