

STATE HIGHWAYS NOW 4,471.6 MILES

Less Than 1,000 Miles
Unimproved, Says Re-
port of Roy Klein

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 11. (Special)—Oregon's state highway system on Nov. 30, of this year included 3521 miles of improved highways and 947.6 miles of unimproved highways, according to a report prepared here by Roy Klein, secretary of the state highway commission. The report was submitted to Governor Pierce and will be referred to the legislature which convenes here next January.

Of the improved highways there are 688.5 miles of bituminous pavement, 208.5 miles of concrete pavement, 375.5 miles of oiled macadam, 174.5 miles of rock surfacing and 309.6 miles which has been graded but not surfaced.

The report showed that during the current year only two-tenths of a mile of new pavement has been laid. There were 8.4 miles of pavement resurfaced. Other im-

provements during the first 11 months of the year included 343.6 miles of oiled macadam, 129.8 miles of rock surfacing, 40.1 miles of grading and 9 miles of grade widening.

Year's Expenditures Listed.
Expenditures during the current year aggregated \$10,018,492.75, of which \$3,744,425.85 was listed as new construction. Additions and betterments aggregated \$513,932.48 while maintenance was fixed at \$2,750,409.52.

Other expenditures were listed as follows:
Cooperation on forest road work, \$173,360.70; rights of way and property, \$24,251.20; purchase of park sites, \$20,745.61; road signs, \$12,224.98; operation of movable bridges, \$7,777.18; enforcing of traffic laws, \$59,544.94; administration and general supervision, \$187,082.86; surveys, \$65,674.96; engineering in connection with county work, \$5894.14; and miscellaneous general expense, \$4905.58.

Bonds matured during the year aggregated \$1,197,000, while interest paid on bonds totaled \$1,722,761.65.

Gas Tax Income High.
The two largest items listed as receipts credited to the state highway fund were \$1,197,000 and \$1,722,761.65.

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New Traffic Ordinance Prevents Turning Around in Middle of Block

The final installment of the new La Grande traffic ordinance, which becomes effective Dec. 24 is printed below. Several provisions in this installment are especially interesting, including the one fixing penalties and the one preventing vehicles from turning around in the middle of blocks or at certain intersections in the business section.

The first installment was published three weeks ago, two others following on Nov. 27 and Dec. 4. Section 72. Signals—care in driving. Drivers, to prevent accident, must observe traffic, exercise caution, not follow another vehicle too closely for safety, not pass another vehicle at an intersection, and signal by hand or some other effective method before slowing, stopping or backing; and before turning, especially to the left, must indicate the direction of the turn by signal.

Drivers, when approaching or entering a curve or intersection or junction, or coming to the top of a hill, if the street is obstructed, must use sound signal effectively and go slowly. Drivers crossing crosswalks must go slowly, take care and signal when necessary to insure safety.

Section 73. Police Whistles. Police whistle signals indicate: by one blast, that approaching traffic shall stop behind crosswalks; by two blasts, that halted traffic shall proceed; by three or more blasts, the approach of fire apparatus or other danger.

Section 74. Turning in middle of block. Vehicles shall not make complete turn, or reverse their direction, or turn around, in any part of a street between intersections, nor at the following intersections: Adams and Chestnut, Adams and Depot, Adams and Elm and Adams and Fir, nor at any place where traffic will be obstructed, but shall go around the block, or to any intersection where such a turn around is permitted.

Section 75. Emergency regulations—fire apparatus. Emergency vehicles, and the drivers thereof, shall obey and conform to the following regulations:

A. Ambulances, while being operated as such, and vehicles used by or for doctors, physicians and surgeons, while being operated upon or in their respective business, are exempt from the provisions of this ordinance as to speed and traffic regulations where the performance for right of way can be given them with due regard to the safety of the public, and where, on account of an emergency, a faster

rate of speed than that limited in this ordinance is absolutely necessary, and provided that when so run or operated, each of such vehicles shall bear displayed thereon a red cross to indicate the business in which the same is engaged.

B. Patrol wagons, police ambulances, fire engines and fire apparatus shall in all cases, with due regard to the safety of the public, have right of way over other vehicles, and vehicles driven by the members of the La Grande fire department on business relating to a fire than in existence and vehicles of public utilities on emergency business have the right of way over all others, and all provisions of this ordinance to the contrary notwithstanding, but the provisions of this section shall not be held to protect the driver of any such vehicle from the consequences of an arbitrary exercise of this right or for injuries willfully inflicted.

C. A vehicle on the approach of fire apparatus, shall immediately draw near to and parallel with the curb and stop.

D. It shall be unlawful for any vehicle, other than one on official business, to follow any fire apparatus traveling in response to a fire alarm, closer than one block.

E. No vehicle shall be driven over any fire hose when laid down for use by the fire department on any street, sidewalk or private driveway, without the permission of the fire chief.

Section 76. Transportation of dead carcasses or noxious substances. It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle in the streets of the city for the transportation of any carcass of any dead animal or any part thereof, without having the same covered or enclosed from public view.

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate any vehicle in the streets of the city for the transportation of any noxious substance or substances that give off any stench or offensive odor, without having the same covered and securely enclosed so as to prevent the odor from escaping.

Section 77. Brakes—lights—license numbers.

All vehicles being operated or driven over the streets of the city shall be equipped with lights and brakes as provided by the laws of the state of Oregon, and shall be licensed, and display numbered license plates as required by the laws of Oregon, and it is unlawful, and a violation of this ordinance, for any person to operate or drive a vehicle on the streets of the city without such lights being adjusted as provided by the laws of Oregon.

Section 78. Regulations as to chauffeurs. A. Every chauffeur registered, as is this ordinance provided, shall, while running or operating any motor vehicle upon any street, road or highway within the city, display his badge as such chauffeur.

B. No person shall operate or drive as a chauffeur, a motor vehicle upon any street, road or public highway within the city, unless such person shall have first complied all respects with the requirements of this ordinance relating to chauffeurs, and who shall not have received from the secretary of state a badge permitting such person, as a chauffeur, to operate motor vehicles, under the laws of the state of Oregon upon public highways thereof for the year.

C. No person shall run or operate any motor vehicle as a chauffeur upon any street of the city under any fictitious badge or under any badge issued by the secretary of state to any other person.

Section 79. Provisions severable. This ordinance and the various parts, sections and clauses are hereby declared to be severable. If any part, section or clause is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, it is hereby provided that the balance of the ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 80. Competent evidence. In any trial before the municipal court of the city of La Grande for violation of the provisions of this ordinance relating to chauffeurs and their registration or receiving a badge, with or from the secretary of state of Oregon or any other state, or concerning the registration of any motor vehicle or its receiving or having assigned to it a number out of or from the office of the secretary of state of Oregon or any other state, a certificate issued by the secretary of state of Oregon or other states, stating the facts as to such registration or licensing, of any such badge, license or number, shall be considered as proper evidence by the court.

Section 81. Vehicles on public emergency business. The provisions of this ordinance regulating the movement, parking and standing, of vehicles shall not apply to emergency vehicles of the police or sheriff's office or of the fire department, or of a public utility, while the driver of any such vehicle is en-

gaged in the necessary performance of public emergency duties.

Section 82. Penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation who violates or fails to comply with any of the provisions of this ordinance or any regulation or order of the chief of police, adopted or issued in pursuance thereof, shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$300.00 or by imprisonment in the city jail for a period not to exceed 90 (ninety) days, or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the court, and in case of a default in the payment of any fine, by imprisonment for not to exceed one day for each two dollars of such fine.

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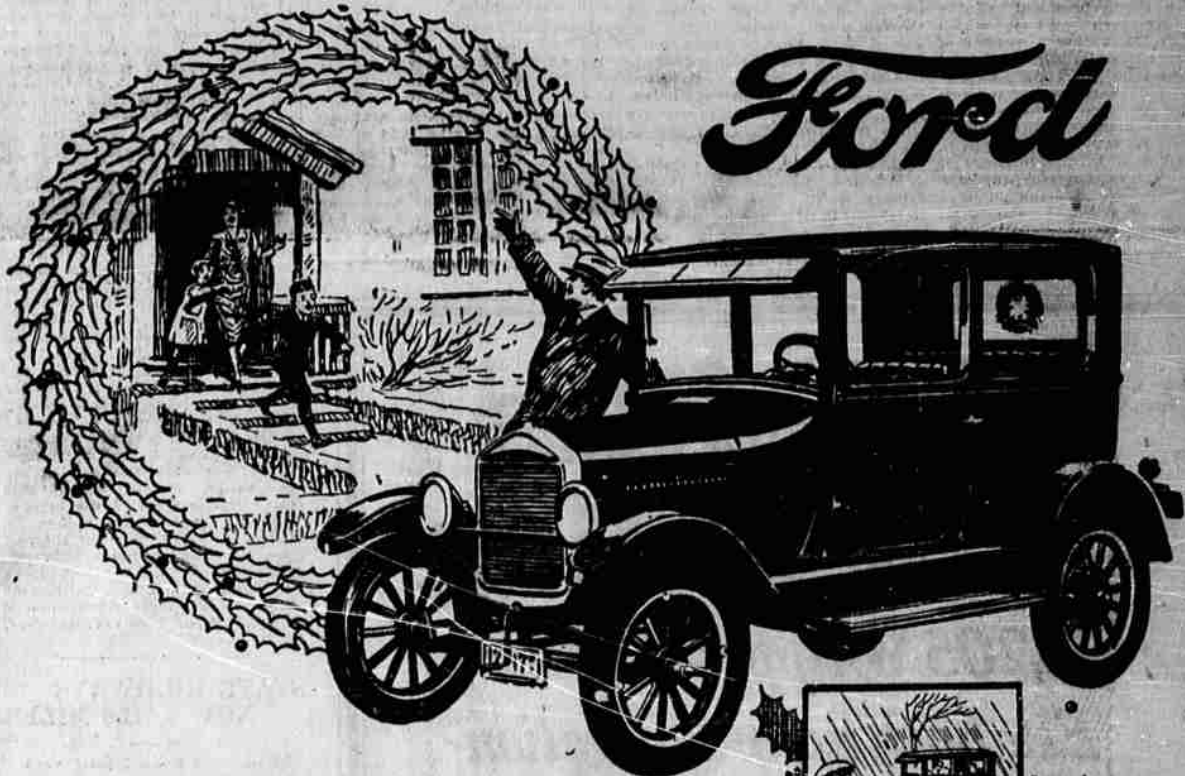
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