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A final attempt was made last Saturday by a member of the Cascade County Committee to have resurrected and passed by the Senate, the bill for the creation of the new county.

This eleventh hour attempt was unsuccessful, only because President Moser of the Senate, refused to lend it his support, explaining in part that he had received a stack of letters from Oregon City parties urging him to stand against the passage of the bill and as he believed that his candidacy for the Governorship would suffer more from Oregon City than from the voters within the proposed Cascade County, he refused to consider the action.

It will be noted that Mr. Moser did not consider in anyway the merits of the bill or the benefits that would accrue to the local farmers, but only considered his chances of becoming the next Governor of Oregon.

Since that seems to be the attitude of many legislators on questions of merit, it is time the Senate was done away with and if at the next election the question of its elimination comes up before the voters, it is hoped they will do their duty and incidentally remember the stand taken by Gus C. Moser on the Cascade County bill, when he runs for the highest honor in the state.

In the past ten days, this office has received two inquiries from persons desiring to ship nursery stock and rose bushes out of the state, as to the requirements for having same inspected according to the provisions of the law.

As the taxpayers of this county at the last annual Budget Meeting decided to do away with the office and expense of a County Fruit Inspector, it places the nurseryman in an embarrassing position and this office does not know how to remedy the condition, except that shipments be made with the inspection cared for at the point of destination, if such a move is lawful.

As Judge Anderson stated at the last Budget Meeting, the elimination of a Fruit Inspector would merely mean the attending of these duties by a state inspector, with added cost to the county, possibly Judge Anderson can ex-

plain the proper means to take now under the existing circumstances.

And if the Judge will advise the News as to this important question, the News will be pleased to print his answer.

The News has been in receipt of several inquiries of late, asking if a special election to consider the creation of Cascade County cannot be held soon, under the provisions of the present 65%-35% law.

These inquiries have come from not only the sections within the proposed new county, but have come from leaders in other parts of the county, who seem confident that their districts will vote strongly for a division.

In answer, let it be stated that the present law only allows of the voting on the creation of new counties, at a regular or general election; consequently the question will have to be held up until a year from November, when in all probability the matter will come up for a county-wide vote.

The parties inquiring have stated that sentiment in favor of the new county is at fever height now and fear at later date, this sentiment may have cooled.

There is little danger of a change in present sentiment, excepting that sentiment against the division will grow weaker, for the growth of the movement since the vote in 1912 as compared to the present attitude, indicates that 99% of the local people will be for division in another year at the present rate.

And now there is a strong likelihood of a \$6,000,000. bond issue being authorized for the building of better highways in this state.

While there are many good features to this move, it is but the beginning of such state bonding as is staggering the taxpayers of California and as the road building will be done largely on main tourist travelled highways, this off-the-main-route part of Clackamas County will get nothing but the right to pay its share of the taxes.

A bill was passed through the State Legislature last week, which will soon become a law.

This bill abolishes the office of district road supervisor in all districts in the state and is a radical piece of legislation and one which will meet with little favor in the rural districts.

According to the terms of this law, the County Road Boss will be the supreme power over each individual road district, but may appoint assistants, who will act as local supervisors.

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