

IMPROVEMENT IN HIGHWAYS NOTICEABLE

Warmer weather, following a temporary lull in Old Sol's appearance, is making the highways more easily traveled and smoother to the motorist each day. Cars are humming merrily over every road in the state, the spring flock of tourists are making their appearance, and the "auto trekker" is coming back into his own.

The weekly road report of the Oregon State highway commission is as follows:

La Grande-Joseph Highway.
La Grande-Island City: Paved.
Island City-Alice: Excellent macadam.
Alice-Imbler: New grade in fair condition.
Imbler-Elgin: Old road over hill very rough but passable.
Elgin-Minam-Lostine: Macadamized and in excellent condition.
Lostine-Enterprise: Under construction; turn off at Wade's crossing and take hill road to Enterprise.
Enterprise-Joseph: Excellent macadam.

Baker-Cornucopia Highway.
Baker-Halfway: 19 miles macadam, 21 miles graded roadbed; balance fair country road. New grade on lower Powder river between Love Bridge and Black Bridge, now open to traffic.

Old Oregon Trail—East of Pendleton
Ontario - Huntington - Baker - La Grande-Mecham: Macadamized entire distance and in excellent condition.

Mecham-Bendman's Pass: Approximately five miles new grade; remainder excellent macadam. Local inquiry should be made at La Grande or Pendleton before attempting trip over Blue Mountains as rains may cause road to be blocked at any time.
Bendman's Pass-Pendleton: Excellent macadam.

Oregon-Washington Highway.
Pendleton-Washington State Line: Paved.

Pendleton-Pilot Rock: 5 miles of good earth road; 10 miles macadam.
Pilot Rock-Vinson: 15.7 miles macadam in good condition.
Vinson-Butter Creek-Jones Hill: County road. Very rough and rocky but passable.

Jones Hill-Heppner: Standard grade in good condition.

Heppner-Gilliam County Line: Entire distance macadamized and in excellent condition.
Gilliam County Line-Heppner Junction: Fair condition except on descent. Road down Willow Creek to Heppner Junction is better than cut-off at Rhea Siding; careful driving required.

FORESTALL FUEL SHORTAGE.
OTTAWA, Ont., May 12.—Federal and provincial governments of Canada are trying to find a way to meet next winter's fuel demands without leaving the country wholly dependent upon the United States, having in mind the threat of embargo last fall when American communities were suffering from a shortage.

Canada has vast stores of both soft and hard coal, but transportation difficulties will prevent their development as long as the Pennsylvania-West Virginia hard coal field continues to produce and there is no check on exports. Testimony before a senate committee indicates that Nova Scotia can meet all demands for soft coal. The search for substitute for Pennsylvania anthracite has not been successful.

The richest hard coal field known in Canada is in Alberta. It is far removed from transportation lines and, as one expert said, "it might as well be in China." About 200,000 tons of fair quality anthracite could be produced there by strip mining, and sub-surface mining. It was said, would bring out billions of tons. The deposit is in the Hay and Smoky valleys of Alberta.

As a rule, the man who has his portrait made, with his chin resting in his hand is the kind of man whose chin needs a rest.

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REALTY INTEREST SOLD.

PENDLETON, May 12.—John M. Bentley, aged 32, who flows to no man engaged in the real estate and insurance business here for nearly seven years, announced yesterday that he would retire from active work and would his interests in the Bentley-Graham company to his partner.

Mr. Bentley has sold insurance for 21 years, coming to Pendleton from Canaan, Prairie after he had lost a large sawmill and 2,000,000 feet of lumber without a cent of insurance to protect it.

CELEBRATE GOLDEN SPIKE

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., May 12.—Several hundred veteran railroad men recently journeyed here for the reunion in commemoration of the driving of the golden spike at Promontory Point, near Ogden, on May 10, 1869, as the connecting link of the first trans-continental railroad. Interesting stories of adventure in the early days were recounted by the Southern Pacific railroad pensioners at the reunion.

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THE HOME GARDEN

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Formalin solution to purify soil of germs of various kinds of rot which effect the roots and destroy certain plants is proving effective, according to recent experiment station reports. As it is an inexpensive remedy it is worth trying on soil where the plants suffered from any such pest as this last year.

The treatment consists in soaking the ground to the depth of six or eight inches with a 4 per cent formalin solution, which is made by adding about six tablespoonfuls of the usual 40 per cent formaldehyde of commerce to a quart of water.

A 1 per cent solution made of 11 tablespoonfuls of the commercial formaldehyde to a quart of water is also used as a spray upon growing plants as a disinfectant to destroy any germs of rot.

Before applying the formalin solution to ground to be disinfected, it should first be wet down so that the solution will penetrate quickly. It takes about a gallon and a half of the solution to disinfect a square yard of soil. After this solution has been applied the ground should be allowed to dry out before plants are set in it, to avoid any danger to the roots from the gas. Loosening the soil with a spading fork will hasten the evaporation and drying-out process.

Root crops among vegetables and canons, dahlias, gladioli, irises and others, with fleshy roots are sometimes subject to rot, which is very destructive once it gets a start. The rot of onions has given much trouble during the last few seasons and its cause and eradication have been studied thoroughly.

A solution of potassium permanganate is applied to growing plants suspected of being affected with root rot, a teaspoon of crystals to a quart of water.

ONION SETS.
Young onions may be produced in the garden in two weeks by planting onion sets. These are diminutive onions, grown from seed in very crowded rows, and kept in cold storage.

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plum will produce several green onions to the set and are of very mild flavor. Perennial onions planted in the fall will produce young onions the following spring.

OREGON BERRIES RIPEN.

IRVING, Ore., May 12.—Irrigon claims to have produced the first strawberries grown in Oregon this season. N. Scaman and son made the first picking from a small garden patch May 3 and since then the berries have been picked regularly every day. These berries are of the Clarke Seedling variety.

Other small gardens have been reported yielding good berries during the past week and growers predict that the yield this year will be good. Last year Irrigon growers shipped the first Royal Ann cherries grown in the state to Portland.

Mexican woman of 102 smokes cigarettes. The anti-tobacco campaigners will say she wouldn't be near that old if she didn't smoke.

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