

WILSON RIVER ROAD THO'T UNNECESSARY

To the Editor: During a recent trip to Tillamook the writer was told by some of your citizens that they were desirous of building a highway through the Wilson river valley in order to anticipate the railroad, as it was felt it would be much more expensive if the railroad were built first. If your people think the highway will help the community more than the railroad that is sound reasoning. It is not necessary for the Hill road to come to Tillamook bay in order to take out the Wilson river timber. If obstacles are placed in their way the logical thing for the road to do is to stop where it is and wait for logging roads to be built into the timber. The real reason your people desire this road is to cut down the running time by auto to Portland an hour or an hour and a half. Would it not be better business to finish paving the loop road and construct laterals connecting it with outlying dairy districts? The proposed ocean shore road between Garibaldi and Wheeler and especially north to Cannon Beach from Nehalem will give you a scenic road, and there is more justification for it.

We are opposed to the Wilson river road for the following reasons. There is no commercial necessity at present justifying such an expenditure. It will take away tax monies needed throughout the farming district. We expect the pressure upon the county commissioners to continue and that the tax increases will only be limited by the six percent limitation, hence the Wilson river road will delay more meritorious road improvements in the valley. Again the expense of building the Wilson road will be very heavy. The old road will have to be widened and straightened and in many places re-built. It will cost around thirty thousand dollars per mile to rock and pave it to say nothing of grading and bridges. Four or five months in the winter the cost of keeping it clear of snow and removing slides will be very heavy. Much of the way is side hill construction often with steep cliffs running up a thousand feet or so. A road would hinder logging and make travel very dangerous if logging were in process. We do not oppose it much on the tax question as we do on the fire risk. According to Mr. Johnson there is a total of about six and a half billion feet on this water shed. Reduce this to wages and it means sixty six million dollars to say nothing of supplies purchased. If in addition it can be cut into lumber on Tillamook bay add almost as much more. Put in an auto road and you will have thousands camping along the road for three months in the year. Then you will have forest fires and your community will be the loser. Nothing will keep out the fires. Every well travelled road in the state travels most of its distance through devastated forests. Haven't the timber people a right to ask protection for their property? Isn't it to the interests of the people of Tillamook county to give us this protection, especially when they already have a good road to Portland and this road is not needed at present?

Aren't the Tillamook people looking the wrong way. Several years ago we voluntarily placed our lands in the port of Bay City, not from any altruistic motives but because we thought it was good business policy to put some money in a project which promised a sea port on Tillamook bay. We have paid over \$25,000 in port taxes. How much have the City of Tillamook or, Trask and Tillamook river dairy and timber interests for this project? Isn't it a pitiful sight to see a concern which has invested millions in your county lightening its lumber from its mill to ships. A south jetty and deep channel around Miami Bay to Bay City will line the lower bay with industrial plants. For every dollar lost to the assessment rolls when a tree is cut, five will be added to the county valuations for improvements made with the money released in wages and supplies. In twenty years Chehalis county, Washington, which includes Grays Harbor may have lost one third of its timber but we have no doubt it has increased its valuation at least ten times, owing to the money released.

Tillamook Bar has as much water today as Grays Harbor had in 1900. Isn't it time for all interests to sink local jealousies and get together on this improvement of the bar and harbor and do some constructive work, go a little slow on scenic roads, and confine their energies to business construction. We might save a little on taxes and outstanding warrants and gerrymandering the road districts. We believe most of your officials honestly wish to keep down expenditures and to attract capital. You have the example of a neighboring county which is charging all that interests can pay, and the resultant refusal of manufacturing interests to submit themselves to extortion. The reason taxes are high is because of the pressure brought upon tax levying boards by

interests all through the county for local improvements, and because contractors, machinery and automobile houses see big profits in heavy road expenditures. The average citizen does his kicking when his taxes are due and never appears before the Board of equalization. We have no doubt the majority of your citizens will oppose this proposed expenditure on the Wilson river as unnecessary and unwarranted at this time: that they believe it will create an undue fire hazard out of all proportions to the benefits secured. But unless there is intelligent discussion and active opposition this project will be put over by an active well organized minority.

We do not expect all of you to agree with all we say, but we are writing this letter in the hopes that it may bring on some new angles to the situation. At any rate before Tillamook county is definitely committed to this project we would suggest that in fairness, a hearing be held and all interests be allowed to present their views for and against. Yours truly,
Wilson River Lumber Company,
WELLS GILBERT, President.
Portland, Oregon, Nov. 27, 1923.

J. E. REEDY BUYS RANCH

J. E. Reedy last week concluded a deal for the purchase of the Connie Dye ranch, one mile east of Tillamook, and has taken possession of same. If you don't see "Doc" on the streets, or find him in his town home, look around the ranch and you will discover his repairing fences, or sowing oats, or making a few hen coops on the side.

YOUNG JOB HUNTER HAS DIFFICULTIES

A young fellow recently applied to a farmer and dairyman down in the south end of the county for work. He had been working on the construction of the Roosevelt highway, and one day when told to go back about a mile and bring up a crowbar, he returned carrying a monkey-wrench, and the boss gave him time and let him go. The farmer to whom he applied, asked him if he could milk cows. The man replied that cow milking was his

bucket and pointed out a old roan cow, and then hid near by to watch the outcome of the fellow's boast. In about ten seconds the cow kicked the fellow out of the stall, and caved in a perfectly good milk bucket. The fellow had attempted to milk the cow from the wrong side.

He was then given a team, and told to go to plowing. From the corner of the barn, the farmer watched. Pretty soon he heard the fellow yelling "whoa-haw" and trying to stop the runaway team, which came gaily gallaping up toward the barn. The plow got caught caught in a barbed wire fence, and when it finally stopped at the barn, there was enough wire strung out for several chicken yards. The fellow had hitched the tugs between the horses legs. Amused, the farmer asked if there was anything else he could do. The fellow scratched his head, and finally admitted that he could "swing a mighty nasty scythe." The farmer gave the hand an old dull scythe and set him to work cutting out along a fence row. Presently, the fellow came racing down to the barn, and dived into the big water-trough, yelling for help. About him was a swarm of enraged yellow-jackets whose nest he had invaded. When the farmer's wife had given him the arnica bottle, and he had dosed all the stings, that he could well get at, he was told that dinner was ready. He refused to come in and sit down, claiming that he felt better standing up, and took his plate of grub outside of the house and stood while he ate. The farmer's daughter brought him out a piece of custard pie, and expressed sympathy for his mishap, whereupon the fellow, with one eye stung shut, and his lower lip protruding waspishly, like that of a Senegambian colored man, winked the other eye, and asked the girl to elope with him. While the sympathetic girl momentarily hesitated between love, and duty to her maw and paw, the mother who had been listening in, sans the radio, appeared in the scenario with a broom, and drove the pseudo hired hand out upon the highway; and while the now enraged farmer was nervously attempting to again charge a department store muzzle-loading shot gun with shingle nails and powder, that already had two loads of buckshot in it, the young

man hailed a passing truck bound for Portland, and made his escape, without his wages. In anticipation of his possible nocturnal return, the parents are locking the romantic maiden in for a few nights.

LIBRARY CIRCULATION GROWS

According to a report from the city library the circulation for November was 72 books per day.

The library received a table for the children's room from the women of the Shakespeare club. Hereafter it is planned to acknowledge all receipts of books in the local papers when gifts are made to the library.

A number of new books have been ordered and some of the old ones have been sent to the binders to be put in good shape so that readers will have a better assortment in the near future from which to choose.

A magazine for nature lovers has been added to the already large list now at the reading room.

Candy canes at "The Palm" made in Tillamook.—Adv.

TRIP WAS INTERESTING

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Practically each one of these is constructed of rough lumber and on each porch one finds the usual number of pickaninnies, and the inevitable washing line is hanging either on the clothes line or on the fence. Evidently they do not think it healthy to live in painted houses. The sugar cane is the only crop that really shows up well in the South. Many of the larger towns have cotton mills, and numerous sugar mills are to be found throughout the sugar growing belt.

"While in New York we ascended the Woolworth tower, which is 57 stories in height and 750 feet high.

From this one gets a most wonderful view of the handiwork of man to be found anywhere, as it gives a panorama of the Atlantic ocean, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, Staten Island, the Jersey Cities and New Jersey beyond Brooklyn, and the various burroughs which comprise greater New York, the Hudson river, and the endless extent of great skyscrapers, which are typical of New York city. There seems to be mile upon mile of streets flanked on both sides by twenty to thirty stories office buildings. Fifth avenue and the adjacent streets have some of the finest stores to be found anywhere and being near Christmas time it is hard to imagine the crowds which surged through the streets. We also visited Broadway and the financial center. I had letters of introduction to the railroad officials in New Orleans, New York, and Chicago, and presented these in the various points.

"Chicago was almost as busy as New York and the crowds were almost as large. We visited Marshall Field's store. They were doing business this year in the wholesale and retail establishment at about \$225,000,000. This is probably more business than any store does anywhere in the world.

"The first complaint we found of business was in Minnesota. The farmers throughout the middle West have not been getting large prices for grain this year and they are very much dissatisfied. Times were good in the Eastern and Southern sections of the country.

"Although we spent thirteen nights and seven days on the train, six nights in the hotel and eleven days in the various cities. We were glad to get back and believe that no where in small cities did we see any place that showed greater prosperity and chance for the future than we have in Tillamook county and in Oregon."

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