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Portland Conference, January 3-4, is to have united support of practically all bodies with road laws in mind for next legislature. University of Oregon, Eugene, Dec. 30.—"A conference for furthering the adoption of a highway code for Oregon," will be the for of the eighth annual State Commonwealth Conference of the University of Oregon. This conference will be held at the Multnomah hotel, Portland January 3 and 4.

The meeting will precede by a few days the opening of the next session of the legislature. The purpose is to agree upon a highway code for submission to the legislature. Practically all of the organizations interested in getting road legislation passed at the forthcoming session have agreed to join in the Commonwealth Conference and to unite, if possible upon a single measure.

"The prospect of getting a comprehensive highway code through the legislature is, accordingly, very bright," said F. G. Young, head of the department of economics and sociology at the State University and director of the Commonwealth Conference.

"Oregon's need of an up-to-date highway code is at this time exceedingly urgent. Federal aid to the amount of nearly \$3,000,000 during the next few years for the improvement of Oregon roads is available, but will not be forthcoming for the state unless our system of road construction and maintenance is put in order thru the adoption of a code based upon principles proved best in older states."

"The task of developing a body of road laws that will insure the largest measure of road improvement for every dollar expended involves stupendous difficulties. The legislature should have all the aid possible for this achievement. Hence the contemplated preparation of a code that will embody the best suggestions of all interested. This code will be submitted to the committee on highways in the legislature."

"Some of the best road experts of the nation will be present at the conference of January 3-4. The draft of a code that have been in preparation for Oregon during the last three of four months by the United States office of public roads and rural engineering will probably be the nucleus of the code to be hammered into shape."

The conference will open January 3 with J. D. Brown, president of the Farmers' Union of Oregon, presiding. Thereafter the features of the program will be:

Wednesday morning, January 3, 10 o'clock.—"Defects in Oregon's Present Road Laws," Rufus C. Holman, president of association county judges and commissioners; "Classification of Oregon Roads, and Total mileage and Distribution of State Roads," John H. Lewis, state highway engineer; "Roads Within and Adjacent to National Forests in Oregon," B. J. Finch, senior engineer U. S. Forest Service.

Wednesday afternoon, 2 o'clock.—"The development of the Agricultural and Scenic Resources of the Pacific Northwest Through Good Roads and Their Use in Military Defense," R. H. Thomson, formerly city engineer, Seattle; "Organization for Highway Work," Paul D. Sargent state highway engineer, Maine; "Methods of Accounting for all Road Expenditures and Need of Authority to Enforce," J. C. Ainsworth, U. S. National Bank, Portland; "Maintenance of Highways—Organization System and Methods," F. W. Sarr, deputy highway commissioner, New York; "Factors in Oregon Conditions Making for and against the Selection of the Different Types of Pavements and when Paving is Justifiable," J. W. Cunningham, member American Society of Civil Engineers; "General Road Policies Advisable for construction of state roads," A. G. Johnson department of public works, Portland.

Wednesday evening, 8 o'clock, Dr. Alfred C. Schmitt, vice-president First National Bank, Albany, Oregon, presiding.—Round Table conference for discussion and criticisms of features of proposed highway code. (To insure conditions for most effective deliberation in the round table conferences, they are intended mainly for delegates representing different organizations desirous of co-operating with experts present in adjusting proposed code to the Oregon situation.)

Thursday morning, January 4, 10 o'clock, O. W. Taylor, president Oregon Good Roads Committee, presiding.—"The Highway as an investment," Dr. L. I. Hewes, engineer in charge of first district for federal grant of aid to highways; "Lessons from the Experience of California in Establishing System of State Highway Construction and Maintenance," Austin B. Fletcher, State highway engineer, California; "Necessity for Testing all materials Used in Road and Bridge Construction," Professor S. H. Graf, Oregon Agricultural Col-

lege; "Necessity of Eliminating Railroad Grade Crossings Before Permanent Paving," F. J. Miller, Oregon Public Service Commissioner; "How Cost of State, County and District Roads can be Equitably placed upon Those Who Use Them and All Benefited by them," C. H. Spence, master state grange, Oregon.

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