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FOUR HIGHWAY BILLS READY

MEASURES TO COME BEFORE GENERAL ELECTION.

First of the Four Acts Published in Full Today in Observer.

Four highway laws are to be submitted to the voters at the general election this year. They have been adopted by the state wide legislative committee appointed by Governor Oswald West and will be submitted at the November election. As the coming week is good roads week throughout the state, it would not be amiss for Grande Ronde valley taxpayers to consider the various measures. The Observer publishes the first one of these proposed laws today and will supply the others in print tomorrow and the day following. The first is an act to create and establish a highway department, and the act relating to that feature is appended today. The second act is one creating a state highway fund, the third deals with the procedure to aid highways and the last is an act creating a bond issue. The first of these four follows:

An act entitled, "An act to create and establish a state highway department, and authorize the appointment of a state highway commissioner therefor, prescribing his duties, his powers, his compensation, the method of work, the appointment of assistants, and appropriating money therefor." Be it enacted by the people of the state of Oregon:—

Section 1. There is hereby created and established a state highway department, whose chief officer shall be called the state highway commissioner. Said state highway commissioner shall be appointed by the governor, and shall hold his office for four years unless sooner removed for cause. Said commissioner shall be thoroughly skilled in scientific road construction.

Section 2. The secretary of state is hereby directed to furnish the state highway commissioner with a suitable office in the capitol building, where his records shall be preserved, and said office shall be kept open at such times as the business of the commissioner shall require. The said highway commissioner shall keep a record of all proceedings and orders pertaining to the matters under his direction and copies of all plans, specifications and estimates submitted to him.

Section 3. No road, highway, public way or bridge, paid for wholly or in part out of the moneys of this state howsoever appropriated, shall be surveyed, planned, projected, constructed maintained or erected until and only after approval by the state highway commissioner.

Section 4. The state highway commissioner shall compile statistics relative to the public highways throughout the state, and shall collect all necessary information in regard thereto which he may deem important. He shall investigate and determine upon various methods of road construction adapted to different sections of the state.

Section 5. The state highway commissioner shall make a report to the legislature of this state at each session thereof, which shall fully set forth all that has been done by him during the period covered by the report, all money expended by him, or under his direction, and all roads that have been constructed under the direction of the commissioner, giving in each instance the number of miles constructed in each county and the cost per mile of construction.

Section 6. At the end of each month the state highway commissioner shall prepare a detailed account of his traveling expenses for that month, and the cost of stationery and supplies purchased during the month, which shall be submitted to the secretary of state, audited by him and passed to the treasurer for payment.

Section 7. It shall be the duty of the state highway commissioner to advertise for bids for the construction of public highways or bridge for a period of three weeks, in at least two newspapers in the county where the road to be constructed is located. All bids received shall be opened by the state highway commissioner and he may reject any or all bids, if in his

opinion a good cause exists therefor, but otherwise he will award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Other things being equal, the bids shall be awarded to residents of the county in which the road is to be constructed. Bidders must furnish bonds equal to 50 per cent of the contract price. All contracts for the construction or improvement of public highways must be made in the name of the state of Oregon, approved by the governor, signed by the state highway commissioner and approved as to the form and legality by the attorney general or his deputy. Each bidder shall deposit with his bid a certified check in an amount equal to five per centum of the amount of his bid. Should the bidder to whom the contract is awarded fail to enter into a contract and furnish the bond hereinbefore provided within ten days after the notice of such award, the amount of such check shall be forfeited to the state treasury, and shall become a part of the state highway fund. The checks of all unsuccessful bidders shall be returned after the contract is awarded and a bond given. Nothing in this section shall be construed to prevent the employment of convict labor, nor the construction or repair of any road prescribed in section 3 by day's labor, when, in the judgment of the commissioner it is advisable.

Section 8. The state highway commissioner shall receive an annual salary of \$5,000, payable monthly by the state, and his actual necessary traveling expenses while officially employed. Said commissioner may appoint, if the work of the department requires it, subject to the approval of the governor, one assistant commissioner who shall be a civil engineer and experienced in road building. Said assistant commissioner shall receive an annual salary of not to exceed \$2,500, payable monthly by the state, and his actual necessary traveling expenses while officially employed. The state highway commissioner may appoint by and with approval of the governor, such clerical assistants as are necessary for the proper conduct of the work of his office, to be paid by the state. The state highway commissioner is hereby given authority to employ by and with the approval of the governor, such civil engineer and other assistants as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of this act, to be paid by the state.

Section 9. There is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury of this state not already otherwise appropriated, the sum of \$15,000 annually, or so much thereof as may be necessary for the payment of salaries and expenses as provided in this act.

Section 10.—All acts, or parts of acts in any way inconsistent or in conflict with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed.

VAGARIES OF THE TIDE.

Mysterious Currents, the Secrets of Which No One Has Solved.

There are as many vagaries in the waters as in the winds. Why, for instance, should great ocean currents send their warm waters across the wide Pacific and Atlantic? Other and equally mysterious currents exist in well nigh all parts of the world.

It is on record that the sea has run for weeks out of the Java sea, through the strait of Sunda and thence back again for a like period without any perceptible rise and fall during those times.

Then there is the equatorial current that flows into the Caribbean sea, the ever flowing current to the eastward around Cape Horn, the cold stream flowing from the icy regions of the north past Newfoundland and Nova Scotia and along the American coast to the extreme end of Florida, the continual current running with a velocity of from four to five knots an hour through the strait of Gibraltar into the Mediterranean sea, the swift current running across the rocks and shoals off the end of Billiton island, which apparently starts from nowhere and ends somewhere in the vicinity of the same place, and the current which, starting halfway up the China sea, runs from two to three knots an hour to the northeast and finally ends abruptly off the north end of Luzon.

Then we have those tidal vagaries known the world over as boras. Those that run up the Hugel and Irawadi rivers, from side to side, till they reach their limit, often tearing the ships from their anchorage, originate nobody knows where or why.

At Singapore it has been observed for days at a time that there has been but one rise and fall in the twenty-four hours.—Boston Globe.

Queer Bread.
 Along the Columbia river bread is made from a kind of moss that grows on a species of fir trees. After being dried it is sprinkled with water, allowed to ferment, rolled into balls as big as a man's head and baked in pits with the help of hot stones. Travelers who have tasted it say that it is by no means unpalatable. The Californian Indians collect the pollen of cat tails in large quantities by beating off the plants and catching it on blankets. They make bread of it. But as a delicacy they prefer bread of grass-hopper flour.

Ready For Work.
 "Now," said the warden to the forger who had just arrived at the prison, "we'll set you to work. What can you do best?"
 "Well, if you'll give me a week's practice on your signature I'll sign your official papers for you."—London Tit-Bits.

Merely Suspected.
 The Stranger—Is there a good criminal lawyer in your town? The Native—Waal, everybody thinks we've got one, but they ain't been able to prove it on him.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Sympathetic.
 Sufferer (to dentist's servant)—Not in today? Dear, dear, I wanted to consult him badly. Servant—Well, let's hope you'll still have toothache tomorrow.—Flegende Blatter.

Woman's Way.
 She—Time will heal the wound I've made in your heart. He—Yes; but you'll be mad at me if it does.—Exchange.

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