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August 2 1922

Mr. John Lyman,
Tucson, Arizona.

My dear Lyman:

Enclosed find letter from Fishburn. I want to know what the facts are. Please treat this strictly confidential and return letter.

Enclosed find clipping from this morning's paper, which is explanatory.

Yours sincerely,

EF:KLM

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Mr. Ed. Fletcher,
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Colonel Ed:

I have your recent favors dated July 29 and August 2, which proved to be interesting reading.

Frankly, I do not know on what you wish my opinion in connection with this matter. The letter from Mr. Fishburn, which I am returning herewith as requested, embodies the true status of affairs, so far as I can find out, with relation to the calling of a bond election - that is to say, the Board of Supervisors have no power to call an election without being petitioned to do so, and must call one if so petitioned. That is my understanding.

The petition bearing the requisite number of signatures is in existence but not presented. I believe from hearsay that there is a gentlemen's agreement between Tucson and Phoenix that this petition shall not be presented and that immediate action concerning the completion of the Ajo Road shall be deferred, providing the highway between Tucson and Phoenix is designated as the primary highway and subject to early attention with Federal aid.

Many of us, and I really think the majority, do not agree with Mr. Fishburn that the road via Ajo is the best route west. My own belief is, that if the primary highway be designated through Douglas, Bisbee, Tombstone, Tucson, Florence, Phoenix, Gila Bend and Yuma, that it will be best for Tucson. We have now a good road from Tucson to Casa Grande. If this could be coupled with the primary highway at Gila Bend, we would then have a direct route west almost as short as via Ajo and through much more productive country with larger commercial possibilities. The road via Ajo passes through desert for its entire distance and would not, in my opinion, be one to attract tourist travel nearly so much as the road via Casa Grande. It is my personal belief that when the smoke clears away, the above routes will emerge successfully. I believe the Ajo route issue has been used primarily to obtain the designation as primary highway between Phoenix and the New Mexico line via Tucson, Bisbee, Douglas, rather than via Miami Globe, etc.

It is my further belief that if the petition for the Ajo Road completion were voted on at this election it would not pass. The County is bonded close to its limit and any additional tax burdens are not popular here now.

I am no longer President of the Rotary Club and am connected with no committee or organization taking active interest in this road situation. I, therefore, am expressing only personal views. I believe we are all anxious to see the connection made between here and San Diego, via Yuma. Whether this connection is made via Ajo or Casa Grande should make no difference to San Diego, and, I believe, does make a great deal of difference to us.

Please let me know if there is anything further I can do for you in this regard.

Sincerely yours

JOHN B. LYMAN JR.

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August 10, 1922

Mr. J. B. Lyman, Jr.,
Tucson, Arizona.

My dear Jack:

Glad to hear from you under date of the 7th, and it is just what I wanted, for I realize the fact that you have the situation well in hand there, and will not let your enthusiasm run away with your better judgment.

You did not say one word about that 2-1/2 million dollar bond issue to pave from Hassayampa and Ehrenberg. I hope that is going to be killed.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

EF:KLM

P. S. I have decided for the present, at least, not to mix up in the Arizona fight. Don't you think it would be a mistake to have California go into the fight?

E.F.

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Mr. Ed. Fletcher,
920 8th St
San Diego, Calif.

My dear Ed:

I have your favor under date of August 10.

My personal feeling is that the two and a half million dollar bond issue for paving from Hassayampa west will not pass. Phoenix will probably vote in favor of it but the balance of the State will, I believe, defeat it.

I agree with you that it would be folly for California to enter into this matter publicly. It is purely an Arizona affair and I think California should keep her hands off.

I saw your friend Fishburn yesterday. He flew in an army airplane from El Paso to Tucson in 2 hours and 40 minutes to attend the funeral of Ex-Mayor O.C. Parker, whom you will remember as a strong advocate of good roads. His loss is a serious one to the good roads movement.

With kind personal regards,

Yours truly,

JOHN B. LYMAN JR

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