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Dont forget that Tuesday, May 15th, has been set for Estacada's Clean-Up-Day and volunteers are needed with teams. In the meantime, you can greatly simplify the work by cleaning up your own inside property and collecting your unburnable refuse in shape for hauling away.

The action of the taxpayers at a recent meeting with the Estacada School Board is hard to fathom, when they voted strongly against the proposed purchase of the adjoining athletic field, despite the generous offer of Dr. H. V. Adix to put up a bond, guaranteeing to buy the property at the end of five years, in case the taxpayers at that time were not satisfied with their bargain.

Dr. Adix's offer made the proposition a "sure bet" with no chance to lose and everything to gain.

As long as the funds were available for the purchase and as the experience of hundreds of other schools has shown the need of nearly athletic fields and as the school district could resell if it tired of its bargain—it looks as though the taxpayers voted without clearly considering the question from all standpoints.

There are several important highways in this district which need working, among them being the Douglass Hill Road in Upper Eagle Creek and a similar stretch between Springwater and Dodge.

In the former district, the residents have generously volunteered over a thousand dollars worth of labor and money, but owing to the action of the court last fall, the special road levy for the improvement of this hill was declared illegal—so if this important trade artery is to be put in passable condition, it will have to be by volunteer labor largely and the volunteer co-operation of the entire district.

Within a short time, the taxpayers of that district contemplate holding a Good Roads Day, when everyone will lend his or her aid in the work. When this call comes, the people of Estacada and all nearby sections should get together and collectively join with our neighbors. Especially should the Estacada people join in the work, if for no other reason than to make possible a better, all year around trade artery into this city.

Aside from a desire to show our neighborliness and aid in a good cause—such action by the City of Estacada will be a wise business proposition, with results accruing, such as have been returned many-fold from the financial aid given the George Bridge Road a few years ago.

Probably with the highest of intentions, but unthinkingly, we, of Estacada, are offering insults to our elective officers in many ways today.

As a proof of this, consider the men who make up our School Board and our City Council.

These men were elected to these places of trust by the people themselves and the very fact that they were elected, should be proof sufficient that we believe them to be honest men and well qualified to exercise the duties of their office.

As everyone knows, no salaries are attached to the office of a member of the School Board, excepting the unofficio office of secretary - with the Mayor and Councilmen of Estacada serving free.

Yet, it has reached the place today that the moment either of these boards is called upon to use its discretion and exercise its power, immediate criticism of its workings and handicapping of its power follows.

This was recently exemplified in the action taken by the taxpayers in appointing a committee to work with the School Board in the present negotiations and erection of the Estacada High School building.

The same attitude has been more than apparent in many actions of the City Council, which for the good of the city have seemed necessary, but which have met with stubborn resistance by many of the voters.

None but those who have served on one or the other of these boards, knows what a thankless job it is - what a lot of hard work and worrying has to be endured and while no remuneration is expected and no thanks are forthcoming - unjust criticism and handicapping of their actions by the same people who elected them, should be done away with.

If this condition continues, it will be but a short time until no capable man or woman will accept the responsibilities of these important offices.

The article in the News of April 19th, - urging the opening up of the fish-ladders in the nearby dams and the opening for certain hours each day of the fish racks in the streams - has met with the hearty approval of the local sportsmen and farmers.

It has been suggested that the Farmers' & Merchants' Club take up the matter and by means of petitions or legal action, insist that some relief be given this section, which originally was second to none in the United States for its salmon fishing streams.

As the salmon return after four years to the stream in which they were propagated, to in turn propagate their young - it will be but a few years before the Clackamas and its tributaries will receive no more salmon runs, for few, if any are able to propagate locally now and the output of the hatcheries is distributed largely to other and distant streams.

Prices on

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have raised and are still going higher—  
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Estacada, Oregon

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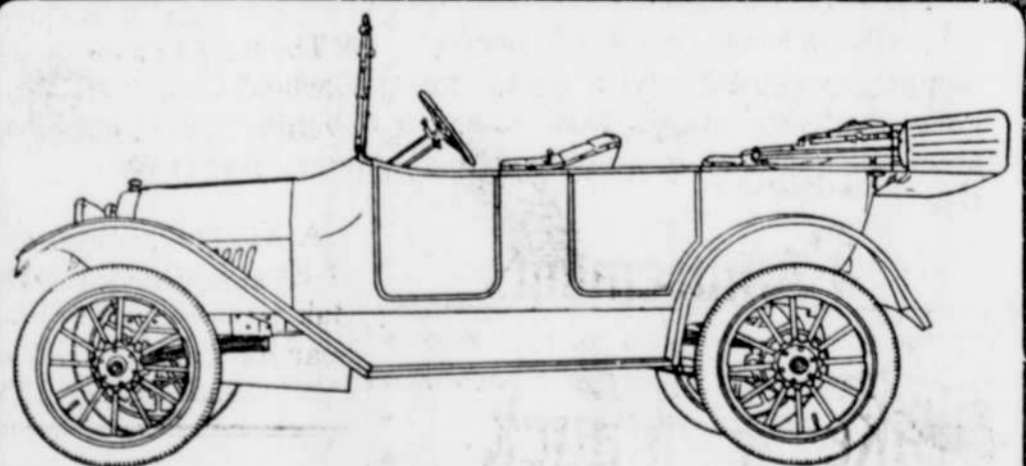
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