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DR. M. K. HALL EXPRESSES BROAD VIEWS.

Defends Bonding Systems to Improve Present Highways.

To the Editor:—

In view of the fact that the proposed road bills drafted by the committee appointed by Governor West seem to be misunderstood by many of our leading citizens, including yourself, it would seem to the writer only fair and in the best interests of the majority, to discuss these bills in an impartial spirit.

In the first place, Mr. Editor, your fight seems to be aimed at Governor West and him alone. Governor West had nothing whatever to do with the drafting of the bills. He appointed a committee chosen from every county in the state, and chose men without regard to their political affiliations. These men he asked to get together, and consider the matter of improving the public roads in the state. They got together, and after giving the matter their best consideration, produced the bills.

These bills propose different plans. One of them, by the adoption of an enabling act, counties would have the power to vote on the question as to whether they should issue bonds for road improvement or not.

Another proposes that the state issue \$2,000,000 in bonds each year for ten years, bonds to be sold at not less than par, and to bear not more than 5 per cent interest, and to become due in thirty years from the time of issue. This would mean that the first year the interest would amount to \$100,000, not \$1,200,000 as stated by Mr. Norris, nor \$1,000,000 as stated by yourself and by the Oregonian and others.

The interest would increase \$100,000 each year until after the last issue of \$2,000,000 when it would be \$1,000,000. This would continue for 20 years when the first issue of \$2,000,000 would become due. This would mean that at the end of thirty years \$3,000,000 would have to be raised for one year, and every year thereafter the amount would decrease by \$100,000 until in the fortieth year the amount to be paid would be \$2,100,000.

Seventy-five per cent of this money would be divided equally among the counties, and the remaining 25 per cent divided according to the area of the counties in square miles.

Another proposed bill would place two-thirds of the money realized from vehicle taxes in the highway fund to be used for road improvements instead of placing it as at present in the general fund.

This money would be available by the counties, in the proportion in which each used its own money raised by assessment, or by sale of county bonds.

For example, if Union county raises a road fund of \$40,000 in a year, a like sum could be drawn from the state.

Let us take a look at how this might work out.

Since 1906 Union county has spent upward of \$200,000 on public roads. Outside of a few of the cheapest kind of steel bridges and a bit of poorly constructed macadam road, where is the improvement? The most of it has been invested in "dirt roads," a sample of which may be seen between here and Island City.

Let us suppose that at the beginning of 1907 the conditions which the state aid bill proposes to establish had been in existence.

In addition to the sum of \$200,000 raised by assessment, an additional equal sum would have been received from the state.

Allow \$100,000 for building of bridges and maintenance, and the proper expenditure of the remaining \$300,000 would have resulted in Union county now having nearly one hundred miles of macadam road.

I believe that it is generally agreed that the improvement of public highways is the most important matter now before the people of the state, and I further believe that it will be properly solved, and that soon, the length of time depending on how long those who are habitually opposed to

any public improvement, aided by those who are afflicted by some personal feeling against the powers that be, are able to blind the people by dust, wet up and otherwise.

As to the dirt road mania, it seems to me to be a state of mind that can only be transient, easily curable by a little outing in the way of a drive behind a pair of horses in any direction across the valley any of these days.

Another thought suggests itself. Let us suppose that this county should continue its present policy of appointing a bunch of road supervisors to scatter a little dirt on the roads each year for the next forty years at a cost of \$40,000 per year and up. The aggregate would be \$1,600,000. Compare these figures to the proportion of the proposed bond cost to be paid by this county, and you will find that we would be paying more for nothing, than for two hundred miles of macadam road under the proposed law. I do not say that this proposed bond issue is the ideal plan, but I do say that since it is the only one that is being publicly discussed, it is worthy of very careful consideration.

Mr. Editor, it is my belief that you may devote your editorial page in toto, from the northeast corner to the southwest corner from this day to the end of election next November, knocking the other fellow's proposed plans for betterment, and unless you originate and devote sufficient energy to carry through better plans, you will accomplish no more than he who tears down, without the ability to rebuild.


Yours very truly,

M. K. HALL.

Instinctive Mimicry.

Why if one man on the street takes out his watch do others do the same? Among the very early instincts recognized in the human mind are mimicry and curiosity. Mimicry develops into habit, as when we see many persons walking faster than we do we gradually fall into their gait and in time this faster gait becomes habitual with us. Every instinct emanates from one or the other of the fundamental instincts, self preservation and race preservation. Every action that benefits the human being can be traced back to the instinct of self preservation, and among these actions are the acquisition of knowledge, even the knowledge of the time of day.

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