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## POVERTY AND PROFANITY SEQUENCE OF BAD ROADS

Mudholes Cause Farmers to Lose  
Their Farms, Their Piety and  
Their Boys and Girls.

The Oregonian of last Saturday contained an editorial that is one of the best representations of the bad roads problem that could possibly be made, and the Courier herewith gives it in full, that the farmers of Josephine county may read it and it is hoped profit by it.

Under the caption of "Roads As A Means of Grace," the Oregonian's article is as follows:

"The favorite paving material for country roads in the United States is good intentions. The best-known highway where this material is employed begins in America, but its terminus is elsewhere. It is much traveled, though in one direction only. All the traffic goes downhill; nobody ever comes back. The country it leads to is said to be undesirable as a residence section, but once there, the settler never tries to get away. He invariably makes up his mind that it is better to stay in spite of the climate than to attempt to return uphill over such a road. This is the reason given by many theologians why the population of Hades does not emigrate. It may not be true, but it looks plausible. Certainly uphill roads paved with good intentions and nothing else keep a large fraction of the rural population of America fixed in conditions of life to which Hades would be preferable.

"The worst enemies to religion in America are mud roads running up and down steep hills. They were laid out by the devil, every one of them, and his object was to keep people at home from church. Millions of souls in the United States, now irretrievably lost, would today have been rejoicing in a happy salvation if they had not been kept from the means of grace by mudholes in the road. 'The devil trembles,' says the hymn, 'when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees.' Maybe he does; but he trembles a good deal worse when he sees the same saint get up off his knees and begin to haul gravel into the mudholes in the road.

"What pleases Satan above all things is to see a saint trying to drive over an Oregon dirt road in winter with a load of potatoes. At that spectacle the Adversary invariably curls his tail six times round himself and licks his chops, for he knows that within the next 10 minutes that saint will be a saint no longer. He will be a howling, raging, blasphemous, backslidden sinner.

"Not only do mud roads, and steep grades, destroy the farmer's religion, but what many theologians account a great deal worse, they empty his pocketbook. Five miles over a bottomless road up and down hill are, for all practical purposes, farther than from New York to Chicago. A man living five miles from town over such a road is as far from humanity's reach as Alexander Selkirk on his lonely island. If he goes to market he can haul no more than three or four sacks of potatoes, whereas over a gravelled road he could haul 30. A horse can haul twice as much over gravel as over the best dirt road, and four times as much over smooth stone. He can haul at least 10 times as big a load over gravel as he can through deep mud. Sad is the fate of the farmer living at the end of a bottomless road. His sons leave him and go to town; his daughter never has a beau and grows up an old maid; his wife goes crazy, his house goes to ruin, and he goes broke.

"Satan is the patron not only of mud holes, but also of steep grades. It was the Old Serpent himself who put the notion into farmers' heads that it is shorter to go over a hill than around it. It is not shorter. Have an apple and lay it flat-side down. Then measure over and half-way around, and compare the distances. Often to go round on the level is shorter, much shorter, and it is always easier. Think of the time, the horseflesh, the wear of wagons, the loss of the buoyancy and joy of life that have been spent in hauling loads up one side of a steep hill in order to haul them down on the other. The first thing a railroad builder thinks of is a level grade, or as nearly level as may be. It is the last thing the country road builder thinks of and yet an easy grade costs as big a figure in the farmer's little business as in the railroad's big business.

"On a good, level road a horse has to throw on his collar only one-third of the load he hauls. A grade of only 3 per cent doubles his work. A 3 per cent grade means 155 feet rise to the mile. This doubles the team's work. What then, happens to the team and load when the grade is 500 or even 1000 feet to the mile, as it is on many roads? There is scarcely a road on the Pacific Coast which does not need resurfacing for the sake of better grades. In the level state of Iowa there are more steep grades in the roads than there are in Switzerland, which is all mountains. In Switzerland the country roads have all been surveyed, as scientifically as the railroads, and the grades are as easy. In America the country roads have been surveyed either not at all or else on the 'damn-the-public' principle which controls here so widely and so much. The time may come when farmers will get tired of going to market by way of heaven when they could as well stick to the level ground, but it is yet in the far future.

"The money spent year by year in America upon roads is sufficient to make good roads without additional taxation and without borrowing, if only it were well spent. As the case now is, the road fund is spent by men who know nothing of roadbuilding upon work which is often worse than worthless. When the work is good it is so ill-planned that it quickly perishes. When it does not perish it is so isolated that it is of little use. Every county should employ an engineer and place the whole business of roadbuilding and repair unreservedly in his hand."

KENNET SMELTER TO BUY  
SOUTHERN OREGON ORE

Will Pay Good Price for Siliceous  
Ores for Flux for Their  
Smelter.

A. C. Hooper, superintendent of the Mt. Pitt mine on Jump-off-Joe, was in Grants Pass Monday. Mr. Hooper stated that development work was proceeding very satisfactorily at the Mt. Pitt. In connection with this work considerable ore is being taken out. The low grade is put on the dump, but the high grade is shipped to the Tacoma smelter. A car load of ore, carrying very high values, was started Monday from Three Pines, which is the shipping point for the mine, to Tacoma. It is expected to ship about a car load a month this winter.

It is the plan of the Mt. Pitt Company to equip their mine with a compressor and power drills within the next month. Water power will be developed, there being 60 H. P. now developed at the mine, heretofore used to operate a two-tub arrastre and for other purposes. Early in the spring the mine will be equipped with a 10 stamp mill. The Mt. Pitt is one of the most promising mines in Southern Oregon and has every likelihood of becoming a big gold producer. This is one of the few mines in Southern Oregon that is operated by Portland men. The capital, though, for equipping the mine will mostly come from the East, where it has been arranged for Supt. Hooper will leave next week for Chicago to complete the details of this financial matter.

Herb W. Edwards injured.  
Herb W. Edwards of Des Moines, Iowa, got a fall on an icy walk last winter, spraining his wrist and bruising his knees. "The next day," he says, "they were so sore and stiff I was afraid I would have to stay in bed, but I rubbed them well with Chamberlain's Pain Balm and after a few applications all soreness had disappeared. I feel that this bottle of Pain Balm saved me several days' time, to say nothing of the suffering." This liniment is for sale by all druggists.

Mill for Monumental Mine.  
The Monumental Mine Company is building a mill on Shelly Creek which will be in running order within two weeks. It is only an experimental plant, but if it proves a success the Company will build a large mill next spring.

The ore will be delivered by wagons at the top of the mill, and dumped on the grizzly. The undersize goes to the ore bin, while the oversize goes to a rock breaker and thence into the ore bin. From the storage bin it is fed by means of an automatic feeder into a six-foot Huntington mill, where it is reduced to the required fineness. From here it passes through classifiers and is distributed to the tables. These consist of a Froe ranner and a Pindar table. The concentrates will be shipped to a smelter.

Sluice boxes will be put in below the tables, in the near future. The mill is purely automatic and has a capacity of 50 tons per 24 hours. Gravity handles the ore from the time it leaves the receiving floor until it gets into the creek below. Two men are all that are required to run the mill, one for day and one for night shift. —Crescent City News.

Cured Consumption  
Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kan., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said that he had quick consumption. We procured a bottle of Ballard's Horehound Syrup, and it cured him. That was six years ago. Since then we have always kept a bottle in the house. We cannot do without it. For coughs and colds it has no equal." 25c, 50c, \$1.00 at Model Drug Store and Rotermond's.

## MINING ACTIVITY IN GALICE DISTRICT

Big Placer Mines Operated and  
Quartz Properties Opened Up  
—A Promising District.

Galice, Nov. 29—All preparations are now complete for a big season's work in the mines of Galice district. While the greatest activity will prevail on the big hydraulic properties, there will be steady development of the quartz ledges, upon which the future prosperity of the camp so much depends. In her day Galice was one of the most populous and richest districts in Josephine county and they who yet remain, and whose faith has never wavered, confidently believe that the active days of the '20's will be repeated in a future that is not distant. In those days, of course, mining was done with a pick and shovel and a string of sluice boxes and it is said that men could average \$50 per day by this comparatively primitive method. Then came the day of the hydraulic giant, permitting the mining of heavy gravel beds by the enormous amount of dirt handled. This method is still pursued and constitutes the greatest industry in the camp. But many of the long buried quartz veins are being opened up and these promise to become the permanent source of wealth of the camp.

The bedrock mine on the Galice Consolidated Mines Company's property has been completed from the mouth of Galice creek to Mill bar, which the company expect to work out this winter. There are about 15 acres in this bar, bedrock varying from six to 10 feet. The company owns several miles of gravel along Galice creek and its forks and have several ditches and reservoirs for the conveying and storing of the water supply. Four giants are operated and about 30 men employed during the working season.

For 30 years past men have been employed in hydraulic mining the ancient channel which crosses the Galice country at an elevation of 800 feet above Rogue river. This old channel has been very rich in spots and still carries good values. Six thousand miners' inches of water are brought a distance of five miles from the Galice and three giants are used, giving employment to about 18 men. Bedrock, where work is now being done, is 150 feet deep and is composed of slate. These diggings are now under lease to J. R. Harvey.

The Rand and Almada companies whose properties are located about three miles below Galice and on opposite sides of Rogue river, are in process of consolidation which will be completed as soon as certain legal technicalities due to the fact that one is a Washington and the other an Oregon corporation, have been removed. Both companies are using a few men in getting out timber and in building roads, a highway with an easy grade being under construction from the Almada mine to Leland, 12 miles distant, but active development of the mines themselves will not be resumed until consolidation is effected.

The Black Jack group on Quartz creek, a tributary of Galice, is being further opened up this winter by Robert Jackson, the owner. This group has produced some phenomenally rich ore, about \$5000 having been taken out from one small strainer in the past five years. This strainer varies from the thickness of a knife blade to three feet and when the larger bunches, or pockets were encountered Mr. Jackson could easily take out from \$100 to \$150 per day in a hand mortar. He has abundant faith supported by good evidence that two or three veins of good pay ore will yet be opened up on the Black Jack group. About 400 feet of tunneling has already been done.

The Golden Wedge tunnel is now in over 400 feet and counting the different drifts about 1300 feet of work has been done. Two men are now at work there. The four foot vein is partly free milling and partly concentrating with the hanging wall of diorite and the footwall of an altered porphyry. Some of the ore was worked in an arrastre and yielded \$70 per ton. Four years ago a two stamp mill and Jacob concentrator was put up. It is intended by the owners of the Golden Wedge, who are Eastern people, to commence another tunnel down the mountain side and open up the property in first-class shape.

Ed Friday is now at work on the Richmond group in which he is joint owner with P. H. Harth of Grants Pass. This group adjoins the Golden Wedge and has 600 feet of tunneling giving a depth of 100 feet. The outcroppings of the vein show a ledge from eight to 25 inches in width free milling in character. A horse arrastre has been built and what ore has been worked averaged \$30 per ton.

The Forty-five claim on the other side of the Golden Wedge also owned by Ed Friday has an 18 inch vein opened by a 90 foot tunnel. The Black Bear mine, owned by George and Dan Green of Grants Pass, carries copper iron and gold and

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W. I. Dowell is opening up some of the lower levels in the famous Sugar Pine on the south fork of the Galice. This mine was located by the Greene brothers in 1874 who worked it extensively and from 1000 tons with an arrastre took out \$3000. This sum satisfactory as it was did not represent the value of the ore for the concentrates were all lost down the creek with the exception of one small shipment which ran between \$300 and \$400 to the ton.

The Cold Springs mine owned by John Reeves, is opened by 700 feet of tunnel work and makes a fine showing. The ore is a chalcopryite and carries good values in gold and copper. It is located on the main fork of the Galice, seven miles up.

Ashland's Indebtedness.

In compliance with resolution of the council asking for a statement of the financial condition of the city of Ashland, Milton Berry, the recorder for that city, has filed a report. For the current year from January 1st to November 1st the report shows that the receipts for the water works have been \$12,204.08 and the expenses \$7,989.87 giving a profit of \$4,214.21. The general fund showed receipts of \$15,410.51 and disbursements of \$9,328.28. Sewer fund receipts were \$5,274.95 and the expense \$9,787.14. Special Fourth street sewer assessments paid in \$299.03 and there was paid out \$1,006.61.

The recorder's report shows the general debt of the city amounts to \$81,000 divided as follows: \$50,000 water works bonds drawing 6 per cent; \$5000 city hall bonds drawing 6 per cent; \$20,000 sewer bonds at 4 1/2 per cent; \$1000 special water bonds at 4 1/2 per cent and \$5000 in warrants drawing 6 per cent.

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cried Hannah Plant, of Little Rock, Ark., "for the relief I got from Bucklen's Arnica Salve. It cured my fearful running sores, which nothing else would heal, and from which I had suffered for five years." It is a marvelous healer for cuts, burns and wounds. Guaranteed at all drug stores; 25c.

L. E. Bill made a business trip to Oregon last week. He was accompanied by Mrs. C. R. Cousins, who made relatives at Grants Pass a brief visit, and Mrs. Bill, who is visiting her home in Oregon. —Crescent City News.

## BOOTH-KELLY COMPANY HAVE BIG LAND GRANT

Worth Many Millions — Get Big  
Sum for Their Klamath  
County Lands.

The land grant that was made some 35 years ago to the Oregon Central Military Road Company for the construction of a wagon road from the Willamette Valley, near Eugene, across Southeastern Oregon to the east border of the state, has proven a bonanza to the various owners of the land. The building of the road was a matter of small expense to the original company, for the road in its best days lacked considerable of being a turnpike. A few years since the Road Company sold their lands to the Booth-Kelly Company of Eugene for a good price, and they turned their road over to the various counties through which it ran for them to maintain.

The land grant covers an immense acreage for it embraced every other section for a 20-mile strip for the 400 miles of the road. A large amount of it is fine timber land and there are many thousands acres of fine farming and grazing land. The grant extends through the Klamath Indian reservation and the Booth-Kelly Company brought suit against the government to recover the value of the land ceded to the Indians. The appraisers appointed to fix the amount have awarded the Booth-Kelly Company \$900,000 for the lands claimed by the Company within the reservation. At this rate of valuation the entire grant is worth several millions dollars and will become a very profitable investment to the Booth-Kelly Company, of which Senator R. A. Booth, now of Eugene, but formerly of this city is at the head.

E. W. Wall, Sr., is in town having just come in from the Lost Channel placer mine where he has been busily engaged for several weeks preparing the mine for the rainy season. It is now in first-class shape and nothing is lacking except the heavy rains to make it give forth the precious metal. The Sugar Pine mine in the same district is another valuable property which at the proper time will prove most remunerative to its owners. —Glendale News.

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