

THE OBSERVER

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MR. HOWLAND'S ROAD ADVICE.

Theoretically Engineer L. D. Howland may have some ground for his advice to Union county relative to proposed road building, but we have always noticed that theoretical advice is very expensive. If unlimited money is to be expended the average engineer is the man to put in charge of an undertaking. But if the community desires the best possible results for as little money as possible, then it falls to the lot of the hard-head, the experienced citizen, the practical rancher and the conservative business man to figure out a plan and proceed on that plan.

An engineer knows only the straight line of the rule, the angle of the

instrument and the cost must be computed afterward. He therefore is not the man to take the initiative in road building in a sparsely settled farming community like the Grande Ronde valley. He may be employed to look after grades and levels after the practical men outline what is to be done, but under no consideration is he the man to make up the road scheme.

Mr. Howland complains bitterly of gravel roads, calls them a waste of money and in other ways heaps criticism. We would respectfully call his attention to the gravel highway from Island City to Moss Chapel, which according to such reliable men as Fred J. Holmes, was built thirty years ago by the people of Island City and the surrounding country without even the assistance of an engineer. This piece of road is recognized as a first-class highway throughout the year. Another piece of gravel road that shares in praise is the road between La

Grande and Island City, which was built by the people with the Kiddle boys as prime movers in the work. According to our information no engineer was used in this construction, yet it is a good road.

Argument against well graded, well drained highways with gravel surface in this valley is not well founded, for we have examples of what can be done. Of course, it is admitted that gravel road will never be as smooth as the hardsurface highway, and that it never will attract as much attention, but for good service and for all-purposes gravel roads are all right.

PEEPING OVER THE HILL.

The northwest prosperity has been a long time coming to be sure, but we believe it is now peeping over the hill. Although many Portlanders who were ready to shake hands with old General Prosperity three months ago, have grown despondent and declare they were mistaken in the signs of the times, yet the atmosphere now seems to be charged with advance currents from the central energy plant of better business.

Sentiment seems to be general that Europe's war will end this summer. And with that ending will come the demand for building material. Then will the northwest lumber trade bring in the money such as the ammunition trade of New England has been bringing in money during the past year. Our business with Europe will be based upon peace instead of war and will therefore be more lasting, as well as by far more pleasant.

ELECTRIFYING THE FARM.

F. D. McCully, of Joseph, would not wish to be called a wizard, for he is a very modest man. But the fact remains that he has harnessed a water power in his section of the country and with it he is slowly but surely transforming farming.

He has electricity going to waste and last year he put an electric threshing outfit in for a rancher, like Jim Hill, when he shipped a trainload of bull calves to the western range. Mr. McCully was willing to wait for developments. The electric thresher was used and its praises sung by every rancher whom it worked for. Then Jay Dobbins had a problem in chopping alfalfa for his sheep. He had purchased a couple of combustion engine rigs and the expense of operation was too heavy. McCully installed a small motor and the problem was solved.

Thus one by one he is pushing electricity forward and every rancher who uses it would never again do without it.

Some day there will be very little gasoline sold in Eastern Oregon for power purposes. Storage batteries charged from mountain streams will propel the automobiles and freight trains will be pulled across the Blue Mountains by electricity.

The number of contests in the local land office indicates a very strong desire on the part of some to get back to the soil.

The Riverside Park bridge is being damaged, not by high water, for the river is not at a high point, but the bridge is nevertheless damaged to a great extent. That dollar's worth of value for every dollar expended for public improvements, etc., etc., etc.

Better register if you wish to vote at the primaries. You cannot even vote on the road question unless you are registered.

Those Texans who want to organize under Colonel Roosevelt to hunt for Villa would get valuable space on the front page of all the papers.

The Portland News, in its report of the Salem convention, noted with

MEAT CAUSE OF KIDNEY TROUBLE

Take a glass of Salts if your Back hurts or Bladder bothers—Meat forms uric acid.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or sick headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

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