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The Good Roads Campaign

Whether or not the state legis-
lature provides Oregon with a
plan for systematic highway con-
struction the Oregon Good Roads
Association believes that during
the last year more has been ac-
tually accomplished toward the
permanent making of good roads
than during any other period in
the state's history. This is be-
cause of the widespread conviction
which it has been possible to
obtain that Oregon's first and
greatest development need is
good roads construction.

One of the most potent factors
for the dissemination of educa-
tional matter leading up to the
general conviction of good roads
needs has been the out-state pa-
pers (members of the Associa-
tion.) Discussions of the need
of better built highways, and of
the plan for securing them have,
in the papers referred to, been
full and free and frank and ef-
fective.

The Oregon Good Roads Associa-
tion does not intend to give up
the fight for highway con-
struction whether the good roads
laws as adopted by the legisla-
ture are satisfactory or not. The
leaders of the organization be-
lieve that with the help of the
state press and progressive citi-
zenship unofficial promotion of
the good roads cause will be ef-
fective and desirable either in
conjunction with the enforce-
ment of such laws as may be
passed, or if the laws are not
passed.

Locking Up the Coal Fields

The injustice of locking up
Alaska's coal fields is seen in a
recent report which shows that
the northern territory bought a
million dollars' worth of coal
from the outside last year. Of
this amount the mines of British
Columbia furnish \$700,000 worth
Washington \$82,000 worth and
the rest came from other places.
And all the while there are vast
storehouses of coal within the
boundaries of Alaska, which dare
not be touched. They are being
"conserved" for the future;
while the people who are pion-
eering must pay tribute in the
way of duties to a foreign gov-
ernment. Coal customs paid by
Alaskans last year amounted to
\$100,000. No other government
in the world would treat its own
sons as the United States is do-
ing in Alaska.

Will Benefit Pacific Coast

The designation of San Fran-
cisco as the place for holding the
Panama International Expositio-
n is of vast importance to the
west. By this action congress
has focused the attention of the
world on the Pacific coast for
many years to come and the good
work started by the Alaska-Yu-
kon-Pacific exposition in 1909
will be carried forward. Many
people who visit the 1915 fair
will pass through the northwest
coming or going. At the very
outset the lumber interests of the
northwest, and Washington in
particular, will reap the benefit
of business resulting from exten-
sive construction.

NORTHWEST NOTES

The Hill and Harriman lines
will subscribe \$1,000 each to the
1911 Rose Festival. President
John F. Stevens of the North
Bank announced the Hill sub-
scription this week and Harri-
man officials say the \$1,000 for-
merly given will be forthcoming
this season as usual. Both rail-
road systems are making great
efforts to handle an unusually

heavy traffic during June, be-
cause of the wide advertising
that will be given the Festival
and the large number of tourists
attracted this way as a result.

Portland is joining with other
cities of the coast in helping to
relieve the famine situation in
China. Large quantities of food
stuffs will be sent from that city
to the sufferers, transportation
companies having agreed to
carry the supplies without charge.

Central Oregon will hear the
locomotive whistle for the first
time this summer. Operation of
the Oregon Trunk will probably
be commenced to Madras early
in March, and somewhat later
the Deschutes Railroad will run
trains to Redmond. These new
lines will mark the beginning of
a new era of settlement for the
whole region east of the Cascade
mountains.

The formation of a syndicate
to clear logged-off lands of South-
west Washington and place them
on the market, is a step that
might be followed with profit on
the other side of the Columbia
river. These lands, once cleared,
are among the most valuable for
diversified farming, fruit grow-
ing and dairying. To put them
to use is to make a great addi-
tion to the wealth of the state.

A city of 2,000,000 people at
Portland is included in the plan
of Municipal Architect E. H.
Bennett, who is mapping out a
greater city. His project calls
for the segregation of the various
activities into districts and
groups, and the beautification of
the whole municipality. Par-
s, boulevards and better buildings
are prominent features of the
plan.

Two additional salmon hatch-
eries on the Lower Columbia
river are provided for in the bill
passed this week by the United
States senate, appropriating \$50,-
000 for the purpose. If this
measure passes the house it will
mean a great deal to the salmon
industry of the Northwest, add-
ing largely to the wealth taken
annually from the Columbia
and its tributaries.

This is farmers' week at the
Oregon Agricultural College and
there is a large attendance of
those interested in agricultural
problems. Lectures and demon-
strations of the greatest value to
farmers are being given. These
cover stockraising, dairying, hor-
ticulture, intensive farming, and
practically every branch of the
industry. The attendance is
much larger than during the
special short courses of former
years and great interest is shown
by farmers from all parts of the
state.

W. C. T. U. WILL HONOR
FRANCES E. WILLARD

Memorial exercises in honor of Miss
Frances E. Willard will be held at
the Baptist church on the heights
Friday evening, Feb. 17th. An inter-
esting program has been selected.
The exercises will be held under the
auspices of the W. C. T. U. The pro-
gram:

Hymn—Coronation.
Scripture reading—Selected, Miss E.
M. Gill.
Singing—Crusade Glory Song.
Biographical sketch—Mrs. Gill.
Frances E. Willard Memorial Fund
—Mrs. Orr.
The Memorial Fund, How It Helps
Lifts and Educates—Mrs. Edgington
Collection.
Solo—Selected, Mrs. Huggins.
Reading—Mrs. Carson.
Excerpts from Senators and Repre-
sentatives—Mrs. A. L. Carmichael.
Address—Mrs. Ada Wallace Unruh.
Address—Mrs. Wm. Manroe.
Solo—The White, White Ribbon—
Miss Gill.
Tribute to Frances E. Willard—
Mrs. Flora Hartley.

Doxology.
Benediction.

A social hour will follow the exer-
cises and a banquet lunch will be
served by the ladies. You are in-
vited to bring your friends and meet
the state president, Mrs. Ada Wall-
ace Unruh of Portland.

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bronzer Block for sale cheap. To be
moved or torn down by March first.
For particulars see J. H. Hellbron-
ner.*

BIG POWER PLANT
STILL A MYSTERY

For several months the develop-
ment of a very large power plant on
the Kikikait river, near Glenwood,
has been keeping residents of that
country and White Salmon busy
guessing what it is to be used for.
The point where the company is de-
veloping the plant gives it an almost
sheer fall of 700 feet, and the fact that
no one in the neighborhood has been
able to discover what the power is
intended for, has given the scene of
the work the name of Camp Mystery.
Many have been the speculations in-
dulged in by those who know of the
operations, and it has been attrib-
uted to several big interests, among
them the Hill railroads. A history
of the development of the plant, as
told by the Husum correspondent of
the Oregonian, is as follows:

"In the fall of 1909 this company
was formed by Wm. R. King, engi-
neer, J. H. Hanson and others, and
incorporated under the laws of Ore-
gon, with a capitalization of \$750,-
000. The project was launched os-
tensibly to irrigate the table lands
in the vicinity of Glenwood and to
reclaim a large area in the Camas
Prairie region, but it is asserted that
the appropriation of the water is for
power purposes only. Water is to
be diverted from the Kikikait river
below the mouth of Big Muddy river,
which can be carried upon the lands
by gravity flow, affording excellent
opportunities for power develop-
ment.

"From reliable authority it is
learned that by summer 150 men will
be employed by the company on the
headworks and flume of seven miles.
The canyon walls of the Kikikait are
steep where the headgate for diver-
sion is located, making it necessary
to flume the water along this dis-
tance until the level of the adjacent
country is reached. Here, it is
stated, an electric plant of 40,000
horsepower will be installed.

GOVERNMENT CREATES NEW
FOREST SERVICE POSITION

A new government position is dis-
closed by the announcement by the
U. S. Civil Service Commission of an
examination, which will be held Feb.
23 and 24 to find three grazing ex-
aminers for the Forest Service. The
positions will pay a salary of \$1,200
a year at entrance.

The announcement specifies that
the applicant must be men, at least
twenty years old, and possessed of
at least one year of technical train-
ing in specified botanical studies.

The establishment of this position
is said to be in line with the objects
which the Department of Agriculture
has had in view in its management
of grazing on the National Forests,
and to obtain scientific data.

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