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The Observer basing its hope on what Union county has accomplished in other lines, believes that at no distant day this county will have the best country roads of any county in Oregon. No country on earth has better material, and few anything like as good for making first class and durable country roads as this county has. The best is none to good for our people and therefore the Observer favors the making of Macadam roads. We have before us Farmers Bulletin No 95 published by the U S Department of Agriculture, prepared by Maurice O Eldridge acting director of the Bureau of Public Road Inquiry, which shows a two mule team drawing a load of ten bales of cotton, 5000 pounds on a macadamized road in Mecklinburg county, N Carolina, where formerly on earth roads in fairly good weather the same two mules could have hauled but two bales. They can now haul the ten bales of cotton in any weather and all seasons of the year.

Objectors may meet our plea for good roads in Union county with the statement that Mecklinburg county, N Carolina is older and richer than Union county let us see about that.

That there may be no guessing we will take the following cold figures from the U S census of 1900 and from them determine how much more able North Carolina is to build good roads than is Oregon. In 1900 Oregon had a population of 413,536 on an area of 96,030 square miles; North Carolina had 1,893,810 people on an area of 52,250 square miles. This gives NC about four times as many people as Oregon. N Carolina like Oregon is an agricultural state, deriving primarily its income from the soil.

Table CXXIII on page CXXXI vol. V. U S census report of 1900 gives the gross farm income of 1899, including annual additions to value of farm property in N Carolina and Oregon and number of persons engaged in agriculture on June 1, 1900, as follows: In N Carolina the gross farm income including additions to value of farm property \$80,913,467, the increase

I. HARRIS

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to farm property being \$1,712,719. The number of persons engaged in agriculture was 455,767. These figures give the annual per capita income to those engaged in agriculture at \$173.14. In Oregon the total gross farm income for the same period including additions to farm property was \$348,869,891. The increase to value of farm property being \$2,973,649 or nearly twice the increase in NC. There were engaged in agriculture that year in Oregon 55,809 persons. If the total gross income from the Oregon farms be equally divided among the persons engaged therein the share of each one would be \$624.80, or \$451.66 more than the Carolina farms produced per capita to the persons who worked them. From the above figures it would seem that the owners of Oregon lands, were to have the whole expense of making good roads placed upon them, which is not the case, for all property in the state must contribute to road making. We are more able to build goods than are the North Carolina.

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