

Remember:

That every road in Coos County will be improved sooner if the bond issue is carried than it otherwise could be;

That the use of the good roads sooner will mean dollars in your pocket for every cent paid for interest on the bonds;

That this applies to the roads in your district, no matter where you live.

Communication

The writer in following his avocation having traveled the county roads and conversed with many of its people, submits the following, believing it to be of public interest:

Will first say that the ignorance of conditions and misunderstanding among people separated by a day's journey is astonishing. As a rule neither the northern nor southern sections of the county have any conception of the population and resources of its neighbor, and it is the same with communities separated by a few miles. Local pride and lack of information impels the ranchers to think that their own locality is the best and merits more consideration than it receives from the county court, and they are sure that other localities are developed at the expense of their own.

The dissatisfaction and discord, mostly due to isolation, finding expression in recall petitions and agitation for county division is a menace to the best interest of the county.

Apart from the convenience of travel the writer has nothing to gain from public improvement and is stating only what through personal observation appeals to him as being of interest to the farmer.

If the farmer knew the facts; if he traveled about and saw conditions as others see them, instead of the cities organizing the good roads movement which he regards with more or less suspicion, he would himself take the lead in a matter so vital to his own interest.

All who have traveled about the county will agree that the imperative need is a highway extending across the county, giving the people of the different sections opportunity to meet together and get acquainted. Such a road would reduce the size of the county one half and eliminate the friction and discord. This alone would be worth the cost of construction.

Different sections of the county have attractions and advantages peculiar to their own locality and their interests do not conflict. On the contrary the increased facilities for intercourse and business would redound to the advantage of all sections.

Many ranchers in the northern part of the county who take no interest in the annual fair at Myrtle Point would willingly participate in and contribute to the success of the same if they had convenient means of communication. It would be the same with all farmers' gatherings. Where now they are few and sparsely attended, they would become frequent and representative of the whole county.

It is up to the farmer. Let us hope they will not be so short-sighted as to combat their own interest.

TRAVELING SALESMAN.

Advantages of Bonding County for Good Roads

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to pay our taxes with.

Our trails at present are actually dangerous to ascend in day time, not alone at night, and that is when we must travel or either camp upon the road.

No, we are not fifty miles back in the mountains. We are only fifteen miles from North Bend, but these fifteen miles at present are equivalent to sixty miles of good roads. If we had any roads at all we could purchase an automobile, or at least a Ford, and go to town very easily in less than an hour. On Sunday instead of staying at home we could go to church, take in a show, go visiting, or at least take a joy ride and then get home before dark. As it is, when we wish to spend a Sunday in town we must leave home at 4:30 Saturday morning, packing a lantern or flashlight and then we do not get home before dark Monday night.

I suppose you are saying, "You must be some homesteader who has taken up a homestead back in the mountains, what can you expect?" We are not homesteaders and we have been paying taxes back here for thirty years for your roads, and then you tell us that we don't need a road!

As to living back in the mountains, we are in as pretty a locality as there is in the county. If you doubt this statement, just have a talk with some one who has spent a few days back in the "Tennille country," back on old Tennille lake, where it is never too cold and where the cool lake breezes always make the summer days pleasant.

Back where the hills are covered with grass and the valleys with grain, but still we can't sell twenty acres of land, simply because there is no way of getting out of here. People say, "It's a lovely place, but there are no roads."

You who are in town or in other parts of the county think perhaps that we want the county bonded for our special benefit. This, however, is not the case for as soon as we get some roads in the county, one and all will be benefited inasmuch as the canneries, condensers, cheese factories, saw mills, etc., can start running. The farmers will be able to get their products to town, and think how it will increase the value of the land, giving those who have more than they can now tend, an opportunity to dispose of at least a few acres of land in return for which they will receive a few dollars, which they can use in improving their homes. We will then have some neighbors and the country will begin to look like it is settled. Then when a prospective buyer comes he won't say, "Oh, you have a pretty little place, and the price is reasonable, but I want to get some place where I can have a machine and go to town whenever I wish."

If we can only get some roads, it will be the making of Coos county, as everyone acknowledges that they are all we lack. Even the doctors say that a person living seven miles from town has time to die twenty times before they can get to him, and as it is, it costs us who are only fifteen miles from town forty dollars to get a doctor out here. By the time he gets here we are dead and then we don't even get a decent burial as the condition of the roads makes it impossible to get over them, so we are hauled away like mules or horses.

These roads will benefit farmers, merchants, doctors and every inhabitant of Coos county. We can get our mail without having to stay at home with only a mail order catalogue to look at and we can take our products to town and there purchase our necessities and thus keep the money in Coos county, making one and all prosperous.

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