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OPERA HOUSE MEETING.

The opera house good roads meeting Friday night was the most enthusiastic gathering of farmers and business men that has taken place in Grants Pass for a long time. It was an assemblage of strong and determined men who had resolved to look after one of the most important interests of Josephine county. They were in happy accord from the very first, resolving to bring about results. Those attending the meeting had no quarrel with the Southern Pacific railroad, and yet they felt that their own interests must be protected against the extortionate charges of that corporation. To them it was a matter of business and their purpose was to find transportation which would save from the double tribute in the way of freight rates charged by this company. An auto truck road from Grants Pass to the sea was the slogan of the hour and to bring this about they were resolved to build to the California line where they would be met by our Crescent City neighbors, who are as anxious as ourselves for a permanent road from that place to the metropolis of Josephine county.

Not alone did the movement favor this important road but it meant the opening of trunk lines through our county from north to south and from east to west and besides these main lines there will be a network of roads connecting with the main highways. Judge Jewell of the county court, who was present, gave the information that there are 400 miles of road in the county and that it was these highways which were to be changed from their present condition into permanent roads to enable the farmer to haul four or five tons on a wagon where only one can be hauled now. In this matter, the people of the county will without doubt unite to bring about the important results sought by those in attendance at the opera house meeting Friday night. The idea seemed to prevail that it will require the bonding of the county in the sum of \$500,000. This is not an extravagant amount and, if it will give us money enough to build the needed roads, it will be an investment which will pay good interest. By what method of figuring sum mentioned was determined, we are unable to say, but when we ask for the bonds, we should get enough to do the work in the most thorough manner, as the investment is one that will give general satisfaction to all the property owners in the county. It is not out of place to suggest that, if the half million mentioned is not enough to meet the demands of the work, more should be added.

It was pleasing to those present at the opera house meeting to note that the county court was in happy accord with the spirit which prevailed. We should go into this matter with a full and fair understanding as to the responsibility incurred by the taxpayers of both city and county. They should know just what roads are to be built and their character. Everybody will be favorable when they can feel that it is a square deal all round. It will be just as well to have all these matters understood at the outset so that we may avoid entanglements as well as explanations. Of course no election can take place until it is determined that the people of a county have the right to vote bonds such as contemplated. This will be known, it is supposed, at no distant day, as it is understood that Jackson county will have this matter up before the supreme court. The first thing in order is a campaign of education so that the people of the entire county will fully understand the good roads movement and the proposition upon which they will be asked to express their wishes at the ballot box.

KIND OF FARMING THAT PAYS.

School teachers after all know some things outside of their profession. The newspapers are telling about one who quit the schools and went to farming and has made a wonderful success, a thing that most anybody else could do if proper attention was given the subject. The man was E. L. Brewer of Chehalis county in the state of Washington. At a country fair he was induced to tell a newspaper man his story, which is as follows:

"Without kiting checks, but with credit that was good, I bought 182 acres upon the installment plan, although I had \$60 less than nothing, which is the amount a school teacher ought to have. Jersey cattle were my hobby, and upon a scientific basis I have managed to breed a herd of Jerseys with 'character.' There is one three-year-old in the exhibit herd here that brings me as high as \$40 a month in pure cream alone. She averages \$400 a year in profits, and I can feed the herd at a cost of \$37 a year average. I'm now milking 30 head of these three-year-olds. I have about 60 head, all told, beside 100 hogs and a dozen or more horses.

"When I started in, I realized that it required 'character' in stock to make it record-breaking, so I be- character of my cows. I started by gan by developing the individual trying to have calves as well born as it is possible to have them, by studying the needs of the individual cow. One feature is in that fact that I keep close tab on the feed, weighing the cows frequently, and keeping them so that the food elements do not feed off the bodily weight of the animals."

This is the dairy part of the story. Now comes the mixed farming experience of Mr. Brewer. It is reported that from 100 acres of his farm there was a yield of \$10,000 and this was not his whole crop. Now here is mixed farming to an extent that will prove there is no business in the world, not even a gold mine, that will equal farming when it is carried on in a scientific manner.

A herd of Jersey cows on a farm under irrigation near Grants Pass will make the right kind of a farmer rich every time. Fruit is a good thing, but it is putting "all your eggs into one basket," and therefore, is, to some extent, risky, when you have to buy hay and grain. But dairying and general farming is a business that can be depended upon for results; in short, is a money getter and there is little risk to run. We need both the fruit grower and the man who can grow feed for livestock. Both of these will find abundant opportunities in Josephine county.

DESIRABLE PEOPLE COMING.

There are many visitors coming to Grants Pass during this, the latter part of the time colonist rates are on and it can be said that to all appearances these are of a very desirable class and it is to be hoped that many will locate in this part of the Rogue River valley. They come from Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, North and South Dakota and some few from Colorado. Our real estate men are doing their part in receiving and entertaining these good people and already some important sales have been made and doubtless more will follow. Our desirable lands which will be under irrigation and our promising mines offer opportunity to all who may come.

OUR ROADS BEING IMPROVED.

There is no policy which we can adopt that will pay better in Josephine county than the making of good roads. Some illustrations have been given along this line during the present season. The improvements on the road to Galice have been of such a character as to increase the amount of travel to that prosperous mining district and the work now going on in the Selma country is

likewise of a highly beneficial character, that is, on the road to mines in our own county and it helps out travel to Crescent City. If we can have rock and gravel roads, it will be of great service in the development of the mining, farming and business interests generally within this county. The satisfaction which good roads give will we hope induce the county board to go on with the work, but business methods must be observed always.

The county will get better results if the board will let all work by contract, placing an engineer in charge who knows what is to be done, and how it is done. Other states have found this a great saving. The Courier favors permanent work in the many places where the winter rains and the heavy travel cut up the roads. The county has good machinery now and can make roads of a better class than it was possible to do it a year ago and if practical men can be secured to do the work, permanent roads will occupy the places which have heretofore been mud holes. In these matters The Courier is in favor of making haste slowly in order that mistakes may be avoided.

The election reports from California which have been unfavorable to woman's suffrage up to yesterday, are now changing, and it is thought that there is still a chance that suffrage will win. Our United Press leased wire reports today show that the back counties in the mountain districts are likely to offset the anti majority secured in San Francisco. It may be that it will require the official count to determine the result.

BE SURE YOU'RE RIGHT.

Bonding the county for the purpose of building good roads is a matter of the highest importance to our taxpayers at this time. That we need the improvements is a self evident fact and that, if we could build them at this time, the money that would be distributed in the county would approach a real blessing. But we must not forget this is a business proposition and therefore should be treated in a business manner. First, it must be determined whether or not we have a legal right to vote road bonds at this time. We cannot afford to incur an expense of something like \$2500 in holding a special election, to find out afterwards that the bonds were illegal if issued, and that bond buyers would not, as a consequence, purchase them.

The Courier said editorially last Sunday: "Of course no election can take place until it is determined that the people of a county have the right to vote bonds such as contemplated. This will be known, it is supposed, at no distant day, as it is understood that Jackson county will have this matter up before the supreme court."

The above contains the whole matter in a nut shell and should be the policy in treating the matter of issuing good roads bonds. Any other method would be unbusinesslike. Better take the advice of David Crockett: "Be sure you're right, then go ahead."

The beautiful weather which we are now enjoying is greatly in contrast with that reported from quite a number of the Rocky Mountain states. Visitors who come from those sections are charmed with the climate of Josephine county and many express a determination to locate here.

Curbing, guttering and paving are going along most satisfactorily and much work will be completed before the season ends. It did look at one time as if there would be little or no public work done this fall but good sense prevailed in a number of quarters and the result is that the year 1911 will not be a blank in Grants Pass.



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clothes. You may not think it's easy to be a winner; but we'll show you how easy it is to look like one.

Suits \$18 and more Overcoats \$16.50 and more

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WE HAVE several thousand feet of good sound dimension lumber which we will sell at \$8.00 per thousand. 2x6, 2x8, 2x12, etc. We desire to clean up the yard this month. Grants Pass Box Co. East end of J St. 10-13-11

FOR SALE—A young, first class milk cow, fresh late this spring. Inquire of D. Bennett at old power house. 10-13-21

WE PAY cash for any Oregon session laws before 1866. Also want senate journals 1862 and 1864. Also codes, 1851, journal of council, 1851, statutes of 1854, 1855, and code of civil procedure and Also code of civil procedure and general laws 1862, and archives 1843-49, Write Geo. A. Bateson & Company, Inc., Portland, Ore. 10-6-41

A FIVE STAMP MILL for sale at a bargain; also, a Scotch marine boiler, nearly new. Some gold prospects. E. B. Hawkins, Applegate, Oregon. 9-24-41

FOR SALE—45 acres, one mile from Murphy, three-fourths mile from school; unimproved. Enough wood on place to pay for it. Price \$25 per acre. Terms can be had. E. Longbridge, Wilderville, Oregon. 9-8-61

STRAWBERRY PLANTS for sale. Several varieties of each. Inquire of C. R. Brechtbill, North Tenth street. 9-15-81

FOR SALE—Timber claim, NW 1/4 Sec. 24, Twp 37, 7 West, Josephine county. For particulars address H. Walter, conductor, 3rd and Townsend streets, S. P. Co., San Francisco, Cal. 9-3-11

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ELECTRIC TRUSTS CONFESS

II. EGAN COMBINATIONS TOLEDO, O., Oct. 12.—The General Electric company (the trust) and other supplies companies appeared here in the U. S. court today and withdrew their answers to the government's suit alleging they were an illegal combination. They threw themselves on the mercy of the court.

Judge Kilits held that numerous acts of the defendants were illegal and ordered the General Electric company and its subsidiary com-

panies to dissolve. He also laid down rules for the future conduct of the companies.

LICENSE FEE AGAINST MERCHANTS KILLED

TACOMA, Oct. 12.—By a decision yesterday by Federal Judge Hanford merchants using green trading stamps are relieved of the payment of the \$100 license fee levied by the city. Judge Hanford sustained the trading stamp concern's contention that the fee was exorbitant and confiscatory.