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THE SPAULDING STATEMENT

Publication Tuesday morning of the statement of C. K. Spaulding of the highway commission is a clear indication that the Scappoose-Vernonia route, lightly tossed aside from any further consideration in the engineers' report to the commission, is not at all out of the running, but has the staunch support of a member who is not misled by a superficial opinion intended, apparently, for political purposes.

Unquestionably Mr. Spaulding is right in maintaining that a road costing millions should not be located merely on the advice of a subordinate engineer. One wonders why in so important a matter the heads of the engineering department have not checked up carefully and impartially on the data by making a first-hand investigation.

Most people have to take the word of others as to what the terrain along the proposed Wolf creek route is like, and as to what kind of road could be put through it. Credible authority reports it decidedly rough, with no possible avoidance of loop after loop in and out of the canyons. If that is the case, the state engineers should find it out, and not conceal the truth merely to please persons who have their own selfish interests to serve. If it is not the case, and the department has good reason for knowing that grades would be easy and curvature light, the authority backing up the opinion should be sufficient to be unchallenged.

What throws doubt upon the report in the mind of every one who has traveled over the Forest Grove-Vernonia market road is the utter impracticality of using the present construction as a link between the Tualatin highway and Sunset camp. It is a fair market road, in excellent shape just now, but far too narrow, too winding and too rough under hard usage for approximately 23 miles of it to serve as part of a short, fast road to the sea. Imagine what a Sunday or holiday traffic jam would be like on the sharp turns and steep grades near Timber. It takes no engineer to see that an opinion which advocates the use of this road as a main highway to the beaches is not an expert opinion at all, but is a bit of political propaganda.

Mr. Spaulding has set out to block the political highway scheme. More power to him!

What Other Editors . . . Think . . .

"LOOK BEFORE YOU LEAP"
Arising from a very laudable desire to cut down expenses during this time of depression, a great deal of time and discussion has been given recently to the suggestion made by certain of the county taxpayers that several county offices be discontinued for the benefit of the salary to be saved.

Although admitting the value of care in spending money, including tax dollars, we sometimes wonder if a real scrutiny was given to the situation, before the suggestions were made in "meeting." If such scrutiny is given, we suspect that the true issue of whether or not the five county offices under discussion are making sufficient returns to warrant

the investment, will answer, in itself, the question of whether or not the investment should be made. For that is very small, as far as the individual taxpayer is concerned.

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cerned—something like 19.9 cents a hundred dollars of taxes for the county agent, 14.9 for the county nurse, 9.9 cents for the home demonstration agent, etc. For instance, the county nurse, who last year THROUGH THE RED CROSS, supplied ten needy children of the county with glasses; saw that several hundred children were vaccinated at a cost of 15 cents per child instead of from \$1 to \$1.50 per child, (the ordinary price) administered toxin anti-toxin at a cost of 50 cents each instead of from \$5 to \$10, as the individual physician charges, etc.—the county nurse works in this county on a salary which takes almost 15 cents from each \$100 taxes paid. Traveling expenses, mileage and upkeep of her car are paid by the National Red Cross. Through her efforts several uncomfortable, highly communicable and very unpleasant skin diseases have been eradicated from the schools of the county, while with the assistance of various organizations, she has furnished layettes and clothing to babies and mothers, which, otherwise, the county would have paid from its tax receipts.

The home demonstration agent is a state project, with the salary of the agent paid by the state. The county is called upon for 9 cents and 9 mills per hundred dollars of taxes for the upkeep of her office. The state has seven demonstration agents, and if Columbia county once throws aside the office it will be impossible to recover. The office is designed for the assistance of women and the home—offering advice and knowledge for the saving of money and time to the farm and city woman alike on questions of canning, sewing and other home problems.

Entirely aside from the much valuable help given farmers of the county through the agricultural agent's office, the projects carried out for the betterment of agricultural pursuits, such as dairying, poultry, grains and hay, giving scientific advice through the state college and Department of Agriculture as to crops, soils, etc., records in his office of the county agent show an actual cash saving to 705 farmers (and therefore taxpayers of the county) of \$37,000 over a period of four years by pools formed for the distribution of government blasting powder. That amount alone is sufficient to pay his expenses for several years.

When cutting down expenses it is always well to "look before you leap," and count ALL the costs, as well as the obvious ones. The time will undoubtedly come when the farmer and his wife will take their jobs and the preparation for them as seriously as do doctors or registered nurses. But at present such officials as County Agent, County Home Demonstrator and Fruit Inspector are, through their "hook-up" with the State Colleges and Agriculture Departments the only contact most farmers have with any kind of scientific procedure.

At a recent state Grange meeting a unanimous vote urged the state educational institutions to "carry on" in agricultural departments—supposedly for the benefit of farm children who are expected by their parents to follow them on the farm. But if, while these children are growing up, the contact is

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Mr. and Mrs. L. Greene have moved to Vernonia. He is employed at Clark and Wilson Logging camp.

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Endorsing wholeheartedly the trend towards greater diversification in farming activities we here at the Bank of Vernonia urge every farmer hereabout to attend this year's Pacific International.

BANK of VERNONIA

territory of the O-A. company is burned over, which will probably be started this week end. Mr. Beach had left last week his duties apparently ended here and had taken up employment at Salem where he was summoned to return for duty until the burn is ended.

Mrs. Wilfred DeClusion and Mrs. J. W. Warnstaff with son Harvey shopped in Vernonia Saturday.

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Mrs. M. McPherson at the golf course Sunday.

Milo John celebrated his birthday Saturday, September 19. His guests were Billy Smith, Betty Thacker, Jeannetta and Clifford Lines, Leeta, Grace and Floe Etta

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and Oscar Kellar, Maxine and Jeannetta John. The afternoon was spent in playing games after which refreshments were served.

Eagle classifieds get results.

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