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DR. HALL AND GOOD ROADS.

Elsewhere in this issue will be found a communication from Dr. M. K. Hall of La Grande, who is a member of the good roads commission appointed by Governor West...

No one will disagree with the doctor as to the desirability of having rock roads but the great question that confronts the people of Oregon is: Can the state afford such an improvement?

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Our new singer, Harry Confer, will sing "TAKE ME WITH YOU, CUTEY, AND FORGET TO BRING ME BACK."

ly small volume of improved property compelled to bear the tax is inconsistent with good, business judgment and there is no doubt but what the people of this state, or the great majority of them, feel the same way.

The doctor is in error when he thinks this paper has a desire to knock Governor West, rather than the road bills. Our governor is not the kind of a man who draws knocks from anyone.

It will be also noticed that Dr. Hall rather irritably calls the Observer on the carpet for wishing to defeat the proposed road bills when not offering anything as a substitute. In answer to this we have but to call attention to our advocacy of "dirt roads" and by this we mean, not the average dirt roads made by the county road supervisor, but a dirt road made along scientific lines using extreme caution as to drainage and the adoption of the King road drag at frequent intervals.

Our belief is that the burning desire to spend money in Oregon must be curtailed else the land and the business concerns of this state will groan so heavily under the load that in many individual instances bankruptcy is sure to follow.

Dr. Hall's communication, however, is very welcome to the columns of this paper. We need more discussion of the subject and the Observer shall be pleased to hear from the doctor further, as well as any other citizen who may have ideas to express on the subject.

FARM INSTRUCTION.

The National Soil Fertility league, an organization of western men interested in the improvement of agricultural methods in the United States, is urging a bill before congress providing federal appropriation for farm instruction under the direction of the state university agricultural schools.

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ested in the improvement of agricultural methods in the United States, is urging a bill before congress providing federal appropriation for farm instruction under the direction of the state university agricultural schools. The general purpose in view is "getting into general practice the best methods known of scientific agriculture by employing trained agriculturalists, or practical farm demonstrators, skilled in the most approved methods of farm practice, to take to the farmer on his own farm the information or knowledge that will enable him, the latter, to interpret and adapt to his local conditions the best methods of farming."

The bill provides that an agricultural extension department or division may be established in connection with state colleges where the state appropriates an amount equal to the federal contribution, and that this division shall give instruction and field demonstration in agriculture and in home economics to persons not resident in the colleges. The first appropriation will amount to about \$300,000, increasing during nine years until \$3,000,000 is reached, that sum remaining thereafter subject to the pleasure of congress. The league estimates that "the expense will amount to about 10 cents per person of our population and is to be provided for

by federal and state appropriations to the agricultural colleges direct for this specific work."

In urging the passage of the bill the league represents that it will provide a means of distributing to the farmers the cost fund of information which has been collected by the land grant colleges, United States experiment stations and United States department of agriculture. "The extension work called for by the bill," says the league, "namely, personal contact of the man who knows with the man who wishes to learn right out on the soil where the problem lies will vitalize the whole system, give potency to the new knowledge and reduce it to practice."

The purpose of the bill is in line with the plan that has been followed in Europe in securing increased farm productiveness. It has been used to some extent in the south and has been attended with good results wherever it has been tried. It is an application of the principles of scientific farming and soil cultivation based upon experiments with various kinds of crops in all parts of the country.

The plan is said to have the approval of President Taft and 90 per cent of the agricultural college authorities. The league hopes to have the bill passed with non-partisan support.

Governor Vessey of South Dakota, recently lost his false teeth and could

not deliver a speech at a political meeting until they were found. Without his false teeth, of course, his voice would not ring true.

A man in Portland, Maine, was recently indicted for providing campaign cigars, which is getting to be a more serious offense than carrying concealed weapons.

Fredericks Will Lead Case.

Los Angeles, Feb. 19.—District Attorney Fredericks admitted today that he will try the Darrow bribery case himself. He has just returned from a midle west and eastern trip in connection with the dynamite cases.

Split Infinitives.

To sometimes in an emergency or when laboring under a great mental stress split an infinitive may be excusable, but to deliberately or wantonly or with malice prepense tear its parts asunder or to cruelly divorce the helpless and dependent "to" from her verbal spouse is severely condemned by purists. The general practice, however, is said to have prevailed among standard English authors since the seventeenth century.—Boston Globe.

A Fighting Chance.

"So you think the author of this play will live, do you?" remarked the tourist.

"Yes," replied the manager of the Frozen Dog Opera House. "He's got a five mile start, and I don't think the boys kin catch him."—Life

As to Clocks. "What an elegant timepiece that is," said the old time friend.

"Yes," replied Mr. Cumrox; "that's about as elegant a clock as money will buy."

"You were once content with a much simpler affair."

"Of course. Nobody wants to waste more than a dollar on a clock that wakes him up and tells him when to go to work. But when it wakes him up and reminds him that he doesn't have to go to work he feels more friendly and liberal."—Washington Star.

A Woman's Reason.

"Why," asks the inquisitive person, "do you enjoy having some one tell you that you are pretty when you know you are not? Does it make you believe that you are?"

"No," she answers readily. "But it makes me believe that he believes I am."—Judge's Library.

Escaped.

Gillet—So you've just come from Henpecked's funeral. How did the old boy look? Natural?

Perry—No; relieved.—New York Times.

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