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GOING TOO STRONG.

Oregon, through an effort that should not have been necessary, will perhaps receive \$78,000 road funds, from the government, which amount we are entitled to and more, and before the money is available, Portland is busy with Hood River and other towns, planning to spend at least \$70,000 of the amount on the Columbia Highway.

No one who has been over that famous highway will question its beauty, and in a manner it is an asset to the entire state, yet when there are so many other places to expend this fund, it seems that the use of more than one half of it on this particular roadway is unreasonable.

The action however is typical of Portland.

Every town and every community has its individuality, and all are more or less selfish. Portland however, is selfish in some matters to the point that they injure their own business and future development by overlooking the remainder of the state.

The action in the Astoria rate matter, which was a dog in the manger policy in so far as Portland was concerned, is one example, and there are many others.

The completion of railway connection to California and a direct line east, both of which will soon be realized will leave Central Oregon in the same position that Coos bay towns now hold, where for the first time Portland is making a supreme effort to play the role of the "good fellow," competing with San Francisco.

There is no questioning the fact that the Hood River county end of the Columbia Highway needs several times the \$70,000 expended upon it, but it does make a difference where the money comes from, to the state at large.

BE PROMPT

On Monday, September 11, just one week from the coming Monday, the Crook County High School and the Prineville Public School will both open for the 1916-17 term.

It is a matter of history that the opening day attendance is much less than the attendance a month later, and this fact reflects upon the entire student body, and especially the work of the individuals who are late in getting into the school-rooms.

It is no doubt true that by a little effort, those who start after the regular classes have been made up and are getting well into the year's work could have been on hand on opening day.

It is necessary that discipline be observed in early life if the individual is to succeed later, and if you wish to have your boy or girl started right, have them on hand on the opening day at 9 o'clock without fail.

The local schools are as good as are to be found anywhere, and if there are young people in your home, it is your duty even at something of a sacrifice to have them enrolled on the opening day, in the classes where they rightly belong.

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