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## ROAD MATTERS

There is probably no man or woman who has lived in this county long enough to take any interest in the subject who will not wax eloquent on the subject of the money that has been wasted on Coos county roads. The subject is as wide as any road that we now have, and as deep as the mud in any that we formerly had. Enough money has been spent on roads in Coos county to—but you all know the rest.

It is lamentably true that money has been misspent, misappropriated, grafted and otherwise wasted from the earliest dawn of the era of road-making in this county. Probably the same thing is true of every Western county on the map and perhaps of some not in the West. The community that will learn anything from the experience of any other community in the matter of road building has yet to be discovered. Each has to go through the same distressing process of learning by dearly-bought experience. That a large part of this process has been survived by the people of this county is quite gratifying and gives hope for better things in the future. But that future is still some way in advance, and there are still too many people who have not yet seen that modern ideas may profitably be employed in road building in Coos as well as in any other county. There are still many who consider the employment of a skilled road builder as a useless extravagance. They consider the money paid for systematizing the work as a waste. The inauguration of a system of book accounts that make a record available to show not only the actual cost of a piece of road but exactly what each dollar of the money was expended for is looked upon as a simple piece of graft, to give somebody a soft job. A record to show just how many yards of earth were actually moved on each section of road is not thought to be worth the expense of getting and keeping it. The employment of a competent and reliable man to see that a contractor does the work he is paid for is not worth while. In fact, to argue that the county should conduct its road affairs on business principles and with some sort of rational system is to find many antagonists. This article is not intended as in any sense a defense or a boost for the present road-master. He may be perfectly competent and he may not. We are under the impression that he is, but we don't know. But on the general proposition of doing our road building on business principles, rather than by the old slipshod methods, we do not believe that there is any chance for intelligent controversy.

The writer has lived in Coos county since before there was a wagon road out of Marshfield in any direction; before there was a wagon road connecting this valley with the interior of the state; before a Marshfield-Coquille "City" road was thought of. He has done road work on the old "Randolph trail," a thoroughfare that will be remembered by only the older settlers. He has "worked out his road tax" under the old system; he has hired others as cultus as himself to do it for him. He has seen the road tax collected in the Marshfield district "expended" in keeping open a part of the four mile footpath then leading to Empire City. He has seen road tax collected in a district in which existed not even a trail on which to expend it. He has seen a road supervisor sit on the sidewalk in Summer for half a day superintending the work of one man the net result being about what would be accomplished by one husky boy in an hour. He has seen the workings of the old system, under which the "viewers" met and did as much in a day as a competent engineer would now require a week for—that is, they would "lay out" miles of road over hills and through thick timber, which made it impossible for them to select the best route without much exploration, a fact that never bothered them much so long as the grades were not over 45 degrees—and they got home in time for supper. He has seen the work done by one supervisor abandoned or all done over by his successor the following year. He has seen road supervisors appointed, not with any regard to their fitness for the work, but "because they needed it." He has seen grossly defective work done by a contractor and then accepted by the county court against the protest of all the people interested. He has seen our road affairs in entire control of a county court knowing as much about road building as a hog does about hasheesh. He has seen the county gradually working toward better things. He considers that one of the wisest steps ever taken by the county court was the employment of a road master, notwithstanding the poor judgment used in selecting the road master first appointed. He believes that a reasonable amount of money spent in the "overhead" department of our road activities is not a waste but a wise economy. He believes that many of those who are kicking would be boosting instead if they knew what they were talking about.

## CO-OPERATIVE SELLING

On another page of this issue is a Tacoma dispatch giving the views of C. S. Keith regarding the lumber industry after the war is over; in which connection he men-

tions a cooperative foreign selling agency. He states that there is some doubt about the legality of such an organization, and says that while such is the case it is impossible to secure action on the part of the lumbermen.

Among all the discussion and difference of opinion with regard to trade conditions after the war, one fact stands out upon which nearly everyone who ventures an opinion appears to agree. It is that there will be the stiffest competition in world trade that has ever been known. Lumbermen realize this, and while the demand now is great they do not care to venture into the field of European markets only to lose them when the war is over. For many years most of the world powers have encouraged cooperative selling—especially in foreign trade. During these years the United States have always assumed a shocked expression at the mention of anything that looked like a combination in the constraint of trade, either domestic or foreign. But even the United States can grasp a progressive idea if it is pressed upon them with sufficient force, and the present war is hammering home with irresistible force the fact that, if we want what is coming to us we have got to go out and get it.

When Congress meets again in December the Webb bill will doubtless come up for consideration again. It has passed the House and there seems to be no good reason why it should not pass the Senate and receive the President's signature. Then, with the field open before them, it will be up to the lumbermen to grasp the opportunity offered and meet the competition that is bound to come when the people, who are now devoting every energy to butchering their kind, again seek the markets they have lost through neglect.

This is only one phase of the foreign trade problem; but the same argument holds good in the others and lumber is what affects us most directly here in the Northwest.

—R. M. A.

The attention of Coquille merchants is called to a live illustration having a bearing on the great problem of why people send away for goods, or buy them elsewhere than in their home town. A live Marshfield merchant is placing his announcement before the people of Coquille through the Herald. That he is getting results is evident from the fact that he continues to advertise through this paper. Isn't this worth the attention of the home merchants—those who have well-stocked stores, but who depend on the exploded theory that "everybody knows they are here" and therefore advertising is not necessary? Mr. Bromberger wants trade from Coquille; he has a good stock and knows that he can please the customers who come to him from over here. He treats them right, and every satisfied customer is a good ad sent out among the neighbors. He is only taking trade that could be secured by the Coquille merchants if they had the snap and ginger to go after it and were not afraid of spending a little of their spare time in studying the very important advertising end of their business. Whatever goes to him is his by right of conquest, and it is certainly better that the trade which our own merchants let slip through their fingers should go to Marshfield than to Chicago or New York.

## Coos County

The Herald's Special Coos County News Service

### East Fork Items

(Herald's Special C. C. News Service)

Ivan Laird and Alva Harry have returned. They made a trip from their home in a Ford that had been stripped for action of all unnecessary deck furniture, via Roseburg thence through Southern Oregon, over the Siskiyou, down the Sacramento valley, then to Stockton by the upper or lower Stockton road, thence up the San Joaquin valley, and over the mountains into Southern California which they took in all the way to the Mexican line of Lower California. The Ford jumped the line and landed them in a town that commences with T. There they met with an accident that almost proved serious. A runaway rail car caught the hind end of the Ford just as they got off the track. Ivan was thrown out and just missed having an arm cut off by the runaway, and was run over by their own car, but there was not enough weight to that to hurt. They made the return trip up the coast to San Francisco and shipped from there to Band. They left Brewster Valley Oct. 8; saw country and sights galore, and were back in Coos Nov. 4.

Ford is the man who popularized automobiling, and made automobile touring popular. There is something funny about that man Ford.

When you think of Ford you never think of his dollars, you think of the man. The same way with Edison. When you think of Edison you never think whether he has a dollar in his pocket, or clothes on his back, you think of the brains that are in his head. But when you think of Rockefeller or Carnegie, you think dollars. There is a mighty big difference in the think.

For the past week the frost has

not only been "on the pumpkin" but inside of it. W. B. Mater says this cold snap pinches him, as much as 15 below zero in Wyoming.

Bud Ingraham and family are living in the house Clark Bunch built on his homestead.

Wm. Bettys is visiting his brother-in-law J. D. Laird.

John Culbertson, a cousin of the East Fork Culbertsons, and family are living on the old John Miller place on Elk Creek.

R. A. EASTON.

### Riverton Briefs

(Herald's Special C. C. News Service)

The weather has been cold enough during the recent cold snap to freeze water pipes and cause them to burst.

There have been great improvements made lately at the mine. A new and well constructed shed has been built over the tracks and boilers and machinery. A steel track is being laid down into the mine. A bath is being constructed so the boys on coming out of the mine may wash and take a shower bath.

There is to be a basket social and program given by the Riverton school just before the holiday vacation. Special announcement will be made later.

Next Friday afternoon a debate will be had by the Seventh and Eighth grades of the school. A short program will be given. The exercises are to begin at 2:30 p. m. The question for debate is: "Resolved, That the Indian has more right to complain of the ill-treatment of the white man than the negro." NEG PLUS ULTRA

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# Canned Goods! Canned Goods!

## Gallon Fruits

Pie Peaches per can 35c  
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Table Peaches good Syrup 50c  
Pie Apricots 40c

## No. 2 1-2 Size

Crimson King Brand Peaches 2 can 25c  
Crimson King Brand Apricots per can 15c  
Silver Flower Peaches good syrup per can 20c  
Silver Flower Cherries per can 25c

## Canned Vegetables

Park or Lion Corn per can 10c  
Silver Thistle Corn 2 cans 25c  
Wellman or Paris Corn

Red Letter Extra Fancy Peaches per can 25c  
Red Letter Extra Fancy Pears per can 25c  
Red Letter Extra Fancy Apricots per can 25c  
Red Letter Extra Fancy Cherries per can 35c

per can 15c

**Special Prices in Case Lots for a Short Time**

Eagle Brand Peas 1 can 10c  
Park Brand Peas 2 cans 25c  
Silver Thistle Peas 1 can 15c  
Wellman Petit Pois 1 can 15c

Hillsdale Sliced Pineapple 2 Cans 25c  
Park Sliced Pineapple 1 can 15c  
Wellman Sliced Pineapple No.1 size 1 can 15c  
Wellman Sliced Pineapple No.2 size 1 can 20c  
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## Contracts Are Let

The contracts for the metal desks, counters, cases, files and other furniture and fittings for the sheriff's and county clerk's offices in the court house annex now nearing completion, have been let by the county court to Bushong & Co., of Portland.

The first contract covered light and heavy steel cases, cornices and bases for the same, heavy and light letter and book cases, plain shelves and shelf cases for book stalls, and in fact all the stationery fittings and furnishings required for the offices. The amount of this contract was \$5,016.20.

Another contract with the same firm provided for a typewriter desk, two flat top desks, a vault table, a vault cup two roller shelf desks and a set of the sheriff's office; also a set of a poll book case, a set of a organization case for the court house, all for \$1,352.75.

For the jail furnishing

H. J. Blasieing, of Portland, for \$1,000.

This contract includes the removal from the basement of the court house to the third story of the annex of the court house, of the double entrance doors, two cells for women's department, two cells for the juvenile department and one padded cell for the insane. This work is to be done as soon after January 1 as the new building is ready. The new jail equipment to be furnished under this contract consists of three steel cells, each cell having two folding bunks on each side, 7 feet, ten inches long and 2 1/2 feet wide. Another contract is for three vault doors for \$409.50.—Times.

## Married

ENDICOTT-LAIRD—In Brewster valley, November 19, 1916, Irving Endicott and Miss Eva Laird, Rev. Baker officiating.

The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Laird, and was attended by a large number of the relatives and friends of the young people. The residence was full to overflowing, and the guests were in the same condition after the wedding supper had been served, of a quality and in such abundance as is seldom seen even among the hospitable people of the country. Those who were present are enthusiastic in their description of the "good time" enjoyed by all. The groom is driving the auto truck which runs from McKinley to Sumner carrying the mail, and the young couple will make their residence at Sumner.

## New Cases Filed

The following cases were filed with the county clerk during the past week: Edna Mand Ladd vs. Almer W. Ladd. Chas. W. Dye vs. Christian Moller. Leovina Elizabeth Baird vs. Walter H. Baird. Wm. C. Deubner vs. B. F. Wyatt et al. Euphemia McCulloch vs. Ira Chapman. National Cash Register Co. vs. A. H. Lewis. Maggie Campbell vs. Iver Johnson, ete. David McLochlan vs. Mary McLochlan.

## The Way of It.

"Smith has been having contrary kinds of trouble."  
"How so?"  
"His salary was very much cut down, and he was in consequence very much cut up."—Baltimore American.



**S**UPPOSE that tomorrow you see a chance where by investing \$500 or \$1,000 in a business venture you can double your money. Are you ready for that opportunity? If you are not, the man with the ready check book is. He always carries a goodly balance in bank waiting for the opportunities which daily present themselves in the business world.

This is an age of quick action. Real estate and business deals are consummated within the hour. Your credit in the community may be excellent. You may be able, if given a little time, to borrow enough money to put through a deal. But the man with the ready cash, the man with the check book, will get the preference.

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