

FEDERAL ROAD AID UNDER DISCUSSION

Government Agents and State Commission Confer Without Reaching Conclusion.

TWO PLANS ARE PROPOSED

Amount Available to Match Federal Grants Will Not Be Known Until After Election—John W. Cochran to Assist Mr. Dennis.

After an all-day meeting in executive session with representatives of the Government to discuss details of the general plan for co-operation between state and Federal government in construction of post and forest roads in Oregon, the State Highway Commission adjourned last night to take up the conference again today.

No definite conclusions as to the general plan were reached yesterday, but S. Dennis, chairman of the commission, said he thought some of the important details would be agreed upon today.

Under the interpretation placed on the Shackleford Federal road aid law by the Secretary of the Interior, the State Highway Commission must submit a comprehensive plan of construction for the five-year period provided under the law during which Federal appropriations will be available to the state.

Alternative Plan Proposed. Until the people pass upon the \$5,000,000 road bond measure, the State Highway Commission will not be able to present a definite plan. The reason is that should the bond measure pass, a much larger sum would be available for interior roads than if it falls to carry. So it is probable that alternate plans will be presented.

Under the Bean-Barrett measure passed by the last Legislature \$1,800,000 will be available to match the amount that will come to the state in the next five years under the Shackleford act.

The Commission did take one important action yesterday, when on the recommendation of Commissioner Thompson, the road from Baker to Eagle and Pine valleys, about 40 miles long, was added to the list of post roads to receive state aid. This is the \$5,000,000 measure carries. This is a very important road, though the Baker County delegation in the Legislature made no effort to have it included in the bond measure when it was before the Legislature.

Campaign to Start at Once. The campaign for the bond issue, which the joint committee from the Legislature, of which Senator W. D. Wood is chairman, has placed in charge of Bruce Dennis, of La Grande, will be in full swing in a few days in the state.

Mr. Dennis will be in Portland today to take up his duties. One of his first steps will be to select headquarters. They probably will be in the Selling building.

John W. Cochran, chief clerk of the Senate, has been appointed by the committee to assist in the information and publicity work incidental to the campaign. The organization of good roads workers in the various counties is progressing satisfactorily. Representative C. C. Clark, of Arlington, one of the members of the joint legislative committee, reported yesterday that he had been assured by J. W. Brewer, of the Dalles Chamber of Commerce, that the Chamber not only would help to organize Wasco County for the bond issue, but would be fully represented at the state conference to be held here April 7.

WOMAN STARTS RECRUITING Meeting in Interest of Navy to Be Held Tomorrow Night.

A mass meeting in the interest of recruiting for the Navy will be held at the Central Hotel tomorrow night. The program of the evening will be of a patriotic nature, and will also be instructive in the work of the United States Navy.

The gathering has been called by Miss Ruth L. B. Price, 292 Clay street, who has been authorized to encourage recruiting. Addresses will be delivered by Lieutenant-Commander J. H. Blackburn, of the United States Navy, and Commander of the Portland Ad Club, and Rev. May A. Price, formerly of Washington, D. C. Other numbers will include bugle calls by L. M. Reed of Company D, Third Infantry; selections by the Pipe and Drum Corps of the Grand Army, and songs, "America" and "The Star-Spangled Banner."

ELECTION POINT SETTLED Where Measures Conflict Total of Affirmative Votes Decides.

Where two measures on an election ballot have conflicting provisions, the measure receiving the greatest number of affirmative votes prevails, according to an opinion written yesterday by City Attorney LaRoché. The question was raised by Commissioner Bigelow. In case one measure passes by a greater number of affirmative votes than another conflicting measure, but does not pass with a great majority or plurality of votes as the conflicting measure, the measure passing with the greatest number of affirmative votes prevails, regardless of majorities or pluralities.

Nearly 5000 Canadian miners are affiliated with the United Mine Workers.

Nothing Like it On the Market For Colds in Head, Nasal Catarrh, Catarrh of the Throat. One simple test will convince you.

Benetol Catarrh Jelly absolutely without equal, pleasant and effective. The only powerful antiseptic and germicidal catarrh jelly ever offered. Sold at all druggists in 25 cent tubes, packed with full directions in Red Cartons. Try it.

FORMER PORTLAND ART STUDENT WHO HAS WON DISTINCTION IN CHICAGO.



MISS NORMA BASSETT.

Miss Norma Bassett, the first graduate of the Art School of the Portland Art Association, has been awarded a prize for distinguished work and as a result has been asked to make two murals 8x30 feet each for one of the largest churches in Chicago. Miss Bassett has been studying art in Chicago for two years and recently completed for a prize offered for the best religious design for murals for a church. Her designs were accepted and she will be given an assistant, a substantial prize and have all expenses paid. Miss Bassett taught art in Milwaukee for a short time after receiving her certificate in the art school. She is an adept in weaving textiles, in composition, and in design, as well as in mural decoration.

ROAD EXPENSES RISE Immediate Freight Rate Increase Is Requested.

IMPROVEMENTS HELD UP Advance of \$37,000,000 in Fuel Alone of Seven Roads Is Noted in Application to the Interstate Commerce Commission.

WASHINGTON, March 22.—Samuel Rea, president of the Pennsylvania Railroad, told the Interstate Commerce Commission today that the rising cost of all commodities had affected the railroads to such an extent that the situation was "tense" and that immediate relief should be given the roads by higher freight rates, if they were to continue to render safe and efficient service.

Increased cost of all supplies, Mr. Rea said, was reflected in prices paid by the railroads for fuel, equipment and construction material, in addition to heavier payrolls resulting from the Adamson decision.

Mr. Rea was spokesman for the presidents of the seven chief roads involved in the application to increase coal rates. In support of his contention that higher prices of supplies justify higher rates, Mr. Rea declared that the higher price of coal alone increased the fuel bill of the seven roads \$37,000,000, that equipment had risen 50 per cent, steel bridge material 145 per cent and other supplies 244 per cent and other supplies in proportion.

With the demand for larger terminals, increased facilities for carrying freight and more equipment widespread and pressing, Mr. Rea said, "it is essential that the railroads be placed in a position to meet rising costs and give them the earning capacity to attract new capital. The lack of sufficient surplus for many years past has prevented the railroads from providing such additions and betterments in advance of traffic demands." The hearing will continue tomorrow.

UNION FOR ROAD BONDS BRUCE DENNIS FINDS PEOPLE ARE GENERALLY IN FAVOR.

Executive Secretary of Campaign Thinks Measure Is Good Because It Is "Capitalization of Waste."

LA GRANDE, Or., March 22.—(Special.)—After a brief sojourn in this his old hometown, Bruce Dennis, now executive secretary of the statewide campaign to further the cause of the \$5,000,000 road bond issue, returned to Portland tonight to enter actively into the campaign. "Capitalization of waste," explains Mr. Dennis to his friends here, "epitomizes this measure."

The saving to tires alone will more than offset the added cost to the automobile owner, he says. His demand is made clear in his version of the bill, which is: "Were this measure to drag money out of the landowner and taxpayer generally, I would be against it as vigorously as I am for it now, because the measure is an automobile-owner measure but benefits the whole."

"The man who owns an automobile pays the fiddler. General taxes will not be raised one cent."

After learning the sentiment Mr. Dennis returns to Portland elated over the prospect of the bond carrying down in this county, famous as a nucleus of bonds.

LOSS BY ILLNESS CITED INSURANCE MAN MAKES APPEAL FOR RIGHT LIVING.

Dr. Franklin C. Wells, of New York, Says Wage Loss in United States From Sickness Is Great.

"Workmen of the United States lose in wages annually as a result of sickness the aggregate sum of \$584,000,000, practically all of which is preventable by right living and working conditions. Business men, too, are breaking down in middle life because of an improper care of themselves." This was the declaration yesterday of Dr. Franklin C. Wells, medical director of the Equitable Life Assurance

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Advertisement for H. L. KEATS AUTO CO. located at Broadway at Burnside. Includes a circular logo with the letter 'M'.

Large advertisement for Simon's Salvage Store. Features large text '7 lbs SUGAR \$1.00' and lists various goods like men's pants, shirts, shoes, and hosiery with prices.