

ROAD LAW EMBODIES GO-OPERATIVE IDEA

Secretary Houston Says Principle Is Newly Applied to States and Nation.

RESULTS ARE IMPORTANT

People Must Get Worth of Money if System Is to Be Continued. Employment of Real Experts First Consideration.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—At the recent meeting of the state highway officials in Washington, to discuss tentative rules and regulations for carrying out the Federal-aid road act, Secretary Houston made a statement in which he said:

"The Federal-aid road act and another law—the co-operative agricultural extension act—that the Department is charged with the duty of enforcing, establish a new principle in American Government, the principle of co-operation between Federal and state officers. They are the only laws I recall which recognize and insist upon this principle. They are therefore deeply significant.

"This law appeals to me as of especial importance, not so much because it carries with it the promise of the Federal Treasury an appropriation of \$35,000,000, not because it will be met by an appropriation for every dollar or more out of state funds, if all the states accept the act, but because as great as is the aggregate, it is relatively insignificant in comparison with amounts the states are now annually expending and will spend during the period covered by the act. The majority of people do not realize that the nation is expending approximately \$250,000,000 a year for roads.

Getting Results Important.

"The main question that I am immediately concerned with, that the people of the nation are immediately concerned with, is whether we shall get a dollar's worth of real value for every dollar we expend for roads. I am quite sure that if we do so and we can convince the people that we have done so, they will be willing to put much more money into good roads where they are needed. Therefore, the matter of administering this law seems to me to lie at the root of this business.

"I assume, as a matter of necessity, that this law will require the employment in every state of real experts. This word is much misused and abused, as the word 'theorist' is. I frequently hear a contrast drawn between the theorist and the practical man. There is no basis for it. The classification ought to be into good theorists and bad theorists, of practical men and impractical men. A really good theorist is highly practical; and so is a real expert. The public is somewhat suspicious of experts because, I think, so many people pose as experts who are not.

Good Faith of States Involved.

"The law involves another thing, the pledge of the faith of the state to meet in full the Federal appropriation for the entire period covered by the act. The state Legislature may be able to appropriate money for the year for the whole period covered by the act, but it can pledge the faith of the state to meet the financial provisions of the act for the period covered by it. This is as it should be. It would be wasteful not to make plans at the outset for the full period covered by the act; it would mean spending of effort and misdirection of funds. These requirements hold whether the state as such, under the existing law, may engage in road building or not. The provision that where the state may not engage in highway improvement the money may be secured if counties raise an amount sufficient to meet the apportionment of the state involves the necessity on the part of such counties of raising an amount sufficient to meet the full apportionment for the state, the existence of a highway commission, and compliance with all the other terms of the act."

SLAIN CAPTAIN HONORED

MILITARY ESCORT ACCOMPANIES VICTIM OF WOMAN.

Georgia Slayer Becomes Hysterical and Declares She Will Prove Her Act Was Justified.

MACON, Ga., Aug. 27.—Accompanied by a military escort, the body of Captain Edgar J. Sprattling, F. Company, Fifth Regiment, National Guard of Georgia, who was shot and killed at the state mobilization camp here Friday by Mrs. H. C. Adams, of Atlanta, was taken Saturday to the Sprattling home in Atlanta.

Mrs. Adams, formerly a patient of Captain Sprattling, in civil life a physician, last night was held by a coroner's jury for the killing. In the Bibb County Jail here she asserted she shot Captain Sprattling because of attentions paid her while she was in his office in Atlanta.

After several hours in jail Mrs. Adams became hysterical, but frequently declared that when she goes to trial her course will be shown to have been justified. Her husband, a laundry wagon driver, is expected here today. Officers at the camp indicated a belief that illness due to nervous disorders caused Mrs. Adams to think Captain Sprattling had acted improperly to her.

Eugene to Sell 4000 Cases of Beans.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special).—More than 4000 cases of string beans will be shipped from the Eugene Fruit-growers' Association this year, according to a statement made today by Manager J. O. Holt. One hundred and twenty men and women are employed at the plant.

DR. J. D. DUBACK BEST GLASSES FOR LESS EYESIGHT SPECIALIST Eyes Examined, Glasses Made, 127 West 12th, Near Washington.

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PANAMA'S PRESIDENT, SAID TO HAVE AIDED IN GAINING LAND CONCESSION FOR JAPAN.



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PANAMA HEAD EYED

Reported Japanese Land Concession to Be Probed.

RUMOR WORRIES LANSING

State Department Undertakes to Investigate President Valdez' Alleged Activities—Sympathies Are Said to Be Spanish.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 27.—(Special).—So seriously does the State Department view the report recently received here that Ramon Valdez, President of Panama, has been instrumental in obtaining a large land concession for the Japanese government near the entrance to the Panama Canal, that Secretary of State Lansing has ordered an investigation.

President Valdez was but recently elected to direct the affairs of the Panama republic, and the suspicion which the report has cast upon him is already reflected in the embarrassment which the Panama government finds itself facing.

According to the information reaching here, President Valdez made a concession of a large tract of land to a Spaniard named Fernandez. Fernandez is the Havana agent for Japanese silk firms. President Valdez is of Spanish descent, and from sources which claim certain "inside information," President Valdez is declared to harbor strong Spanish sympathies, which have been over-strong for the United States since the Spanish-American war in 1898. The truth of this report, however, is not substantiated, though diplomatic circles here are inclined to give it credence.

The land which Fernandez is said to have gained through the help of President Valdez comprises approximately 60,000 acres located on the Atlantic seaboard, directly opposite the Bay of San Miguel.

The concern which the State Department is showing in the reported sale, it is pointed out, shows clearly that it has foundation worthy of belief. Should the Japanese government be back of Fernandez in the effort to obtain possession of the land, officials here believe that the intention is to hold it for possible use as a naval base.

Undoubtedly the United States Government will never permit any foreign government to acquire property or establish a naval base in the Panama Canal Zone. It is felt vitally necessary that the Canal's approaches be kept open, and this only can be assured by the United States having full control over all territory in the Zone.

ELECTION FRAUD CHARGED

Twenty, Including Governor's Aide, Indicted in West Virginia.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Aug. 27.—Twenty men, including Edward O'Toole, representative of the United States Steel Company in West Virginia, were indicted yesterday by a Federal grand jury at Webster Springs for alleged election frauds in McDowell County, this state. The indictments cover only one election district. An investigation will be made in every county where frauds have been reported. O'Toole, who is a member of the Governor's staff, is charged with having brought 200 voters into the state, and it is alleged that they were used as repeaters to bring about the nomination of William F. Hite, a candidate for United States Senator. Immediate trials will be sought and probably held at Huntington, W. Va.

COURT RULES CRITICISED

Law College Dean Says Archaic System Should Be Modernized.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 27.—"Artificial" and "archaic" rules for the conducting of court business were named

as the principal defects in the American judicial system by Professor Roscoe Pound, dean of the Harvard Law College, in an address before a gathering of San Francisco business men. Judges' hands, he said, were tied with "all sorts of rules."

"Our cumbersome and artificial procedure," he said, "is a survival of eighteenth century court organization in England, when courts served also as a sort of theater, on account of a dearth of other amusements."

"Now, we endeavor to apply this archaic system to the modern complicated life and experience trouble and delay. We trust judges with the substance of the law, but we have been unwilling to trust them with making the rules for court procedure and thus save time and money. Courts should be organized like other big businesses and the records made more simple and more direct."

HAWLEY MEN ORGANIZE

COMMITTEE PREDICTS RE-ELECTION, BUT IS VIGILANT.

Co-operation With State Central Committee and With County Groups Promised by Salem Body.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special).—The Republican Congressional committee of the First District, has elected an organization and outlined plans for an aggressive campaign this Fall in behalf of the re-election of Representative Willis C. Hawley. This committee also plans actively and effectively to co-operate with the Republican State Central Committee and the various county committees.

Chairman W. J. Culver and Secretary Treasurer Ronald C. Glover were elected to take charge of the office work of the committee, and will maintain offices in the Howard building. The committee later issued the following statement:

"The committee organized at this early date not because we feel that there was any special need for hard work in behalf of Representative Hawley, to secure his re-election to Congress, but because we believe that it is always best to be active and vigilant in any contest. As for Representative Hawley, he is more popular today than he has ever been, and two years ago he defeated his nearest opponent by considerably more than 18,000 votes. He received the Republican and Progressive nominations for Congress without opposition, and he is so well regarded in the opposition party even that he easily carried three counties over his opponent in the Democratic primaries last May.

"The people have already decided to keep him in Congress, where he has worked up to the head of his committee and has become a power in legislative affairs."

Clerk Holcomb, of Oregon Hotel, Goes to Seattle.

Terry Hotel Company Obtains Services of Popular Portland Man.

A. E. HOLCOMBE, chief clerk at the Oregon Hotel for the past two years and a half, has announced his intention of severing his connections with that hostelry on September 1. Mr. Holcombe will go to Seattle, where he will be associated with C. A. Ferriss in the operation of the Terry Hotel.

Mr. Holcomb is a hotel man of wide experience and previous to his coming to Portland, about six years ago, was connected with hotels in Everett and Tacoma. He was two years with the old Bowers Hotel in Portland, and for a year and a half connected with the Marlton in Salem. While in Portland he has made many friends who will miss his greeting when they call at the Oregon Hotel.

Mr. Holcomb is a member of the local Greeters' Association.

The Terry Hotel, of which he will be one of the proprietors, is a 120-room residential hotel. It will be opened about September 15. The operating company, of which Mr. Holcomb is a member, is the Terry Hotel Company, incorporated.

Consul Auzias de Turenne, French representative at Seattle, is visiting in Portland with his wife, daughter and son, Aymar. They are making their headquarters at the Benson Hotel.

Victrola advertisement featuring 'His Master's Voice' logo, 'Out today New Victor Records for September', and a list of records including 'Calvé sings the stirring "Marseillaise"', 'Homer gives two beautiful ballads', and 'The "Barcarolle" by McCormack and Kreisler'.

CORNER IN GRAIN URGED

GERMANS ADVISED TO FORCE UP PRICE PAID BY ALLIES.

Commercial Editor of Berlin Post Proposes Scheme, While Vorwaerts Throws Cold Water on It.

THE HAGUE, via London, Aug. 27.—The corner of the grain supplies against the entente powers, despite the tremendous money sacrificed involved, is a step seriously advised by the commercial editor of the Berlin Post.

"If England buys Roumanian grain to let it rot rather than to allow us to have it," says the writer, "we could do the same thing by manipulating the grain markets where our enemies buy and which are also accessible to us. If the corners in the Chicago and New York markets are possible in peace times, they are more so now when the demand for grain is so keen and crops in America and enemy countries are so poor.

"Considerations of depreciation in our exchange should not deter us as long as we bring victory nearer. Besides, our food supplies and the conduct of the war do not depend on such exchange."

LAND COMPANY TO AID

R. A. Booth Promises Help in Financing Strahorn Road.

EUGENE, Or., Aug. 27.—(Special).—The Oregon Land & Livestock Company, owning large bodies of land in Central Oregon, will aid in financing the Oregon, California & Eastern Railway according to an announcement by R. A. Booth, of Eugene, manager of the land company.

proposed railroad, which will connect Bend with Klamath Falls, the Warner and Harney valleys, spent the day in Eugene yesterday conferring with Mr.

Booth regarding railroad plans. He left Eugene today for Portland, traveling by motor.

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which the land company would assist in building the railroad, whether by bonus or subscription, had not been determined.

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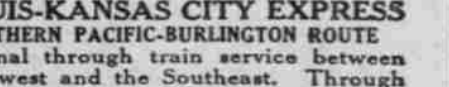
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—Mrs. MARY RIDGWAY, Durand, Wis. A Massachusetts Woman Writes: Blackstone, Mass.—"My troubles were from my age, and I felt awfully sick for three years. I had hot flashes often and frequently suffered from pains. I took Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and now am well."

—Mrs. PIERRE COURNOYER, Box 239, Blackstone, Mass.

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