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FARMERS OPPOSE ROAD BONDING BILL

George L. Sutherland Gives His Views Again in Opposition to the Scheme

Editor Scio Tribune:—I see you are putting up good arguments in the columns of The Tribune why this measure should be defeated at the polls in June and I come again adding my little mite to help defeat it.

In years ago, I used to be a pretty good preacher, and I know how to use a text yet. Let me quote one:

"This know ye also, that in the last days, perilous times shall come, for men shall be lovers of their own selves covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, unthankful, unholy, without natural affections, truce or (trust) breakers, false accusers, incontinent (untrustful,) fierce (bold) despisers of the poor, traitors, heady (big headed) lovers of pleasure and self more than the lovers of God (or of justice)"

I don't know a more appropriate text to apply to this road bonding scheme than this, a thing conceived in sin, born in iniquity and launched upon the people unjustly.

Of all sessions of the Oregon legislature, the last one cops the climax for its rotteness and unfaithfulness to the trust imposed in them by the common people. Without specifying all of their sins, the \$6,000,000 bonding bill is the biggest. There is hardly a statement made by the advocates of this iniquitous thing, but what is misleading and untrue. In my former article, I said the 1910 census gave the population of our state to be 672,765—men, women and children. If all owned automobiles valued at \$10 each would only be \$6,727,655, one-fourth of a mill on this amount would only be \$1,681 and to raise \$6,727,655 on a one-quarter tax, at \$10 per auto, you would have to assess each auto at \$4000 each, to raise the \$6,727,655 on a one-fourth mill levy.

The promoters of this scheme, claims there are 30,000 autos in the state which, if true, they would have to be assessed at \$200 each to raise \$6,000,000. One-quarter of a mill on \$6,000,000 would give only \$1,500. The interest on \$6,000,000 at 6 per cent per annum is \$36,000 a year. Hence you can see that a one-fourth mill levy on \$6,000,000 will not pay one-half of the interest at 6 per cent. What is the use to put up such deception to deceive the people?

Again they claim \$6,000,000 will build about 400 miles of hard surface road, and yet they have over 4000 miles mapped out. If it costs \$6,000,000 to build 400 miles of road, to build 4000 miles, would cost \$60,000,000 and only a hard surfaced road 9 feet wide at that—a wheelbarrow waik.

I have a type written circular sent out by T. J. Butler, our county commissioner, who does quite a bit of figuring in favor of hard surfaced roads in Linn county, which we

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SHELburn ITEMS

The weather looks very discouraging to the farmers who wish to get their seeding done and garden made.

An entertainment and pie social was given at the Farmers Union hall Saturday night. The pies brought a good price and a good time was enjoyed by all.

Letha French spent a few days visiting her sister, Mrs. Churchill, of Gates.

Mrs. Laura Gooch and children spent Sunday in Albany.

Mrs. Bessie Cowell and mother called on Mrs. Gooch Thursday.

Claire McClain has showed the love for his country. He joined the army Friday.

Geo. Sutherland spent Wednesday night at the home of Grandpa Gooch.

George and Letha Krenek, Walter, George and J. L. White and Clinton Brown were visitors at the home of Mrs. Trollinger Sunday.

Miss Delma Grimes spent Friday with her aunt, Mrs. Lafe Osborn.

SCHOOL NOTES

Kenneth White was absent from school the latter part of last week on account of tonsillitis.

Captain Stewart and three soldiers of the 5th company coast artillery, stationed at Albany, made the High school a visit last Thursday.

Claire McClain, a well known senior boy, joined the coast artillery Friday.

The High school sent comfort kits to the boys who answered the call to colors.

The school, as a part of the morning exercises, is to salute the flag.

The Freshman class gave a party to the High school Thursday night.

Floyd Carson visited the High school Monday afternoon.

The Senior class is going to Albany Wednesday to see their absent class member and have their pictures taken.

Bridle Your Tongue

This country is now at war and men may not say whatever they please. A law enacted by congress some years ago, makes it a crime to speak words disrespectful of the president or congress, or to discourage men from enlisting in the army or navy. In time of peace we can express ourselves in most any manner we please, about the government. It is different now. The day of talk-as-you-please is past. You can say anything you like in favor of the government, but if you think otherwise, you better not express your thoughts in words. You cannot always tell who is listening. Habit is strong and unless curbed, may get you into trouble.

Bids Wanted

Bids are wanted for janitor of Scio public schools for 1917-1918 term. All bids must be in by April 20, 1917.

J. F. Wesely, Clerk.

The Scio Tribune, \$1.50 the year.

HARRISBURG FARMER OPPOSES ROAD BONDS

He Thinks Commissioner T. J. Butler's Letter is Full of Misleading Statements

Scio Tribune:—I wish to thank you for the stand you are taking on the bonding issue and especially for the publication of Commissioner Butler's letter, and your comment on the same. I cannot think that Mr. Butler is sending out these letters at the county's expense, but it is very misleading as set forth in the number of miles from Jefferson to Harrisburg and the amount of work that has been done on the road in the past 15 years, that if he intends to carry the idea that there has been \$70,000 worth of permanent work done within the last 15 years, until within the last four or five years, the greater part of the road work consisted in making dirt roads. Part of it was of a permanent nature, so far as grading and draining, but a great portion was dressing up and leveling the ruts and holes, a kind of patrol, the same as any road will necessarily have to have.

It is true that we have wasted a lot of money in the past, and as you correctly asserted, it is largely the fault of the members of the county court. They stand by their pets whether they are efficient road men or not. Of course we should not condemn the court if they appointed a new man for supervisor and he failed to be efficient, but we can condemn the court if they reappointed him year after year.

It is very doubtful if we ever have anything better than our supervisor system that we have lived under in the past. The fault is not with the system, but with the management. It seems that the method proposed by the new code will open up the way for building up a greater political machine than the old way, and as to supervisors, there are men in every road district that know more about the construction of roads in their particular district than any imported road engineer. Some of the greatest mistakes that have been made in road construction have been made by the instruction of high priced and high colored road engineers.

To get back to Commissioner Butler's letter, if the county court can get a paving company that will agree to pave the road from Jefferson to Harrisburg after the other one-fourth of the foundation is made as good or better than the three-fourths which he mentions is ready for paving, for the sum of \$1584 per mile, and if said company will give adequate bonds guaranteeing the road to be good for a period of ten years, by all means let it be done that way.

I have the disposition to discuss this road bonding bill at more length, but have not the time and must refrain from taking too much of your valuable space. With all due respect to Commissioner Butler it appears that his letter is another misleading representative of the

CRABTREE VALLEY ITEMS

The S. Stewart sale was largely attended and the property sold at a very high figure.

Lloyd Beougher suffered a very serious accident at Kraniks mill last Friday evening. In cleaning saw dust from the gang saw, his hand came in contact with one of the saws, which cut off the thumb and two fingers. He was taken to Lebanon where his hand was dressed and reports say he is resting easy.

The dance at the hall was a quiet affair Saturday night. On account of the sale, but few attended.

Wm. Stoddart and Lee Gaines received a shipment of fish this week and will eat fish instead of bacon.

Prof. Robbins is a frequent visitor at Mr. Merritta, but it is not certain he is interested in music this time.

Mr. Larwood thinks of getting a new roller mill to replace his chopper. He has had much chopping to do this winter.

Adolph Kranik may move his mill into the Lacombe country. About two years sawing is offered him.

SANTIAM FARM TOPICS

Ernest Titus, of near Sanderson bridge, was over this way looking for a good 1600 pound mare, as he has one he wishes to mate.

Geo. Griffin, James Craft and M. C. Gaines went on a flying trip in an auto with Mr. Snodgrass, of Lebanon, to Corvallis to inspect some fine registered durham cattle, of which they think of buying a few to improve their home stock, as they are fanciers of fine stock.

We most all attended the sale of Mr. Stewart yesterday, where most everything sold well and was a good lot of stuff and in a fair shape to please the buyers. We found the road nearly impassable. Still several autos pulled through the mud up to the hubs. So a car can go most anywhere a horse can.

The Santiam farm has in all their early garden soaking, waiting for it to come up. Some sweet day, by and by. His peas, turnips, and lettuce are up and look fairly good.

Mrs. M. C. Gaines is trying an

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facts in the case.

Mr. Adams address to a Salem audience (he knew that a Salem audience would know something of the bring-fourth of this,) said "it did not make much difference about the parentage of the child, so the child was good." This particular bonding child was conceived in darkness and brought forth in iniquity and is being nurtured on the milk of misrepresentation and falsehood. I hope all will read the road bonding bill through and observe the pathetic story therein of four counties being bonded for all the money they could get for road improvement, and that is the condition these schemers who work after night and change the records of the legislative journal are seeking to bring upon the state that they may reap a reward from the sale of bonds and in paving contracts and joyride at the expense of the farmer and laboring man.

By J. M. P.

RECRUITS WANTED FOR THE CAVALRY

Captain Elkins, of Albany, Says Scio Should Furnish Sixteen or More Men

Captain Harry Elkins, of Lebanon was in town Sunday to arrange for the enlisting of men for the troop of cavalry, which is being formed in Lebanon.

He said that two or three squads of eight men each, were expected from Scio and vicinity.

The next call for troops from Oregon is sure to include a regiment of cavalry and Linn county can surely provide one of the troops. The Lebanon boys are simply anticipating the call and want to have a troop ready.

The cavalry is really the most pleasant branch of the service. While the cavalry has the most constant duty to perform it, in a measure, is the eyes of the army, the healthiest and, as a rule, the men are more contented because they are more constantly employed.

It ought not to be difficult to get 16 to 24 men in Scio and vicinity. Boys it is best to volunteer, for you then can have choice of service and stand a better show for promotion. Besides, you will have to go later on and then serve wherever you are placed. The Tribune man served in the cavalry in the Civil war and will gladly give any information he can about that branch of the service.

Indian Grave Exposed

Last week what is supposed to be an Indian grave was exposed on the lower slope of Eranklin butte, north side, when a drainage ditch was being excavated.

About all that was found, is a breech loading rifle, the wood all rotted away, but the breech loading mechanism yet quite evident.

It is thought the rifle has been in the ground near 50 years, yet there were no bones or other "ifacts" which was usually placed in the grave with the "good Indian" of those days.

Some of our older citizens claim to remember the burial of an Indian in that locality in the very early days of this section, in fact, this particular locality is said to have been an Indian graveyard in that day.

Wm. Abbott, whose farm home is near where the rifle was found, brought the gun to town and now has it in possession.

Valuable Horse Injured

A milk hauler had a valuable horse badly injured when passing through a muddy lane near Munkers Monday, by a board penetrating the animal. Some one had been stuck in the road and left the board, upon which the horse stepped, causing the accident. The horse was shot Monday evening to end his suffering. The animal was valued at \$225. A good case for damages against the county may result from the accident.