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************ COMMUNICATIONS. ** * * * * * * * * *

MEDFORD, Or. Oct 28 1910 - To the Exerciser: Your pen seems to be dipped in gail, but in your heart, I feel certain at you must respect the honest, upright efficen whom you assail.

You cre raking Commissioner Patternen about the condition of the Cenfrad Foint bridge. Your good friend, Sermer term as county judge; and it has been an expense to the county ever since. I succeeded Mr. Nell as judge, and I had to protect it to keep it from failing Sown, even in its youth. ' For eight years Mr. Patterson has nursed that bridge to keep it standing, and now you emn the officer who has labored to keep it from falling, and you conthe officer who built it.

Your criticism of Patterson about that, bridge is in harmony with all your other eriticisms of that gentleman, mistaken and anjust. But you have only resided ng of the former bottomless condidon of its principal roads. Still, it id seem that you might have learned a little of our former conditions, if you really cared to know them. But he eract truth is that Commissioner terson has built all the good roads the county. He has made our main hways that before his time as a anty official were winter sloughs and vallows, traversable at all seasons of wear. And for his services he is end to public gratitude instead of edireproach.

se citizens who have, like myself. ided ten or twenty years in Jackson sty, can truthfully say that Joshua Patterson has been the best and hardest servicing commissioner that this county praise where you have given him only costinted and unfair criticism. If ever m official of this county merited the words, "Well done, good and faithful pervant," that man is Joshua Patterson. the is now, by reason of the request of his fellow citizens, an independent cante for commissioner.

Mr. Patterson ought to be unanimous lected. He merits it. And the die need him for his experience, his my and integrity. A vote against Patterson, in November, is a vote to consure a faithful public servant; it is a vote to condemn official integrity and spacity; it is a vote to condemn expeand exalt inexperience; it is a of approval for the Tribune's unand unmerited criticisms; it is a to besmirch one of the purest, worst and most conscientious public ats that Jackson county has ever Such votes and criticisms like are warnings to a public officer Jestua Patterson's, has always been isong the line of right doing and upright twing, noto to expect much commen from the good, but rather erratic Plain, hard-working, honest old Josh Patterson: you are good stuff. And no ount of mud or misrepresentation m make the public believe a man to be mworthy or incapable whose whole life been, like yours, cast in the divine integrity. WILLIAM & CROWELL. of

OLD METHODS OUTGROWN

RITICISM of Joshua Patterson is not directed against him as an individual, as a citizen, but as a county commisioner. The matter of selecting a successor is a business proposition, not governed by personal friendship or enmity-but by and for the common good.

Joshua Patterson the man, his purity and worth, admirable though he may be, is not an issue, but Joshua Paterson, the public official is. His official capacity is measured by his record, and proper subject for public criticism.

In its campaign for a new and better order of affairs, the Mail Tribune is moved by no personal malice or animosity, no hope of reward, present or future, save serving the better interests of the county, its development and progress. It has ever stood for progressive policies, and therefore opposes the election of Joshna Patterson, who, defeated in the primaries of his own party, seeks re-election to a third term as an independent.

We are told that Commissioner Patterson is responsible for all the good roads in the county; that before his election the principal highways were "bottomless pits." yet as long as fourteen years ago, Judge Crowell past, was elected county judge upon a good roads platform and one of his campaign slogans was to build as good highways as his predecessor, Judge Neil, had built bridges,

Two years ago all the credit for good roads was given to George W. Dunn, then county judge, instead of Mr. Patterson. The people showed Judge Nell, built that bridge during his what they thought of Judge Dunn's roads by defeating him and electing Judge Neil, in the hope of securing a change in methods. But Commissioners Patterson and Owens combined against Judge Neil, overruled him on every point, made him practically a cipher, and continued the old repudiated methods of road building.

Jackson county is spending close to \$100,000 for improved highways this year. Last year over \$79,000 was spent. During Mr. Patterson's eight years' incumbency, probably the amount of money spent on highways on the official ballot is No. 81-Yes-for county high school fund, totals approximately half a million dollars. Surely this sum of money

ought to make a creditable system of roads. The question is, are the results commensurate with the expenditures?

Spending half a million dollars on highways ought to give a man a fair education in road building, though it has proved an expensive education for the taxpayers. Yet the same system and the same methods are used today that were used then, and we have the word of the expert of the United States department of Good Roads that "very little progress

has been made in good road building in Jackson county, and the need of skilled supervision is very apparent." The truth of the matter is that we have very few good roads, none

properly built; that our best ronds are mere makeshifts and must be rebuilt frequently; that we have no system of resurfacing or caring for roads once constructed, and which, neglected, soon become almost impassable for roughness.

Compared with the roads of ten or twenty years ago, present roads might be called good. But with this large amount of money spent on them, there ought to be some improvement. The comparison should not be with the past, when we had no roads, but with other places, that with no greater expenditure, have real roads. Jackson county will yearly expend large

sums on road building, and ought to get better results than it has in the

Mr. Patterson may have good intentions, but we are told that hell, not highways, is paved with such material. Scientific and permanent road construction should supplant the present unscientific and temporary systen

Jackson county has outgrown the Patterson roads, just as it has outgrown the bottomless highways of Judge Crowell's regime.

VOTE FOR HIGH SCHOOLS.

be offered. LL believers in progressive education should vote yes on the question of creating a high school fund for Jackson county. The number meeting of the Aero club. It is not a matter of creating one or more central high schools at

county expense, but it makes it possible to have a high school at any place in the county where twelve or fifteen pupils who have passed the grades of the common schools can be brought together, thus making high schools possible in the small as well as in the large centers of population. The law provides that any number of districts may unite for high school purses and draw upon the county fund.

It is to the interest of every eitizen of Jackson county to vote for the better educational facilities provided by this bill, which places all the vast undeveloped resources of the county behind every high school and relieves the heavy burden of the special district tax.



LOS ANGELES, Cal., Oct. 29 .mous Spokane rate case may result Officers and men of the Japanese fleet that will arrive in Southern California waters November 24 will state commerce commission last be entertained with a real aviation June, meet on the Playa Del Rey motordrome. It was announced today that the Aero club of California will undertake to stage the affair. 11 has been proposed to make the meeting open to Northern California aviators and extend invitations to them to compete for the prizes that will

135" per cent of coast terminal rates and this, on its face, would appear to be contrary to the long and short

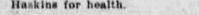
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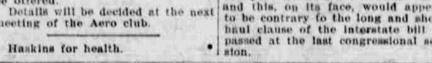
in lower rates to Spokane than the It is reported that Interstate Conrmissioner Prouty has broadly de-

WASHINGTON, Oct. 29 .- The fa-

clared that the commission may take such unexpected action when it ultimately decides the case Prouty is quoted as having said

that the tentative rate was fixed at haul clause of the interstate bill as passed at the last congressional ses-





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BLACKBURN FACES **BRIBERY** CHARGE

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 29 .- Dr. D. E Blackburn, a former supervisor of San will be arrested on a warrant ern out in the superior court on bribery charges here this afternoon.

The warrant was sworn to by R. W. Burnett, bond and warrant clerk of San Francisco. It charged that Blackburn. as a member of the San Mateo county supervisors, called on Charles Marshall, agent for the H. S. Crocker company. and informed him that unless a sum of money was paid he would not vote for Crocker company when the contract for furnishing the courthouse at Red-wood City was voted upon. It is alleged that he demanded a fee of \$853 for his wote. It is also alleged that this sum was paid him.

The warrant has been given to the slice and will be served at once. Ball



NEW YORK, Oct. 29 .- Kissing the aptain and several of the crew goodbye and waving idieus to traveling comnions, Sarah Bernhardt arrived in New York today on the liner La Province. It took her half an hour to declare her futiable goods and be released by the ustoms officials.

The Joan of Arc league of suffragettes at Madame Bernhardt in a body and frewed her path with chrysanthemums she walked up the gangplank onto he dock, but were snubbed for their ins by the great actress.

"I've got along all right with the wit ad wisdom that God gave me without be suffrage," said Bernhardt. "The Divine Sarah" said she believed

suffrage, but not in suffragettes. The actress left at once for Chicago, here she will open her American en-

REGON FARMERS

WIN AT FOOTBALL

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 29.-The Ore-m agricultural college won from the fashington state college this afternoon the Vaughn street grounds .0 of 1 to 0.



Exploiting A New City To The People of Medford and Vicinity

We are holding under option a large tract of land on one of the best fresh and salt water ports on the Pacific ocean. We are going to open up a new city, to lay the foundation of a fortune for all those who will join us in our operations.

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