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CHEESE FACTORY SEEMS ASSURED

Meeting Next Monday Night To Consider Plans For Building And Machinery Specifications

The dining room of the Hotel Adams in Estacada was crowded beyond seating capacity last Monday night, when over seventy representative farmers and business men, joined in the regular meeting of the Farmers' & Merchants' Club.

As the result of this meeting and the preliminary canvass among the dairymen on both sides of the river, the establishment of a cheese factory in Estacada seems assured.

Nearly 300 cows and \$1,000. in stock was subscribed, with several districts in Upper and Lower Garfield not yet canvassed. For the purpose of completing the canvass, Richard Davis of Garfield was elected to the temporary board of directors.

As usual, all phases of the question were presented and argued and no formidable obstacles remained and the consensus of opinion seemed to be that if cheese factories are succeeding in other localities, such an establishment should succeed locally.

The announcement was made of an offer by the Portland Railway Light & Power Company of a factory location to be furnished on a minimum rental basis, this concession being obtained through the efforts of the Estacada business men.

A rather discouraging feature of the development to date was the small amount of the \$4,000. capital stock subscribed. There being less than \$1,000. of the \$1600. necessary to start on.

This matter will probably be satisfactorily arranged this week, as many farmers will subscribe for one or more of the shares at \$10. each and others will increase their present subscriptions.

With the Estacada State Bank offering to advance the money to parties desiring to purchase shares, with the repayment of same being on a small monthly basis from the milk receipts, there are few but can afford to subscribe for at least one share.

The bank also has offered to advance money for the purchase of high grade dairy cattle, accepting payment on a similar easy term basis.

The business men of Estacada are willing to aid in the stock

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WHO GAVE IT TO YOU- MR. ROOT?

Local Taxpayers Suggest Grand Jury Investigation

There are two main subjects of conversation in Estacada and surrounding country these days. one being the "\$100 Bribe" given Roadmaster Roots of Clackamas County, with its subsequent blackmail profit and the other being the "Herd Law" in Estacada.

The latter is being decided this week by means of a straw-vote, being taken by the city council, with the balloting taking place at the News' office.

As to the former question, which is exercising the rural taxpayers the following letters and extracts of letters received by the News this week, indicate the attitude of the people.

To the Editor-

It looks as though the taxpayers of this part of the county, couldn't do a better work than to join together and demand that the Mr. Roots the county road supervisor, who claims he was given a hundred dollar bribe, tell who bribed him.

I hope you will keep right after this matter and we'll help you.

Yours for Roads but not for Roots.
R. D.

Estacada

Mr. Standish
Pub. News
Estacada

I dont want you to think you are alone when you say the word "blackmail" in connection with Clackamas County getting a discount on road machinery bought from a firm that tried to bribe our roadmaster.

We have heard that the bribe story is a bluff, or a political trick, but whether or not, the grand jury should give it their attention and insist on that man Roots exposing the briber. Keep after it Standish, we're with you.

Taxpayer

Clackamas is not the only county that wants to know what firm offered a bribe to our road boss, for the Benton County Courier of Corvallis contained a full column article on the subject last week, asking for the exposure of the briber, to protect the officials of other counties from future dealings with such dishonest firms.

Another interesting question has been asked by an Estacada contractor, who states that he was able to buy crushed rock or

Spence Talks On Bond Issue

Before a goodly sized crowd of members and friends, the regular meeting of the Garfield Grange last Saturday, was treated to a good talk by State Master C. E. Spence on the proposed \$6,000,000 Bond Issue.

Mr. Spence spoke against the bond-issue, advancing many good arguments, why the proposed measure should be defeated at the June election and offering some suggestions as a substitute for the raising of funds for road building.

Lawrence Brothers Buy Registered Jersey

Sylvester Lawrence of Springwater returned last week from a trip to Carlton, Oregon, where he purchased two pedigreed Jersey cows, from the famous Cary herd.

With a tendency today to invest in better grades of cattle and hogs, the future of this community is assured, from either the dairying or swine raising standpoint.

Rain Delays Belgian Relief Subscriptions

Owing to the continued inclement weather, the work of canvassing the rural districts for subscriptions towards the Belgian Relief Fund for Starving Children, has been delayed.

The printed list, shown in last week's News, represented largely the donations obtained in Estacada proper, but the work in the rural districts, while slower and more subject to weather delays, promises a ready response.

The additional names and amounts subscribed will appear in a later issue, as soon as the committee has rounded up the donators.

gravel from the Bell Pits, at a price of 35c per yard f. o. b. Bell Station and probably can obtain the same price today. And he wants to know how it happens that Clackamas County has published the fact that it has entered into an agreement with the same pits for the entire county supply at a price of 37-1/2c per yard, f. o. b. the pits?

If a contractor is able to buy in five car lots at a lower price than this county can buy in hundred car quantities, taxpayers had better do their own shopping.

F. & M. CLUB TO FURNISH SEED

Rep. Stephens Speaks Against Bond Issue

In furtherance of the expressed desire of the Farmers' & Merchants' Club to stand behind the boys' club in this community, the club at Monday night's meeting voted to furnish the seed potatoes for the boys' potato growing contest.

Any boy, between the ages of 9 and 18 years is eligible to enter this contest, all contestants being subject to the rulings of the judges, being Messrs. Guthrie, Ewing and P. F. Standish.

The club will furnish the seed where desired, accepting a note from the boy, same to be repaid at the time of harvesting the crop.

Boys desiring to enter this contest, are requested to make application of either Mr. I. D. Wright or Walter Givens of Estacada, not later than April 7th.

Through the generosity of John Ely of Currinsville, free seed corn will be furnished boys desiring to plant and cultivate good corn, the boys merely having to call at the Ely place and get same.

Representative H. C. Stephens of George addressed the club on the subject of the \$6,000,000 Bond Issue and spoke against the proposed measure, presenting many good reasons why the farmers should oppose it and relating some of the inside political history in connection with the launching of the bill by the paving interests in the last legislature.

It was voted to have presented at some later meeting of the club, the affirmative side of this important question and an invitation will soon be extended to the Oregon City Live Wires committee or to some other organization or competent speaker, to enlighten the local voters from that standpoint.

A committee, comprising S. E. Wooster, John Ely and such volunteers as will join with them, was appointed and empowered to represent the club before the County Court, in asking for funds for the immediate improvement of the Clear Creek Canyon road, leading by the Lewellen place down towards Bittner's Mill.