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### BEAVERTON'S CONTENTION

The Hillsboro Independent and Forest Grove News-Times, in their issues of last week, "kick back" at the action of the Beaverton Chamber of Commerce's protest to the state highway commission against commencing hard surfacing of Washington county highways between those towns. Their contention is that the Chamber of Commerce of this city is "knocking" against the improvement of this county's highways, unless such work be done in the vicinity of Beaverton. Such is not a true statement of this club's protest. Neither the Chamber of Commerce nor the people of Beaverton have protested against road improvement anywhere in the county. But our people do contend the most logical point of beginning improvement would be at the eastern line of Washington county where it could be connected up with a hard surface road that is already made. The club also contends that a materially greater travel would be accommodated by beginning at this end of the line where the usefulness of the improvement would be broadened as the work progressed towards the west. At the same time Hillsboro and Forest Grove would enjoy the benefit of the good roads the same as other parts of the county.

It is useless to state that Portland is the greatest market and financial center of all Oregon, for that matter, and there is no use denying the fact that all of Washington county would be benefited by a road leading to that center. If our friends can by any reasonable argument show that a larger number of the county's people would be benefited by their plan doubtless available funds can be secured for it. But they can't. That fact pinches hardest. The Beaverton Chamber of Commerce, after full discussion, determined

that the logical point of beginning needed improvement would be at this end of the county. And the club feels very confident that its position is right and just, by reason of affording accommodation to a greater travel.

The Independent goes so far as to state that the protest was "hatched" in Portland. It says: "In considering the protest from Beaverton to the state highway commission it is well to keep in mind the fact that the resolutions followed a visit to our neighbors by two Portland gentlemen greatly interested in the extension of hard surface roads beyond the Multnomah county line." There could be nothing added to that statement that would deviate farther from the true facts of the visit of the two gentlemen referred to. At the time Mr. Holman and Mr. Lancaster visited and spoke on good roads at the Chamber of Commerce's annual banquet, the club was not aware that our neighbors had been to Salem. Not a word was spoken at that meeting, nor until the plan of our neighbors appeared in the papers here mentioned on Friday following the meeting, which was held on Monday, relative to the matter. The above quotation would indicate that the Independent would build up a prejudice against Beaverton by using Portland as a footstool to buffet us with, endeavoring in that way to defeat the aspirations of the people in this end of the county. That paper realizes the justness of our claim, hence its effort to bring Portland into the controversy. Our Chamber of Commerce is composed of Beaverton business men and substantial farmers of the community—every member a live wire—laboring in the interest of Beaverton and Washington county.

The News-Times says: "The so-called 'protest,' supposedly sent by the 'Board of Trade' of Beaverton to the state highway commission - - - bears the earmarks of a Portland 'frameup,' and is ill-advised from any angle it is considered." Nice thing to have a big brother to shoulder the blame upon. Portland has never proffered any assistance to Beaverton, neither has any action of the Beaverton club been prompted by that city. The truth is that both the Independent and News-Times are aware of the fact that Beaverton's contention is the more logical. Both papers, in a way, try to ignore Beaverton and its commercial organization by endeavoring to mis-lead their readers into the belief that Portland is the prime instigator. Both evade the real position of our club, as has been explained in The Times. They do not seem to take kindly towards the real merits of the case reaching their readers.



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