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BETTER HIGHWAYS FOR SOUTHERN OREGON

Oregon Good Roads Association Holds Southern Oregon District Convention in Grants Pass.

Able Talent Present and a Greater Interest in Good Roads Aroused.

To Grants Pass was given the honor of having the first district convention for Southern Oregon of the Oregon Good Roads Association, which began its session on Monday of this week and meetings were held that afternoon and evening and on Tuesday forenoon, afternoon and evening. The convention was held in the Grants Pass opera house, which had been decorated in an artistic manner under the direction of the Grants Pass Women's Club, the stage being bright in festoons of the club colors, white and green, with the dark green of Oregon grape foliage and the white of service bush flowers giving added beauty to the effect. The Grants Pass Miners Association had the general charge of the local arrangements for the convention and of entertaining the distinguished visitors to the city. The credit for securing the convention to Grants Pass, is due to Judge J. O. Booth, who as a vice-president, and also member of the executive committee of the Oregon Good Roads Association, exerted his influence in having this city designated as the place for holding the district convention for Southern Oregon, and to his indefatigable work was due in a very large measure the success of the convention and the inauguration of a good roads campaign that is certain to lead to Josephine county taking up road work under modern methods and to eventually have a system of highways that will be one of the large factors in the development and prosperity of the county.

The convention was called to order by Judge George H. Durham, who in a few well chosen words, stated the object of the meetings. A song was then given by the Grants Pass Men's Quartet, composed of H. C. Kianey, T. P. Cramer, A. E. Voorhies and G. P. Cramer and so well did their selection please the audience that an encore so hearty and so persistent was given that they had to respond with a second selection. Dennis H. Stovall, on behalf of the city of Grants Pass and of Josephine county, then made an exceedingly apt address of welcome. After giving the distinguished guests a greeting to the city, Mr. Stovall spoke of the immense resources in minerals, timber and agriculture that were as yet undeveloped

and would remain so, so long as Josephine county was blockaded winter and summer with roadless roads, as he tersely called them. Good roads would be the means of bringing a prosperity to Rogue River Valley as no other one factor would do. C. L. Mangum, president of the Grants Pass Miners Association, under whose auspices the convention was held, then greeted the men who had come such distances to carry the gospel of good roads to a region that is as sorely in need of highways as any other section of the United States. The mining industry, destined to make of Southern Oregon one of the most prosperous and wealthiest sections of the Pacific Coast, was handicapped most heavily by the heavy expenditures that were necessary to get communication from the mines to the railroad. The miners had contributed subscriptions of thousands of dollars on road building and they would willingly pay any tax the county court might levy for road purposes, provided only that the money would be spent on road construction under modern methods and not by the patchwork system of the past that had brought so little improvement to the highways of Josephine county.

The response to the addresses of welcome was made by Judge John H. Scott, of Salem, president of the Oregon Good Roads Association. Judge Scott expressed the pleasure of himself and associates in visiting the progressive young city of Grants Pass, and of being able to assist in giving a renewed impetus to the good roads movement in Southern Oregon. Of the work of the convention, Judge Scott stated that the direct result would not be good roads for Josephine county at once, but that as its work was educational, it would bring the business interests of the county to realize that roads were a good investment financially, socially and educationally, for communities that have good roads are prosperous and have a high state of moral and intellectual development. He hoped that the work of the State Association would be supplemented by local good roads leagues and by special committees of boards of trade and other like organizations for there was yet much to be done in the educational line before popular sentiment would be aroused and a union of action be had by every resident of Rogue River Valley in the work of building good roads.

Judge Scott, as president of the Association, was then called to the chair by Judge Durham and Judge T. P. Ryan, of Oregon City, was made secretary pro tem, the secretary of the Association, Hon. H. B. Thielson, of Salem, being in the East.

An address was then given by Hon. A. H. Carson, the largest vintner of Southern Oregon, and member of the State Board of Horticulture, on "Bad Roads as an Indirect Tax on Agricultural and Horticultural Interests." Mr. Carson's address was made up of facts and figures, theories being left out entirely, and he showed conclusively that the indirect tax that farmers were subjected to by reason of the cost of getting their products to market over bad roads, was many times more than all the state, county, school and road taxes

together. And what made this indirect tax, mud tax as he also called it, the more burdensome was that it gave back not one penny's worth of benefit to the struggling farmer. As instances of the burden of this indirect, or bad roads tax on the orchardists of Josephine county, he mentioned the experience of Eastman Bros. These orchardists marketed 7000 boxes of fruit last year. Their orchard was six miles from Grants Pass and on the present roads by putting in long days, their teams were able to make two trips a day and to haul 50 boxes at a load. On a macadamized road the same team would have more easily hauled 100 boxes at a load. The indirect bad roads tax would thereby be as follows: 7000 boxes at 50 boxes per load, would make 140 loads, which at \$2.00 per load would make the cost of marketing \$280. At 100 boxes per load, there would be but 70 loads and at \$2.00 per load the team expense would be \$140. Thus a macadamized road from the Eastman Bros farm to Grants Pass, would give them an added profit of \$140 on each fruit crop, a sum that would be considered by the average tax payer enormous and ruinous if levied each year as a good roads tax, but as a road tax it is borne as one of the burdens co-incident to farming. Mr. Carson gave other examples equally as convincing. Of the wear and tear on vehicles the bad road tax amounted to 15 per cent, while on a macadamized road the wear and tear was but 2 1/2 per cent. Mr. Carson stated that Josephine county had no season of good roads for the dust and dried-up chuckholes of the summer made hauling all but as expensive and as hard on a man, horse and vehicle as was the mud of winter. The address was the most convincing presentation of the burden that bad roads places upon the farmers and orchardists of Josephine county and if all farmers realized this unnecessary burden as does Mr. Carson, this indirect tax would soon be changed to a good roads tax and the money thereby put to a use that would yield profitable returns instead of being as completely lost as though thrown into the mudholes that are the cause of this, the greatest handicap to the farmer's prosperity.

The next speaker was Judge J. C. Tronchard, of Astoria, and his topic was "District Road Tax." Judge Tronchard said the policy of Clatsop county, of which he is county judge, was to encourage the districts to levy their own road tax and the towns to do likewise. The good feature of this was that it enabled progressive communities to have good roads and not be held back by the selfishness of the towns, or the inability by reason of other expenses to pay a big road tax. In districts, where a school house was being built or other large expense incurred the tax payers could reduce their road tax for the year. Clatsop county being very heavily timbered and the climate very wet, plank roads were being extensively built, though where the travel was extra heavy crushed rock was used. Judge Tronchard advocated using as little money as possible on outlying roads, but to confine the bulk of the road work to the main highways leading to the marketing points. He would have no work done except under the supervision of a competent roadmaster. He was decidedly in favor of having road crews made up of men hired by the month and with tents to give the men and teams quarters wherever their work may take them. In previous years his county had bought shovels, mattocks, etc., to be lost as regularly each year and now ones again purchased. Under the new system and a road master, the latter is charged up and held responsible for all tools belonging to the county.

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The Real Estate Men

The following are some of the transactions which have been made through our office:

Two acres and a nine room house in Lincoln Park, H. C. McIntosh to A. H. Gannell (Old Telford Place). Lot 3 in Block 12, O. T. with a five room cottage, Eli Mitchell to A. C. Hough.

Lots 5 and 7, Block 24 O. T. with a five room cottage, H. A. Corlies to H. G. Rice.

All of Block 3 with a 6 room house in R. R. Add. H. A. Corlies to Williams Bros. Door and Lumber Co.

All of Block O to B. L. Add. H. A. Corlies to Williams Bros. Door and Lumber Co.

40 acres in section F. L. Byrd to J. O. Sandberg.

One lot and cottage in Lincoln Park Add. F. Heck to Geo. S. Callison and L. L. Jewell.

Five room cottage and 1-2 acres of ground on South side of river, H. C. McIntosh to J. P. Hale.

Lot 3 in Block B. Lincoln Park Add. A. Conklin to A. H. Gannell.



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\$650 1/2 acre of river loan soil and a good five room cottage and a good barn, close in for only \$650 if taken at once.	\$2600 36 acre HOP FARM close to town. Good team, new harness and wagon and numerous farming implements go with the place. Five room cottage and a good barn. On bank of Rogue River. A snap at \$2600.	\$1000 Two acres with a 9 room, hard finished house, good barn, fine well, chicken house and park. Nice shade trees. 1/2 cash. (No. 295).	\$650 Two choice residence corner lots, 50 x 100 each, in fine location, sewer in. (No. 321).
\$1100 7 room house well finished within two minutes walk of Post Office for only \$1100. Only a small cash payment required. Must go quickly.	\$1000 40 acres of orchard and vineyard in fine location. Crop never fails. Trees in excellent condition. Small cottage and a good barn. All well fenced. An excellent bargain at \$1000. Terms easy.	\$2500 3 acres of black loam soil, 5 acres in Spitzbergen apples, trees in good healthy condition and fine bearing. Terms easy. (No. 288).	\$2500 33 acres river bottom loan soil on bank of river. Nearly all in cultivation. About 2 1/2 acres in fruit. Trees 7 years old, is well fenced. Terms easy. (No. 270).
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No. 249—Quartz mine, vein 11 feet wide, said to assay \$6 to \$10 per ton. Price \$2100.

No. 117—One acre, 5-room house, all kinds of fruit, good engine pump and tank, all piped, chicken house, barn, and other out-buildings. Price \$1250.

No. 92—Two lots, 5-room house, pantry, woodshed, good well, nice shade trees. Price \$750.

No. 235—190 acres farming land, 130 acres bottom land, balance bench land, good irrigating ditch 100 inches water will cover 80 acres of the bottom land. Good house and barn, good well, creek running through the place, 20 acres in cultivation. Price \$2900—\$1000 down, balance on long time. 18 head of cattle at market price if desired.

No. 321—4 acres good garden or fruit land, one house 14x15, one house 16x24 with L. 16x24, 1 1/2 story, three living springs, barn, chicken house and woodshed. Good fireplace, grapes, apples, prunes, peaches, pears and berries of all kinds. Land inclosed with picket fence. Price \$1500.

No. 323—10 room house, 6 acres good land, good out-buildings, good well, big tank, good fence, for the small sum of \$3000.

No. 334—9 acres good bottom land, all in choice bearing, fruit trees.

No. 327—One lot on Sixth street, new 3-room house at \$460.

No. 337—10 acres good rich river bottom land, 200 bearing fruit trees all varieties. New 3-room house, hard finish, 3 wells, tank and windmill, small barn, 2 chicken houses. Price \$2100.

ELECTRICAL DEVELOPMENT INJURED BY GIANT CAPS

Oregon to be Gridironed With Electric Railroads.

Messrs. Metts and Leigh Have an Exciting Experience.

Oregon is on the eve of a great electrical development, says the Oregonian. This is the opinion of those who have been studying the happenings of the past year or more, as well as of those who by their business and association are familiar with what is doing or going to be done in that direction.

Everything points to the fact that in the immediate future the railroad construction of the state will be electric, and not steam, and this is admitted by the men representative of both steam and electric properties. But what is more interesting than the simple indication that the state is soon to be gridironed with electric suburban and interurban lines is the almost self-evident fact that one set of men is back of the greater number or at least that set of men is interested in nearly all of them.

Every day fresh notice of activity in the field of electrical investment is brought to the notice of the public by articles of incorporation filed for power stations, or for small extensions to systems now in operation or projected, or by the announcement of intention on the part of some man or agent of men to build at an early date.

Even the railroad men who represent the big lines agree that it is the electric line which will do the most for the development of the state. There is not population enough and the rural districts are too sparsely inhabited to admit of profitable steam railway branches which are costly in operation. These companies cannot afford to build branch lines into the valleys and side-districts to serve the people found here and there in the straggling villages. But it is different with the electric line, which has power from its central stations produced by natural sources. These lines can afford to build into new country and wait for the development caused by their advent to make them productive of dividends.

F. V. Metts and O. L. Leigh, the managers of the big project of opening the Silver creek basin for placer operation, were in town several days this week in consequence of a somewhat exciting accident which occurred at the Basin on Saturday. They had gone to the blacksmith shop in order to sharpen some drills for the work in the tunnel. In the shop on a shelf was a box of giant caps, which must have been uncovered. As Mr. Metts struck the red hot steel with his hammer, a spark flew into the box and exploded the caps, the fragments of which flew in every direction with terrific force. At first it seemed as though the men must be completely ridged with bits of shattered copper hat, strange as it may seem, no very serious injuries resulted. Mr. Leigh was less than two feet distant from the box when the caps exploded and his shoulder was severely jarred, cut and bruised. The faces of both men were badly cut about the eyes, many small fragments of the caps embedding themselves beneath the skin and it seemed almost miraculous that the sight of neither was impaired. One piece struck Mr. Leigh in the side of the nose, drilling a hole through the nostril and the middle cartilage and stopping against the skin on the opposite side. Another piece struck Mr. Metts in the thigh and buried itself to a depth of an inch or more. They were obliged to come to Grants Pass in order to have the bits of metal extracted.

Work on the tunnel is proceeding in a satisfactory manner although somewhat slowly recently on account of bad air, the tunnel having such a depth that the air clears very slowly. At that account only one shift of men is being worked but arrangements are now being made to remedy the bad air and to provide a supply of fresh air to the workmen. When this is done another shift will be added and the tunnel will be rapidly pushed to completion.

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things that will receive our first attention in the matter of improvement. Though the criticism is just that we sometimes talk too much and do too little, still I am sure that we will accomplish a great deal as the final result of our talk. At the State Good Roads meeting held at Salem in December, Washington county had several representatives present, of which number, I had the pleasure of being one. On our return home those of us living at or near Forest Grove conceived the idea of calling a local meeting on a Saturday afternoon to see what we might do toward starting the good work at home. To our surprise, there was a hall full of interested men present, where we had expected at most only 15 or 20. After discussing local matters a little, it was suggested that we call a county good roads meeting. This idea was immediately adopted and we arranged for and later held a county meeting at which we had the court house filled to overflowing with representative men from every precinct. There was a great deal of enthusiasm manifested and as a result, resolutions were adopted advising the county court to purchase a complete, up-to-date outfit of road machinery and to levy a ten mill road tax. The court has levied the ten mill tax and will purchase the machinery as needed. As a further result of ideas suggested at the meeting, the court called the supervisors together and gave them a course of instruction in their work so that now all of them are working on a uniform plan, and I can already see great improvement in the work being done in my district."

DROWNED IN ROGUE RIVER

J. C. Dunn Loses His Life at Hell Gate Rapids.

J. C. Dunn, a prospector, who has been for some years in Southern Oregon, was drowned at Hell Gate rapids on Rogue river on Thursday evening of last week.

Dunn, in company with J. M. Sandford of this place, was on the way to the mines at Whiskey creek, on Rogue river below Galice, and the men were attempting the trip down the river from Grants Pass in a boat. All went well until they reached the place known as Hell Gate, about a mile below Crow's place on the Galice road, where there is a narrow canyon and dangerous rapids. A suggestion was made by Sandford that they let the boat down with a line, but it was finally decided to shoot the rapids in the boat. The rapids themselves were passed safely but the boat was swamped in the rough water below, being filled with water from the waves which broke over the sides. The boat being rather heavily loaded with provisions and tools, sank under the feet of the men. As the boat went down, Dunn, who had a long paddle in his hands, started as though to make an effort to reach the shore, but sank beneath the surface. A valve floated on the water and Dunn, as he sank, reached to it for support, pulling it beneath the water. He was not seen to rise again. Sandford stood in the submerged boat until it sank beyond his depth, when he swam ashore with the support of a roll of blankets. Dunn was encumbered with a canvas coat and a pair of heavy boots and had a large revolver strapped to his belt. The men were some 40 or 50 feet distant from the shore when the boat sank. At last accounts the body of Dunn had not been recovered.

THE LOCAL HAPPENINGS

Brief Notes and Items of Interest and Importance.

A. E. Lockwood, of the Galice drill team and one of the champion drillers of Southern Oregon, left Sunday to be gone a month on a visit first to relatives in Bellingham, Wash., after which he will go to Washington, Michigan to spend the remainder of his vacation with his parents.

Capt. Staynes and Lieut. Findley who have for some time past been in charge of the Salvation Army at this place have been transferred to Salem. They will hold their farewell meetings at the Salvation Army hall Saturday and Sunday, March 25 and 26. Capt. Brown and Lieut. Lamar of Centralia, Wash., will succeed in charge of the local corps.

H. H. Gidney possesses a valuable curio in the way of a banjo. Sending to a firm back East for a grand upright piano, they being out of town, sent something like a cross between a fiddle and a drygoods box in place of the piano and hoped he would be pleased with it. He calls it a banjo. When it goes off it sounds like a juke harp.—Canyonville Echo.

S. C. Swagerty, formerly of Grants Pass and now of Jacksonville where he is employed at the planing mill of the Iowa Lumber & Box Co., was the victim of a serious accident last week. His left hand was caught in the edging saw and severely mangled. All the tendons on the back of the hand were severed and also the middle finger. It is thought that the hand can be saved.

The W. C. T. U. will meet on Friday, March 24th at the home of Mrs. C. V. Henkle at 2 p. m. A month has now passed since our last regular meeting. The mothers meeting of March 10th being postponed on account of the revival services. Here after we expect to have our regular meetings every two weeks and a meeting of the executive committee every alternate Friday.

Frank Hale returned from his trip to Lane Co. last Friday, bringing with him his bride, who was formerly

Miss Hemenway, one of the charming young ladies of Eugene. Frank is a son of Ex-Judge Hale, of Grants Pass, and a young man of good habits and ability. He is now employed as amalgamator at the Opp mine and they will make their home at this place.—Jacksonville Sentinel.

W. B. Sherman is the man to look after your timber interests.

The Grants Pass Music House is now nicely located on the ground floor of the Courier building which is the headquarters for musical instruments, sheet music, sundries, and photo goods. The Allen & Gilbert-Ramaker Co. has their piano sales-room in the same building. The business office of the Rogue River Courier also is on the ground floor.

An Applegate Birthday Party.

G. W. Winetrot, a prosperous rancher who lives near Applegate, had a birthday on Wednesday, March 15. He has a birthday every year now. In order to make the 1905 natal day one to be remembered by "the old man," Mrs. Winetrot and daughter, Miss Marie, planned a surprise party. The surprise came. Progressive whist was played by the surprisers. When the smoke of the card battle had cleared away, it was announced that Mrs. Nellie McCracken and Richard Rock were victors; Mrs. Rock and L. Rose were the booby winners. During the evening, E. R. Hawkins, of San Francisco, sang "The Holy City," "Bedelia," and other hymns. Cake, sausage sandwiches and American and German lemonade were served. The guests: Mr. and Mrs. H. Kuhl, Mr. and Mrs. L. Rose, Mr. and Mrs. R. Rock, Mrs. N. Pennell, Mrs. T. Herriott, Mrs. Nellie McCracken of Heddling, Cal., John Herriott, Henry Pennell Sr. and Mrs. Grover C. Mansfield and E. B. Hawkins.

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