

PROPOSED ROAD LAWS NOT RIGHT AVERS CRAWFORD

Attorney General Would Add to Bills Provisions for Co-operative Work and Regulation of Salary Expense.

(Special to the Journal.)
Salem, Or., Feb. 10.—Attorney General Crawford today issued a statement of suggestions he has to offer as an improvement to the proposed highway laws. He gave this out as result of criticism which followed the recent statement he made in opposition to the highway bills, being advocated by Governor West and others interested in road development for the state. His statement is as follows:

"First—In the act creating the state highway commission, it is respectfully suggested that it be changed to provide that the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer constitute the commission. This will avoid the one man proposition and save many thousands of dollars of the fund for road purposes, which would otherwise go for salaries, etc., or the same must be raised by adding the necessary amount to the yearly tax budget. These men are already drawing pay from the state.

"Second—Have it provided that the engineering work and general supervision be done by the state engineer. He is also under salary from the taxpayers, elected by the people and they have a right to his services.

"Third—Amend the act, so that the money raised on bonds will remain in the state treasury until needed to pay for roads, and have the treasurer give sufficient security for its safe keeping.

"Fourth—Provide that any interest received on the money between the time the bonds are sold and the money paid out for roads, shall belong to the state.

"No Way to Expend Money.
"Fifth—Section 5 of the act, creating the fund, provides that one-fourth of all available funds each year shall on the first day of June 'Be and the same is hereby appropriated among the several counties of the state of Oregon according to area of each county in square miles,' this, by the act, is apportioned to the counties and during the 10 years will amount to over \$5,000,000. The proposed law provide no way for its disbursement, do not even require it to be expended on highways. We see no reason why this money should not be expended in the construction of roads and under the supervision of the board and state engineer, working with the authorities of several counties, and suggest the bill be amended to so provide.

"Cooperation Desired.
"Sixth—Provide for the cooperation with the state engineer, of the county surveyors of the several counties for the laying out and establishing grades, etc. They are usually competent men elected by the people and under obligation to the electorate of their respective counties.

"Seventh—It is admitted by the parties who act as sponsors for the bills, that as they now read, the respective counties can draw the same amount from the state fund that the county has expended upon highways and that no provision exists for the expenditure of the money so drawn in road building, but that it could be retained by the counties to reimburse themselves, as pointed out in our recent communication, and they suggest that the legislature can make provision. It is not a much wiser course to provide in the present bills for the faithful, intelligent application of the money to the purpose for which it is raised? We suggest that the measures be amended to so provide."

SETTLERS MUST BE ATTRACTED TO LANDS OF OREGON DIRECT

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printion not be spent until he said so. C. C. Chapman was appointed immigration agent, because he is secretary of the Oregon Development League. He gave his pledge that he would not take the initiative in asking the release of the appropriation.

The governor said that Mr. Chapman had not violated his pledge, and had not taken the initiative in seeking for the use of the \$25,000 in advertising Oregon. Of the \$25,000, the act provides that \$5000 shall be given Oregon Agricultural college for compilation of state statistics. The remaining \$20,000 is to be used in publication of an official Oregon book, similar to the publications of Washington and Idaho. Governor West said yesterday evening:

"While in the east on the tour of the Governors' Special, I became convinced that with the opening of the Panama canal a great flood of immigration would

MRS. E. B. McLEAN WEARING THE HOPE DIAMOND



Mrs. Edward Bea McLean of Washington and the famous Hope diamond. The arrow points to the diamond in Mrs. McLean's hair. Mrs. McLean wore the diamond for the first time at a reception she gave at her magnificent Washington home in honor of Ambassador of Russia and Mme. Bakmetieff. This picture was posed especially for the International News Service.

come to the Pacific coast via the canal. **Must Be Ready.**

"This conviction was increased by the statement of an official of the Hamburg American line, who said that immediately upon the completion of the Panama canal the steamship service of the company would be immediately extended to Pacific coast ports.

"I believe that Oregon must now get ready to handle this immigration in a way beneficial to the interests of the state.

"We don't want any more people in Portland. We want them on the farms. We want the means of choosing the kind of settlers that will come here. We want to effectively discourage the undesirable, those who would stay in the city or would not make citizens. I believe, then, that Oregon should be represented in the countries of northern Europe and Great Britain who would be able to encourage families and colonies of agricultural people to come here.

Good Roads Needed.
"We want a system that will get these people on the land without stopping in the city. Such a system will need, I think, to include some sort of an arrangement for taking up the large holdings out in the state.

"After the people are on the land, we should have representatives of the agricultural college to show them how to raise crops. Then we must have a system of road building that will make it easy to get from the farm to the market.

"We need to seriously consider the best solution for our growing immigration problem."

Governor West asked Mr. Chapman yesterday to submit as soon as possible a plan for using the whole or part of the immigration fund in a way that will meet the necessity.

The output of gold and silver from the mines of Washington exceeded \$1,000,000 in value for the first time last year.

company which operates out of this and other Pacific coast ports. **But I feel that we will have to accept the situation and make the best of it. But if this is the situation at present the importance of an early completion of the canal and its effect upon commerce can readily be understood.**

ROOSEVELT GIVEN ORGANIZATION TO BOOM CANDIDACY

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states. Twenty other well known sympathizers with the Roosevelt movement were admitted to the deliberations. The conference of governors draw up a letter which was sent to Colonel Roosevelt urging him to make a public declaration of his attitude on the question of his nomination in view of the meeting "at which a voluntary and spontaneous demand for his candidacy was made in behalf of the Republican voters of 30 states." The text of this letter was kept secret by the governors and was not known even to other members of the conference.

Clearcut Declaration.
Resolutions placing Roosevelt before the party as a candidate, although without his expressed consent, declare:

"That the nation is in need of a fixed and firm policy and the people believe that Theodore Roosevelt represents such a policy; and we are also convinced that he is the one man who can at this time surely unite all elements of the party and attract a large body of independent voters.

"Recognizing that the voicing of public sentiment is the only way in which success can be assured, we favor the selection of delegates by such popular methods as will guarantee a full and free expression of public opinion in the national Republican convention.

Would Unite Forces.
"To this end we favor an expression of the people's choice for president by direct vote for candidates in each state, and we appeal to all the voters of the country who believe that the nomination and election of Theodore Roosevelt gives assurance of uninterrupted prosperity to both labor and capital to unite with us in an earnest effort to effect his nomination.

"And we protest against the use of organized political machinery based on patronage, to deprive the people of any voice as to their real choice."

"These resolutions and an address to the people drafted by the governors were unanimously adopted.

Address to People.
This address declares that momentous political questions are pressing for solution; that the country is seeking justice between man and man; that it wants equality of opportunity safeguarded by adequate law.

"In Roosevelt, it says, 'the principle has the man and the cause a leader. It is our opinion that this is the senti-

\$17,000 New School in Hudson Bay



(Special to the Journal.)
Freewater, Or., Feb. 10.—The new schoolhouse built at Vincent, in the Hudson Bay country, seven miles west of Freewater, at a cost of \$17,000, is

provided with a heating plant and has a pressure water system. The school is doing fine work, with Principal Kilgour, assisted by Miss Garrison, Miss Philippi and Miss Sherman.

ment of a majority of the people of the United States."

The address declares that Roosevelt will not refuse to heed the call of the people because it will be a duty he owes his country and that "it is our firm conviction that if nominated his election is assured." All who desire "prosperity with progress" are urged to join in the demand for his nomination and election.

This declaration is signed by Governors Aldrich of Nebraska, Bass of New Hampshire, Osborn of Michigan, Glasscock of West Virginia, Stubbs of Kansas, Hadley of Missouri and Carey of Wyoming. Vessey of South Dakota left before the declaration was adopted, but his associates said it had his approval.

Permanent Organization.
The Roosevelt organization perfected makes the officers of the voluntary Roosevelt national committee permanent officers of the national committee and provides that additional members be appointed for all states not yet represented. The appointment of executive, finance and publicity committees are provided for. The executive committee is directed to extend the organization throughout the country to the end that the sentiment for the reelection of Roosevelt may take concrete form in the election of delegates to the Republican national committee.

The conference was opened with a series of short addresses in which delegates made reports as to the "sentiment" in their states. Among the speakers were prominent editors in middle western cities and two state Republican chairmen, Frank D. Knox of Michigan and Walter F. Brown of Ohio.

Safe Party Leader.
Alexander H. Revell, chairman of the national Roosevelt committee, opened the conference with an address, in which he reviewed the strenuous career of Colonel Roosevelt and pointed out what he considered to be the critical situation through which the "former president alone can lead the party successfully."

Tonight each of the governors and many other delegates gave out statements regarding the political situation in their states. The Roosevelt boomers were enthusiastic over the work accomplished by the conference. Many of the delegates expressed themselves tonight as confidently expecting a public statement from Colonel Roosevelt as to his

OIL PLANT AT DENVER IS DESTROYED BY FIRE

Denver, Feb. 10.—The plant of the Great Western Oil company, here, was destroyed by fire tonight, which caused a loss of \$100,000 and is believed to have cost the death of one man. Night Watchman Foley of the oil plant, is missing and the firemen think he perished.

The fire started with an explosion in one of the oil tanks, the cause of which is unknown. It was followed by a half dozen or more explosions which could be heard for miles. Before the firemen reached the scene, the streets in the vicinity were flooded with blazing oil. Before midnight the firemen got the flames under control.

Johnson Visits La Follette

Washington, Feb. 10.—Governor Hiram Johnson of California held an extended conference this afternoon with Senator Robert M. La Follette. After the conference Johnson returned to New York to meet progressive leaders. Johnson declined to give an inkling of the matters discussed with the Wisconsin senator, and flatly refused to discuss the political situation.

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PANAMA ROAD NOT TO INCREASE RATE, GOVERNMENT PLAN

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gram to Mr. Teal stating that while there will be no increase in the rates, the volume of commercial freight must be reduced. The telegram follows:

"Washington, D. C., Feb. 10.—Joseph N. Teal, Chamber of Commerce, Portland, Or.—After a full hearing of all parties with respect to the proposed raising of Panama railroad rates, I have come to the conclusion that the volume of commercial traffic which is now carried over the Panama railroad must be very materially cut down so as not to interfere with Colonel Goethals' work of construction. On February 1 the present double track railroad of the company must be abandoned owing to the progress of the construction work in the Gatun lake section, and thereafter all of the traffic, both that involved in construction and the ordinary commercial traffic, must be carried over the new single track railroad.

Out One-Third.
This means that the capacity of the railroad will be cut down at least one-third. During the past year the volume of commercial freight over the railroad has doubled, and this constantly increasing volume has very much interfered with the work of constructing the canal. It is therefore apparent that the operation of this commercial route via the Panama canal is now interfering with, and unless checked, will still more interfere with and delay the completion of the canal. Under these circumstances I have no hesitation in deciding that the rights of present commerce, both coastwise and foreign, must yield to the rights of civilization.

"On the other hand, I find after a full hearing, that the proposed increase of rates will not effectively check this increasing volume of commercial business. Even at the present rates, all of the freight accommodations of the company's steamships have been booked for a month ahead. It is therefore evident that other steps must be taken.

Rates to Stand.
"Furthermore, it has been urged before me that to increase the present rates might lead to the raising of rates over the transcontinental railroads which operate in competition with the present Panama route. This would be highly undesirable.

"I also find that while the steamers of the Panama Railroad company have been operated at a loss during this year, the company as a whole is still making a fair profit on this commercial business.

"Under all the circumstances it seems best to me that the freight rates should remain the same for the present, but I have directed the officers of the company to materially cut down the volume of commercial freight which they accept for shipment at the terminals of the company to such an extent as will insure in the future that the work of Colonel Goethals on the canal shall not be interfered with.

"I am aware that this will necessarily cause inconvenience to shippers who have become accustomed to using this line. It is, however, a temporary inconvenience, which is made necessary by this great national work of completing the Panama canal. I feel sure that they, with all the rest of us, will bear cheerfully this temporary inconvenience as their sacrifice toward the completion of this great work.

"STIMSON, Secretary of War."
"The question arose because it was impossible to secure space for west-bound cargo," explained Mr. Teal last night, "and now it appears that it will be still more difficult to secure the space demanded by the steadily increasing traffic over the Panama route."

Must Make Best of It.
Inability to have the freight moved promptly across the Isthmus will have its effect upon the steamship service of the California & Atlantic Steamship



Spring Modes

The trend of the fashion in ladies' man-tailored suits for Spring wear runs decidedly to dainty color effects. Even some of the handsome blue serges show dashes of color relief, while nearly all of the fancy weaves are similarly adorned.

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