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### The Good Roads Bills

The good roads measure now up for action in the Oregon house of representatives represent the most important legislation that will be asked for by the people of the state during the present session. For over two years this movement has had the support of the progressive element of the state, which now demands of its lawmakers intelligent legislation. It will be borne in mind that the Good Roads Association and its friends have labored unceasingly to keep this most important matter uppermost in the minds of the people of Oregon, and that the funds to do it have been voluntarily subscribed by a few public-spirited men whom it must be admitted could have had nothing but the welfare of the public at heart. It must also be admitted that the bills presented to the legislature were accepted by a convention of delegates representing all sections of the state and that the men who drew them were eminently fitted for the purpose. It is also a fact that if the measures are passed, and do not meet with the approval of the taxpayers of any particular county, they are not compelled to accept them, and can continue to build roads as they have been doing, or not, as the case may be. Opposition, therefore, such as is reported from Salem, seems to be uncalled for and can only be looked upon as an effort to delay and possibly defeat a great public need.

The benefits to be derived are infinitely greater than the trivial objections that have arisen, and if the state lawmakers of the lower house do their duty they will see to it that the good roads bills passed by the senate, or others equally as good, are speedily approved.

### The Oregonian

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Oregonian, which occurred on February 4th, is an event of more than passing interest in the history of not only Oregon, but the Northwest. The Oregonian is and has been the greatest factor in bringing this great country in touch with the outside world. It has done this because its excellence as a newspaper, from all points of view, has commanded the interest and confidence of the world at large. Admitted to be the foremost newspaper of the Pacific coast, and one of the best in the United States, Oregon people should feel an individual pride in its great achievements of the past fifty years.

### NORTHWEST NOTES

Portland, Ore., Feb. 7 (Special) State development will receive a new impetus if House Bill No. 301, now before the Legislature, passes. This measure will create a statistical bureau and immigration agent and authentic statistics presenting the opportunities of Oregon will then be available for use by the various commercial organizations that are now without an official source for reliable data. A state booklet, furnishing facts about Oregon in concise form, will be the basis of extensive advertising.

Usual low-priced colonist rates to the Pacific Northwest from the East will be in effect from March 10 to April 10 and will no doubt, result in inducing many settlers to come west. Rates will be the same as last year, on the basis of \$25 to the Coast

from Missouri River terminals. Fare from other points is in proportion, for example, \$33 from Chicago; \$32 from St. Louis; \$50 from New York City; \$49.75 from Washington, etc.

The double tracking of the O. W. R. & N. line down the Columbia River from Echo to Portland, as authorized this week by the Harriman directors in New York, will be of great benefit to the whole state. The improved transportation facilities will be provided, but perhaps best of all is the confidence shown in the Northwest by the great railway system in authorizing this heavy investment.

Pendleton is setting a good example of western enterprise by starting early to put on a great show at the time of its annual "Round Up". Provisions are being made to build a race track and grand stands that will be ample for the occasion. A large tract of land near the city has been purchased and the 1911 show promises to be a great success. Pendleton is attracting wide attention through its unique frontier celebration.

That Oregon will double its present population during the next ten years is the prediction of Dr. Joseph Schafer, head of the Department of History at the University of Oregon. He draws interesting parallels between the agricultural states of the Middle West and Oregon, which he says is now facing an era similar to that marking the periods of heaviest settlement in the Mississippi Valley. He finds that Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and others doubled their population in ten year periods when people sought the cheap agricultural lands to be had there. He expects history to repeat itself in Oregon.

The Oregon Development League will reprint a state booklet in large quantities. It is felt that the thousands who are inquiring about the advantages this state offers can best be supplied with information if it comes with the official stamp of the state, indicating its authoritative character. The railroads, also, will duplicate such a booklet by hundreds of thousands.

The bill now being considered was framed by the Oregon Development League to meet a general demand for a state publication. The measure provides that the immigration agent shall serve without pay but makes an appropriation of \$25,000, barely the cost of compiling and printing a limited original edition of the booklet. Once available, such a publication will be duplicated widely.



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## MANY COLLEGE MEN TAKE SHORT COURSE

Nearly 13 per cent of the large enrollment of men and women in the Oregon Agricultural College this year are graduates of universities and colleges, some of them having several degrees. Yale, Harvard, Cornell, Dartmouth, Smith, Trinity, Michigan, Williams, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Baltimore and some score more of the institutions of higher education throughout the United States are represented in the students gathered for the six weeks of intensive agricultural instruction which ends, Feb. 12th.

The enrollment, 254, is the largest in the history of the institution for the short course, being an increase of nearly 70 per cent over the largest number enrolled in the past. Of these 201 are men, and 53 women. Nearly 20 per cent of the men have had at least a high school education, while almost 30 per cent of the women have had similar advantages.

They come not only from all parts of Oregon, but from Washington, southern California, Missouri, British Columbia, Minnesota, Connecticut, the District of Columbia, and even from across the sea, from England, Germany and Switzerland.

There is a student with degrees from both Wycliff College, Kent, England and from Marlborough College, England, as well as graduates from Endford College, England and the Bradley Court Agricultural College, England. Students from secondary schools in both Switzerland and Germany are also enrolled.

There are two Harvard graduates, two from Yale, three from Cornell, and others from Dartmouth, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Michigan, Smith Iowa, Bates, Trinity, St. Louis College of Physicians and Surgeons, Connecticut Agricultural College, Williams, Illinois University of Puget University of Oregon, upper Iowa College, Pennsylvania S. I. C., Ottawa Normal, Park College, Bates College, Baltimore, Kansas University, Ontario Agricultural College, Maryland Agricultural College, O. A. C., Willamette University, and a number of normal schools and academies.

An interesting and significant fact is that a large number of the short course students are not farmers, stock breeders, and fruit growers, although many of these are enrolled. Two doctors, a minister of the gospel, a telegraph operator, florists, clerks, surveyors, barbers, machinists, bookkeepers, music teachers, and representatives of many other occupations, together with a large number of themselves of simply and largely "home makers" all are taking instruction in horticulture, dairy husbandry, poultry raising, domestic arts and science, commerce, forestry, the mechanic arts, and like subjects. The minister is studying horticulture a surveyor is taking the commerce course, a doctor is studying animal husbandry and music, and a woman who is holding down a homestead claim in Sheridan county is taking the domestic science course.

Horticulture has the largest enrollment, naturally, since Oregon and the Willamette Valley are noted for successful fruit culture. Some 100 men and ten women are engaged in studying pruning, spraying and other kinds of orchard and vineyard work. The other courses in order of popularity are domestic science, general agriculture, animal husbandry, agronomy, dairy, commerce, dairy husbandry, mechanic arts, poultry stock raising, and forestry.

Returned from Hot Lake Hood River Apple-Grower Returns Much Improved

F. H. Button, who has been a patient at the Hot Lake Sanatorium the past several weeks, returned home Thursday. Mr. Button is loud in his praise of that institution. He says that he has been greatly benefited by his visit there, and to use his own words, "I was just about a total wreck when I went there, and look at me now." Mr. Button explains that the Hot Lake Sanatorium is a vastly larger institution than most people realize. According to the information furnished by him, the place accommodates two hundred and seventy-five patients, as well as the one hundred and eighteen employees necessary to care for the place. The Sanatorium building, which is three stories high and two hundred yards in length, is heated by the natural hot springs. The same is true of the bath house. Last year ten thousand patients were treated at the Sanatorium, and the day Mr. Button left there were nearly two hundred and fifty patients taking treatment. Mr. Button is so well pleased with the treatment accorded him there that he will take time any day to tell his friends about the Hot Lake Sanatorium.

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