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"LIVE WIRES" DOMINATE THIS COUNTY

Five County Seaters Merely Ask and Get Hard Surfaced Paving

That it pays to organize, stay organized, cooperate and work and pull together, was well exemplified last week, in the quick results obtained by the Oregon City "Live Wires" through a committee of five men, who made a request and had the request granted at once.

That such an organization is a paying proposition is a self evident fact and naturally working for their own selfish ends primarily, they obtain the rewards. Such organization and such motive are but human and the best way to offset the domination of such a strong influence in this county and to guarantee a more equal distribution of the tax moneys, is for the Farmers' and Merchants' Club of Estacada and the Eastern Clackamas Taxpayers' League to emulate their county seat brothers.

Last week, the "Live Wires" met in regular session to finally take cognizance of the handwriting which has been upon the wall for some time past, namely the growing division agitation in the neighborhood of Oswego and the west side of the Willamette River.

As the "Live Wires" or the Oregon City Commercial Club is made up almost entirely of Oregon City business and professional men, they finally realized the loss to their city and to their individual pocket books which would result, if the county division bill as prepared by the Oswego taxpayers, was passed by the coming Legislature.

As to the merits of the proposed county division movement, little can be advanced against the desire of the Oswego neighboring people to be annexed to Multnomah County, for the 13 square miles in the proposed annexation is tributary to the City of Portland, from both geographical and trade standpoints. This section, like other parts of the county has a well founded grievance against the "powers that govern Clackamas County" and for years past has not received its fair share of the road and other improvements but has paid its full quota of taxes.

The result of the meeting was the appointment of five members of the "Live Wires", which committee secured the results, mentioned in the following extract from the Oregon City Courier of December 21st:-

The result of the "view" the Wires had of the segregation situation was the appointment of a committee which waited on the county court on Wednesday morning. The court and committee discussed the matter thoroughly and the court has agreed to promise the Oswego district permanent road improvement for next summer. The program for the neighbor-

hood includes the hard surfacing of the main county road between Oswego and the Multnomah county line. The committee was composed of W. P. Hawley, Sr., Judge Grant B. Dmick, W. A. Huntley, B. T. McBain, M. D. Latourette, H. E. Cross and Livy Stipp.

In commenting on the visit of the "Live Wires" committee to the County Court, the Oswego Times, under date of December 22nd, states in part:-

Wednesday forenoon the matter was taken up with Judge Anderson, and the claims of Oswego presented. On the one matter, all seemed agreed, that this district has not secured even a fair proportion of the road work, and that something ought to be done to make traffic conditions better, and it was agreed that if some of the relief sought was granted, better feelings at least would be established.

The court took the position that it did not want to be placed in the position of being forced or coerced into any action, but that plans had been previously made to expend at least \$3000 on roads in this vicinity.

However, they take the position also that if the district is about to secede from the county, why spend money on it?

If present plans are carried out the work will proceed this winter to make a base for hard surfacing, and the county paving plant moved to this side of the river next summer.

The County Court cannot be blamed for not wishing to be placed in a position of "being coerced", nor in some ways can it be blamed for being strongly influenced by a committee from the county's strongest organization—yet the question arises—could any committee of five farmers from this community, no matter whether they are larger taxpayers than some Oregon City business men, call upon the county court, ask for a stretch of hardsurfaced paving and have it substantially granted at once?

As to the carrying out of the building program for Oswego this winter, as mentioned in the Times it certainly should be held up until the Legislature takes definite action on the proposed annexation bill.

A comparison of the results obtained by committees, delegations petitions and other forms of request made upon the County Court from this part of the county for just a small contribution towards improving many impassable stretches of nearby highway and the quick, definite results obtained by a committee of county seat business men, looks as though Clackamas County, a county made up of agricultural taxpayers, is being dominated by a manufacturing trade center.

As a suggestion, possibly if a county division agitation was resurrected in this community again the "Live Wires" might get out and ask or tell the County Court to give us a few thousand dollars worth of hard-surfaced pavement.

Estacada Cannery Packing Hood River Fruit

Owing to the scarcity of local grown apples and in order to fill rush orders for canned apples, the R. C. Deming Packing Company is this week operating on the canning of a carload of Hood River apples, which arrived Tuesday.

This shipment is made up entirely of second grade Newtown and Ortley apples, amounting to over 70,000 pounds.

This company has also installed a large cider press, with vats, filter and other equipment necessary for the manufacture of vinegar, this equipment being used in handling the by-products from the apple canning department.

Shankland Receiving Double Congratulations

Albert Shankland of Currinsville, who has just completed a special course at the O. A. C. and who spent a day in this vicinity early this week, is to be doubly congratulated.

First, Albert was married the 26th, to Miss Grace Jordon of Albany, Oregon, and secondly, with his bride is moving to Kalispell, Montana, where he has accepted the instructorship in manual training in the public schools.

Meeting To Consider Cheese Factory Friday

The next meeting of the Farmers' & Merchants' Club, which will take place at the Adams Hotel Friday evening, should bring together an even larger delegation of farmers and business men than the former meeting.

As the main subject of discussion, following the dinner, will be the report of the committee of ten, which has been working among the farmers in the promotion of the cheese factory at Estacada, many farmers from distant points have promised to attend, including a delegation from George, Eagle Creek and the other side of the river.

Already reservations have been made for a big crowd, and it is possible the dinner will have to be served in the I. O. O. F. Hall.

Several Portland men will attend, including a representative of the State Dairy & Food Commission and others posted on cheese-manufacture.

As it will be the last appearance of Representative Elect Stephens before he leaves for the Legislature, it is planned to bid him an official farewell.

H. C. STEPHENS HONORED Representative Elect To Speak at Corvallis

H. C. Stephens of George, representative elect from this section at the coming state legislative assembly, is leaving January 2nd, for Corvallis, where he has been requested to make an address in connection with the O. A. C. Farmers' and Home Makers' Week, on the subject of rural fairs and community exhibits.



As Mr. Stephens is especially qualified, having acted as president of the East Clackamas County and George Community Fairs, to speak comprehensively on this subject, his friends were not surprised at this honor being tendered him.

Following a few days at Corvallis, Mr. Stephens will return to Portland where he will attend to business matters preparatory to his leaving for Salem, where the State Legislature will convene, January 8th.

Inspected High School Building

Chairman Fred Jorg and J. W. Reed of the Estacada School Board spent last Tuesday in an inspection trip in nearby towns, getting pointers on high school buildings.

As on January 8th, a mass meeting of this school district is called to consider plans and specifications for a new high school building in Estacada, the board will be in a position to present many good ideas.

Big Realty Deal Closed

One of the biggest realty deals in this section of recent years, was closed this week, when the Estacada Townsite Co. disposed of 113 lots in Estacada, to a Portland buyer, named D. H. Brown.

These lots represent substantially the former holdings of the Estacada State Bank.