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"SHUTE PLAN" IMPRACTICAL

Washington county has a fairly good start towards getting a system of permanent roads, but by the advent of what is known as the "Shute plan" of building public highways, which has been paraded before the public by the Hillsboro press, it looks as though the county commissioners are about to take up with this ancient plan of constructing roads. In speaking of the probability of the county taking up with the idea, the Argus says:

"While the board so far is non-committal, it appears that the plan of grading and laying plank on the roads, covering them with earth, has taken a firm hold of the county administrators, for the simple reason that by this method we can get immediate good roads on at least one main thoroughfare."

The matter of an immediate good road on one thoroughfare, is not the vital question confronting this county by any means, and besides it cannot be said that planking and earth will make a good road. If the plan as suggested by the "Shute Idea" should be followed in all cases where good roads are needed, it would only be a short time until new planking, grading, etc., will have to be done over. To place planking upon a grade and then add eight or ten inches of earth on top of that, as everybody knows, it could result in nothing but that many inches of mud in the winter time and the same amount of dust in the summer time. If Washington county was located where gravel or rock could not be had this "Shute Idea" would be a plausible one, but in view of our resources for building permanent roads it is decidedly impractical for the county commissioners to squander the taxpayers' money—for squander is all it is—in this manner. We don't believe they will do it.

The local option law is working havoc in Tillamook City. Previous to the passage of the new law, there were in that locality three saloons which contributed an annual income of \$2400 to the city treasury. The closing of the saloons has left that community with practically no revenue. The common council has found it necessary to vote an "occupation tax" in order that the expenses of the city government might be maintained. Accordingly any person or firm engaged in any trade, calling or employment within the corporate limits will be required to obtain a license, the price of which varies according to the importance or remunerative capacity of the enterprise. The Herald publishes the list in full which makes interesting reading. This new tax together with the county tax of 42 mills will be quite burdensome upon Tillamook's business men.

The resolution passed by the Oregon legislature expressing confidence in Senator Mitchell's innocence, is like tying a tin can to a dog's tail.

For passing thirty cent resolutions, the Oregon legislature takes the cake.

License.

Did you ever think what a license is? Ostensibly a tax, it is in effect a leave to earn a living. A man wishes to sell a handful of chestnuts on the streets in order to earn bed and board. He must pay a license—why? For the use of the streets. Whose street's are they? The public's. If he occupies them to the inconvenience of the public, he is a nuisance, and should not be licensed at all; if he does not interfere with their use as a thoroughfare, why should he pay any more because he stands still than if he walked? In fact, though he walks about with a tray of candy or shoestrings and is no more a nuisance than the child with a toy balloon, still he must pay for leave to earn a living. So must the hackman, though his carriage obstructs the streets no more than a private carriage, and is more beneficial, because it is for general hire. Then the doctor, the lawyer, the insurance man, the real estate agent, and so on, must pay a license tax in order to have leave to earn a living. Why these more than the grocer and tailor? Whenever more money is needed, some new call-

ing is hunted up upon which a license tax may be levied. Just why any man should pay all the regular taxes and then pay a tax in order to practice his calling is beyond the reach of sound reasoning. The doctor is no more beholden to municipal society than any other citizen. Why should he have to pay in order to practice? Why the doctor and not the carpenter? Why not the day laborer and the newsboy? The licensing of professional men is an effort to reach a part of their income; the licensing of hawkers and of all others is the same, put it on what pretext you may; and it is all wrong. No man or set of men should be specially taxed for leave to earn their living. The only reason for requiring a license is to regulate a trade dangerous to others, as steam engineers. If there must be compulsory taxation, tax land at its full value, according to its situation, and you will have all the revenue any city or state needs, and the tax cannot be dodged. License, like all other forms of power, is abused. In the larger cities you pay blackmail to get your license, and everywhere the traveling merchant is taxed heavily as "protection" to home dealers. Often the "traveler" cannot afford to open his pack.—C. E. S. Wood in The Pacific Monthly for February.

The Minnesota.

The Great Northern Steamship Company's new cargo carrier, the Minnesota, arrived in Puget Sound toward the end of December, and from now on, with its sister ship, the Dakota, will make the Oriental run out of Puget Sound, touching at Japanese, Philippine and Chinese ports. These vessels are the largest freight carriers in the world, and are capable of accommodating 2,000 passengers. They carry a crew of 250 men and have sufficient capacity for freight to take care of 100 trains of 25 cars each. They are 630 feet in length, 73.6 feet beam, and are 56 feet amidships from keel to salons, and 88 feet to upper navigating deck. It is believed that the vessels will greatly increase the Oriental trade on the Coast, and will revolutionize the trade as now carried on. A criticism has been made that they are too big, and that smaller and more frequent steamers would be more valuable, but vessels of this size will probably build up a trade for themselves, and the Great Northern Railroad will see that they do not go out from Seattle half loaded.—From The Pacific Monthly for February.

M. W. of A. ENTERTAINS

Elect Delegates to County Camp Besides Giving Banquet to the Guests.

The Modern Woodmen of America did themselves honor last Friday night in their meeting place in Vert's hall when after the regular meeting they royally entertained about one hundred guests at an oyster supper.

Everything had been carefully arranged for and when the guests began to arrive everything was in shipshape order.

Something over a hundred partook of the sumptuous repast which consisted principally of oysters, and after supper the guests were invited down stairs where the hall had been cleared for a dance which lasted until twelve.

At the regular session of the lodge delegates were chosen to represent the lodge at the county convention to be held at Hillsboro, April 5, as follows: Delegates, H. G. King, J. G. Lenneville; Alternates, M. W. Kelsey and W. W. Goff. H. G. King was endorsed as a delegate to the state camp convention which is to be held at Baker City early in May.

The Modern Woodmen which as yet are not very strong in this county, are making some mighty strides towards being one of the leading orders in this vicinity, and the banquet of last Friday night was a fair criterion of how they entertain at social functions which are so numerous in that order.

Don't it make you weary to read the rot of those rattle-brain idiots of the Chicago press who are repeatedly ridiculing the country papers on their localities? These two-by-four lunch counter fiends think it awfully funny when some country newspaper says, "Hiram Slocum has sold his Holstein cow to Ed Childress." But, of course, it is just the proper caper when they say "Mrs. Franklyn Oliver Lowden has just returned from the Epsom Lorimer Kennels." Oh, that's great! That bull pup would bring about 30 cents in a dog pound, while Slocum's cow would sell for 50 in the dark. Because Gussie Davis was over at Guards' Point Sunday to see his best girl, they throw a shoe, but if William Henry Harrison Pook, the society leader, was in Milwaukee last Saturday to see Miss Gertrude Pabst, they would slobber over a half a column and have three pictures of Gertrude and William Henry on the front page.—Oregon City Courier.

—Cash paid for furs. Martin & Co next door to Brooks Harness shop.

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The Leading Merchants of Forest Grove. If you are "out" for Bargains call on them.

LEBANON BANK ROBBERS CAUGHT

South Portland the Den of a Band of Robbers Now Captured.

Four men supposed to have perpetrated the bank robbery at Lebanon, last Wednesday night in which about \$9,000 was secured, have been arrested by Sheriff Word and his deputies. The officers assert that they have sufficient evidence against the men, and it is reported that a confession has been made by one or more of the number. The leader of the gang, J. F. Kingsley, and his lieutenant, Rand, escaped, and Sheriff Word went to Seattle yesterday in an effort to locate them.

Deputy Sheriff Millhollen of Linn county, came to Portland Saturday. He had a clew which the Portland officers followed, with the result that a successful raid was made on Saturday night. The men taken into custody are "Sheney" Smith, Tom Dunn, George Culver and T. Darling.

The residences of the accused were thoroughly searched, and money was found which it is said can be identified as taken from the bank in Lebanon.

Kingsley is an Englishman of polished manners, and lived at Second and Sheridan streets. His rooms were used as the meeting place of the others.

Local Time Table

Trains on the Southern Pacific arrive and depart on the following schedule:
GOING SOUTH
No. 2... 9 A. M. No. 4... 6:21 P. M.
GOING NORTH
No. 3... 6:59 A. M. No. 1... 4:16 P. M.
N. L. ADKINS, Agt.

GALES CREEK

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Simmons were visiting a few days last week in Scoggins Valley, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Parson.

Chas. Adkins left for his ranch on Wilson River last Wednesday where he intends to spend a week or so.

Howard Lilly spent a few days in Portland this week.

Miss Lena Adkins of Portland returned home last Monday.

Troy Lynche is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Guy Thrapp.

John Woell is the proud father of a little son.

Mrs. Henry Johnson is quite ill.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Lilly is still very sick.

H. T. Shorb passed through Gales Creek, Friday, enroute for his home-stand on Wilson River, where he will spend a few days.

Wm. O'Brien, another of our soldier boys, returned home last Saturday.

William Lee is improving the looks of his home by putting a new picket fence in front of his house also building a new barn.

Clarence Lilly had the misfortune to lose a fine work horse, Monday.

Robert Lilly has been on the sick list this week.

People will have to excuse the mail carrier if he is a little late because his cook has left him and poor Tom has to mix his own bread.

For Sale

I will sell 63 feet, fronting the Sloan Hotel for \$700. One half cash, 1 year's time on balance at 8 per cent. E. P. Cadwell, Leaburg, Ore.

SCOGGIN'S VALLEY.

Earl Hall's condition is not much improved.

Eugene Wahl has been laid up with poison oak.

Mrs. Herrington was suddenly taken ill on Wednesday night with a severe pain in her side. Dr. Linklater was called and although she is still quite sick, she is gradually getting better.

Tom Sain also been on the sick list this week.

Miss Cynthia Scott went to Portland on Thursday, to spend a few days.

Newt Hall is rejoicing over the good condition of the roads.

Grant Hughes and John Thornburg passed through this part Monday last.

Victor Fuqua was out the forepart of the week inspecting the electric wires.

With the prospect of an electric-car line from Forest Grove to Tillamook, some of the valley people are already fretting for fear their farms will be cut in two, while others say they would move their house to make their way for it. In fact, this will probably be the route taken, since it is pretty generally conceded that the lowest place in the range is at the head of Scoggins' Creek.

Sound, Solid and Successful.

Oregon Fire Relief Association gives protection against loss by fire at purely mutual rates. No better or cheaper insurance can be purchased. Strong and conservative business management has placed them at the head of insurance companies in Oregon.
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—Fresh bread and pies, daily at the Home Bakery.

Notice.

The Washington County Lewis and Clark Woman's Club will meet Friday, February 24th at 10 o'clock with Mrs. Schofield in Cornelius. It is earnestly desired that a large delegation go from Forest Grove and the local club will provide free hacks to take the members. All are invited and each one is requested to bring some one thing for the basket dinner. Those wishing to attend please leave the name at the desk in Bailey's store. Hacks will leave at 9 o'clock.

Baseball Benefit Dance.

The Washington County Baseball Association will give a dance, the first of a series of four, in Vert's hall, Saturday night, February 18. Walker's orchestra will furnish the music and a general good time is assured.

Dr. J. J. Wiggins

Osteopathic physician, of Portland, continues to visit Forest Grove and may be seen at Mr. David Smith's residence on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Notice

Will Hartampf will not run his feed mill after Saturday 14, until further notice.

—Beautiful eyes and handsome face are eloquent commendations. Bright eyes are windows to a woman's heart. Hollister's Rocky Mountain Tea makes bright eyes. 35 cents, Tea or Tablets. Dr. Hines Drug Store.

—Weekly Oregonian and The News one year; \$2.00 in advance.

—No. 1 cedar posts at 6 cents each at Ritchey & Wells.