

ROAD EXTENSION WILL BE 9 MILES

Paradise Farmers Take Lead in North High- way Road Work

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Thanks to the aggressiveness of a group of Paradise farmers, the north highway will be constructed a full nine miles this year, instead of the six miles on which the government Bureau of Public Roads originally let the contract. This will carry the road to about five miles from the Washington state line, and the next move for completion of an interstate highway over this route is due to come from the government or the state of Washington.

The nine-mile extension begins at Red Fir and will end east and north of Appleton. It is hoped the grade can be finished this year and

the surface will be laid next year.

On the Bureau's Program
More than four years ago it was known that the government bureau would extend the north forest road in 1924 if the county would co-operate. The county was fully advised and members consulted early with government officials and with the state highway commission, with the result that an agreement most favorable to the county was made, foot of Wallowa lake has decided. The government contributes \$25,000 and the county \$10,000 on the project.

A contract was let in the spring to the Security Construction company for the construction of six miles of earth grade beginning at the old forest highway near Red Fir and ending about at the edge of the timber. The contract provided that two miles more of road were to be built by the company at the same rate if the bureau as requested within a time limit.

Farmers Build Road
This gave the Paradise farmers their opening. The government engineers surveyed the grade a full three times beyond the limit of the contract and the farmers organized and built the last mile of road ac-

ording to standard engineering requirements. Then they came before the court with their plea. They offered this full mile of road as an outright donation to the county, and asked that the gap of two miles between it and the contract section be filled in.

Judge L. E. Jordan laid the matter before Judge William Duby, chairman of the state highway commission, who has been over the ground and is familiar with the methods and operations of the government bureau. Mr. Duby, the one member of the commission who knows Wallowa county and appreciates the possibilities of an interstate road, presented his plea to C. C. Purcell of the government bureau. Mr. Jordan followed this up with a most urgent request, backing his petition with a report on the unusual gift of a mile of road built by the north end farmers.

Begin On the Job

The bureau executive agreed to the extension if Judge Jordan would arrange various details with the Sturgill Brothers, of the Security Construction company. Everything has been accomplished by the judge and the tractor, who were about through with the north part of their job, have moved out to the new grade and it will be pushed to completion.

About a third of the surfacing of the lower seven miles of the highway has been finished by Joslyn & McAllister, contractors. They are working north from their quarry, at Sun. Banister's farm, and have spread the first course of rock to the upper section of the highway.

Improvement on Shumaker
Marked improvement on Shumaker grade has been made this fall by Astoria county, Wash.

Traffic Strips Will Be Painted On Oregon Trail

Sometime within the next month the state highway commission will paint traffic strips on all curves on the Old Oregon Trail highway between La Grande and Pendleton and La Grande and Ontario.

These strips or lines, which are painted white, are placed in the center of the highway to guide traffic and keep cars in their proper places on the road, especially on curves.

This division line has been used in the western part of the state for some time and has proved very successful so will be tried here. It warns the motorists to keep on the right side of the road.

Tourist Travel Increasing in State; Season's Figures Now Prepared

SALEM, Ore., Sept. 18.—The peak of travel seems to be reached each year during the month of July. Registrations of nonresidents were slightly lower for August than for the previous month, but more than 2,000 in excess of August of last year. The monthly tabulations of the registrations of motor vehicles of nonresidents shows a total of 17,602 during August, 1926, while for July, 1926, August, 1925, and for July, 1925, they numbered 18,855, and for the month of August, 1925, they totaled 15,358. The greatest volume is from the neighboring states of California, Washington and Idaho, but the registrations from more remote states numbered into the thousands. At the various registration stations from January 1 to August 31, 1926, registrations were as follows:

Albany, 1,042; Ashland, 16,602; Astoria, 457; Baker, 888; Bend, 516; Brookings, 11; Coquille, 44; Corvallis, 253; Enterprise, 34; Eugene, 2,652; Gold Beach, 231; Grants Pass, 9,315; Hillsboro, 79; Hood River, 531; Huntington, 2,252; Klamath Falls, 3,735; La Grande, 779; Lakeview, 174; Marshfield, 197; Medford, 8,765; Milton-Freewater, 1,118; Newport, 49; North Bend, 66; Nyssa, 767; Ontario, 3,770; Oregon City, 298; Pendleton, 1,319; Portland, 6,805; Roseburg, 2,309; St. Helens, 47; to all the large towns and cities in the Pacific coast states and grew with such rapidity that the 150th store was recently opened. Western Auto now has 199 stores in California, and one or more stores in every other important community in Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, New Mexico, Nevada, Utah, Oregon, Washington, Wyoming, Montana and the Hawaiian Islands.

SALE IS FEATURE OF CELEBRATION

Celebrating the opening of its one hundred and fiftieth store, the Western Auto Supply company is now holding a great money saving sale on standard articles of western auto equipment, which is in effect in all of their 150 stores throughout the west, including the one here and will continue for two weeks.

As a token of the company's appreciation of the patronage that has made the tremendous growth possible during the past 10 years, it is giving to each tire purchaser during this sale a new standard inner tube, at half price.

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The first Western Auto Supply company store was opened on the Pacific coast in 1916 by George Pepperdine, founder of the company and its present head, with a stock worth approximately \$4,000.

From the modest start with one store in 1916, the Western Auto Supply company grew to a chain of 20 stores in 1920, and the business had increased to an annual worth of about \$400,000. This business was then incorporated and additional capital secured through the sale of stock, a large portion of the stock being purchased by employees of the company. The business was extended

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Pacific highway	372	793
Total	2664	3495

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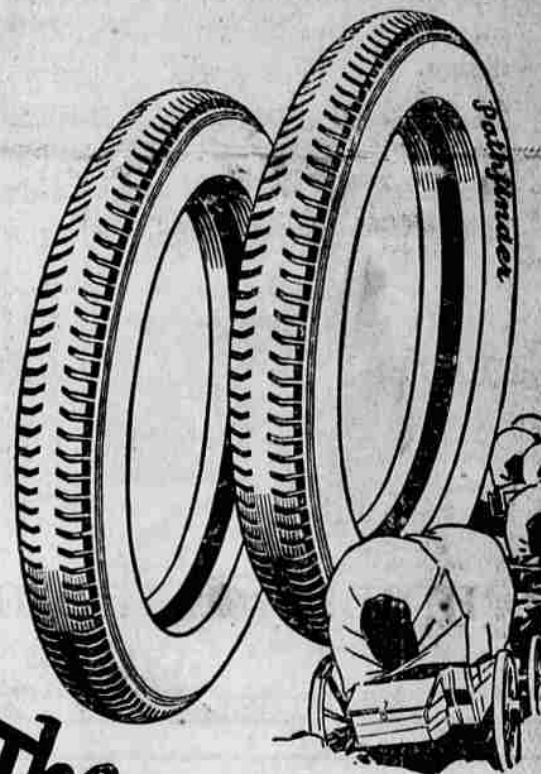
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