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COUNTY COURT NAMES HIGHWAY BOARD; LETS CENTRAL POINT ROAD CONTRACT

FIVE TO HELP BUILD ROADS AROUND VALLEY

Advisory Board Consisting of Benton Bowers, Horace Pelton, Frank Brown, Miles Cantrell and Sam Mathias, Named to Assist Court.

ALL SECTIONS OF COUNTY NOW HAVE REPRESENTATION

All of Those Selected Are Old-Timers and Known as Conservative Men Favoring Progress.

- Here are the men who will spend the \$1,500,000 bond issue, if passed for better highways in Jackson county:
- J. R. Neil, county judge, Jacksonville.
- James Owens, commissioner, Wellen.
- G. L. Davis, commissioner, Medford.
- Benton Bowers, Ashland.
- Horace Pelton, Sams Valley.
- Frank Brown, Eagle Point.
- Miles Cantrell, Applegate.
- Sam Mathias, Woodville.

The county court Thursday morning named the men who will act as an advisory commission with them in regard to the expenditure of the \$1,500,000 bond issue if it carried at the election to be held at the end of this month for the purpose of building a complete system of highways throughout the county. The decision as to the personnel of the commission was arrived at after the county commissioners and County Judge Neil had spent much time in looking over the list of available and capable men in the county. Politics cut absolutely no figure in the choice of the men but the county court endeavored to choose men acceptable to all parts of the county.

As Medford has a representative on the board in the person of George L. Davis, county commissioner, this city was omitted by the court in the consideration. Ashland has a representative in the person of Benton Bowers while the other men were chosen that all sections of the county would be represented.

This commission will meet at stated periods with the county court and will have a voice in the matter of expending the money, if voted, for better roads throughout the county. This gives each section of the county representation and will guarantee to each section that they will not be overlooked or slighted in the matter of building good roads.

TO LECTURE ON GOOD ROADS

Representative of B. F. Goodrich Company Will Talk on Better Highways at Natatorium This Evening—All Are Invited.

Inasmuch as good roads is the prevailing topic of the day in Jackson county, the representative of the B. F. Goodrich company, makers of automobile tires, who is to lecture at the Natatorium this evening on "From Tree to Tire," and illustrate his remarks with moving pictures, will devote much of his time to a discussion of better highways. The lecture is bound to be a splendid entertainment and all are urged to attend. The lecture will be especially interesting to owners of automobiles.

REPRESENTS UNION MEN



F. M. RYAN, international president of the International Brotherhood of Railway Carmen.

UNIONS FACE TRYING CRISIS STRIKE MATTER

Speakers Declare Peace Is Wanted If They Have to Fight It, But Railroad Managers Cannot Dictate How to Run Unions.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Sept. 7.—"We are facing a crisis—a struggle is on today that is going to try every man's soul. We can't get out of it. We can't back up. We just must face the music."

So declared J. W. Kline, president of the blacksmiths' union, at a mass meeting held in the labor temple here. He was followed by M. F. Ryan of the carmen. "I am for peace—if we have to fight for it," he continued. "Mr. Kratschnitt can run a railroad but he can't run a labor organization to save his neck."

The purpose of the meeting, the speakers declared, was merely to ascertain what the men wanted. Kline made clear the labor situation and the position occupied by the unions in regard to their employers. The various crafts were well represented and the men applauded vigorously the more forceful arguments and assertions of Kline and the other speakers. None of the speakers evinced a disposition to strike except as a last resort. They asserted repeatedly that they were of a conciliatory spirit, although they would not hesitate to stand by their guns if it became necessary to fight for their rights.

KICK OF CRANK BREAKS BOY'S ARM

The kick back of the crank while attempting to start the engine in a small automobile at the Bear Creek this morning is responsible for the breaking of Harry Treat's arm. The injury is most painful.

NO ASTOR WEDDING BELLS TODAY

Although This Is Time Set, No Ceremony Comes—Rumored Minister Has at Last Been Found to Perform Ceremony for \$1000 Fee Spurned by Others—Papa Force Chases Photographer.

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—This, the day set for their wedding, will not see Colonel John Jacob Astor and Miss Madeline Force married. Astor admitted this fact today as he was leaving the Force residence here, but would not state when he would take the young and pretty miss to the altar. When asked if he would marry within the next 72 hours he laughed and refused to reply. Great excitement prevailed today about the Force home. Astor made a hurried visit there after which he made the positive statement that he

Short Talks on Proposed Road Bond Issue

NO. 2—THE ACTUAL SAVING OF A ROAD BOND ISSUE

One million, five hundred dollars, it is estimated will build 300 miles of permanent macadam highway in Jackson county, opening up for development all sections. This money can be expended at the rate of \$500,000 a year for three years. It will provide a payroll, furnish the people with work, enhance the value of farm and city property, increase the earning power of land through making it more accessible and lessening the cost of transportation, and benefit all by increasing the volume of money in circulation.

The cost to the people will be less than under the present system, where from \$100,000 to \$125,000 is annually expended with unsatisfactory results. The tax levy will be less for interest and sinking fund than it is now.

The cost of the \$1,500,000 bonds to the taxpayers will be as follows, assuming the securities are thirty-year bonds and sell at par:

First year—Interest 5 per cent on \$500,000	\$ 25,000
Sinking fund	16,666
Net cost	\$ 41,666
Saving in taxation over present system (\$125,000 is raised this year)	84,000
Second year—Interest, 5 per cent on \$1,000,000	\$ 50,000
Sinking fund	33,333
Total	\$ 83,333
Less interest on sinking fund released	2,000
Net cost	\$ 81,333
Saving in taxation over present system	44,000
Third year—Interest, 5 per cent on \$1,500,000	\$ 75,000
Sinking fund	50,000
Total	\$ 125,000
Less interest on sinking fund, released	6,000
Net cost	\$ 119,000
Saving over present system	6,000

The saving would thereafter increase at the rate of \$3000 a year each year, additional interest from the sinking fund, until in 16 years, over \$50,000 a year would be received from this source, materially reducing the rate of taxation.

The net saving to the taxpayers over the present system would then be, first year, \$84,000; second year, \$44,000; third year, \$6000, or \$134,000 in first three years, \$9000 in fourth year, with an increase of \$3000 a year additional on each year thereafter.

As a matter of business, of common sense, of economy, everyone in Jackson county should vote for these road bonds.

COW ATTENDED CHURCH; TROUBLE

Bar Creek Congregation Has Trouble in Open Church—Immersion Delayed While Dam Across Creek Is Repaired.

The Bar Creek congregation which meets each Sunday in the grove on the summit of the hills above Griffin Creek was greatly disturbed in its last meeting by certain miscreants who drove a cow through the meeting during the sermon being preached by Rev. Stuart.

The same service was further broken up by the destruction of the dam in Griffin creek where an immersion was scheduled to take place. The baptism was delayed for an hour or more, as the dam had to be repaired, the reservoir filled and the stirred-up mud allowed to settle.

ALBANY FAVORS RATE CONGRESS

Commercial Club of Valley City Endorses Proposed Initiative Rate Bill and Appoints Delegation to Salem Congress.

The Medford Traffic bureau is in receipt of a letter from the Albany Commercial club stating that that organization heartily endorsed the proposed initiative rate bill providing maximum distance class rates and had appointed a committee of six to meet the Medford delegates at the Salem rate congress called for September 28.

All indications point to a large attendance at the rate congress, as all organizations yet heard from are heartily in favor of the movement. A communication from Baker City Commercial club is to the effect that committees have been appointed to visit LaGrande and Pendleton and seek their co-operation in the rate congress and the appointment of delegations from all three cities. It is expected that both Ashland, Grants Pass, Roseburg and Eugene will be represented at the congress.

HORSE THIEVES ARE TAKEN TO SALEM

Jack Rowan and Charles A. Wilson, convicted of horse stealing and sentenced to an indeterminate sentence of from one to ten years in the state penitentiary, were taken to Salem Wednesday evening by Deputy Sheriff Lewis Eaton. This leaves 11 prisoners confined in the county jail.

PORTLAND, Or.—Unable to telephone her husband, who was at a neighbor's house, because the phones belonged to opposition systems, Mrs. Herbert Little called up the police department. The desk sergeant sent Little home to his anxious spouse.

OUT FOR LA FOLLETTE



JOSEPH MEDILL MCCORMICK
Medill McCormick who owns a large interest in the Chicago Tribune, is actively opposed to the renomination of President Taft.

ASHLAND AFTER LOCAL STATION STATE COLLEGE

Professor O'Gara Leaves to Look Over Site and Offer Suggestions at Request of Ashland People Who Are to Tender It.

Ashland is after the branch experiment station to be placed in the Rogue River valley and has a site which is to be offered to the authorities of the Oregon agricultural college. Professor O'Gara left at the request of the Ashlanders Thursday to view the site to be offered and tender such suggestions as he may see fit.

Some time ago the authorities of the college visited the valley and, although a number of sites were looked over, none was found which was deemed satisfactory. The Ashland people took notice of this and have gotten together in an effort to have the station placed near that city.

ONLY SLIGHT CHANGES IN STOCK MARKET

NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—At the opening of today's stock market there were no changes of importance. The only exception was Iowa Central preferred, which gained 2. Baltimore & Ohio and Lehigh Valley later sold 1 3-8 below yesterday's closing. Reading and Canadian Pacific declined 1 and the active list generally lost a fraction. The market closed steady. Bonds were heavy.

JURY CHARGE FAVORS BEATTIE

Judge Watson Rather Leans Toward Defense in Final Instructions—Closing Arguments Being Heard in Famous Murder Trial Now Nearing at End at Chesterfield.

CHESTERFIELD COURT HOUSE, Va., Sept. 7.—A charge, regarded as strongly favoring the defense, was given to the jury today which will pass upon the guilt or innocence of Henry Clay Beattie, Jr., accused of the murder of his wife. Judge Watson after reviewing the evidence of the murder, said: "In a case where the commonwealth endeavors to prove the accused persons' guilt the evidence proven must show circumstances all inconsistent with every reasonable hypothesis except guilt."

Commonwealth's Attorney Gregory, an old-fashioned lawyer and confederate veteran, opened the argument for the prosecution. His plea for conviction bristled with quotations from the scriptures. He reviewed the evidence of witnesses regarding Beattie's automobile being seen on the roadside shortly before the killing and added: "They saw no one else there. The prisoner alone had the means and opportunity of committing this heinous crime." Referring to the motive, Gregory said: "Here was an innocent wife untouched in sin, vice or shame, and proud in her motherhood. But this man, filled with venom, corruption, vice and sin, left the innocent woman with his own child on her breast and took to his arms a woman of the streets. There is the motive!" The jury was plainly impressed by the argument.

TWOHY GIVEN CONTRACT FOR MODERN ROAD

Rock Macadam Highway, Sixteen Feet in Width, to Be Built at Once From Medford to Central Point at a Cost of \$800 per Mile.

CONSTRUCTION WORK TO BE BEGUN AT ONCE

Contractor Willing to Accept County Warrants at Par—Many Citizens Heard.

The county court has awarded a contract to John Twohy for the construction of a rock macadam road between this city and Central Point. Work is to be started at once.

The road will be sixteen feet in width and will cost \$8000 a mile. Mr. Twohy in bidding for the work offered to build a twenty-foot road for about \$7000 a mile but the county court decided after a lengthy discussion of the matter in which many citizens from Medford and Central Point were heard that a sixteen-foot road was wide enough at the present time when funds are not available for better or wider roads.

Mr. Twohy will start work at once on the construction of the road and will complete it before the fall rains put an end to the work for the year. He will move his road building equipment to the valley at once.

Some discussion arose this morning regarding the building of a hard surface road between Medford and Central Point, Mr. Twohy being willing to bid on this work and to accept payment in county warrants at par. Some time ago a contract was let to the Clark & Henery Construction company for such a road but that company declined to go ahead with the work owing to the slight doubt which existed regarding the payment of the warrants. However, the county commissioners decided that a rock macadam road is the best under the present conditions for that stretch of road.

Through his engineer Mr. Twohy informed the court this morning that he expected to remain in the valley and contract for much of the road work to be done in this section provided that the \$1,500,000 bond issue carries at the next election. He says he will be equipped that he can build any kind of a road the court may specify.

CUMMINGS NOW IN COUNTY JAIL

Constable Singler Returns From Sacramento With Young Man Wanted in This State on a Statutory Charge.

Bert Cummings, who was recently apprehended in Sacramento by the authorities of that city and who is wanted here on a statutory charge, is now confined in the county jail at Jacksonville. Cummings was brought back from Sacramento by Constable Singler. Cummings is said to have attacked a 14-year-old girl in this city.

While Constable Singler was in Sacramento he endeavored to find Chris Kall, the Greek who recently skipped out with a bunch of money, but was unsuccessful.

PORTLAND, Or.—Arrested for eating refuse found in garbage barrels, three Italians when searched were found to have more than \$100 each in their clothing.