

ARMY HIGHWAY WANT COAST ROAD BUILT

Highway Into California via Curry County Would Be Open All Year.

ROUTE DEEMED FEASIBLE

State Engineer Lewis Advises W. D. B. Dodson That Construction of Road Easy, as Hills Are of Soft Rock Formation.

SALEM, Or., March 14.—(Special.)

That steps are being taken toward advancing the construction of a military highway along the Pacific Coast between Oregon and California, and that the Balboa Highway receiving marked consideration, is shown in a letter from W. D. B. Dodson, executive secretary of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, to John H. Lewis, State Engineer.

"One of the schemes with reference to road construction between Oregon and California in that situated as the Balboa Highway, which would have some value for military purposes," declared Mr. Dodson.

"The engineers on Puget Sound are urging this and making a strenuous argument to the effect that if a road were built along the coast line it would be free of snow the year around, and would provide a very attractive route for automobile tourists to travel at periods of the year not attempted now."

In replying to Mr. Dodson concerning the feasibility of locating an all-year road between Portland and California through Curry County, State Engineer Lewis said that he regarded this as the only feasible route for such highway.

"The Coos Bay and Port Orford quadrangle maps, published by the United States Geological Survey," said Mr. Lewis, "show the detailed location of existing roads, also elevations by means of contours, to a point near Gold Beach. There is no map available showing roads from this point to the California line, about 30 miles. The United States Army engineers may have some information for this portion of the route."

"Last Summer I went from Coos Bay to Crescent City, Cal., along the coast, and was surprised at the excellence of the roads and bridges in Curry County, and at the great variety and beauty of the scenery."

"The soft rock formation in the hills and gravel at numerous creek crossings along the coast, affords ideal road building material. At present the road is too crooked and narrow at three different points, where it climbs to an elevation of 1200 to 1400 feet, to encourage heavy automobile traffic by this route."

"Present travel reaches the Williams Valley by way of the Point and Roseburg, but ultimately will follow more nearly a water level grade across Coos Bay, up the Siuslaw River and over a low divide to Eureka."

"The Pacific Highway is closed by snow for a number of months each year, where it crosses over the Siskiyou Mountains into California. Late reports indicate it is now closed to traffic. While such route will have to be constructed through the large population adjacent, yet the Curry County route would doubtless prove

of greater immediate benefit to Portland and the entire Northwest.

Regret Is Expressed.

"It is unfortunate that the \$6,000,000 to be voted upon in June cannot be used by the Highway Commission in the construction of grade and alignment, which is the only permanent part of the road, leaving the wearing surface, or temporary part, to be provided by the counties. This has been the policy in the state of Washington to eliminate local pressure in the important matter of permanent trunk line location."

"I find that this important link in the North and South all-year road through Curry County is not listed in the pending bill of Washington to increase the amount for its construction, as Curry County cannot afford to construct its road for heavy through traffic without help from the state and Nation."

MORE ASK RESIGNATION

TWO NEW PETITIONS ARE SENT TO SENATOR LANE

Others Are Being Signed by Persons Who Resent Opposition to Armed Neutrality BILL

Two more petitions demanding the resignation of Dr. Harry Lane as United States Senator from Oregon because of the humbug act in which he is engaged in the pending bill for its construction, as Curry County cannot afford to construct its road for heavy through traffic without help from the state and Nation."

One of the petitions, containing upward of 100 names, was sent in by Ed Goldsmith, proprietor of the cigar store at the Oregonian building. Mr. Goldsmith has another copy of the petition at his stand and there were many signers yesterday.

The other petition was from William Whelan, manager of the Indian Refining Company. Mr. Whelan said a second petition will be signed rapidly at his plant and would be ready for transmission to Senator Lane in a few days.

There are still many petitions in circulation in various towns of the state. Only a few of the petitions sent out by Mr. Wells have returned, though he has received word of the enthusiasm with which people were signing their names.

Within the next couple of days, several of these petitions are expected by Mr. Wells to be returned to his office. He will mail them to Senator Lane as fast as they come in.

Grangers to Edit Paper.

WOODLAND, Wash., March 14.—(Special.)—The Woodland lodge of Grangers have perfected arrangements to "get out" this week's edition of the Woodland Chronicle, and Mrs. Katy Barr and Dr. R. M. Andrus are the editors in charge. All members of the grange are invited to be present Thursday, when the issue will go to press, and several will set a line of type each or make some pl.

Car Shortage Closes Mills.

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., March 14.—One of the Washburn Crosby Company's flour mills here was closed today and the Pillsbury and Northwestern Consolidated companies were considering the closing of some of their plants as a result of the shortage of freight cars. Local millers declared today that the situation was more acute than at any previous time.

Logging Company Incorporates.

ASTORIA, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—Articles of incorporation of Johnson & Moore, Inc., were filed in the County Clerk's office today. The incorporators are W. P. McGregor, George P. Moore and John Johnson, and the capital stock is \$20,000. The company is to locate a tract of timber near Seaside recently purchased from the Cartwright interests.

POLK BUSSES BIDS

Good Roads Association Organized at Mrs. Winnie Braden's Home.

FARMERS' HELP IS DESIRED

Effort Will Be Made in Campaign for Road Bill to Change Attitude of Members of Farmers' Union in County.

DALLAS, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—At a mass meeting last night in the headquarters of the Dallas Commercial Club, attended by citizens from all parts of Polk County, the Polk County Good Roads Association was formed. H. H. Herschberg, of Independence, was elected president and Mrs. Winnie Braden, of Dallas, secretary. The president-elect will name 24 vice-presidents, one from each road district and municipal corporation in the county.

If the enthusiasm manifested at last night's meeting is to be taken as a criterion of the sentiment in Polk County, the road-bond measure will receive an overwhelming majority in Polk County at the June election.

Commercial Club Acts.

The meeting last night was arranged by the Dallas Commercial Club, its purpose being to organize an association to affiliate with a like state organization and conduct a campaign in favor of the road-bond issue.

The principal address of the evening was made by State Senator Vinton, of McMinnville. Mr. Vinton thoroughly discussed the bill and made a strong plea for support of the measure. He created a very favorable sentiment. Other speakers included T. L. Patterson, of Polk; C. V. Johnson, of Astoria; J. F. Ulrich, of Astoria; Edward J. Himes, of Dallas; Oscar Hayter, of Dallas; Walter L. Toomey, Jr., of Dallas; H. H. Herschberg, of Independence; County Judge Malone, of Benton County; E. C. Kirkpatrick, County Judge of Polk County; and J. E. Ackerman, president of Monmouth Normal School.

The Polk County Good Roads Association plans to make a thorough canvass of this county before election in the interests of the good-roads measure. Meetings will be arranged in every schoolhouse and the farmers will have the matter explained in detail to them by men who have made a study of the situation.

Farmers to Be Interviewed.

There is a sentiment prevailing among members of the Polk County Farmers' Union against the bill and an effort will be made to overcome this feeling and line up the organization in support of the measure. The Farmers' Union will hold its annual meeting in Dallas in April, and at that time will adopt resolutions in favor of the measure in question. A determined effort will be made to obtain a favorable report.

UMATILLA FOR ROAD BONDS

Eastern Oregon Highway Association Formed at Pendleton.

PENDLETON, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—The Eastern Oregon Highway Association was formed at Pendleton last night. The meeting was attended by delegates from all parts of Umatilla County. The \$6,000,000 bond issue was endorsed and active support pledged. A campaign will be waged for the bill in other Eastern Oregon counties as well as this county. David Nelson, prominent farmer, was elected president of the organization and Hugh Murray, of Freewater, was chosen vice-president. The secretary-treasurer and board of directors will be chosen by the

Bayer Aspirin advertisement featuring Bayer logo and text: 'Bayer Tablets of Aspirin. Do You Use Aspirin? If so, buy the one genuine. Every package and every tablet of genuine Aspirin bears "The Bayer Cross"—your protection against counterfeiters and harmful substitutes. "The Bayer Cross—Your Guarantee of Purity"'

BAKER MAN IS FLIER

MURRAY HOWARD PASSES TEST FOR BRITISH AVIATION CORPS. Decoration of Many Americans for Bravery is Mentioned, as Well as Service Expected Soon.

BAKER, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—A letter reached Baker today from England containing the news that Murray Howard, a former resident of this city, passed his final examination admitting him to the British aviation corps.

For several months he was a member of the British signal corps and got his chance, he writes, to prepare for the flying division because of the high mortality rate among the ally flyers and the increasing importance of their services.

In the letter to his Baker correspondent Mr. Howard tells in interesting detail the story of his service with the British forces. He comments upon the valiant work of the Canadian soldiers and a large number of Americans who are among them. He writes that a number of the latter have been decorated for heroic conduct.

Mr. Howard formerly was employed by the O-W-R & N. Company here. He returned in his letter that he expected to return to France for active service immediately. He is the second Baker man known to be fighting with the British. A letter was received recently from Edward Prescott, widely known throughout the county and a former stockman of the Durkee section, saying that he was a member of a Canadian regiment fighting in France.

TELEPHONE DEFICIT SHOWN

Hood River Company Reports Final Income Loss of \$4087.51.

SALEM, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—The annual report of the Oregon-Washington Telephone Company of Hood River, filed with the Public Service Commission today, shows that the company received during the year operating revenue amounting to \$41,284.91, and its operating expenses were \$22,545.19.

Baker City Elects Directors.

BAKER, Or., March 14.—(Special.)—Judge Gustav Anderson, W. L. Patterson, Kenneth McEwen, Joseph Heilner, Robert Walburn, Isadore Suchs and William Smith have been elected directors of the Baker Country Club.

Closing Out of 1916 Models

\$5 Down \$6 or More Monthly. \$10 Down \$8 or More Monthly. Local Market Price \$350. Our Sale Price \$245. Local Market Price \$600. Our Sale Price \$395.

No interest. Total saving, \$155.38. Price includes three months' piano lessons with best Portland teachers. Old pianos, organs, talking machines taken in part payment, as also some typewriters we require at this time.

Order Your Piano by Mail

Read, study and compare our quality, prices and no interest, as advertised and you will learn why we have hundreds of mail-order buyers. To spur you to quick action we quote prices at more than one-fourth off and no interest. This sale affords an unusual opportunity.

OUT-OF-TOWN BUYERS—WE PREPAY FREIGHT AND MAKE FREE DELIVERY OF PIANO TO YOUR HOME within 300 miles, and the piano will be shipped subject to exchange with one year, we allowing the full amount paid. This virtually gives you a one-year trial of the piano you order.

Every piano or player-piano purchased carries with it the Schwan Piano Co. guarantee of satisfaction, as also the usual guarantee from each manufacturer of these new musical instruments. Open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings during this sale. THE STORE THAT CHARGES NO INTEREST.

Schwan Piano Co. \$12,000,000 WARRANTED

Spring Suit Arrivals advertisement featuring Mathis Men's Wear and an illustration of a man in a suit.

Switzerland leads the world in expenditures for poor relief in proportion to population.

At a Commercial Club meeting held here last night Professor Smith, of the high school faculty, spoke of the record of the Caldwell Agricultural Club, which last year won prizes at the Nampa Harvest Festival, the Idaho State Fair at Caldwell and the Gem State Fair at Boise. Committees were appointed to visit the boys weekly.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Aetna Life Insurance Co.

of Hartford, in the state of Connecticut, on the thirty-first day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Table with columns: Amount of capital paid up, Income, Disbursements, Assets, Liabilities. Total assets admitted in Oregon: \$131,004,294.08.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

The Aetna Accident and Liability Company

of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, on the thirty-first day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Table with columns: Amount of capital paid up, Income, Disbursements, Assets, Liabilities. Total assets admitted in Oregon: \$7,705,254.43.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

The Automobile Ins. Co. of Hartford, Conn.

of Hartford, in the state of Connecticut, on the thirty-first day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Table with columns: Amount of capital paid up, Income, Disbursements, Assets, Liabilities. Total assets admitted in Oregon: \$2,748,832.10.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Nationale Fire

of Paris, in the Republic of France, on the thirty-first day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Table with columns: Amount of Capital paid up, Income, Disbursements, Assets, Liabilities. Total assets admitted in Oregon: \$68,708.99.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

Century Insurance Co., Ltd.

of Edinburgh, Scotland, on the first day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Table with columns: Amount of capital paid up, Income, Disbursements, Assets, Liabilities. Total assets admitted in Oregon: \$727,978.50.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

City of New York Insurance Company

of New York, in the state of New York, on the thirty-first day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the state of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Table with columns: Amount of capital paid up, Income, Disbursements, Assets, Liabilities. Total assets admitted in Oregon: \$1,941,988.50.

SYNOPSIS OF THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF THE

The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co.

of Hartford, in the State of Connecticut, on the thirty-first day of December, 1916, made to the Insurance Commissioner of the State of Oregon, pursuant to law:

Table with columns: Amount of capital paid up, Income, Disbursements, Assets, Liabilities. Total assets admitted in Oregon: \$6,800,287.76.

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