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NATIONAL AID FOR HIGHWAYS

Bourne Committee Reports Work of Two Years. Investment of Millions Proposed. Most Economical Committee.

The final report of the Joint Congressional Committee on Federal Aid to Good Roads, was submitted to congress Jan. 1. It urges national participation in highway improvement on a large scale, but under such a plan as will guard against "pork barrel" and prevent dictation of local road problems by a Bureau in Washington. The Committee was unable to agree upon any particular bill, but submitted a vast amount of data that have been collected and expressed views regarding some general principles that should be observed in Federal roads legislation.

The report was drawn by Hon. Jonathan Bourne, Jr., Chairman of the Committee, and is concurred in by six other members of the committee, Senators Penrose, Gronna, Swanson, and Overman, and Representatives Madden and Austin. Senators Swanson and Overman concur in the report except as to chapter 2, which urges congressional control over the Federal good roads participation.

Summing up advantages of good roads, the report says:

"Systematic efforts and cooperation of nation, states and counties will make American highways the best in the world, bring remote agricultural lands within practicable hauling distance from railroads, materially raise the value of farm property, enhance the margin of profit on farm products, vastly increase the average daily attendance at rural schools, raise the standard of rural education, make the motor truck an economical vehicle for American farmers, lighten the labors of American horses, save wear and tear on harness and wagons, and add to the comfort and happiness of all rural residents."

The report estimates the total quantity of commodities hauled over rural roads at 700,000,000 tons annually, costing now an average of 21 cents per ton-mile or \$1.89 per ton for the average haul of 9 miles. A system of first class highways would reduce this cost to the extent of 13 cents per ton-mile. The report does not assert that such a perfect system of highways is immediately practicable, but expresses the opinion that such an improvement as is now practicable, would result in the savings of 8 cents per ton-mile, or a total of \$504,000,000 annually. Viewing this saving as a dividend, the report says that it would justify, on a 6 per cent basis, an investment of \$8,400,000,000, which the committee believes is far more than necessary to place the roads in such a condition as to effect the saving indicated. Other excerpts from the report are as follows:

"We believe that when the United States Government undertakes so important a problem as that of Federal aid to good roads, it should undertake it in a large way. To undertake it in a small way means a continuation of the policy of patchwork and consequent waste of funds, with slight permanent results to show for the expenditure, and would within a very few years, subject congress to the criticism of having established what is commonly called a 'pork barrel,' from which the several states would receive annually a small contribution of funds distributed over a large mileage of roads without producing the high class of public roads which are so much needed and desired. We believe that before congress adopts a plan the whole subject should be so thoroughly studied that the plan decided upon may be enacted into law with confidence that it will remain practically unchanged on the statute books for many years to come, thus standing for many years as a credit to the Congress which enacted it.

"Congress should make careful provision for such administration of the Federal highway participation as will protect the several states in their right to control their local highway affairs and guard against dictatorship from a Federal Bureau in Washington."

As a means of guarding against dictatorship from a Bureau in Washington, the report suggests that the membership of the National Highway Commission should include members of the Senate and House of Representatives who shall constitute a majority of the Commission, thus insuring the states an appeal to congress from any arbitrary and unsatisfactory rulings of the Bureau head, who would be a minority member of the Commission.

The report includes an itemized statement of expenditures showing that

MURDERER CAUGHT IN CALIFORNIA

Italian Murderer of Mrs. Palermi, Nov. 7, Caught in California City Will be Returned to Portland for Trial and Punishment.

People in the north edge of Clackamas County, near Lents, were horrified to hear of the murder of Mrs. Olympia Palermi, November 7, for the murder was one of the most unwarranted crimes ever known in the state, and this particular neighborhood has been such a quiet section that it was severely shaken up by such a criminal proceeding. Mrs. Palermi, it will be remembered, was at home alone, her husband being employed at the car barn in North Portland. She had been annoyed frequently by a fellow countryman named Dominico Pacini, or Pachena. Pachena had been trying to get her to run away with him and when she refused and drove him away he threatened to make her trouble. He then made another attempt and when she refused he attempted to cut her throat with a razor, and finally shot her while she was attempting to escape to a neighbor.

Pachena escaped, seemed to have been swallowed up. Dogs were put on his trail but they soon lost trace of him. Officers in Oregon, Washington, and California have been on the lookout for him, and he was arrested at Stockton, California on the 25th. It appears that the family has had a detective out for him since the murder.

In the meantime the murdered woman's husband has become a ward of the county. On the night of Jan. 19, he was found with two companions at Broadway and Larabee streets, on the north side, making a disturbance talking. Being somewhat unruly the policeman was severe with them and when he started away it was said that some one shot at the policeman, who a block away, turned and gave chase firing several shots at them. Palermi was taken in and on arrival at the station he was found to have received a bullet wound.

It is presumed that Palermi was more or less irregular in his habits owing to his domestic troubles. He had a revolver, tho he denied having used it. He said some one else in his crowd had shot. Anyway Palermi got the worst of it and still lies in jail. He is said to have been drinking heavily of late.

Surprise Party

Friends of Ed York gave him a surprise on the evening of January 8. About twenty-five couples loaded down with baskets filled with good things came in and spent the evening, the occasion being Ed's 21st birthday. Those present included: Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Kennedy, Mr. R. B. Wood, Cecil Landon, Mr. B. Rice, Edith Odum, Alfred Odum, Ralph McCormack, Fern McCormack, Miss Eddy, Mrs. R. B. Wood, Ethel Wood, Clifford Wood, Ray Smythe, Mary Killian, Gerald Jensen, Erna Kramer, C. Cullison, Ruby Rice, Walter Lynn, Sabra Deaton, Blanche Rice and Stephen Boland.

Gresham has a new Chapter of the Eastern Star, instituted last Thursday evening, and officered; Mrs. Anna Brown was elected worthy matron; O. J. Brown, worthy patron; Mrs. Cora Childers, assistant matron; Miss Rose Dair, secretary; Mrs. Jennie Carlson, treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Schneider, conductor; Mrs. Christine Cleveland, associate conductor; Mrs. Della Meyers, chaplain; Mrs. Annie Cleveland, marshal; Mrs. Grace Page, organist; Mrs. Lorena Kidder, Adah; Mrs. Francis Miller, Ruth; Mrs. Carrie Cameron, Esther; Mrs. Josephine Stanley, Martha; Mrs. Minnie Eastman, Electra; Mrs. Lillie Mickley, warden; William Stanley, sentinel.

A committee composed of H. A. Lewis, H. E. Davis and J. J. Johnson met with the county commissioners Wednesday the 27, making application for the appointment of a county farm adviser. The committee had hope of securing the services of Prof. Boquet of the Agricultural College. The state and county share equally in the expense of such an expert. But the commissioners report no fund available this season.

from the total appropriation of \$25,000 the Committee has expended \$10,730, leaving a balance of \$14,270. Since his retirement from the Senate, March 4, 1913, Mr. Bourne has served as chairman of the committee without compensation and paid his own expenses.

MUSHROOMS.



—Harding in Brooklyn Eagle.

NEWS NOTES OF INTEREST

Coos Bay mills and factories are all starting up.

A water grade highway up Hood River is being planned.

St. Helens has a new vegetable and fruit cannery.

Dayton is to have a \$30,000 mausoleum.

The First National Bank of Springfield has bought a site and will build.

Bids have been asked on the new \$100,000 Simpson hotel at North Bend.

The new St. Elizabeth hospital will be opened at Baker next month.

Project is started to reclaim 10,000 of land on Succer Creek, near Ontario.

The new Pacific Iron Works plant in Portland will be 400 feet long one way.

The Salem public library received \$3058.13 for 1914 and spent \$713.30 for books.

Salem Fruit Union at Salem expects to double its business and handle \$500,000 of products in 1915.

There is a general demand that one-half the fish and game licenses go to the county where collected.

The French government has leased the fairgrounds to handle large horse shipments, from Ontario.

The City Dock Commission of Portland asks a bond issue of \$800,000 to erect a municipal grain elevator.

Judge J. N. Campbell warned the citizens of West Linn against building any but hard surfaced streets.

The Perry Veneer plant at Bandon has begun operations and business men are trying to start up the woolen mill.

A Portland firm has an order for 10,000,000 feet of lumber to be shipped to England in March and April.

Ex-Governor West opposes any change in the Workingmen's Compensation law or the State Fish and Game Commission.

There are protests against maintaining the Bureau of Mines and Mining and the state department of Geology when Oregon stone is subjected on all public buildings.

Farmer Smith, of the O. W. R. & N. Co. has made a careful survey of farm prospects for 1915 and he states that all indications point toward a most unusual demand this year for all classes of cereals, probably in excess of the supply, and he suggests that farmers who have not already planted as large an acreage as possible to winter wheat should be careful to retain sufficient seed to make liberal sowings in the spring. He specially recommends that farmers plant as much corn as possible as it will make more stock feed than any other crop and with properly selected seed can be grown successfully in all parts of the Northwest.

In the interest of lower taxes, the Legislature has abolished the Oregon State Immigration Commission and the office of State Immigration Agent, the latter held by C. C. Chapman. As neither the members of the commission or Mr. Chapman received any salaries or other compensation, they did not oppose the repeal of the law. The principal part of the funds which have hitherto been used for statewide farm organization has been subscribed by Portland business men, and while the work will of necessity be somewhat curtailed when state support is withdrawn, it is certain that activities for the development of the state at large will not be permitted to cease. Portland business men realize that the city is overgrown, in comparison with the agricultural development of state, and instead of being discouraged by the withdrawal of state assistance, they are determined to continue their efforts to bring more farmers to Oregon to people its vacant lands.

That the livestock industry in Oregon has been developed to a point which makes the state independent of outside sources is indicated by the annual report of the Portland Union Stockyards for 1914. This report shows that 597,180 head of livestock of all classes was received during the past year, divided up as follows: 281,300 sheep; 217,725 hogs; 74,360 cattle; 2,506 calves and 1,239 horses and mules. Oregon's contribution to this impressive total was 48,789 cattle; 2,149 calves; 144,901 hogs and 196,425 sheep, leaving only an unimportant balance to be credited to surrounding states.

One notable feature of this report is the remarkable falling off in the number of calves received, only 2,506 having been received in 1914 as compared with 4,066 in 1913; 2,798 in 1912; 6,818 in 1911 and 8,297 in 1910. This falling off in the shipment of calves seems to indicate that farmers are generally recognizing the importance of retaining all young meat animals either as future breeders or to be shipped as adult animals, a movement which can only result in increased financial returns to the farmers and a more rapid increase in the meat supply of the state.

Daily Mails

Mails at the Lents postoffice arrive and depart daily, except Sunday, as follows:

Arrive	Depart
6:00 A. M.	7:30 A. M.
12:50 P. M.	12:30 P. M.
3:30 P. M.	5:30 P. M.

BANKER INDICTED ON THREE COUNTS

Among the Grand jury products of Tuesday were three indictments against former cashier of the Multnomah State Bank, H. Rostad. It was charged that he had forged notes of \$3000, \$1200, and \$600. Besides these there were others which he had discounted that were of doubtful value, many of which he had written himself. He will be tried in the Circuit Court. In the meantime he is out on \$5000 bond. If convicted he will face a long term in the penitentiary.

Rostad's bank stock and private property will not repay the stockholders of the bank for their losses. He is said to have mortgaged his bank stock, and that his home was not clear. What he did with it is a mystery. He was inclined to be a little gay.

Rose City to Have Competitor

The city and county of Los Angeles are getting ready for the 1915 Panama Exposition by arranging to spend a million dollars for beautifying private grounds, school grounds and public highways.

Outside the city, alongside the cement and asphalt "good roads," more than 100 miles of rose borders will be planted. These climbing bush rollers, in many colors, will be supported by iron trellises, and will be specially cared for. In the San Fernando Valley there are twenty-five additional miles of roses already planted.

The school children will compete for \$25,000 worth of prizes for the best floral effects along ordinary country roads and on the school grounds. A similar system of prizes will be offered within the city itself. And owners of private homes will have a chance to compete for tempting bonuses.

SOLUTION FOR THE PROBLEM OF THE UNEMPLOYED

The liquor men are bidding for public sympathy on behalf of the poor workman who it is claimed, is thrown out of employment by prohibition. They state that as a result of the voting dry of Arizona, Colorado, Oregon and Washington, some forty local trades unions under the jurisdiction of the Bartenders' International League have disbanded, and dire results are predicted. The Labor News (Galveston, Ill.) however, sounds a truer note. It says: "When the people quit spending a billion dollars a year for less than nothing, then they will have money to spend for necessities and there will be jobs for everybody making things worth while. Who would think of putting up a wall for the poor manufacturer and dealer in 'coke,' or other drugs, thrown out of work through the passage or enforcement of laws against the drug habit? Who will defend the 'poor worker' thrown out of employment because of the sumptuary law against burglary or murder? It is the booze business that fills our cities with unemployed and sends our girls to the devil. Kill the thing which not only incapacitates a man for work but robs him of the money he might spend to make work for others and the unemployed problem will be largely solved."

Officers of Sandy Oddfellow Lodge were installed as follows: Past grand, Otto H. Meinig; noble grand, Fred E. Beckwith; vice-grand, Ronald E. Esson; recording secretary, A. C. Baumback; treasurer, J. C. Laundree; warden, William Bosholt; conductor, Carl Shetterly; chaplain, William Ganger; right scene supporter, John Keisicker; left scene supporter, Walter Kaiser; right supporter noble grand, J. C. Laundrell; left supporter noble grand, Joe Albert; right supporter vice grand, Robert S. Smith; left supporter vice grand, Elmer C. Hale; inside guard, Frank Peterson. The Rebekah Lodge installed the following officers: Past noble grand, Mrs. George Marony; noble grand, Mrs. Percy T. Shelley; vice grand, Mrs. Elmira Potter; recording secretary, W. U. Rogers; treasurer, Mrs. A. M. Baumback; warden, Mrs. F. E. Beckwith; conductress, Mrs. J. Scales; right supporter noble grand, Mrs. Edward Bruns; left supporter noble grand, Mrs. J. C. Laundree; chaplain, Mrs. A. C. Baumback; right supporter vice grand, Mrs. F. E. Beckwith; left supporter vice grand, Mrs. Mira Revenue; inside guard, Mrs. Dave Douglas; outside guard, Mrs. K. Klingler. A large delegation was present from the Boring Oddfellows' lodges.

Pleasant Home has a lively new Improvement Club.

BAD MAN IS TAKEN IN

East Portland Man Turns Robber. Kills Japanese, Traced Down and Arrested, on Section Line, Evidence Plentiful.

Last Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 20, L. Matsunaga, a Japanese, living at 87 and Base Line, returned home from a visit to friends near Lents and on approaching his door was fired upon by persons within the house. Matsunaga died. The intruders escaped.

Suspicion pointed to F. J. Crosby of 1915 East Everett street, and on last Friday he was arrested at or near Buckley avenue on the Section Line, by Deputies Beckman and Phillips. Search revealed several articles that had formerly belonged to Matsunaga, including a silver cigarette case, ring, phonograph needles, safety razor, and other things that were identified. Perhaps Matsunaga's identification of Crosby a few days previous had something to do with the attack upon him. Crosby stole a horse from J. C. Burns of Rockwood a few days before and sold it to a Japanese named Shirato. The horse was again stolen Dec. 31. Matsunaga identified Crosby from a picture as being the man that stole the horse. Crosby had also forged some papers and the Deputies were on the look out for him so when they found him on the Section line they were well pleased to find evidence in his pockets to identify his connection with the cases.

A search of Crosby's home revealed a store of jewelry, rings, razors, etc., many of which may be identified by the marks and initials upon them. He had a partner in his crimes and from him the officers have secured a lot of additional evidence, and besides—Mrs. Matsunaga has seen Crosby and declared he is the murderer.

It appears that Crosby has covered the Base line and Powell Valley section pretty thoroughly. Articles missing include pretty nearly everything from a horse down, and to many offenses he makes full admission but he has not admitted killing the Japanese.

Deputy Phillips left Thursday to return Pachena, who, it is said, has confessed.

Make All Clothes Fireproof

Harrison Parkman, Kansas state fire marshal, has renewed his fight to get the children of Kansas to wearing fireproof clothing.

"Kansas ought not to have any children burned or even injured by fire," said Parkman. "It is so easy to prevent these fires. If the mothers would refuse to buy any cotton cloth unless it had been made fireproof it would soon bring only fireproof cotton cloth to Kansas."

"But the life of every child burned to death could have been saved by the expenditure of twenty-five cents in chemicals. The Germans have a method of fireproofing cotton clothing so that a spark will not catch in a treated cotton dress. The method of fireproofing cotton clothing is to take eight parts of sulphate of ammonium by weight, two and one-half parts of carbonate of ammonium, two parts borax, three parts boric acid, two parts starch and one hundred parts of water. Mix these thoroughly until the solids are dissolved and then dip the clothing into it."

"Every mother could do this as she completes the family washing just before hanging the clothes on the line."

Troutdale Chapter of the Eastern Star installed officers Saturday night. The new officers are: Mrs. Margaret McKay, worthy matron; A. Fox, worthy patron; Mrs. Francis Fox, associate matron; Mrs. Margaret Sales, secretary; C. S. Wilson, treasurer; Mrs. Janet Grant, conductress; Mrs. Laura Harlow, associate conductress; Mrs. Christina K. Kavanagh, warden; D. W. McKay, sentinel; Mrs. Ellen Wright, chaplain; Mrs. Eugenia Watkins, Ada; Miss Lulu Mickley, Ruth; Mrs. Clara Smith, Esther; Mrs. Anna Latonell, Martha; Mrs. Anna Reynolds, Electra. After the installation ceremonies Mrs. Kavanagh was presented with a past matron's jewel.

H. E. Davis has been re-elected to the presidency of the Gresham Fruit Grower's Association. The directors are Davis, J. H. Sterling, Wm. Peterson, F. A. Lehman and M. O. Nelson.

Gresham had its first live boycott this week, but it petered out in half a day, thanks to a well balanced mayor.