

GOOD ROADS BILL.

Is Attacked By Attorney General Crawford.

SALEM, Or., Feb. 8.—To create a fund of over \$10,000,000 in ten years, to be expended entirely as the governor and his appointees may direct, with unlimited power to appoint commissioners, assistants, engineers, and fix their salaries; to have the work all done by day's work, if for any reason it may seem desirable.

"It enables counties to reimburse themselves for road moneys out of proceeds of sales of state bonds; compels the taxpayer to raise \$2,000,000 annually for interest alone; it does not create a board of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, or of any other state offices, to supervise the expenditure of the money, but leaves it solely with the governor.

"The engineering work is not to be done through the state engineer's office, but unlimited authority is granted to employ outside engineers and fix their compensation."

The foregoing are the effects which, in the opinion of Attorney-General Crawford, the several acts entering into the composition of the proposed highway laws will produce, and because he believes that they will repose too much power in a single man—the governor—and because in other respects they are not wise and judicious, he is opposed to them.

"I am in favor of good highways," says Attorney-General Crawford, "but the laws proposed on the subject are in my mind in some respects unwise. One of my objections is that there are four separate acts, each covering a portion of the plan for road building, when one act would be ample and its provisions could be made to harmonize. One act provides a state highway commissioner to be appointed by the governor with a salary of \$5,000 a year, and he to appoint one assistant, with the approval of the governor, at a salary of \$2,500, and as many engineers, clerks, stenographers and other assistants as the governor and the commissioner may desire and their salaries can be fixed by the governor and commissioner and paid from the fund, thus placing the whole matter entirely in the hands of one man, namely the governor. One-man power has never proved satisfactory. Another act creates a fund of \$20,000,000 to be raised on bonds, \$2,000,000 a year for 10 years, and in addition two-thirds of all license taxes on motor vehicles. This will reduce the state's regular income to that extent and it must be made up by direct taxation. Also the several counties of the state are supposed to raise the same amount as the state at large, which will be \$20,000,000, and one-half the amount of license taxes on motor vehicles, making a sum total to be expended under the sole supervision of the governor in 10 years, over \$10,000,000, it seems to me this is very unwise, considering the frailty of human nature and the great temptation it will afford to profit at the state's expense.

"Another defect appears in the provisions allowing a county to expend a certain amount of money and then draw on the state for a similar amount, and not providing for the expenditure of the money so drawn. A county could expend its own road money and then reimburse itself out of the money raised from the sale of state bonds.

"The commissioner is required to advertise for bids for road work and then is authorized to reject all bids and do the work by day labor, if he wishes so to do.

"The interest on \$10,000,000 a year at 5 per cent is \$2,000,000 to be raised from the taxpayers annually in excess of which they are now paying, which is more than is now raised for all purposes.

"Is it wise to place so much power in the hands of one man, and to more than double the yearly taxes, without even creating a sinking fund for the payment of the bonds?"

"If all the governors would follow

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the practice of our attorney-general in providing places for relatives at the public test, it might be dangerous to place so much patronage with a governor," was the sarcastic retort made by Governor West today, when seen in relation to an interview given out by Attorney-General Crawford, opposing the proposed good roads bill.

"The attorney-general says he is opposed to the bill because it gives the appointive power to the governor, and says the highway department should be controlled by a board," continued the governor. "In answer to this I will say that if the highway board proved no more efficient in conducting the affairs of the highway department than did the board having charge of our Carey act irrigation projects, and of which Attorney-General Crawford is a member and the legal advisor, it would not accomplish much.

"Mr. Crawford should shut off his legal opinion machinery for at least two weeks and devote a little time to framing some constructive legislation. A desirable citizen is one who tries to do something for the public, not one who sits around and whines and carps at others. We should organize a 'Can't Do It' club in this state, so that all of the klickers and fault-finders could get together and enjoy themselves."

Canyonville Call: Mr. Jesse Weaver and Miss Adena Poulson were married at Palouse, Wash., Tuesday evening, February 6. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Weaver, of Canyonville, and has many friends here who will join in congratulations. The wedding, we understand was a double event, but did not learn the names of the other contracting parties. Mr. Weaver was here last week on his way to Washington. The happy couple are expected here to visit within a short time. They will make their home in California.

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PUBLICATION OF SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Douglas, Myrtle C. Preston, Plaintiff,

vs. R. A. Preston, Defendant.

To R. A. Preston, defendant: In the name of the state of Oregon you are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit on or before the first day of the February term of the above entitled court 1912, to-wit, the 19th day of February A. D. 1912; and if you fail so to answer, for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the court for the relief demanded in her complaint, to-wit, a decree of divorce from defendant and that you be divested of all right in the N. 1/2 N. 1/2 Sec. 22 Tp. 33 S. R. 6 W. of W. M. and for her costs and disbursements herein. This publication of summons is by virtue of and order of the judge of the above entitled court made on the 6th day of January A. D. 1912, ordering same published once a week for six weeks.

Date of first publication, December 6th, 1912. ALBERT ABRAHAM, Attorney for Plaintiff.

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FOR SHERIFF.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination for sheriff of Douglas county at the republican primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. I am the present incumbent of the office and am serving my first term. GEORGE K. QUINE.

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination for assessor of Douglas county at the republican primary election to be held on April 19, 1912. I am the present incumbent of the office and am serving my first term. FRANK L. CALKINS.

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the nomination for assessor of Douglas county subject to the will of the republican voters at the primary election to be held on April 19th, 1912. I have never before been a candidate for an elective office. ED. S. COCKELREASE.

FOR COUNTY TREASURER.

To the voters of Douglas County: I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-nomination for County Treasurer, subject to approval by the republican voters at primary nominating election to be held April 19, 1912. J. E. SAWYERS.

FOR SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT.

To the voters of Douglas County: As a candidate for the nomination for the office of county school superintendent, I respectfully make the announcement subject to your approval at the republican primaries at the republican primaries on April 19, 1912. O. C. BROWN.

FOR COUNTY COMMISSIONER.

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