OSHUA PATTERSON, in his proclamation to voters.
gives as the real reason why he still seeks a third term as county commissioner after having been defeated in the primaries, as the true cause of his struggle to keep at the
county crib another four years, his "wish to continue the work of building good roads in dackson county.
In order, then, to help the county out, patriotic Mr.
Patterson is making a strenuous campaign to sacrifice four Patterson is making a strenuous campaign to sacrifice four
more years of his time at the scanty compensation allowmore years of his time at the scanty compensation allow-
cd so that we can have some more of those fine old patented Roman elevated hi
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Mr. Patterson's desire to save us from ouss.lves would
be funny were the results not so serious. Jackson county
highways are a business proposition, the most serious one highways are a business proposition, the most serious one
before the roters of this section-and materially affect our
furu welfare future welfare.
Mr. Patteron, no doubt, honestly thinks that he knows
all there is to know about highways, that he is a veritable all there is to know about highways, that he is a veritable
Christopher Columbus of good roads, that unless he is
given another term the road movement will collapse, and given another term the road movement will collapse, and
that the material progress of the county demands his re-
tention in office as a sort of perpetual guardian and patention in office as a sort of perpetual guardian and pa
ternal overseer.
That is the pathetic part of it. Mr. Patterson does not That is the pathetic part of it. Mr. Patterson does not
realize his own shortcomings in methods and system. No
matter how faithfully and conscientiously he may have
served the county, or thought he served the county, his unserved the county, or thought he served the county, his un-
scientific, slipshod construction methods have been outgrown and
grown them.
The October number of "Good Roads," a magazine de
voted to good highways, has an article on "The Road Sit voted to good highways, has an article on "The Road Sit
uation in Oregon," written by Maurice O. Eldridge, ex pert of the good roads section of the department of agri-
culture, who visited and lectured here early last summer Commenting upon Jackson county roads, Mr. Eldridge says: "While Jackson county lies almost wholly in the Rogue River valley, one of the richest and most picturesque val
leys in the state, and has an abundance of good road mate leys in the state, and has an abundance of good road mate-
rial, so far very little progress has been made in road build ing. A road is now being built between Medford and Jack sonville, the county seat, the material consisting of crushed
gravel. This material contains a large quantity of soil
and sand, which is separated from the other ingredients and sand, which is separated from the other ingredients
and then spread upon the finished road to a depth of three
or four inches. The crusher is not provided with suitable or four inches. The crusher is not provided with suitable inches in diameter, are used for a foundation. The fine
material, which is placed on the surface, soon disappears, and the larger materials work to the surface
Jackson county. If Jackson county would devote a portion of its large annual appropriation to the employment of a
skilled highway engineer, much better results would be obtained without increasing the present outlay,
But there are none so blind as those who will not see ploving any other expert than himself, or the need of emways according to specifications and surveys, or by any other method than the helter-skelter ones now used, o day labor, guesswork and wrong materials, and he pater nally insists upon forcing the county to employ none other
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