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A reduction in the number of road districts is a worthy proposal which will be taken up by the county court September 25. Under a recently enacted state law, all changes in road districts must be made by the court sometime during September.

This plan, which meets with the expressed approval of at least one commissioner, has the hearty endorsement of a large majority of the local good roads boosters. In fact it is a benefit to everybody in the county, farmer and cityman, excepting only the few road supervisors who will be eliminated in the reduction of districts.

The confusion of 60 road districts is hardly appreciated by those who have never tried to untangle the maze of figures filed monthly in the clerk's office. The fewer the number of supervisors, the easier it will be to fix responsibility for the condition of the county's roads, the easier it will be for the county court to work with the road boss.

Judge Anderson finds another reason for favoring a reduction in the number of districts. A 1915 statute provides that 70 per cent. of the general county road tax shall go into the district funds, and 30 per cent. into the general county road fund. The result is that the general road fund is crippled, and much work, such as bridge and culvert building, will be paid for out of the district funds. Many of the smaller districts which had an annual apportionment of only a few hundred dollars have received financial aid from the general fund in bridge work. With larger districts, the district funds will be so much larger that bridge and heavy work can be done with the district funds without crippling them.

Then there are other advantages. With fewer districts more capable road men can be employed as supervisors and the court can work more directly with the men who build the roads. It will help eliminate the confusion now existing.—Oregon City Enterprise.

The second annual East Clackamas County Fair is now passed and already plans are being laid for the 1916 exhibition.

While the results of such a fair are readily apparent to everyone, in the stimulating of better vegetable production and animal breeding, besides offering an entertaining attraction for the public; one of the biggest assets is the enthusiasm engendered and the cooperative work in staging such a show.

Any object which will bring the people of this community together to work for a common cause is of great value to the individuals and public. More such unselfish work for the common good is needed here.

The condition of Estacada's sidewalks is deplorable and the city council are undertaking radical measures to remedy same.

There are yet many Estacada road signs on hand at the office of E. D. Allen in Estacada and motorists are asked to call for same and place them up along the roads.

A stranger driving through this part of the county will come to one conclusion, and that is, that the residents are satisfied with their home locations, as few "For Sale" signs are in evidence in this section.

There are rural parts of this and other counties nearby that, judging from the number of "For Sale" signs adorning the farm houses and fences, would drive away the prospective settler; for a "For Sale" sign signifies that the owner is dissatisfied and leads to the conclusion that a living cannot be made from the land.

Enterprise Laud Fair

The Oregon City Enterprise of last Sunday contained a fine write-up of the East Clackamas County Fair, showing a view of the school building and covering the main exhibits and winners. Copies of this interesting issue can probably be obtained direct from the publishers.

George Prize Boar Awarded

The pedigreed Poland China boar, donated by the P. R. L. & P. Co. to the George Community Fair, was awarded to Henry Schmidt, who won the largest number of points at their exhibition, Sept. 6th. Mr. Schmidt won over Chris Johnson by two points. The pedigree papers are being made out now and should reach the owner within thirty days.

Mrs. Peter Rath won third prize; Mrs. A. H. Miller, fourth and Mrs. Nick Scheel, fifth.

In the district contest, the George section was divided into four parts, the first prize going to the Southern district.

A prize of 5c was given with each blue ribbon award in the juvenile class.

Acreage of Grant Land is Secured

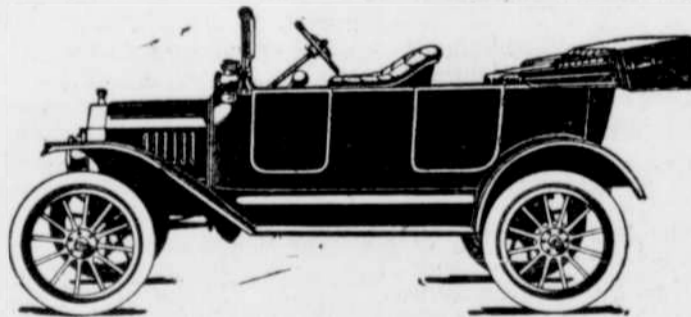
County Assessor Jack is preparing statistics showing the total number of acres of timber, agricultural and grazing lands in the Oregon and California grants. These figures will be used at the conference called by Governor Withycombe at the capital building in Salem September 16. The delegation from Clackamas County will probably be the only one at the conference supplied with this information.

Assessor Jack's figures will show the appraised valuation of each classification and the number of feet of standing timber on this property. Oregon and California land grants in this county total 92,000 acres and have an assessed valuation of over a million dollars.

Attention

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs. The 64th Anniversary will be celebrated on Monday evening Sept. 20th.

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The party of fishermen, comprising Fred Jorg, Wilbur Simmons and Alfred Kolpin of Estacada, returned last Monday from a week's trip up the Clackamas river. They made their headquarters at the old hatchery and caught plenty of trout to supply immediate demands and smoked the balance.