EDDY EXPLAINS ROAD BOND BILL

THE COLUMBIA HIGHWAY, WHICH IS OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO PORTLAND, WILL PROBABLY BE THE FIRST ROAD TO BE IMPROVED.

EDDY AMENDMENT IS REJECTED

The Highway Through Douglas County Will Be Known as a Post Road—The State Will Furnish the Surface.

Tired from his 41 days of tedious labor on the floor of the State Legislature, Senator B. L. Eddy returned here Tuesday morning from Salem. Although the session was marked with a number of "humorous and unproductive" incidents, Senator Eddy says considerable constructive legislation was enacted and that the legislators are returning to their homes feeling that they rendered the best possible service in behalf of the people of Oregon.

Probably the most important legislation which was "put over" during the session was the bill providing for the issuance of bonds in the sum of $6,000,000, with which to begin the establishment of an extensive system of highway construction in this state. While this bill will not meet with the approval of all the people of the state, Senator Eddy says it was the best that could be enacted under the circumstances.

The "bone-dry" law was enacted and is now in effect. The measure doubling the license to be paid on automobiles in Oregon is another bill which will have a tendency to bring about improved and permanent roads in this state, according to Senator Eddy. Although not of special interest to the people of this vicinity, Senator Eddy says a number of laws were adopted which will prove of great value to the irrigated sections of Eastern Oregon.

In speaking of the law authorizing the issuance of $6,000,000 bonds with which to begin a new system of highway construction in Oregon, Senator Eddy had the following to say:

"What is known as the $6,000,000 bond issue really involves the issuance of $7,300,000 of bonds for highway purposes, for the reason that the new bill which is to be submitted to the people makes it compulsory to issue $1,300,000 in bonds under what is known as the Bean-Barrett bill, which was originally intended only as an emergency measure to enable the state to meet the funds which are to come from the United States Government under what is known as the Shackleford law.

"The general impression seems to be that what is called the "big bond issue" will provide for an extensive system of highways which are named in the bill. Unfortunately the enthusiasts for the bond issue have caused the impression to be spread abroad that the bill about to be submitted to the people will finance this large scheme of highway improvement. As a matter of fact, the scheme involves the expenditure on the part of the state of Oregon of perhaps 40 or 50 millions of dollars, aside from 20 to 25 millions to be invested by the counties. This is the justification for the position taken by the State Senate that the matter should be submitted to the people.

"My own efforts with reference to the bill have been directed along two lines: first, to procure certain amendments which would safeguard the public interests and the interests of the state at large; and secondly, to give the people a chance to express their views.

"I caused to be inserted in the bill an amendment restricting the issue of bonds for the first year to one million dollars and for the second year to two million dollars. The object of this was to prevent the issuance of the whole amount of bonds at one time, and the spending into reckless and extravagant schemes. The State Highway Commission is yet to be appointed and an engineer [illegible] to be selected. Data must be gathered and the administrative machinery must be put in operation before it is wise to enter upon the expenditure of the full amount named in the bill.

"The bill specially provides for completing the highway work which has been undertaken by Clatsop, Columbia, Hood River and Jackson counties, all of which counties have bonded themselves to the limit for highway improvement, and which are now more or less crippled as to future work. The attitude of the bill is to give the necessary money to complete the highway work which these counties have undertaken. It is estimated that in Clatsop and Columbia counties about $[illegible] will be needed. I endeavored to get incorporated in the bill an amendment which will restrict the amount to be spent by the state, that is to say that the state should put up a dollar for each dollar these counties have invested and no more. I was not able to secure this amendment because of the great pressure brought from Portland by those boosting the bill, and clearly desiring to complete the Columbia Highway from Eastern Oregon to the sea. I consider it a great misfortune to the bill that this amendment was not accepted. It is only too evident that Portland is looking first to the completion of this great scenic and pleasure resort highway. To my mind this is a great mistake, as the effort should be to do the first highway work in those sections of the state where it will tend to develop the resources of the state as well as to provide routes for tourist travel.

"Aside from this bill other funds of considerable amount are provided for, namely, the automobile tax, the quarter of a mill state highway tax which brings in about $300,000 a year, and $1,500,000 obtainable from the United States Government under what is known as the Shackleford law.

"The method of taking care of what is known as the big bond issue is by diverting toward its payment the whole of the automobile tax, after expenses of administration are paid, and the whole of the funds now realized by the quarter-mill highway tax, and it is computed that these funds will pay the interest and eventually retire these bonds.

"While the Columbia River Highway, in which Portland is especially interested, is thus to be highly favored by this bill, it may be that the rest of the state will decide that it is best to make this concession to Portland with the hope that after this expenditure is taken care of the rest of us will get some money. Much depends upon the new highway commission to be appointed by the Governor. If this commission is controlled from Portland, and the effort will be made to control it, there is reason to fear the expenditure of an excessive proportion of the $6,000,000 upon the Columbia River Highway.

"Counties outside of Clatsop, Columbia, Hood River and Jackson get the benefit of the $6,000,000 bond issue only by preparing the roads ready for the top dressing or hard surfacing. For example, Douglas County is traversed by the Pacific Highway, which is classified in the bill from the north line of Douglas County to the California line as a post road, and funds for the improvement of this road as a post road would come from the funds raised under the Bean-Barrett bill to match the United States Government funds. However, the bill for the big bond issue gives Douglas County the right to prepare any part of the Pacific Highway for paving by laying down the foundation and then the state is to put on the hard surface."

WEATHER WARNING.

The weather forecaster at Portland has sent out the following warning, which will be of interest to stockmen: "Unsettled weather with occasional snow at high levels and probably cold rains at low levels, with blustering winds mostly from a southerly direction will prevail during Thursday and Friday."

MILLWOOD ITEMS.

We are sorry to see things covered with snow again, as the farmers of this vicinity have quite a few lambs and this will mean a big loss to them, as there is but little feed.

Mrs. Harry Hirst and baby, of Walla Walla, Wash., arrived on the stage the first of the week to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. Rasmussen, for a couple of months. She reports quite a lot of snow and cold weather at Walla Walla this winter.

Jimmie Ballou, an employe of the Union Meat Co., of Portland, spent a few days at Millwood looking after business matters. He reports a scarcity of chickens in the Portland markets, as well as a shortage of other food products.

We are sorry to hear of Miss Marion Mortenson returning home with a broken arm, which was injured while playing basketball at Oakland last week. We hope she will soon be able to return to school.

The Clarke Lumber Company hauled quite a lot of machinery out from Roseburg last week, which they will install in their mill. They say lumber will be in big demand this spring and are preparing to be able to fill all orders they receive.

Rev. S. G. Jettes spent a few nights preaching to the people of our community last week. He always has a cheerful word for everyone as he goes along, which makes him popular among the younger class of our community.

R. R. Clarke received a carload of prune trees last week. He expects to set out several acres this spring.

Frank Solomon spent a few days at Myrtle Creek last week looking over his ranch and visiting with friends.

Mrs. E. E. Emmitt spent Sunday at Millwood visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Norman and attending church.

Mrs. Emmitt Overman came down Sunday to visit her father, Mr. Black, who has been quite ill for the past two months.

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PORTLAND TELEGRAM SAYS ABOUT 200 CAR LOADS OF BROCCOLI WILL BE SHIPPED OUT OF DOUGLAS COUNTY DURING PRESENT YEAR.

HIGHEST PRICES ANTICIPATED

Pacific Fruit Express Official Says the First Shipment of Douglas County Broccoli Will Leave Here This Month.

Since a year ago the output of broccoli in Douglas County for shipment to Chicago and New York markets has increased from 50 to 160 cars, says the Portland Telegram. Within the next couple of years shipments from Roseburg are expected to reach from 500 to 600 cars, under refrigeration. Oregon broccoli is rated in the Eastern markets as the highest grade of winter cauliflower.

This is the message of cheer for Southern Oregon brought to Portland by M. R. Whitehead, general agent of the Pacific Fruit Express, operating the iced, ventilated and insulated car service of the Southern Pacific and Union Pacific systems. Mr. Whitehead has been away attending the convention of the Western Fruit Jobbers' Assn., at San Antonio, Texas. With Mrs. Whitehead he extended his trip to the Atlantic seaboard.

"This season's shipment of Oregon broccoli will move to Eastern markets about March 1," said Mr. Whitehead. "Six to seven heads of 'winter cauliflower' fill a crate and each crate will net the Umpqua Valley Fruitgrowers' Union $1.25. It is a profitable crop and more will be grown near Roseburg from now on. Oregon broccoli takes first rank in the United States.

"A heavy movement of Oregon potatoes has taken place since January 1, the shipments from Portland and points south to California having reached 1095 cars.

"Everywhere in the East the people are showing a militant spirit in anticipation of the United States mixing in war with Germany and her allies.

"The high level of prices is felt everywhere in the East. For example, on the dining cars the cost of a meal is about double what it is on this coast, and the service suffers in comparison with ours."

IMPORTANT HISTORICAL DOCUMENTS WERE FOUND AT LAND OFFICE TODAY

A number of letters, which are among the most interesting historical documents discovered in this city for many years, were revealed at the local U. S. land office today, where preparations are now being made for the removal of their quarters to the new Federal building.

Although it will be several months before the new building is in readiness to receive the various Government offices here, old files have been ransacked at the land office and the records of over 60 years have been put in order so that systematic arrangement may be installed with the change in location. Among these interesting documents are the records of the establishment of the first land office here, which was located at Winchester, and that authorizing the removal later from Winchester to Roseburg. They were written in the excellent handwriting of the Government officials of that time and are still as easily read as on the day they were received.

One letter dated October 11, 1855, denoted that instructions for opening the offices at Winchester would be forwarded as soon as they were prepared. On March 12, 1856, the instructions were sent, and the letter of that date states that five boxes had been sent containing the tract and record books and that sales would be recorded as soon as made. The commissioner was Thomas Aldrich, in the administration of President Buchanan, and L. T. Mosher was local register. The latter was a well known resident here, and Mosher street was named in his honor.

Another letter, dated September 16, 1859, was discovered, which contained the order for transferring the office from Winchester to Roseburg. These documents are being given considerable attention and will be carefully preserved by the present officials.

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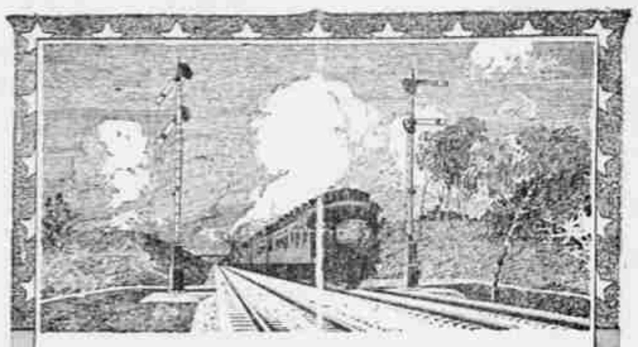
WINDOW SALE.

Baptist ladies' home cooking and fancy work sale Saturday, February 24th, at Pickens Bros.' Grocery.



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