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## GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT

The Examiner is of the opinion that it is high time that the question of the building of permanent roads throughout Lake County was receiving attention. Crook County to the North and Klamath on the West are both getting ready to vote on the bonding question, and there is no reasonable doubt that the bonds will carry overwhelmingly. Both Counties, however, are planning main trunk lines North and South to the West of Lake, although Klamath is also reaching out after Lake County trade with proposed roads to the line near the northern part of the County and also to the West of Lakeview.

God Almighty has in a large measure solved the good roads question in Lake County, for when He created his part of the States He undoubtedly had a surplus of good road material and made use of it by filling up deep canyons and leveling up the country generally. As a consequence we have no expensive bridges to build and maintain, no heavy grades to overcome, no "black mud" to contend with, comparatively no rock work, in fact conditions are ideal for natural roads. And perhaps this latter fact has much to do with our lethargic condition as far as permanent roads are concerned. After having crossed the State twice during last month, the writer knows that Lake County has the best roads in all of Eastern Oregon. But this is in a great measure due to an All-Wise Creator, for many miles of roads traversed had apparently never had a stroke of work performed to bring them up to their present splendid condition. In a way the lack of heavy traffic may account for their condition, but be that as it may, a new era is dawning, and just as soon as the good roads are built up through Klamath, Crook and adjoining Counties to the North, connecting on the South with the California State Highway, just so soon will our present roads become a bugbear to the traveling public, and we will become an isolated community in fact.

With good roads distance is not considered nowadays, and if Lake County is to become populated in the near future permanent roads with a hard surface are absolutely necessary. With a main line running from California State line to the Crook County line, with branches connecting with Klamath and Harney Counties, we would be in shape to reach out after a landseeker occasionally, to say nothing of the tourist travel, which is beginning to be reckoned with as a source of revenue by many of our business houses.

The Examiner believes that this question should receive serious consideration, and to that end invites correspondence, both pro and con, from all sections of the County bearing upon the advisability of bonding the County for the purpose of building permanent hard-surfaced highways. Some very excellent work has been performed by the present County Court during the past few years, but this is only a commencement or "a drop in the bucket," as it were.

## THE CURRENCY BILL

Prospects of early passage of the currency bill are brightening. They are greatly improved by President Wilson's desire, expressed to Senator Hitchcock, that the bill be not made a partisan measure and by his readiness to welcome Republican support; also by Republican willingness to aid in framing a good bill and not to delay its passage.

Settlement of the currency issue on the lines of the pending bill is essential to stability of business conditions. These have been distributed by the new tariff and the readjustment made necessary by that measure will be greatly facilitated by improvement of the banking system. The question is not one of party; it concerns the whole country. There are certain provisions in the bill on which the dominant party insists. As they are matters of party policy, it is useless to ask the Democrats to yield on them. It is for Republicans to consider whether these provisions are so important and so inherently vicious that he should sacrifice the opportunity to secure adoption of other provisions of the bill which are taken in substance from the Aldrich bill.

Did you ever live in a community where it was not popular to "howl" about taxes? The writer never has, and even here in Lake County where taxes are practically at the lowest ebb, as it were, it is nothing uncommon to hear one complain. In fact, the Assessor or Sheriff might possibly say that the Examiner man is not an exception to the rule. But the point is that our present rate of taxation should in no way be a bar to bonding the County for permanent highways. If \$150,000 were voted the interest would amount to but \$9000, and by bonding for a long term of years, a sinking fund could be created after say ten years, thus permitting the use of the good roads to the present generation at a nominal cost. The annual wear on the ordinary vehicle under existing conditions, to say nothing of the increased hauling capacity with permanent roads, will more than offset the increased taxes necessary to build the roads.

Klamath County is in debt nearly a half million dollars. "Uncle Sam" can give her a few dollars better, but then both have something to show for the amount expended. Klamath's reputation for good roads is worth many times the amount of her indebtedness, to say nothing of the roads themselves, and that reputation will no doubt bring to that County every year more than the half million of indebtedness.

## Oregon Apples To Africa

Portland, Ore., Oct. 21. (Special).—So attractive have been the reports of the superior quality of Oregon apples that a party of pilgrims came all the way from Johannesburg, South Africa, to Portland to see for themselves whether or not Oregon fruit was so much better than that from other parts of the world. They came, they saw, and they left orders to the extent of 25 carloads of the finest apples Oregon could produce.

This purchase is merely the entering wedge. In the past the bulk of apples for the South African trade have been purchased in Nova Scotia and other Eastern sections, but acquaintances with the wonderful coloring, quality and long-keeping characteristics of Oregon apples will undoubtedly result in diverting practically all future orders to the Pacific Northwest, a movement which will be greatly stimulated when the Panama Canal is in operation.

## Cold in East

A Washington dispatch of October 21 says that wintry weather today gripped the entire section of the country east of the Mississippi. At some places the storm was severe and the fall of snow heavy, while along the North Atlantic coast and in the Great Lakes regions a heavy wind raged making navigation extremely perilous and causing much property loss.

Different here in Oregon. We are enjoying our second installment of summer weather.

Several large out shipments of sheep are still being made over the N.-C.-O. Railway, and some which have been taken by the buyers remains to be shipped although the greater portion of the salable sheep in the county have gone. The total number of sheep shipped out this year is estimated at 100,000, with a probable value of \$275,000.

## VARIOUS SUBJECTS FREELY DISCUSSED

### TREES FOR WESTERN NEBRASKA

Superintendent Snyder of the North Platte (Neb.) experiment station has lately published Bulletin No. 137 under the title, "Growing Forest Trees in Western Nebraska." The results of the experiments conducted should be of much value to all sections of similar temperatures and rainfall. About twenty-five acres at the station mentioned are devoted to experiments in tree growing on tilled land and on rough canyon lands. Some thirty varieties of forest trees have been planted at various distances apart, and both in mixtures and alone. Fair stands were secured with practically all deciduous trees, but there was an almost uniform failure in the attempt to grow conifers (evergreens) on tilled ground. Of trees often planted in western Nebraska the three following are considered unworthy of trial—black locust, green ash and hardy catalpa, as the borers kill the first two and the catalpa freezes back and grows scrubby. The most promising fast growing kinds of trees are found to be the cottonwood, Carolina poplar, Norway poplar and boxelder, while of the more permanent varieties, the elm, honey locust and hackberry are recommended. Experiments with shrubs showed that with cultivation or water considerable success could be attained in growing the tamarisk, spiraea Van Houtel, snowball, common and Persian lilac, several kinds of honeysuckles, mock orange, golden elder, cut leaf sumac, flowering almond and a few others. Among the flowers that gave the most satisfactory results for the efforts put forth were the pansy, tulip, peony, dahlia, phlox and gladiolus.

### CANNING CORN.

While dried corn and corn pickled in salt are both appetizing as winter rations, the canning method is preferred by some. In using this the directions given here should be followed: Cut corn from cob when it is at the proper stage and in filling the cans or glass jars in which it is to be preserved put some corn in the bottom, mashing this down with a cob from which the corn has been cut until the milk comes out well. Put in another layer and mash again, and so on until the jar is full. The cans should be slightly heaped and the covers then screwed on tight. When the cans are filled and covers on they should be put in the boiler and set on a grate or frame so that they will not touch the bottom. And they should be so arranged that they will not touch each other. The boiler should then be filled with cold water, brought to a boil and allowed to boil for four hours. Let stand until water is cool; then remove cans and try covers to see if they are tight. The cans should be kept covered with water while boiling, and this may be done by keeping a kettle of boiling water handy. This method of canning is recommended by the department of agriculture as the most satisfactory for preserving corn, beans, peas and other vegetables.

### AN UNNECESSARY LOSS.

In the more humid portions of the country in which oats are one of the main crops considerable damage is reported as the result of smut, a fungous disease that consumes the berry and leaves the stalk barren. This damage, which ruins from 10 to 25 per cent of the possible yield, could have been prevented had the seed been given a disinfecting treatment with the formalin solution. The careful farmer should do this every spring, for, no matter how free from smut his grain may be at harvest time, it is almost sure to be contaminated by being run through a separator which has handled several lots of smutty grain. Treating the seed each spring in the manner mentioned is the only sure way, and it is well worth while in view of the trifling cost and the possible damage if the grain is not treated.

### A COMMON MISTAKE.

Many a strawberry bed would have yielded twice what it did this year if instead of allowing a mat of vines to set last year the owner had kept them cut back to a narrow row and this season had kept the soil between rows thoroughly cultivated so as to conserve the soil moisture when that very hot and dry spell came on early in June. Had the above suggestions been carried out the yield would have been affected little, if any, by the dry weather. The trouble with most berry growers, and this holds especially of those householders who grow for the table only, is that they let the berries set altogether too thick in the bed, with the result that the vines do not have sufficient room for proper development, while if drought comes they are done for in short order through lack of moisture.

### THE CHAUTAUQUA SEASON.

This is the season of the summer Chautauquas, which are to be commended both because they furnish entertainment and because they provide a generous amount of most wholesome instruction on a wide range of subjects. It is true they come in the farmer's busy season, but it will be well worth his while to buy some season tickets so that he and members of his family may attend such sessions as their time permits. Not only country but town folks live in too much of a rut, doing the same old work in the same old way. Attending the Chautauqua will add a new element to life and make the work of every day less irksome and monotonous.



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## ADDITIONAL BRIEFS

E. Keller, Mayor of New Pine Creek is a business visitor in our city today.

County Judge W. S. Worden of Klamath County has announced his acceptance of the position of general manager of the Klamath Development Company. The company has been without a head at The Falls for the past few months, since S. O. Johnson withdrew from the job. In a long published statement Judge Worden contends that he can attend to his new duties and yet serve the people as county judge.

If Congress authorizes the additional loan of \$100,000,000 to the reclamation fund that will be recommended by Secretary Lane, a considerable share of this money will be expended in the Northwest. Realizing that Oregon has been grossly discriminated against in the past, the Secretary will allot sufficient money to complete the West Umatilla project, and in all likelihood the Deschutes project or some other Central Oregon project as well.

C. C. Chitwood, fire warden of Lake and Klamath Counties, and J. F. Kimball and wife this week passed through Lakeview on their way to Klamath Falls from Silver Lake where they have been the past several days investigating the pine beetle pest which is prevalent in the forests of that section. It is stated that it is too late in the season to successfully combat against the pests this year, and the work will be abandoned until next summer.

A news dispatch from Mexico City of late date states that with only three candidates for the presidency in the field, there appears to be no interest in which triumphs, and there is no speech making. The newspapers have paid little attention to the near approaching elections, printing only occasional deprecatory articles directed against the fidelity of the candidacy of Gamboa, nominated by the Catholic party. The final outcome thus far is very doubtful.

Shipments of livestock from eastern points to the Pacific International Livestock exposition at North Portland, December 8-13, are to be handled at one-half the usual freight rates. This concession has been made by 29 railroads represented in the transcontinental freight bureau and will become effective November 1. The exhibitor making shipment under this tariff is expected to pay the full one-

way rate on his stock, and if it is not sold during the exposition, it may be returned at owners risk free of charge within 30 days after the close of the show.

On October 15 a meeting was held at Medford for the purpose of perfecting plans for the installation of an All-Oregon exhibit at Ashland for the entertainment, information and education of the host of tourists which will visit that section of the state during 1915. It is announced that in making up this exhibit every part of the state will be given an equal chance. Eastern Oregon will have as good show as Western Oregon and the Deschutes Valley will be as welcome to make a display as the Umpqua Valley or the Willamette. The central idea is to secure settlers for Oregon lands.

**NOTICE**  
Special Communication of Lakeview Lodge No. 71 A.F. & A.M. This Friday evening, Oct. 24th, at 7:30 sharp for work in the Fellow Craft Degree, by order of the W. M. H. M. Nolte, Sec.

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