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**IS CANTINE "HARMONIOUS?"**

Reports come that Engineer E. I. Cantine is liable to lose his position as chief deputy state engineer, as John H. Lewis, state engineer, has requested the Highway Commission to dispense with his services. The reasons given by Mr. Lewis are given as a falling off in the work, and the desire to promote "harmony" in the workings of the department. Without attempting to guess how necessary Mr. Cantine's services may be to the State Highway commission, the Herald will venture the assertion that Mr. Cantine made an excellent impression in Coos county, both as to his ability and his personal qualities. Soon after his arrival he spent some time in the Herald office, in company with A. T. Morrison, talking over the road situation here. The impression he gave was that he was genuinely desirous of giving the people of Coos any assistance in his power in laying out a system of roads that would best meet their needs both for the present and for the future; that he was not inclined to take the position of a "wise one" sent to enlighten the benighted, but that he wished to consult with the people and learn their wishes, to which he would give the fullest consideration. He distinctly declined to advise as to bonding the county, saying that this was a matter for the people here to settle among themselves. While he suggested the advisability of laying out a road system that would later become a harmonious part of the system of state highways that the commission has in view, he only spoke of that in an advisory way. In fact, he gave the impression of a man who understood his business and whom it would be pleasant to work with or under. The Herald will hazard the opinion that if there has been a lack of "harmony" in the department it was not the fault of Mr. Cantine.

### CONFERRING ON TAXATION

The editor of the Herald has received a cordial invitation to attend a conference on taxation, to be held in Portland next Saturday, and regrets his inability to be present. Not that he would wish to have anything to say, but he would certainly like to listen in. The letter received says, with more truth than grammar: "More insincerity and I might say rot, have been published about taxation than any other subject I know of." Judging from the expressions used, all "rot" will be strenuously excluded from the discussions, although it is not made plain just who will be the judge as to what is rot and what is not. We can judge partly, however, from the following:

"More unsound and unreasonable suggestions have been made relative to ways of reducing our excessive tax burden than about any other subject. There will be so many practical men at this conference that these nonsensical ideas will be nipped in the bud. The vast majority of those present will be honest in their determination for some plan to effect a real reduction in taxation and improvement for the expenditure of public funds and the demagogue will be relegated to the background. Through this process of elimination we shall certainly have remaining some rational ideas and by approaching the subject in a business like way surely much tangible good will result. The conference will not be a gathering of theorists but of practical and determined men who will get results."

See? When a man talks that way you know what he means. He doesn't want any "theories" or any nonsensical ideas." He only wants something "practical." He wants to try again something that has been tried before; something that has been in the process of being proved a failure since the dawn of the era of taxation. It is safe to say that the legislature has never met since Oregon was admitted to the sisterhood of states without monkeying with the tax laws. Presumably, the effort was made in each case to improve the laws. Whether the law is better or worse today than fifty years ago no man can say. It is probably true that a time and place has never been known, in this or any other country where taxation prevailed, when and where some one was not howling about high taxes. "Practical" men have been conferring on taxation, as though some change in the method of levying taxes would make the burden easier as a whole; as though some magic source of revenue could be found from which tax money could be taken without affecting any one's pocket. Seldom do we see the fact recognized that the cause of high taxes is high expenditures of public money. The income must at least equal the outgo, or we run in debt. If we want lower taxes we must nigger down on expenditures. That is the long and short of it. If this intensely "practical" bunch that will get together in Portland next Saturday would point out some easy way to cut down expenditures and still get the results we are after, they might do some good. But will they do it?

### Random Rambles

(By a Rambler.)

Last week our journey lay up the Middle Fork in the Bridge neighborhood. Between Myrtle Point and Bridge is the gorge of the river and along this are several farms, among them that of Mr. Roberts, who spent several years as editor of the Enterprise at Myrtle Point, but retired and went into farming on account of failing health. He has found health and happiness and a fair degree of financial success in farming and says he has no desire to return to the printing trade. He has a fine 200-acre farm, stretching for a mile up and down the river.

We found Dan Brode as usual, busy as a bee with his spring work and cows. "Sunnyknoll Farm" is a typical of the modern dairy farm with ample buildings and large well-tilled fields.

Passing on we found the Bridge section live and wide-awake. The roads are drying up rapidly, especially the main roads. The creamery is running and cream is coming in pretty freely though the early supply was cut short by the severity of the winter and the lack of sufficient feed.

The school at Bridge is a model one with some of the higher grades represented. Two teachers are engaged, Miss Weekly and another young lady whose name escaped us. They have a fine big play shed for the children and were preparing for a big entertainment for last Saturday night that was to add to the revenue for the supplementary work of the school.

Among the earnest boosters for good roads in this county and the staunch supporters for the bonding system for good road purposes is Ed Weekly. He served as road supervisor for 4 years in his district and has given much thought to the building of roads and it is his opinion that the only feasible way to build roads is by bonding for a sufficient sum to complete the work as the direct tax system will permit of but a small amount of road work each year and this at a much greater comparative cost per mile.

Up on Rock Creek and Myrtle Creek we still found the roads in an almost unbelievable condition as the districts have been consolidated and the amount of work needed is so vastly greater than the funds on hand will permit. But in spite of the bad condition of the roads we found the people happy and prosperous for most part. Mr. Popp, Culver Bros., Wm. Lett, Mr. Rice, Frank Royan and Mr. Appleton are among the farmers that live along this road. They are progressing nicely with their spring work and the fields look green and beautiful. The Culver brothers run a saw mill and supply the local demand for lumber.

Up Big Creek some changes have taken place since we last went in there. A couple of families having moved in on rented places. On the Axe place a bunch of the cutters were busy getting out ties, while Mr. Baker was clearing land with the combined aid of a donkey engine and stumping powder. The roads here were in better condition, though there were some bad holes and ruts.

The taking off of the stage business, or most of it, will be felt by the people of this section as it adds many dollars to the revenue of the people along the way, but primarily the cow must be the main dependence, and they will doubtless increase the number till this will become a leading dairy section. But this will always remain a great highway to the Umpqua valley and every effort should be made to keep this road in good condition for year-around travel.

### Good Roads Notes

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drive his team or his automobile for pleasure, for hire, or for transportation of freight from any town to almost any town in any state, and when that time comes, then will the happiness, usefulness and contentment of a car people be far greater than it is today.

Christian county, Ky., has demonstrated the good business policy of building good roads. It has been shown in practice that good roads actually cost less than bad roads.

Some years ago that county issued \$200,000 in bonds and with the proceeds constructed good roads. There was, of course, the usual chorus from the pessimists to the effect that this huge outlay would mean bankruptcy to the county. Instead of this prophecy coming true, the taxes are actually lower than they were before the \$200,000 burden was assumed. Property values have shown big increases, business has developed, and the citizens of Christian county are more prosperous than ever before in

**Hogwallow News**



DUNK BOTTS, Regular Correspondent  
(George Bingham)

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Several stray rats have taken up at the home of Sim Flinders. He thinks if any more come he will be compelled to build another room to his house.

Ellick Hellwanger had a close escape from drowning Tuesday night, when he accidentally rode off the bridge across Gimlet creek. He was saved only on account of the fact that there was no water in the stream at that point.

Miss Fruzie Allsop is in favor of votes for all the ladies of the United States. Yam Sims says she already looks like a lot of padded election returns.

Washington Hooks, after being bothered with spells when he could not breathe, has undergone an inspection by the Horse Doctor, who advised him to hereafter sleep with his feet out of the window.

A map of the United States has been stolen from the Wild Onion school house. The Deputy Constable is working on the case and believes that some foreign spy has been in our midst.

After having read a great deal about the European and Mexican wars, Poke Eazley is glad Hogwallow is right where it is.

The newest addition to the world of literature in this section is Cricket Hicks. He has long held concealed in his bosom a burning ambition to do successful literary work, and at last it seems that his struggles have been crowned with success, he having re-

their history.

Reduction of hauling cost is one of the most desirable elements in road improvement and it is worth while to estimate the saving that will be effected in this way as a preliminary to building better roads. This is the business way of doing things. The important point is that at least a part of the reduction in the total hauling charges to the community in a year must be regarded as measuring the interest and maintenance charges which the community can economically afford for an investment in improved roads. The amount of money available for improvement cannot by this method be measured by one calculation; one or two calculations will be necessary before any considerable bond issue is decided upon.

As one illustration, take the example of a county in which wheat is the prevailing crop. If the construction of roads with improved surfaces will reduce the hauling cost 5 cents per ton-mile and the average yield of wheat in that county is 30 bushels to the acre, there results, for an average haul of 5 miles, an economic advantage of 32.5 cents per acre, of \$35 per quarter section. This is 4 per cent on \$900. It appears immediately that such a community will be safe in borrowing money to the extent of \$2,000 per square mile of wheat area to effect such an improvement in the roads as would reduce the hauling charges 5 cents per ton-mile on wheat alone.

The argument for reduced hauling charges on country roads is an important and necessary one. Reduction in the cost of moving products of all kinds from the field where they are produced to the consumer is imperative. During the past 15 years there have been remarkable changes in the highway transportation in this country. These have come through the introduction of the motor driven vehicle. At first regarded as a luxury, the motor car has now come to be considered generally as an economic necessity.

The motor car and motor truck are said to be the most potent influences for good roads since McAdam. The adaptability of the automobile and motor truck is almost unlimited and the farmers have been quick to recognize it. In handling milk and cream the motor truck has become especially useful and has extended land areas available for profitable dairying.

A tax, such as a good roads bond issue, laid for the purpose of development and increase of resources, which would add to the people's wealth, cannot be considered a burden in any re-

ceived word this week of his appointment as agent here for a magazine published in Augusta, Maine.

Fit Smith was out this week with an axe cutting down all the ambuses around the Hog Ford moonshine still house.

A mule driven by Clab Hancock got scared at Miss Flutie Belcher Tuesday morning and ran away. Clab received several slight injuries and had the handle broke off his jug.

The condition and attitude of the Old Miser is about the same this winter. During the recent cold spell he refused to let Yam Sims warm his feet.

Ellick Hellwanger was in Tiekville one day this week and in some way was robbed of 31 cents. He says he is glad that was all the money he had.

The Hog Ford Preacher has announced that there will be no preaching at his church next Sunday. He will give his congregation a Sunday off in honor of Atlas Peck's birthday which comes on Sunday this time.

The coming of Leap Year is generally conceded in Hogwallow to be one in favor of the Widow of the Cali Ribs neighborhood and Miss Flutie Belcher.

Miss Fruzie Allsop expects to have her new dress completed and ready for public opinion by next Sunday.

Slim Pickens has put a tin roof on his stable so that his mule can tell when it is raining.

spect but should be looked upon as an investment. Posterity should help pay the cost of producing wealth which it enjoys.

**STATEMENT** of the ownership, management, circulation, etc., required by the act of Congress of August 24, 1912, of the Coquille Herald published weekly at Coquille Oregon for Apr. 1, 1916. Publisher, P. C. Levar, Coquille, Oregon. Editor, same, Managing Editor, same. Business manager, same. Owners: I lease paper and plant of the Coquille Valley Sentinel, Coquille, Oregon. Known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders owning or holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities: I know nothing about this. P. C. Levar. Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of April, 1916. J. J. STANLEY, Notary Public for Oregon. (My commission expires Jan. 4, 1920.)

**Give Us the Data**

If the kind gentlemen who wonder so strenuously why the Herald "don't change that directory" would call attention to the changes needed we would appreciate the favor. We are giving a lot of free advertising to lodges, etc. and are under the impression that it would only be showing a fair appreciation if the lodge members would give us the data for keeping the directory up to date.

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### Bancroft Items

(Delayed)

The fine weather has given the farmers a chance to get most of their spring planting in.

Myrtle creek bids fair to show what this part of Coos Co. can do in the way of raising spuds.

Albert Rice has shorn a part of his sheep and turned off some fat ones for mutton.

Wm. Weekly of Myrtle Point made the first trip of the season up Myrtle creek with his car on Sunday, which speaks well for our roads or for his driving.

Miss Audrey Bryant closed a successful term of school in Dist. 42 last Friday, April 7th. A suitable and enter-

taining program was enjoyed by numerous visitors, including Miss Irene Weekly and her pupils from Bridge.

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Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly appointed by the County Court of Coos County, Oregon, administrator of the Estate of Frank Gouthier, deceased; and that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby notified that they are required to present the same duly verified with proper vouchers therefor, to the undersigned, at the office of W. C. Chase, in Coquille, Coos county, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice.

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