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To date little call has been made by auto owners for the "road signs" but it is to be hoped that all signs will be in place along the highways this week.

Now is the time to cut thistles, both on public and private property. While the Canadian thistle is not well started here yet, with the present negligence shown the bull thistle, it will soon get a foothold.

Have you sorted out a bundle or two of especially fine grain or grasses for the coming exhibits?

It is pleasing to note that the report of Clackamas county shows that the cash exceeds the debts.

The day of skinning the farmer is past, judging from the short shift shown the Oregon City creamery manager, who had been falsifying the Babcock tests of his customers. He hasn't been sentenced yet, but let's hope they sentence him to the penitentiary and let him work out his time cleaning the state's dairy barns.

If you chance to note an especially happy expression on some of the Estacada merchants and others, it is owing to the present trial now going on of the officials and promoters of the defunct U. S. Cashier Co. of Portland. Several reams of this worthless stock is adorning back walls along with their marriage licenses and other mementos of a happy past.

The Progress must have stirred up something in its recent criticism of the county court for spending \$1600.00 for road oil.

The county seat papers are still giving it publicity, with the Courier as ever seeing the fairness of Eastern Clackamas' contention and the Enterprise as always defending the court and trying to find excuse for the \$1600.00 having been used as ordered.

We have finally learned what the "automobile club" is, although Commissioner Mattoon had previously stated that he didn't know who or what they were. It is a little organization called the Clackamas County Auto Club, with headquarters in Oregon City, comprising between 30 and 40 members. To quote from the Enterprise of July 16th:

"Plans for a membership campaign which is expected to bring in 100 members within the next month, were made at a meeting of the Clackamas county automobile club Friday night. The organization now has between 30 and 40 active members."

Isn't it laughable when you get at the bottom of this affair, to discover that a body of 30 to

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40 automobilists can merely request from the county court and get \$1600.00, when Eastern Clackamas with over 15,000 members cannot get a cent of it.

There are in the vicinity of Estacada about 100 automobile owners, who by getting together might just as well have asked for this \$1600.00 first, as the money was raised partly from a tax on their machines.

The Courier says: "This paper does not believe that any club has the right to dictate anything in the line of public policy to the county court—as a taxpayer and voter, whom do you think should dictate county affairs, the county court or the auto club?"

Why is it that the distant fields always look greener and the prospects of easy profits from an out of town industry appear more alluring than a little home industry? Estacada would have a payroll and a morning whistle blowing today, if the money tied up in worthless out of town industrial stocks, was invested here.

Judge Anderson, of the county court, says that the criticism of that body by the Estacada district is unmerited, in connection with their former appeal for financial aid for the East Clackamas County Fair.

About nine months ago, the East Clackamas County Fair committee began soliciting financial help from the court for their

fair. Messrs. Harkenrider, Ely and others had presented their appeal repeatedly to that body, but in each case obtained nothing but promises to consider it. Finally the committee became discouraged and as a last resort co-operated with the Progress in calling a special meeting July 5th, and appointed a committee to wait on the court. This committee was cordially received and bids fair to have obtained the sum of \$200.

No complaint or criticism would have been made against the court, had something definite been accomplished earlier. According to Commissioner Mattoon, it was only a matter of about thirty days ago that the court agreed that they did not have the jurisdiction over the fair funds, and then passed the responsibility over to the County Fair Board.

If the Estacada district has expressed undue criticism in the past, now that matters have been adjusted, it probably will join with the Progress in herewith apologizing.

Owners of autos travelling to Portland these days are constantly being bothered by pedestrians, who hail the driver, expecting a jitney ride. It is a safe bet that more than one owner fills up that empty seat along the way and pays for his gasoline.



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