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## GOOD ROADS MEETING

### HELD AT DALLAS TUESDAY

**Supervisors and Others Interested Meet and Discuss Ways And Means by Which Polk County Roads Could Be Made Better.**

**Judge Coad Stated That in Levy Just Made, There Would be No Allowances For Road Machinery and That the Court Was Not in Favor of Investing**

A meeting of the supervisors and others interested in "Good Roads" was called to order by Judge Coad in the Court House at Dallas at 10:30 o'clock Tuesday morning. The supervisors present were: J. H. Mulkey, of North Monmouth; J. N. Jones, North Independence; John Farley, South Dallas; A. R. Southwick, Eola; Jake Becker, Buena Vista; J. B. Teal, Falls City; Monroe Mulkey, South Monmouth; James Boydston, East Dallas; R. R. Riggs, Bridgeport; J. J. Buhler, Ballston; O. E. Taylor, North Dallas; J. D. Slagle, McCoy; Ira Yocum, Butler; J. A. Hanam, West Luckiamute and C. H. Crawford. The meeting was opened in the county court room with County Judge Coad and Commissioner Riddell in their accustomed chairs. Every seat in the room was occupied by supervisors and spectators and standing room was utilized. A Mr. Beals, representing a Portland firm that sells rock crushers, graders, rollers, scrapers and other road building material, was present. H. Hirschberg of the I. & M. Railroad and Lou Gerlinger of the Dallas & Falls City Railway were also on hand. A special motor carried twenty-two people from Independence and the Luckiamute country and a Dallas & Falls City train brought down forty-two from Falls City. People also came in from Rickreall and other portions of the county.

**JUDGE COAD'S VIEWS.**  
 Upon calling the meeting to order Judge Coad stated that on the first of next month there will be outstanding \$30,000 in warrants against the county; that there had been talk of a rock crusher and machinery that goes with it but that in the levy just made there was no allowance for such purpose and that the court was not in favor of investing in that way at this time, preferring to wipe out the county debt; that the purpose of the court in calling the supervisors together was to discuss the best methods of road building under present conditions. "It is a kind of experience meeting to work up more interest in road work" said the Judge. "You pay the tax and you use the roads."

**MR. BEALS' TALK.**  
 After the County Judge's introductory talk, Mr. Beals, agent for road machinery, did most of the talking. Mr. Beals began by saying that crushed rock is the only material with which to build permanent roads. A roller is essential to go with a crusher he said, but in some places a good road may be made without the roller. The cost of a crusher he estimated at \$3000; engine to run it with, \$900 to \$1000; cost per day of operating the crusher \$22.50. Rock, he thought, might be crushed for 25 cents per yard.  
 Mr. Gerlinger of the Dallas & Falls City Railroad stated he had conferred with W. E. Coman of the Southern Pacific and thought rock could be delivered from points on

the Dallas & Falls City road to different parts of the county along the S. P. line at an average of \$1 per yard freight tariff.  
 Asked if the same rate would be given on gravel Mr. Gerlinger replied that it would not for the reason the Southern Pacific wanted the gravel for its own use.  
**GAVE EXPERIENCE.**  
 Supervisor Mulkey of the North Monmouth district who has had twelve years experience in road building and has about 14 miles of the best road in the county, gave it as the result of his experience, that a road must be graded above high water mark; that it should be graded three feet high in the center; that it is essential to keep drain ditches open; that fine gravel is more lasting than coarse; that it costs 75 cents to haul a load of gravel 2 1/2 miles.

Frank Butler, after waiting twenty years for the opportunity, told the court that Polk county has no roads. They are only rights of way. Mr. Butler acknowledged surprise at the court's announcement that no money would be invested in rock crushers this year. "Why," said Mr. Butler, "I thought that is what we are called together for." He favored the county going in debt for a crusher.  
**COMMITTEE APPOINTED.**  
 A committee was appointed to report in the afternoon upon the number of graders needed by the county and the meeting adjourned until afternoon.

On account of the size of the crowd, the afternoon session was held in the circuit court room. During the afternoon session, which was short, Judge Coad was conspicuous by his absence. He failed to show up.  
 Commissioner Riddell presided and Commissioner Riggs was present. The committee appointed in the forenoon reported in favor of the county purchasing one grader for every three road districts.

**MR. BUTLER'S RESOLUTION.**  
 Mr. Butler, the rock crusher man, offered the following resolution:  
 "That it is the sense of this meeting of supervisors and other tax-payers that our county should forthwith buy and set to work a rock crusher and also provide 4-horse graders, one for each two road districts in the county."

Upon an aye and no vote being taken, the chair decided in favor of the ayes. "Division," was called for by Commissioner Riggs, but the request was not observed. It was announced that Benton county has a crusher for sale that might be had cheap and also that one could be had from the Clackamas county court. This suggested to Mr. Butler that the court might advertise for all the old junk machinery for sale in the county.  
 Upon motion of Supervisor Mulkey, the court was also requested to purchase a roller. Mr. Beals, after due apologies, continued his talk on road machinery at the afternoon session.

### Applicants For Certificates.

There are seventy-nine applicants for certification who are taking the teachers' examinations at Dallas this week. The number of applicants for first grade certificates is three; for second grade, nine; for third grade, eleven; for primary, one; and for state certificates fifty-five.  
 The Motor is making special trips this week, leaving Monmouth in the morning and returning in the evening, taking over almost fifty students who are attending the examinations.

### Girl Was Sent Home

A white girl, said to be of good family, followed the negro minstrels from Albany to Independence. Parties here took an interest in the girl and prevented her meeting with her colored paramour, though repeated attempts were made by the Ethiopian to see the girl. Upon reaching McMinnville, transportation was wired back in the endeavor to get the girl to follow the show on to that point. The girl, apparently penitent, was sent back to her home. Had the parties protecting her from the negro here, let the affair be generally known before the minstrels left town, the show would have been shy one or more negroes.

### POLK LARGELY REPRESENTED

**Number of Polk County People Receive Patents Issued Through Land Office**

Patents have been issued through the Oregon City Office in favor of the following named applicants:  
 Rosana Baker, Charles E. Shaw, Warren J. Ferguson, Adelbert E. Martin, Albert Harrington, Ralph E. Williams, Walter C. Belt, William Ryan, Harriet B. Lacey, William Wardle, Pearl Cooper, Carrie C. Hubbard, Harry Debord, Ora Dell Ireland, Minnie Ireland, Joseph E. Hubbard, Lindley Brown, John McCaleb, George E. Brey, James O. Smith, Essie G. Robertson, Willard W. Ireland, Charles Bilyeu, Zenas G. Ames, Herbert C. Jordan, Mary Lemke, Charles O. Lee, Thomas Payne, Cornelius Sullivan, Joseph H. Roberts, Henry Stuhlman, Antwine Dupray, James Mizener, John Holland, Olive K. McCracken, George E. Pusey, Alexander W. Courtney, Jasper D. Rolfe, Michael Bilyeu, Moses Manston, William H. Vaughn, Perry Bilyeu, Carrie A. Bailey, Ernest C. Kirkpatrick, Samuel E. Irvine, Pearl L. Hedges, Henry Hildebrand, George L. McMurphy, Alvin Robinson, Vincenz Jacob, Mary L. Ortschild, Andrew Peterson, Mary Rosenberg, Isak Hansen, June B. Noyes, John L. Campbell, William R. McIntosh, Daniel P. Ross, William H. Jenks, Frank G. Barton, Sarah L. Nelson, Estella A. Atterbury, Bernard H. Trumbull, Edward H. Kingsley, William H. Conyers, Julius Thibert, Louis J. Maynard.  
 A lieu land patent in favor of the California & Oregon Land Company by Frederick A. Krebs was also received.

### Arrested At Chehalis.

A Portland pair, Dr. Geo. R. Cowles and Mrs. Lulu A. Evans were arrested a few days ago at Chehalis, charged with a statutory offense. Mrs. Emma R. Cowles, wife of the doctor, made the complaint.

This couple was in Independence for several weeks during the Fall, and were known as Dr. Koltz, Osteopath and Madam de La Bruyere. They were accompanied by the Madam's little daughter.

Misery loves company, but the company doesn't always reciprocate.

## BANK ROBBERY

**Robbers Crack The Safe of Lebanon Bank And Get away with \$9,000**

**Institution Was Fully Protected By Insurance. Local Parties are Suspected By Citizens**

Robbers cracked the Bank of Lebanon safe and got away with almost \$9000, all the money there was in the bank. Local parties are suspected. There is great excitement in Lebanon.  
 Entrance was gained to the bank building through the door of the office of Dr. Booth, in the rear of the bank. The robbers bored through the main safe and then cracked the inner safe with some explosive. Before cracking the safe they secured about 100 packages of chittim bark from the storehouse of Dr. J. A. Lamberson, one block distant, and piled it high about the safe to deaden the sound. Though the safe was blown wide open, the sound was not heard by people sleeping only two doors distant.  
 The loss of almost \$9000 is admitted by the bank officials, but the institution will lose nothing, being fully protected by bankers' insurance.

Indications are that three or four men were engaged in the work, and some Lebanon people believe that the robbery was committed by "home talent," because of the securing of the chittim bark from a storehouse a block away. The bank is situated on Lebanon's leading business corner, and it was necessary for the robbers to carry the bark the entire length of an alley in the rear of a string of business houses, including the St. Charles Hotel, and then across the street to the bank.  
 Deputy District Attorney Gale S. Hill, of Albany, is in Lebanon investigating the robbery, and if evidence is found to confirm local suspicions, arrests may follow.

### SKELETON OF MAN FOUND AT BALLSTON

The bones of an unknown man were discovered Monday on the old Kenneth Campbell place, by Andrew Campbell. The Coroner was at once notified and he, accompanied by Dr. McCallan of Dallas, came down Tuesday morning. An inquest was held, and Dr. McCallan stated that the bones discovered were those of a man about thirty years of age, who had been dead about three years.

A mystery hangs over this event as there was nothing found by which an identification could be made. The hat, shoes and coat were there but badly decayed. A watch was found which run when wound up.

A coffin was brought over from Dallas by the coroner and the remains were buried by Andrew Campbell on the spot where the discovery was made.

### To Remove Fence

Judge Coad Tuesday directed Supervisor Southwick of the Eola district to notify Pierce Riggs to remove his fence from the public highway south of the Brunk bridge. The Supervisor was instructed to fix a day in his notification by which, if the fence was not removed, the Supervisor himself will throw it out of the road.

Some people would rather beg than steal, and rather do either than go to work.