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\$1. PER YEAR

\$1600 WORTH OF CRUDE OIL

Eastern Clackamas No. To Get Even A Smell

"Clackamas county's share of the state automobile license fees, amounting to about \$1600.00 will be used for oiling the trunk roads, leading from the Multnomah to the Marion county boundaries, according to a statement made last week by County Judge Anderson" so says the Oregon City Enterprise. Continuing, the article reads, "This will give motorists an uninterrupted oiled highway from Portland to Aurora. The action was taken at the request of the Automobile Club."

And yet they wonder why Eastern Clackamas, with Estacada as a nucleus, is dissatisfied with county management. Who wouldn't be dissatisfied? The slight consideration shown to this part of the county is an insult, but this kind of treatment has been handed to us hillside farmers for so long, that they naturally take it for granted that we don't care.

\$1600.00 is a lot of money, in fact an awful lot. And this amount is to be spent for oil, to lay the dust on the trunk roads, from Portland to Aurora, for the benefit of automobilists. Do you note that no mention is made of laying the dust for the farmers?

Isn't it a shame that the main trunk highways don't lead up through this part of the county, for the benefit of the Portland automobilists?

And will you note the last sentence? "The action was taken at the request of the Automobile Club." Now wouldn't that jar you? The Automobile Club, address not given, "requested" the honorable county court for \$1600.00 to lay the dust for them, and they got it.

We, of eastern Clackamas county, who pay taxes, build roads, live and work in this county, can hardly get a cent out of that honorable body after begging on our hands and knees, not to mention "requesting" it.

How much longer are eastern Clackamas taxpayers going to stand for this utter disregard of their rights?

The Financial Report of the Operations of the Accounting Department of the State of Oregon, just issued, shows on page 10, the following item:—"Clackamas County expense for County Fairs for 1914=\$3684.25."

To Dance At Pavilion

Announcement has been made that the dance to be given under the auspices of the C. I. C. next Friday evening, June 18th, will occur at the Estacada Pavilion, instead of the Odd Fellows' Hall, as originally billed.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy the evening. Dancing will continue from 8 P. M. to 1 A. M. with good music and refreshments. Tickets 75 cent per couple.

Chautauqua Program Announced

Programs are already out, calling attention to the 1915 Chautauqua Assembly to be held at the Gladstone grounds, July 6th to 18th inclusive.

The program shows the names of many well known lecturers and entertainers, including Arthur A. Franzke; Swiss Alpine Yodlers; Royal Hungarian Orchestra; Mrs. A. C. Zehner; Sen. Burkett; Schuman Quintet; Rev. Father Mac Corry; Newell Dwight Hillis; Ciricillo and his Royal Italian Band; Col. W. H. Miller and many others of equal note.

Inquiries for reservations and other information should be sent to Secretary H. E. Cross of Oregon City.

Local Lodge Member Dies

A telegram was received by W. D. Henthorn, secretary of the Estacada I. O. O. F. from Prescott, Arizona last Tuesday morning, announcing the death of Alonza Hamack. Many of the Estacada and Springwater people will remember him, as he lived here at one time, but was later forced to take up his residence in Arizona, owing to his being a sufferer from tuberculosis, which finally caused his death.

The report shows only four counties in the state, appropriating a larger amount. This reads County Fairs, but probably should have read Fair. The Committee in charge of the East Clackamas Fair to date has failed to get one cent from the county and has about given up all hope of getting any.

But cheer up, brother taxpayers and farmers, when it comes time to show your prize winning exhibit, the East Clackamas Fair will be ready to receive it and the Portland automobilists will be riding over your \$1600.00, free from dust or worry, because they "requested" the Honorable County Court, to do so.

LIVESTOCK NEED REGULATING

No Herd Law, Should Not Mean No Regulation

At last week's Estacada city election, the people voted in favor of continuing to allow livestock to graze within the corporate limits, and consequently no herd law will be passed, as had been contemplated by some of the council.

There are many good arguments on both sides of this question but probably few people will find fault with the present situation, providing some rules are enforced regulating the animals.

At present the ordinance calls for all animals to be shut up after 8 P. M. but in some cases this rule is not being lived up to, by the owners of the stock, nor is it being enforced by the marshal.

It would be well for the council to pass an ordinance which would embody the following regulations:— all cows to be dehorned; all bulls or bullocks to be kept off the streets; all horses to be hobbled; any animal showing signs of viciousness not to be allowed grazing privileges; all bells to be removed; and strict enforcement of hours.

Much complaint has been made recently; as in several cases gardens have been partially or wholly ruined. Cows feeding near wire fences often tear the wire or netting with their horns. Several malicious animals are at large, but these animals could do little harm if dehorned. While it might prove a slight bother in some instances for cow owners to locate their stock if not belled, the majority of the time it is not necessary. Horses, if hobbled will not run pell-mell through the streets or alleys, thereby endangering pedestrians or children or are they likely to start runaways by frightening harnessed teams.

Livestock allowed to graze under such conditions, would fare equally as well and the owners would not risk the later enforcement of a herd law, by antagonizing the non-cow-owning public.

Elwood Rancher Dies

Word was received last Monday morning of the death of George Dibble, formerly of Elwood. Mr. Dibble had recently been committed to the state asylum for the insane, as he was suffering from a serious nervous ailment, which ultimately caused his death.

Corn Delegate Honorary Title

About two weeks ago considerable stress was placed upon the importance of Estacada's selecting a young man as a delegate from this county, to the International Corn Convention at the Panama-Pacific Exposition.

Through the office of the county superintendent of schools and after consulting with the school board and others in Estacada, the honor was offered to Lloyd Ewalt of the Estacada High School.

Ewalt's name was sent to Governor Withycombe, as the lucky representative from this section. Ewalt is this week in receipt of a letter from the governor, enclosing an engrossed and elaborate paper, reciting the virtues of the appointment as delegate to the San Francisco Corn Convention, in August next.

Last, but far from least, it recites that this appointment as delegate is purely honorary, as it does not carry with it any trip to San Francisco, unless the delegate wishes to pay his own expenses.

While being named as delegate may be an honor, it is a dirty shame that Ewalt or some of his backers were not advised of the worthlessness of the appointment, at an earlier date.

Attention—Step High

Just because Estacada is undergoing an epidemic of cement walks, is no reason why its good old plank sidewalks should not be patched up when necessary. Attention is called to the broken planks on the East incline on Main St., also a number of badly worn ones on Third St. between Main and Broadway, as well as spots on upper Main St. and other places.

The city should have all broken planks mended and the charge should be made against the property and the owner should pay the bills. In the case of sidewalks adjoining non-resident's property, no sentiment should intervene in the mending or rebuilding of these walks. The city should do the work and send the bill to the owner.

Estacada has received almost no help, financial or otherwise from its non-resident property owners, with the exception of the P. R. L. & P. Co. and a few others and these speculative property owners should be forced to take care of their property or pay a fat penalty price for their negligence.