

ARE FOR GOOD ROADS

NATIONAL GRANGE INDORE FEDERAL AID.

Bill Before Congress Carrying \$24,000,000 for Construction of Public Highways.

Among the good subjects discussed at the National Grange held in Portland recently was that of Good Roads, in which discussion Mr. E. B. Norris, Master of the New York State Grange, took the lead by reading and introducing the following paper and resolution.

Your committee has assumed that extended space need not be taken here to plead the cause of better roads. We take it that the National Grange will concede that impassable roads during considerable periods, of each year are yoke-fellows with the spinning wheel, the steele and the ox-cart.

The subject of good roads is a live question today, and the earnest thought of progressive men is being given to the discovery of some practical plan sufficiently elastic to meet the varying conditions of different localities.

Your committee believes that the time has fully come when the Federal and State Governments should take this question up to the end that future efforts shall be expended along systematic and permanent lines. Farmers of the country are to be congratulated that steps in this direction have already been taken. The National Grange legislative committee, at the last session, was instructed to support some form of the Brownlow bill, then pending in Congress. This bill proposed to appropriate \$14,000,000 to be expended under the direction of a road department in the public service.

This amount to be divided among the states in proportion to population, but no state to receive less than \$250,000. Each state, county or town, receiving aid must add a like amount to the sum given by the General Government. Both state and National amounts to be expended by the National Department of Public Highways.

Our information is that our legislative committee went to Washington, studied the Brownlow bill, latter more carefully, and by agreement caused the practical withdrawal of the Brownlow bill and substituted the Curry bill, the chief difference being, first, the new bill left the expenditure of state funds to the state itself; second, it provided for a less costly road department. The understanding is that this Grange bill is now pending or is certain to come before the approaching session of Congress.

Your committee suggests that the National Grange at this time renew its demand for this bill, or something similar, and instruct its legislative committee to continue its efforts to secure its enactment. Should this be done our order is brought face to face with a mighty undertaking. Yet it is only a proposition for the New World to embark along a way traversed by the Old long years since.

The republic of France has built and maintained 23,000 miles of roads without cost to the farmers. Italy has 6000 miles of roads under similar conditions. England and Germany have enjoyed perfect roads for so many years that they are accepted as a matter of course.

Various states are already in line to co-operate with the Federal Government should the Curry bill become a law. New York State appropriated recently \$600,000 for systematic improvement of her roads, the state paying 50 per cent, the county 25 and the town 15 of the cost of the improvement. The legislature of Ohio at its last session, established a road department, to which any locality may apply for state aid. The Road Superintendent visits the locality, decides whether the road to be improved is of sufficient importance, secures the right of way for any changes deemed necessary, inspects and analyzes the available material for the proposed improvement, and apportions the cost between the state, county, town and township. We venture the opinion that the towns that farmers have suffered from poor roads rank well up with that from any other cause. According to careful estimates, \$1.25 will haul a ton five miles on a dirt road, while the same amount will haul a ton 15 miles on a well-made stone road. This is a conservative estimate, especially when it is remembered that vast portions of the country road are practically "mud-bound" during considerable portions of the year.

We urge in this connection a precedent of many years' standing. The United States Government appropriated large sums of money for the improvement of rivers and harbors, reaching within the last ten years the enormous sum of \$200,000,000, to which the farmers have been generous contributors. Yet, as has been truly said, "before a ton of produce can be loaded in the hold of a vessel, it must be hauled over a country road." We have secured rural mail delivery; we are demanding a parcels post; let us make it now a great triumvirate by adding good roads.

Your committee is not able to suggest an iron-clad plan for the improvement of highways that will be applicable to all sections. In the absence of Federal and State aid, with its accompanying supervision, each locality will pursue those methods that seem practicable in that locality. Thousands of miles of stone and gravel roads have been constructed in Ohio and other states at a cost varying from \$1200 to \$5000 per mile. In one instance the commissioners of a county in Ohio assessed a moderate tax upon the county duplicate, and when the money came into the treasury began the construction of a stone road. It met with public favor, and the plan has been pursued for 25 years. That county has at present a network of perfect stone roads, with no resulting debt. In other instances the decision to improve a road has been immediately followed by the sale of bonds and the letting of contracts. Roads are being constructed by an assessment upon all real estate within two miles of the road improved, and again upon both real and personal property within one mile. When lime stone or other hard materials is not available, satisfactory roads are being constructed from sand-stone for a basis, protected by a few inches of gravel. In some states the poll tax is discontinued; townships divided into two districts, two supervisors elected who under the general direction of the

trustees, have charge of the roads. This plan gives at most but two systems of road-building in each township, and is to be preferred to the old plan when ten supervisors inaugurated each year ten different plans, all of which were liable to be bad. There is one rule that can be and should be applied everywhere, namely, to construct the roads that all water will seek the ditches and see that they have free outlets.

In this connection, it may be timely to call attention to a new departure by a Mr. King, of Missouri.

It is established upon good authority that Mr. King, with the co-operation of his neighbor farmers, has kept in almost perfect repair a stretch of common dirt road by a simple process of dragging after each rain. A log of 12 or 14 inches in diameter, 5 feet in length, is split in half, the sections securely framed together, two feet apart, sharp edge up and with iron foremost their arrangement is oblique, so that when drawn along the side of the road the ruts will be filled and the earth worked toward the center. The rain being over, Mr. King, or his neighbor in turn, hitches to this inexpensive drag and makes the turn of the road. Mr. King has insisted, and is now insisting in public address before many thousands that his road has not broken through but once in eight years.

After experimenting successfully with a short piece of road, Mr. King visited each of 15 or 20 neighbor farmers and secured a promise to haul the drag over a certain piece of road once each year. He then visited the business men of a nearby town, and all agreed to haul the drag once each year. By this means a number of miles of an important road is being kept in perfect repair at a nominal cost. The theory is that the road is properly constructed, no ruts left for the water to follow, while the dragging causes the road to dry very quickly after a rain.

Your committee cannot do more than to insist that any well-digested plan is superior to the haphazard manner of country road-building in the past; neither can we do less than insist that the long periods of impassable roads in one of the factors that make farm life less desirable.

Given the telephone, rural delivery, parcels post and good roads, we could offer to the young a quartet of blessings that would make life in the country more attractive. To this end your committee offers the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the National Grange, now assembled at Portland, Oregon, instruct its legislative committee to use every effort to secure the enactment of the Curry bill, No. 10,765, extending Federal aid in the construction of public highways."

Personal Mention

State Senator Brownell visited Salem the first of the week.

C. C. Babcock has gone to San Francisco to remain some time.

Miss Ethel Caulfield visited over Sunday with friends at Salem.

P. J. Riddings, a merchant at Marquam, was in the city last Friday.

R. R. McAlpin has returned from a business visit to McMinnville.

C. G. Tull, of Barlow, was in Oregon City the latter part of last week.

J. R. Shibley and Ed. Clossner of Springfield, were in Oregon City last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy P. Martin have moved to Dayton, Oregon, where they will reside.

Miss Mary S. Barlow and Miss Tull, of Barlow, visited this week with friends in this city.

County Judge Ryan attended a meeting of Royal Arch Masons at Eugene Saturday night.

J. W. Reed, of Estacada, was a business visitor to Oregon City the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Mary T. Howard, state secretary of the Oregon Grange, was in the city from Mulino Tuesday.

State Senator E. M. Croisan, of Salem, was in the city Tuesday in consultation with Senator Brownell.

Mr. and Mrs. John Heurth have returned from their honeymoon and have begun housekeeping on the hill.

Mrs. Peter McIntyre and daughter, Miss Mary, have returned from an extended visit in Illinois and Michigan.

Rev. J. W. Exon, former pastor of the Methodist church at Viola, and now located at Beaverton, was in the city Monday.

Fred Miles is temporarily employed as messenger with Wells Fargo Company on its Southern Pacific run out of Portland.

Mrs. E. Nelson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. T. P. Randall, has returned to her home at Waterman, Eastern Oregon.

W. E. Bissell, accompanied by Postmaster J. F. Deyoe of Canby, have returned from a successful hunting trip to Newport.

Miss Dora Briggs visited relatives in Portland last week.

J. H. Wolfer, of Needy, was in Oregon City Wednesday.

Curtis Helvey was calling on his friends here last Sunday.

Mr. J. D. Wilkerson made a business trip to Frogpond last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Robbins visited Mr. and Mrs. Blevins last Sunday.

Miss Edna Matlock was the guest of Miss Rosa Briggs last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Draper visited Mr. William Parker and family last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Perringer visited Mr. John Thomas and family last Monday night.

Mr. Chas. Pipka and family visited at the residence of Mr. Martin Richter last Sunday.

Misses Gem Burns and Lydia Johnson were the guests of Miss Eliza Burns last Sunday.

Mrs. C. E. Nash of Oregon City visited her mother, Mrs. J. Knotts, last Saturday and Sunday. Mrs. Knotts is a sufferer with rheumatism.

Rev. Lewis and T. M. Cross, of Molalla, and Lewis Haugulum, of Sandy,

were among the Clackamas county people in the city the first of the week.

J. C. Kaupinch, of Stone, was in the city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Pembroke returned to their home in The Dalles last Monday. Mrs. Pembroke has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Wm. Parker, for the past six weeks.

Drs. Beattie & Beattie, Dentists; rooms 16, 17, 18, Weinhart building.

SOCIAL EVENTS

Window cards have been printed advertising a grand mask ball to be given at the Armory by the Star Social Club, New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31, 1904. First class music will be provided and a number of valuable prizes will be distributed among the best maskers. The management insures a thoroughly pleasant evening to all who attend.

One of the most enjoyable musical events that has taken place at Oregon City in a number of years was the concert at Woodmen Hall last Saturday evening, by Mrs. Kathryn Ward Pope, Miss Mary E. Conyers and Miss Veda Williams, assisted by Mrs. Miller, Miss Warren and Dom J. Zan, of Portland. Each of the sextette is well and favorably known as gifted and entertaining performers to Oregon City people who indicated a proper appreciation of the concert by a liberal patronage. Individual mention of the numbers will be omitted but it may be said that the program was a thoroughly enjoyable one, well rendered. Following the concert dancing was enjoyed for one hour.

One hundred persons attended the banquet given by St. Paul's Guild at Willamette Hall Friday evening. While the excitement incident to the fire somewhat interrupted the program of the evening, a full enjoyment of the many good things to eat and drink was not curtailed in the slightest degree. After discussing a splendid feast, such as the ladies of St. Paul's Guild are famed for, a program was rendered, including a vocal solo by Mrs. R. C. Ganong, and after dinner speeches by Rev. P. K. Hammond, Judge T. F. Ryan, Attorney J. E. Hedges and Mayor-elect E. A. Sommer. During the afternoon the ladies conducted an apron sale and for the day's labor realized about \$60 receipts.

Owen A. Thomas, formerly of Oregon City, but now located at Grants Pass, was in the city Tuesday on his way to Salem, where on Wednesday he wedded Miss Blanche Kantner, daughter of Rev. W. C. Kantner, pastor of the First Congregational church of the Capital City. Mr. Thomas' many Oregon City friends wish him much happiness.

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Starch, 5c Soda 4c Prunes .02 1/2
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Fine Bulk Lard, pound .11
Flour 1.05 up
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Xmas Gifts

The most appreciated gift is a useful article, such as a nobby H. S. & M. suit or overcoat, an up to date HAWES HAT, a stylish pair of W. L. DOUGLAS SHOES, a dainty pair of JULIA MARLOWE SHOES for the fair sex, an elegant line of CUTTER & CROSETTE NECKWEAR in the newest creations to select from, and the largest gen's furnishing goods stock in town from which to select useful articles at matchless prices. Our thanks are due and heartily tendered our great public for their appreciation of our efforts to place before them the values of their lives. Your generous patronage, home folk and visiting friends, during the earlier part of the autumn season assures us that we have succeeded beyond our fondest and most sanguine optimistic expectations, and it has made possible offerings of these surpassing bargains for your holiday needs. There are hosts of matchless values here. Come as soon as you can. First choice is always the best.

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