

LOCATE ROCK CRUSHING PLANTS

Washington Good Roads Enthusiasts Tour Pacific Northwest States in Interest of Better Highways—Pay Brief Visit Here.

Samuel Hill, president of the Washington Good Roads association, passed through Portland yesterday with Thomas Cooper, assistant to President Elliott of the Northern Pacific railroad. Major Bovby, state highway commissioner of Washington, Colonel Cagwin, chairman of the board of control of Washington, Professor Landis, state geologist of Washington, and two members of the engineer corps.

Mr. Cooper came out to meet the state officials and the advisory board and complete the location of the large rock crushing plants to be established in the state of Washington and operated by convict labor. Yesterday morning they proceeded to Vancouver, Wash., to examine the location of road No. 6, which great state highway plant was located at Menlo and the party then proceeded to Vancouver, Wash.

State highway No. 8 begins at Vancouver and practically follows the Columbia river through Goldendale to Pasco. State highway No. 7 runs from Seattle and Tacoma through the Snoqualmie pass via Ellensburg and Wenatchee to Spokane. Road No. 8 and road No. 9 are of great interest to the north and to Oregon, as they will be the great thoroughfares to the second on the north and to Spokane on the east.

Share Expenses.

The state roads in Washington are built at state expense. The state aid roads are built by the state, the county paying one-half of the cost. The petition state aid roads are built by the state, which pays one-half the cost, the county 35 per cent and the petitioners 15 per cent.

In the local improvement districts the property benefited pays the entire cost.

Mr. Hill is very enthusiastic over the use of convict labor on the roads. In one of the camps now in operation in the state of Washington, the cost of feeding, transporting, clothing, guarding and housing the convicts amounts to 50 cents per man per day. And the labor performed by the convicts after the first month's work is quite as effective as that of the laborer who gets \$2.50 per day.

The appearance of the men at the close of the season when they are tanned and brown and with a healthy glow is in striking contrast to their appearance when they begin the summer's work.

In examining the convict camps, Mr. Hill found that they were quite as well cared for as in the ordinary grader's camp. And among the convicts the opportunity to work out doors is regarded as a reward of merit. The railroads in the state of Washington have signified their willingness to transport this crushed rock for roadbuilding purposes practically at cost.

Railroads Will Aid.

Mr. Hill said that Mr. O'Brien, McMurray and other officials of the O. R. & N. road had shown their interest in the work some years ago when they brought the government train which built the mile of road at Pendleton and the sample mile at Salem from Portland to those points, and he believed that if a strong organization were effected in Oregon that all of the large interests would cooperate. He spoke in praise of the work undertaken by Judge Scott of Salem and Judge Webster of Portland, in arousing interest in the matter of road building.

The press of Washington, Mr. Hill said, had uniformly assisted in all ways in helping along the road movement and he desired again to take the opportunity of thanking The Journal, the Oregonian, and the other papers for the assistance they had rendered the movement. He spoke of the fact that these

papers were read in southern and eastern Washington. The trouble has been heretofore to find men competent to build roads, contractors competent to undertake the work and inspectors to see that the work was properly performed. The state of Washington established the first chain of highway engineering or road building ever established in the United States at its university and on the exposition grounds was erected the first building ever devoted to good roads in the history of the country.

Work for Dustless Roads.

Oregon and Washington are so closely related, so identical in physical conditions as to make cooperation essential and desirable. Mr. Hill stated, and he said high tribute to Premier Richard McBride of British Columbia, who has taken up this work on the north and spoke of the great sums devoted to highway improvement by the state of California.

If Oregon will unite there is no reason why in five years' time there should not be a fine stone road from Vancouver, B. C. through Washington, Oregon and California to San Diego. This would mean the rapid settlement of western Washington and western Oregon. These states would become the summer playground also of men who would bring money into and spend it in the country. Mr. Hill's principal interest lies with the farmers in eastern Washington and eastern Oregon, and he believes that by using the California oil with the 80 per cent asphaltum base permanent dustless roads can be built in those sections and farm life made attractive.

Mr. Hill will speak at Columbus, October 28, at the meeting of the American Road Builders. From there he will go to the meeting of the National Grange, which is to meet November 10.

Immigrants of a good kind into Harney county are increasing.

DR. PRATT WILL BE THE SPEAKER

Good Program Is Arranged for Y. M. C. A. Sunday Meeting.

The third of the season's big meetings for men at the Young Men's Christian Association Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock will be in charge of the religious department. R. R. Perkins, director of religious work, will preside and Dr. George B. Pratt, one of the well known local speakers, will deliver the address.

A feature of the meeting will be music by the association orchestra which was recently organized and will make its first appearance in public. This orchestra consists of eight pieces, all the players being members of the Y. M. C. A., and is led by Robert Millard.

Mr. Perkins will also speak briefly. The peculiar properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy have been thoroughly tested during epidemics of influenza, and when it was taken in time we have not heard of a single case of pneumonia.

collating the religious work for the year. This department is very active and has plans for thorough courses of study. There are many Bible classes, both for men and boys, and membership is free to all, even to those who do not belong in the association. One hundred seventy-five boys have been enrolled and the men's classes will be larger than ever before. The fact that the furnishing of the new building is incomplete has not kept the Bible classes from growing very rapidly.

A new electrically operated advertising device rotates lantern slides before a self centering arc light so that the pictures are projected upon a ground glass screen, from which all light except that coming from the arc is excluded.

BEND COUNTY WILL EXHIBIT AT BILLINGS

Bend, Or., Oct. 3.—John I. Springer, travelling freight and passenger agent of the Great Northern railroad, is in Bend arranging for an exhibit at the dry farming congress this month at Billings, Mont. Louis Hill, president of the Great Northern, and one of the "Empire Builders," detailed Mr. Springer on his mission, as he wished Deschutes county to be well represented at the congress. An evidence of J. J. Hill's interest in the central Oregon country, Mr. Springer gave out a letter from Louis Hill to Richard Porter of Porter Bros. "You will notice that special prizes


are offered for exhibits from the state of Washington, east of the Cascades; in Oregon, in the Deschutes valley. It is our intention to show the interest of James J. Hill in the Deschutes valley, and we are very anxious that they arrange to make an exhibit of products from that district. I would suggest that you take this up with some of the live ones in the Deschutes country, and I understand they are all live ones there, and suggest their asking some of their commercial bodies to see that a creditable exhibit is made at Billings. James J. Hill, we understand, will attend, and we wish him to see the Deschutes valley creditably represented, as I have no doubt it will be. (Signed) LOUIS HILL."

James J. Hill has personally offered \$1000 in prizes for the best samples of the various dry farming products, especially in wheat, which will be exhibited at Billings. The vast area of semi-desert lands east and south of Bend are being rapidly homesteaded and much interest has been aroused in the exhibit. The Bend board of trade is collecting grain and fruit samples from the adjacent dry farming district, to be sent to the congress.

Twice Tried and Acquitted.
(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)
Kalama, Wash., Oct. 3.—Roger Hissley, who was arrested today and tried for the second time before a jury in the justice court, was acquitted of the charge of fishing out of season. The first jury failed to agree. The second jury was out about one hour.

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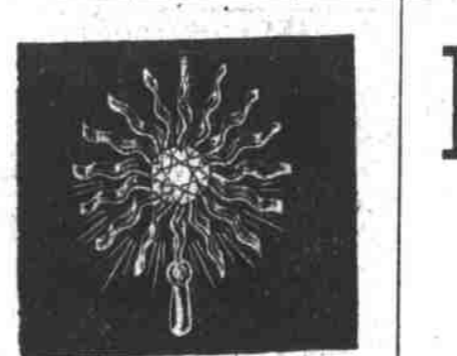
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