

Roads--Their Importance, Construction and Maintenance.

Commissioner Rufus C. Holman, of Multnomah County, Speaks at Good Roads Program at Chautauqua Monday

The following speech was delivered by Rufus C. Holman, commissioner of Multnomah county, at the Gladstone chautauque Monday morning.

"When we consider that the value of our lands, the existence of our present civilization and the security of our lives are dependent very largely upon the facilities which are furnished transportation of all kinds...

build our roads for the traffic which they are to bear. We must build for tomorrow and the day after tomorrow as well as for today.

"On account of the increased weight of the loads and the momentum of the vehicles passing over them, there must be more competent and regular inspection of our highway structures.

"The road problem today in Oregon is a very complicated and involved one. Upon its sensible solution very largely depends the development of our fertile lands and the prosperity of her people.

"In fact, from the attention given to the public roads in any country, one may form a tolerably correct estimate of the comparative degree of the civilization and enterprise of its inhabitants.

"Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been wasted in Oregon, in my opinion, during the past quarter century upon road construction and repairs of a temporary character.

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Just A Letter

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J. E. HEDGES RETURNS AFTER EASTERN VISIT

LOCAL MAN ONE OF THREE SPEAKERS AT BANQUET GIVEN BY HIS CLASS.

J. E. Hedges returned to his home in this city Monday morning, after an extended visit in the east. At New Haven, Conn., he attended the 25th anniversary of the graduation of his class, Yale '91, and at the banquet held at Taft hotel there, with 121 members of this class out of 150 attending, Mr. Hedges was one of the three who made addresses.

Arriving at New Haven on June 15 he remained in that city until June 23. Automobile rides, banquets and various kinds of entertainment were carried out for the visitors.

On the college campus Mr. Hedges noted many improvements, among which is the famous Yale bowl which follows out the lines of a Greek amphitheatre.

Leaving New Haven Mr. Hedges went to New York where he was entertained by Dr. Adams, an old time friend. He remained in that city for a week, and then went to Albany, and later to Philadelphia, where he visited with relatives of Mrs. Hedges.

At this place Mr. Bray, with whom Mr. Hedges visited, had planned to have Mr. Hedges accompany him on a test trip of a Saxon Six, over 300 miles of road with the motor running continuously during this trip.

Leaving Philadelphia, after having a most delightful visit in that city, he arrived in Washington, D. C., July 2, and remaining until July 5. At this city a celebration was held on July Fourth, and among the features of the day's exercises was a parade, in which there were 20,000 in line.

He called on his old time friends Senators Chamberlain and Lane. When Mr. Hedges entered Senator Chamberlain's office he found his photograph together with Senator Chamberlain's that had been taken at a recent Malala celebration.

Mr. Hedges says that at many of the cities he visited unusual hot weather was being experienced, especially in New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, and as he heard his home in Oregon, along the Columbia river, he was glad that his home was in the far-off west.

George Holt, soldier, is accused again. Eastern Oregon man is here hunting animal said to have been stolen.

Frank Beakney, of Bakeoven, a town near Shanks, is hunting for a horse which he believes was stolen by George Holt, who was recently arrested at The Dalles on a charge of horse stealing.

Holt was in eastern Oregon several months ago and stopped near Beakney's farm. The alleged horse thief returned to Clackamas county, stole a horse from Floyd Ferguson of Scott's Mills and was arrested.

Beakney began an investigation. One horse was found and evidence is said to connect Holt with the animal's disappearance, but the other still is lost.

Beakney formerly lived in Clackamas county, near Willhoit.

Yellow Press is target. WASHINGTON, July 8.—A bill introduced today by Representative Campbell, of Kansas, would make it unlawful for any person, company, corporation, press association, news association or newspaper publication to publish or transmit any false report or rumor bearing on the international relations of the United States and tending injuriously to affect peaceful relations with the government or people of any other country.

N. Y. Suffragists Drive To Pacific

"The Golden Flier" Saxon, bearing Mrs. Alice Smitzer Burke, at the wheel, of New York City, and Miss Nell Richardson, of Winchester, Va., passed through this city Saturday.

The little yellow car containing the women attracted much attention, and while in this city they gave a few details of their trip across the continent which is interesting from the start. These two women have been sent out by Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, national president of the American Woman Suffrage association.

At one point on the Mexican border on their way west, even the fur of their mascot, a pet cat, "Saxon," after their arrival in Mexico and Texas, turned white in many spots. Mrs. Burke believes this was due to the intense heat they suffered while crossing over deserts in their car.

Since leaving New York city April 6 these two women have been treated royally. They traveled from New York along the Atlantic coast to Georgia and then across to Texas, and into California. They remained three weeks in Texas, and upon their arrival at Los Angeles and San Jose were given a reception.

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