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"INDIRECT" ROAD TAX.

If the roads dry up in time the Takilma smelter will start up June 1st, and if the fall rains do not set in early, it will run until October 1st, a period of four months out of the 12 months of the year. But if there should be a wet June, as has been known in Southern Oregon, then the Takilma smelter will not start until July 1st, or whenever the rains cease. Then if there should be an early fall and September be a wet month, the first of that month would witness the closing of the smelter, so it is possible that the run of the Takilma smelter may be shortened a full month at either end of the season. Thus is one of the biggest industrial establishments in Southern Oregon, one that directly and indirectly puts into circulation more money than any other mining enterprise in this section, shut down for two-thirds of the year by reason of mud roads.

The financial loss to Josephine county sustains by the annual shut-down of the Takilma smelter is one of the "indirect road taxes," spoken of at the recent good roads convention in Grants Pass, that the taxpayers of this county have to bear. The indirect road tax, which is all loss and no gain, is one of the heaviest burdens that the miners, farmers and business men of Josephine county have to bear.

It falls on all alike. The farmer pays it when he has to stop his farm wagon to do his marketing and get in his winter supplies before the roads become muddy. The average farmer loses a month of time each year, in the best season for his farm work, in doing hauling that he could better do in the winter months when he has no other work to do, and the markets are at their best. The miner pays this indirect road tax when during the wet season he pays from double to four times the price for his hauling that he paid during the dry season. The merchant pays at a low estimate a 10 per cent indirect road tax upon his stock of goods in the loss of trade that he sustains by reason of bad roads. The general shut-down of mines, saw mills, and the "hoisting up," like bears, of the farmers at their homes during the mud blockade of each winter, causes a loss of trade to the merchant that makes his indirect road tax exceed that of all his other taxes, rent and insurance.

An instance of the high rate of taxation that this indirect road tax levies on the industries of Josephine county is that of the Takilma Smelter Company. During the past winter that company paid \$30 a ton for having a ventilator plant and their necessary supplies hauled to their mine. It took Capt. McIntyre's 6-mule teams five days to make the round trip and then the mules had to rest from one to two days before they were able to go on the road again. The same freight could be hauled in the dry season for \$5 a ton and the freighter would have made more money at that low price than at the practically prohibitive price of \$30 per ton. This indirect road tax could be decreased 50 per cent if the roads of Josephine county were relocated, where necessary, and all heavy grades eliminated and the road bed thoroughly drained and made impervious to rains by rolling with a 10 or 20-ton roller. Were there even an earth road, well graded, drained and rolled, between Takilma and Grants Pass, the big smelter at the former place could have blown in so soon as the heavy rains ceased early this spring and 150 men and 50 teams would have had one to two months more work than is now possible. Such a road would lead to the smelter company increasing its expenditures for ore and operating expenses fully 25 per cent, and an equal increase in the volume of business would come to all other industries that are dependent on transportation over this road.

The indirect road tax that the people of Josephine county pay each year, together with the loss that is sustained by reason of undeveloped business, would amount to a sum that in five years would build a complete system of earth roads for the county that would be payable eight months of the year to loaded teams. And five years more of this indirect road tax would macadamize all the leading roads of Josephine county.

TAKILMA SMELTER SOON TO START UP

First Run Will Be Made on Ore From the Lytle Mine—Will Do Custom Work.

The Takilma smelter is to be blown in on June 1st, or so soon as the roads dry up sufficiently to enable the teams to deliver coke and at the smelter and to haul out matte to Grants Pass for shipment to the refinery. The company has a stock of coke to run the smelter until sufficient matte is produced so that teams will have a load out when they go to Grants Pass for coke. The matte and coke will be hauled by Capt. J. M. McIntyre, of Grants Pass, who had the contract for last year. As the smelter has a capacity of 5 tons of matte per day and each team can haul an average of six tons to the load, it will require a big string of freight teams to do the hauling. The distance between Takilma and Grants Pass is 43 miles and it will take four to five days for a team to make the round trip. Capt. McIntyre has had his teams for the past month hauling ore from the Lytle mine to ore bins at the smelter. As the distance is but 3 1/2 miles and all down grade, the teams are able to haul big loads and the mines are rushed to keep the supply of ore. So soon as the smelter starts Capt. McIntyre will turn this hauling over to another freighter and put his teams on the Grants Pass road hauling matte and copper.

The Smelter Company having bought the Lytle property, they now have four fine copper ledges, the other three being the Queen of Bronze, Maybell and Cowboy. When the smelter was completed last fall and the six weeks trial run made, the ore used was from the Queen of Bronze mine but this season ore will probably be taken from all the mines. A large force of men have been employed, ever since the smelter shut down last fall, in development work and a large quantity of ore has been placed on the dump, or made accessible for rapid stopping. At the Queen of Bronze, Lytle and Cowboy ore can be taken out on cars through tunnels, but on the Maybell, it will have to be hoisted and a hoist is shortly to be installed at that mine.

In addition to handling their own ore the Takilma smelter will do custom work and expects to secure a large amount of both copper and gold ore from the mines of that district. The ore from the Monumental mine just across the line in California has been found to be especially valuable as a flux and large quantities of it will be used by the smelter. Capt. McIntyre made an examination of the road last week to see what work would be required to put it in condition for travel by ore teams. He will probably do the hauling and will secure additional 6-mule teams for the purpose. The distance between the Monumental mine and Takilma is 19 miles and the route is by the Grants Pass and Crescent City stage road except the short distance from Waldo down to the smelter.

Ore will also be brought from the Cohen ledge, located on the divide between Sucker and Allhorse creeks about 14 miles by wagon road north-east from Takilma. This ledge is gold bearing, while the Monumental is both gold and copper, and was first worked more than 40 years ago, in fact it was one of the first ledges worked in Southern Oregon. Big money was first made with an arsenic and then for several years a quartz mill pounded out gold in large quantities. As is the case with nearly all gold ledges in this surface development in Southern Oregon and elsewhere, the Cohen pinched out to a small vein and what was left became too base for successful milling. The mill was moved away and the mine abandoned for years. Last fall it was taken up by the Grinnett brothers, two practical miners of Sucker Creek district. They made for lower depths on the ledge, and as is usually always the case when lower levels are reached, the vein broadened until they now have 26 inches of high grade ore between the walls. And what has also found to be the rule in other mines has proven to be the case in this mine and the ore has been gaining in value as well as quantity as depth was reached. While the haul to the smelter will be a long one yet Grinnett Bros. feel certain that their ore carries values sufficient to make the venture a profitable one to them.

City Treasurer's Notice

There are funds in the City treasury to redeem all outstanding warrants, protested to November 1, 1902. Interest on same will cease after this date. Dated at Grants Pass, Oregon, April 22, 1905.

COL. W. JOHNSON, City Treasurer

JOSEPHINE COUNTY'S FAIR EXHIBIT

To Be the Equal of Any County in Oregon—Good Work by Committee.

The Lewis and Clark fair committee are having the most encouraging success in getting up their display of ores and feel certain that Josephine county will have by far the largest and best mineral exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair of any county in Oregon. The committee have six teams out after ore and they expect to make their first shipment of a car load of ore the first of next week, and other shipments will be made from time to time as choice ore can be secured. Josephine county is credited by the United States Geological Survey with having more kinds of minerals than any other county on the Pacific Coast and of the varieties of metals and stones that have a commercial value the committee will have fine specimens of each in their exhibit.

Josephine county is as rich in its wealth of timber, as in mineral and within its borders is found every variety of tree that grows in Oregon with the exception of one kind of cedar that is found on the upper timber line on Mt. Hood and no other place in Oregon, but is plentiful in Alaska, and the committee will have a display of woods that will make a most creditable showing of the timber resources of this county. It is expected that the mill men will cooperate as heartily with the committee as are the miners that their industry may be as well represented as the latter, and be, as is possible, the equal of any county in Oregon.

The committee do not propose that the agricultural and horticultural exhibit shall be the less by reason of the splendid exhibit of the county's other products, and they intend that equal effort and expenditure shall be made to secure a complete showing of the farm and orchard products as well. To this end they ask that the farmers and orchardists work with them and work with a will and the determination to make the Josephine county exhibit of farm and orchard products one of the attractive features at the big fair. That this can be accomplished is not to be doubted by one familiar with the great variety and unexcelled quality of the fruits, grains, corn, grasses, vegetables and melons that this county produces.

While Josephine county is not classed in Oregon as an agricultural county, by reason of the mineral and timber having attained such prominence, yet the climate and the soil are such that so soon as the land is cleared of timber and irrigation fully developed, the county will quickly take its place as one of the big farming and fruit raising counties of the state. Not five per cent of the agricultural and horticultural possibilities of Josephine are as yet utilized and when this is accomplished the wealth from the farms and the orchards will equal if not exceed the wealth from the mines. This exhibit at the Lewis and Clark fair will be the means of giving an impetus to the development of the agricultural resources of Josephine county that will add thousands upon thousands of dollars within the next few years, to the taxable wealth of the county. With this increased prosperity of the rural districts will come a greater prosperity to the towns that will be certain to double the business and the population of Grants Pass and the other towns of the county within the next ten years. With the greater development that is sure to come to the mining, lumbering and farming interests of Josephine county, as a consequence to the advertising that is being done by the Lewis and Clark fair, it behooves every citizen of the county to use his best endeavors and to cooperate in every way possible with the county exhibit committee that the exhibit may be successful and the full value may be secured on the \$2500 expenditure that will be made in representing Josephine county at Portland's great exposition.

A change in the personnel of the committee has taken place. Mr. R. Thomas, having resigned, he finding it impossible to devote the time to the duties of the position that was required to fully do his share, and besides he expects to have to go East at any date, as his mother is in very precarious health and may want him to be with her. To fill the vacancy, the county court appointed R. L. Cox, the well known head of the firm of R. L. Cox & Co. Mr. Cox is one of the most progressive business men of Grants Pass, and he is always in the front and one of the best workers in any undertaking for the upbuilding of Grants Pass and of Josephine county, and as a member of the fair exhibit committee he can be depended on to do his full share to make the appropriation accomplish the most possible, and that the exhibit shall fully meet the expectations of the citizens of this county, and be such that it will draw the attention of the host of Eastern people, who will visit the fair, and be the means of bringing many home-seekers and investors to Josephine county.

Douglas county court has raised the county exhibit appropriation from \$200 to \$1000 and this will be supplemented by an exhibit fund raised by Rouseburg and the other towns of the county. Jackson county has appropriated \$3000 and the towns of that county are each raising separate funds to do special advertising at the fair. Ashland has raised \$3000 by subscription and Medford and Jacksonville are each raising a fund and there is a certainty that Jackson county will be well represented at the fair. With the complete exhibits that Josephine and Jackson counties will each have Rogue River Valley will be in with the best represented sections of Oregon at the Lewis and Clark fair.

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WISHES COUNTY SUCCESS

Judge Trenchard of Astoria Says We Are on Right Track.

The communication given below from County Judge C. J. Trenchard of Astoria, contains all the points of the good roads proposition for Josephine county and is stated in but few words. Good roads for the entire county can not be built in one year so the next best thing to do is to construct one mile or as many miles of permanent road each year as the county finances will permit. By beginning at the market end of the roads and each year extending the improvement it will be but a few years until the farmers will have access to their trading points, the 12 months of the year, and in wet or dry season their teams can draw a full load.

The following is the Judge's letter:

Astoria, Ore., May 1, 1905.
A. E. Voorhies, Esq.,
Proprietor Rogue River Courier,
Grants Pass, Ore.

My dear Sir: I beg to acknowledge receipt of copy of the Courier of April 28th. Have read what you and your county court have to say regarding road matters and in my humble opinion, you are on the right track. And I venture to say that if but one mile of good road is built in Josephine county this year and the residents of the county take pains to examine the same, your Hon. County Court will be assisted and upheld in making it 10 miles next year or in that proportion. I sincerely wish your county success in all things and especially good roads.

With kindest regards to the many good people I met while in Grants Pass, I am, very truly yours,
C. J. TRENCHARD,
County Judge Clatsop County, Ore.

Farmers Institute Called Off.

The farmers institute that was to have been held in Grants Pass on the 13th of this month, under the auspices of the State Agricultural College, was given up some time ago, owing to the indifference of the business men of Grants Pass and of many of the farmers most concerned. Medford then took up the matter and an institute is to be held in that town on this Saturday. The Medford Commercial Club assisted by the Rogue River Fruit Growers Union and the Women's Lewis and Clark Club, has arranged for the institute. The club furnished the opera house in which to hold the institute, and Page's big warehouse in which tables will be set and a basket dinner served by the women attending the institute. The Women's Club will furnish the music and the Fruit Growers will see that an interest is worked up among the farmers that will insure their attendance.

These farmers institutes have become permanent institutions in the more advanced agricultural sections of the state. Where once introduced they immediately become popular with the farmers and are well attended. So soon as the farmers of Josephine county learn of the real worth of these institutes no difficulty will be had in making the meetings a success, even though the towns may be apathetic and give no encouragement. And when the business men of Grants Pass learn of the great influence these institutes have in bringing intelligent effort to farm methods and of the consequent profit that comes of intensified farming, they too will give their hearty support to this, the greatest educational movement that has yet been undertaken for the raising of the standard of the agricultural interests of the county.

Unfortunate Mixing of Names

Deputy County Assessor D. E. Dotson and his brother, E. E. Dotson, desire that the Courier correct the impression that has gone abroad that the man, Dotson, held in jail on the charge of being a party to the murder of old man Donlap, on Louse creek, is a relative of theirs. This impression that they and the alleged murderer are relatives grew out of the fact that the Observer, in its account of the capture of Dotson, gave his name as Dotson, and then again last week in mentioning D. E. Dotson's confession that paper again called him Dotson. The Dotson brothers are especially hurt at the report as their father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Dotson of this city take the matter seriously at heart. The Dotson family, parents and sons are among the most respected residents of Grants Pass and no word of reproach has ever been said against them, and that the report that it was one of the young men or a relative of theirs that is held on a charge of murder, is no light matter with them and it is why they ask the Courier to correct that false report.

Miss Weston has an elegant assortment of street and dress hats—Front St. near Seventh.

DEFECT IN ROAD SYSTEM

That of Laying Out New Roads Most Serious.

One of the most serious defects in the present road system is that of the manner of locating the routes. The law provides that three viewers, appointed by the county court shall do this work. The county surveyor is made a member of this board of viewers, the other two being whoever the court sees fit to appoint. It is seldom that these men are road experts with the result that roads are located wherever policy dictates rather than on the route having the lightest grade and shortest distance. The taxpayers are thus put to extra expense in constructing roads, while the traveling public is put to great inconvenience and expense by being compelled to traverse round-about roads and to go up and down heavy grades.

Jackson county, having undertaken the betterment of its highways, has hit upon a practical way of securing a board of viewers, who thoroughly understand their business and are not so likely to be influenced by local conditions as are individuals having neither technical knowledge nor their official positions at stake. That county having a road master, the court makes him a member of each board of viewers, and as the county surveyor is also a member by law, this plan enables the county to have two men, at least, on the board of viewers, who are competent to judge as to practicability of the route under consideration. The road master gets no extra pay for this work as he is on a salary of \$1000 per year, which thus saves to the county the pay of one viewer. The scheme is working to the great satisfaction of the good road advocates of that county as this board does not put a road over steep hills to gratify some rancher's idea of having the road by his place on the section line, or of crossing a swamp in order to avoid some pigen.

Railroad companies understand the ultimate economy of a proper route for a railroad and they don't send a committee of their directors nor of other persons not skilled in the business, but they secure the best engineers to be had and spend thousands of dollars making surveys before a beginning is made on grading. If roads were laid out by competent engineers the first cost of construction might be greater than is now the rule, but in future maintenance and in the economy to the traveling public, there would be such a saving as would make this method of road locating far more profitable to the county than is the present indifferent way by men who do not know the economy of grades in the transportation problem they are called on to value. The time though, is not far off when the same thoroughness will be devoted to the locating of wagon roads as is now given to the locating of railroads.

Railroad Lands

All the newspaper reports to the contrary there is no definite time as to when the railroad lands in Southern Oregon will be placed on the market, and it is more than likely that no land will be sold before next year as it is evident that the railroad company is in no hurry to dispose of its land and doubtless is waiting to see what effect on land values in Oregon that the expected boom that the Lewis and Clark fair is to bring. If there is to be a big demand for land the railroad company will be quite sure to re-rate its land with increased valuations on the farm, grazing and mineral lands. In a personal letter to the editor of the Courier, Charles W. Eberlein, of San Francisco, acting land agent for the Oregon & California Railroad Company the owner of the railroad lands in Southern Oregon, states that no date has been fixed for placing the Company's land on the market. But Mr. Eberlein gives the intimation that the Company is planning to resume sales as he states that a new map showing their lands in Southern Oregon, is in course of preparation, but will not be completed and for distribution until the lands are offered for sale.

Lewis and Clark Exposition.

During the Lewis and Clark Exposition the Southern Pacific Company will sell round trip tickets to Portland, limit 30 days, at one and one-third fare for the round trip. For parties of ten or more traveling on one ticket, one fare for the round trip. For organized parties of 100 or more, individual tickets, at one fare for the round trip.

Stop-over of 10 days will be given at Portland on all one way tickets reading through that point during the exposition. Tickets must be deposited with Joint Agent at Portland and charge of 50 cents will be made for extension of time.

The Black Horse Stable.

In line with the progressive spirit that obtains in Grants Pass, T. Y. Dean and C. A. Dickson, who have bought the Eighth street livery stable and vehicles completely overhauled and every thing put in the very best of order. The stallroom of the stable has been increased so 50 head of horses can be accommodated, this enables transient business to be handled as well as their regular livery trade. The vehicles bought with the stable have been so renovated that they are as serviceable and neat appearing as though new. A number of new vehicles will shortly be added which will make their equipment equal to the best livery stable in Southern Oregon and to embrace all classes of rigs from a heavy carry-all for outing parties to the elegant carriage and the single top buggy with the gentle team warranted to drive single-handed for evening outings. To give a distinctiveness and novelty to their stable, Messrs. Dean & Dickson have only black horses in their stable and as a beginning, they now have 12 head of fine drivers all coal black. And to be in keeping with this plan, they have named their stable "The Black Horse Stable." While giving a service that will be strictly first-class they will make their prices reasonable.

County Treasurer's Notice.

There are funds in the treasury to pay all warrants protested to January 1, 1902. Interest will cease from this date.
J. T. TAYLOR,
Treasurer of Josephine County, Oregon.
April 28th, 1905.

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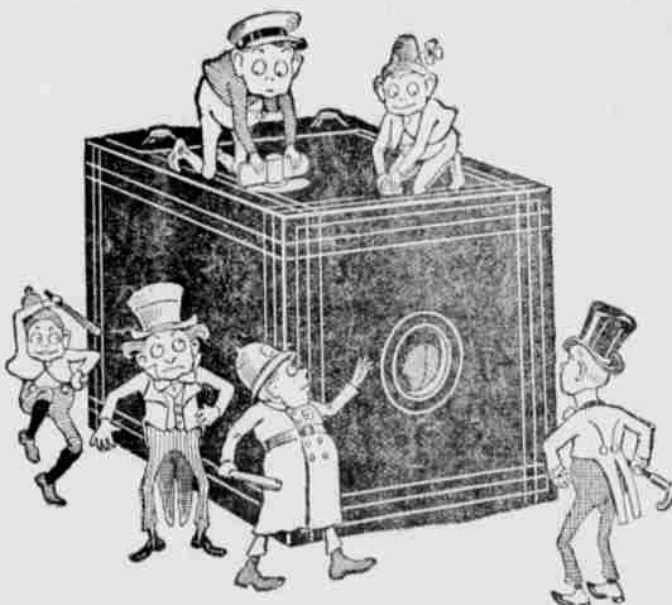
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