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WHAT IS THE COURT GOING TO DO?

When Linn county people voted
\$600,000 for county road purposes
it was commonly understood that
this fund was to be expended on the
so called market roads of the county
and to this end certain roads were
designated for improvement.

It was understood that these roads
were to be brought to grade, thor-
oughly drained before graveling, so
that if hard surfacing should be un-
dertaken the grade would not have
to be disturbed. Also, that hard
surfacing should be commenced at
Scio, Lebanon and Brownsville.

A year has elapsed without any-
thing done except graveling, so far
as The Tribune has been permitted
to observe. This gravel has been
placed on the roads in many places
where grading should have been done
before graveling. Also, there has
been but small effort towards drain-

Much of this graveling cannot be
but temporary, for in many places
where grading is on, much of this
gravel must be covered up with dirt
and hence is time and money wasted.

The people will willingly vote
money for road purposes providing
it is properly expended. But they
will be loth to vote money to be ex-
pended unless the court spends it
with more wisdom than it has done
so far. An engineer should be em-
ployed and every road improved
should be surveyed, grade stakes set
drainage ditches placed and what
work is done should be so directed
that it will not have to be done over
in a year or two.

\$600,000 is not a large sum when
considered from a road building
viewpoint. But more will be voted
if the people are assured that it will
not be largely wasted, as it evident-
ly has been up to this time. And
it will be so wasted in the future
without a competent road engineer
directs and superintends the work.
It cannot be expected that men who
have no knowledge of engineering
will build roads up to standard con-
struction. Nor is it expected that
members of the court shall be com-
petent to direct or superintend the
work. The work should be placed
under the control of a foreman who
can and will work up to the grade
stakes as placed by the engineer. In
other words he should be a man of
experience and who understands the
job.

Some \$100,000 of these county
bonds have been sold and at a pre-
mium. Presumably the money ar-
ising therefrom has been spent for

machinery; yet we, the people, don't
know, for the court has not seen
proper to declare its purpose relative
to this matter.

Our county court is not a close
corporation but are servants of the
people. It should be willing to take
the people into its confidence at
least. The monthly list of bills pub-
lished in the newspapers gives but
little enlightenment to the people.
We simply know our tax moneys are
being spent and that the amount
increases every year.

The people have a right to know
for what purpose it is being expen-
ded. The Tribune has every confi-
dence in our county court. We be-
lieve our money is being expended
honestly, if not wisely. But we have
a right to know about this matter
and we, the people, believe the court
should publish its purpose specifi-
cally in the newspapers and they will
gladly pay the expense. The people
have not the time or ability to go to
the court house and dig out this
matter. They believe the court is
honest, but they want to know it.

It has been stated, but not offici-
ally that the court desires to levy a
5-mill tax in lieu of issuing more
road bonds. Therefore the necessity
for a statement, simple and com-
plete, of the court's plans. If this
is done the people will vote bonds
or millage tax, whichever it may be,
providing they become convinced
the money will be expended for the
purposes intended. But the people
must know and the court is in duty
bound to furnish the required
knowledge.

Again we say the court is not a
close corporation, but are servants
of the people, their employers. How-
ever much confidence the people
may have, they want to know how
their work is being done and wheth-
er their tax moneys are being wisely
expended or not.

A private employer requires his
agent to report at stated intervals.
Not because of any doubt of the
honesty of the agent or employe,
but because he, the employer, de-
sires to know how his business is be-
ing conducted.

In this matter under consideration
the county court is the employe and
the people is the employer. There
should be just as much frankness
and open understanding in the one
case as the other.

HOOVER BOOM GROWING.

From all over the nation and es-
pecially on the Pacific Coast the de-
sire for the nomination of Herbert
C. Hoover for president seems to be
rapidly growing. Hoover republi-
can clubs and Hoover democratic
clubs are being organized, yet Mr.
Hoover has not said whether he is a
republican or a democrat, but has
said he is not a candidate.

He would, no doubt, accept the
nomination should he be selected as
a candidate. This demand for "Hoo-
ver for president" comes up
from the people and not from
the politicians. What does it indi-
cate? As Mr. Hoover is not a party
partisan in any sense, it indicates
that the people, and, we believe, a
large majority of them, are ex-
tremely tired of such strong parti-
sanism as has been manifested dur-
ing the past year or more, and will
gladly support a candidate for pre-
sident who discards, in a large sense,
partisan politics. They see in Mr.
Hoover a man who will do this, who
will fill the offices with men regard-
less of party, but for capability and
fitness. He would have no party
debts to pay, and would be free to
cleanse out the government from
thousands inefficient employes and
hangers on, who want the largest
salaries obtainable and who do the
least amount of work possible.

Our government could be run for
a billion dollars less cost if we could
simply elect a president and con-

gress which would look only to the
interests of the government rather
than to reward their individual con-
stituencies for their efforts in the
political campaign which placed the
officials in office.

After all, it makes little difference
to the average citizen which party is
in power so that our government is
conducted economically and wisely
and in the interests of American
principles. It is simply the politici-
ans who want office and to run the
government who kick up the trouble.

For this reason the people want
Hoover. If elected they believe he
is big enough and has nerve enough
to do things in the interest of the
people and not spend a large part
of his time in thinking how he can
reward his party friends.

Not in the history of our govern-
ment have the people felt less bound
to party than they do today. That
is to say the great mass of our non
office seeking people. They hold
party strings very loosely, ready to
throw them down whenever it pleas-
es them to do so, in selecting the
better man. The party slogan has
no longer the compelling effect it
did in former years. The determi-
nation is fixed in the minds of the
majority of the people to vote for
whom he considers the best man and
who will give our country the most
efficient service, and they believe
Mr. Hoover is such a man. Nor
do they care particularly which party
names him as their candidate. It is
the man they want rather than the
success of their particular party.

Summons.

In the Circuit Court of the State of
Oregon for the County of Linn,
Department No. 2.
Bonnie Stevenson, Plaintiff,

vs.
Charles Stevenson, Defendant.

To Charles Stevenson, the above
named defendant:
In the name of the State of Oregon,
you are hereby notified and required to
be and appear in the above entitled
court in the above entitled suit, and
answer the complaint of the plaintiff on
file therein, on or before the 15th day
of May, 1920; and you are hereby fur-
ther notified that if you fail to appear
and answer said complaint as aforesaid,
for want thereof, the plaintiff will take
a decree against you for the relief
prayed for in said complaint, to-wit: A
decree of the above entitled court dis-
solving the bonds of matrimony now
existing between plaintiff and defend-
ant, and awarding plaintiff the care and
custody of the minor children of plain-
tiff and defendant.

This summons is published by virtue
of an order made by the Honorable
Geo. G. Bingham, judge of the above
entitled court, and entered of record
therein on the 25th day of March, 1920,
and which said order specifies that this
summons be published for six consecu-
tive weeks in The Scio Tribune, and that
the date of the first publication shall be
April 1st, 1920, and said order requires
that said defendant shall appear and
answer said complaint on or before the
15th day of May, 1920.

WM. S. RISLEY,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Citation.

In the County Court of the State of
Oregon, for Linn County.

In the Matter of the
Estate of Joseph F. Starry, Deceased. Citation.
Starry, Deceased.

To Frantisek Starry and Antonio Starry
Greeting.
In the name of the State of Oregon,
you are hereby cited and required to
appear in the county court of the state
of Oregon, for the county of Linn, at
the court room thereof, at Albany, in
said county, on Monday, the 19th day
of May, 1920, at 10 o'clock in the fore-
noon of that day, then and there to
show cause, if any there be, why an
order should not be made by the above
entitled court authorizing, licensing and
directing the administratrix of said es-
tate to sell the real property of said
estate at private sale, said real prop-
erty being described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point on the north
boundary line of the southeast quarter
of section 24 in township 10 south of
range 2 west of the Willamette meri-
dian, Oregon, which is 29.68 rods east
of the northwest corner of the southeast
quarter of said section 24, said begin-
ning point being also the northeast cor-
ner of a tract of land sold to Joseph
Holub, Jr., by S. F. Zysset and wife on
January 9, 1902, and running thence
east on the north boundary line of the
southeast quarter of said section 24
forty (40) rods, thence south forty (40)
rods, thence west parallel with the north
boundary line of the southeast quarter
of said section 24 forty (40) rods, thence
north forty (40) rods to the place of
beginning, containing ten acres, more
or less, situated in Linn county, state
of Oregon.

Witness, the Hon. W. R. Bliveu,
judge of the county court of the state
of Oregon, for the county of Linn, with
the seal of said court affixed this 22d
day of March, A. D. 1920.
[Seal] R. M. RUSSELL, Clerk.

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county, Oregon, and all persons having
claims against the estate are hereby
required to present the same, properly
verified as by law required, at the resi-
dence of this administrator, southwest
of Scio in Linn county, Oregon, within
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I. G. FALTUS,
Administrator.
C. C. Bryant, Attorney. 31 52

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