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posting it elsewhere. It would also materially lessen the distance which emigrants and others are compelled to travel in going over land from places east of the Blue Mountains, to Western Oregon.

The route recommended which crosses the Umatilla river at Mr. Everts' ranch is merely a subdivision of the main route and nearly one mile shorter in distance. Owing to the great length of the route the health of one of the viewers and the pressing business engagements of the others we have not been able to make as thorough an examination of it as we had hoped and deemed desirable. We are convinced that in several places the distance could be lessened and the route improved by a re-survey. Still by allowing road supervisors to change the route through unimproved lands where they may deem it advisable, this evil can be remedied to a considerable extent. It is obvious that but little if any improvement will be made on the road until it is laid off into districts and supervisors appointed. Our recommendation in regard to that matter therefore needs no further argument.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Lucian Everts

M. B. Burk

Henry Bowman,

Viewers.

We would further state that: In pursuance of the order adopted by the County Court at its last July term, we have spent some time in examining the route originally viewed and surveyed by us during the month of June last - a map of which is now on file in this Court; but that we have finally concluded to adopt that portion of the original survey hereinafter specified, & recommend its adoption by the Court, as a County road. There are some portions of the route originally surveyed by us which might perhaps be improved by a re-survey but the great expense attending such a proceeding would probably overbalance any benefit which would be derived from it; besides our business engagements are of such a nature that we do not feel justified in devoting further time to the business of viewing the road for the compensation allowed by law. The route recommended by us for adoption as a County road is the one set forth in the surveys