

BONDS, HOLMAN SAYS, WILL GIVE US ROADS WHERE MOST NEEDED

Chairman of the Multnomah Board Says Personalities Will Harm the Program.

GOOD RESULTS PROMISED

Only Plan That Can Produce Good Roads for Oregon Is the Present Bonding Scheme.

Expressing the opinion that too much of personalities had been injected into the road bond program, Rufus C. Holman, chairman of the Multnomah county board of commissioners and president of the state association of county judges and commissioners, said:

"I am for the road bond issue because I believe it will give us of Oregon good roads and at places where we have not good roads now, and where we need them most. There are features in the program that I wish were different, but I realize that efficient public administrative work is a task of constantly harmonizing the best efforts of antagonistic forces."

"There is only one plan before us by which we may obtain some really good and serviceable roads and that is the present scheme of permitting the state to sell \$5,000,000 in four per cent serial bonds to be redeemed both in principal and interest by the revenue derived from a state tax on automobiles. If we do not adopt this plan we of Oregon will continue as we have already continued too long, with poorly drained, wretchedly located and miserably surfaced roads, impassable in winter and impractical and expensive at all times."

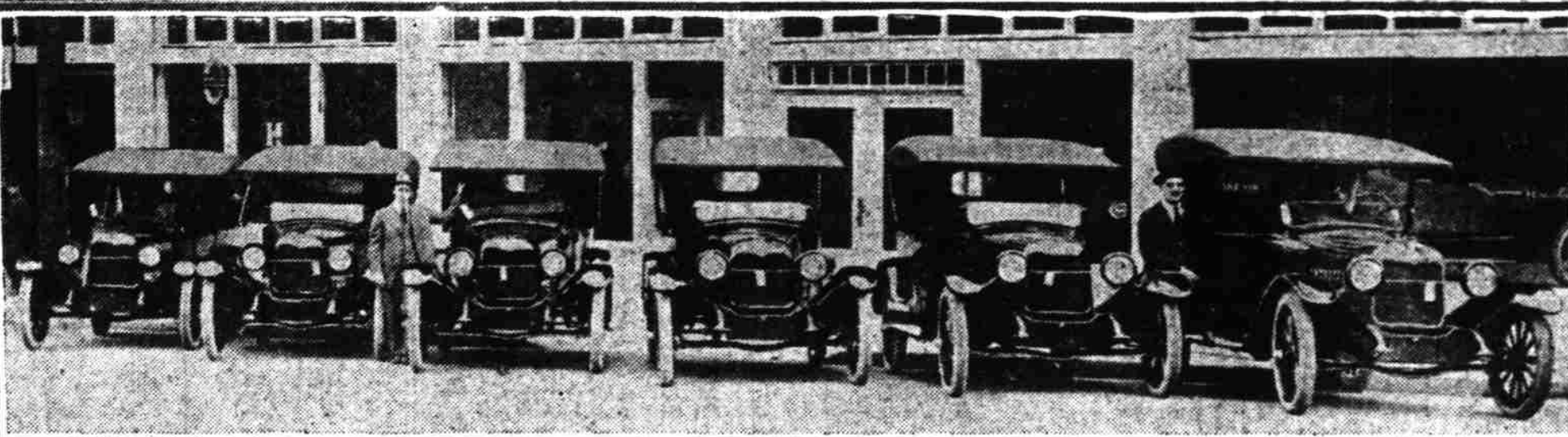
"I am confident there will be proper care used and sound judgment exercised to get adequate results for the sums expended, not only by the members of the present commission but by any commission which may be engaged in this duty. As I stated before, the only question before us is the adoption of a plan of procedure. The personnel of the forces necessary for the execution of this plan will take care of itself. All there is for us to consider is, will the plan proposed give us what we desire at a cost within our ability to pay?"

"By fine roads down the valley on each side of the Willamette river and on through southern Oregon to the California line, serviceable every day in the year, every community in western Oregon will be brought into closer union with every other community in the state and result not only in better economic conditions for the dwellers on the valley farms and in the valley towns, but will bring about by mutual and frequent intercourse a better understanding among our people and a sympathy for the aims and ambitions of other Oregonians, whereby a great spirit of cooperation for the upbuilding of Oregon may be engendered."

Reckless Driving Cause of Fatalities

Reckless driving is given as the main reason for Iowa's gruesome record of 109 persons killed in highway accidents during 1916. Altogether, newspapers carried reports of 2834 motor car accidents, with more or less serious injury to 2574 persons. The recklessness was manifested in too high speed for this condition of the road and the traffic on it. Ninety per cent of the accidents were due to motor cars and most of the 90 per cent was due to recklessness, according to the highway commission.

DRIVE-AWAY METHOD OF DELIVERY ADOPTED IN PORTLAND



Sextet of Grant Sixes which were driven away from the Manley Auto company last week. The cars were sold to buyers at different points in the state and to eliminate shipping delays were sent out under their own power. Besides limbering up the cars, reports on the road conditions are to be made by the dealers making the drives.

Factory Grounds Put Into Gardens

Goodyear Company Has Many Hundreds of Acres Available to Aid in Food Supply Campaign.

Akron, O., May 12.—Complying with the war-time call from Washington to "protect the food supply," the Goodyear Tire & Rubber company is already getting into intensive agriculture, in addition to its many other activities. Every foot of ground the company owns and that is not needed immediately for building purposes will be placed under cultivation at once. Fortunately the company has available many hundreds of acres of rich land. This land, which was acquired recently, surrounds a lake which is to be used to form a big reservoir for supplying water to the factory. The Wingfoot Clan, Goodyear's factory newspaper, describes the patriotic venture thus:

"The work will be in charge of the labor department. Goodyear men who wish outdoor work and who desire to undertake this patriotic work for the growing season are requested to fill in a blank form and send it in. 'The land at Fritch's lake comprises farm land, orchard and woodland. Over 100 acres can be cultivated immediately and we can quickly clear any additional land needed. Between 50 and 60 acres is the finest muck, and will grow huge crops of onions and like garden produce. The principal crops will be potatoes, navy beans, wheat, corn, peas, etc. Bunk houses will be erected at the lake to house the men at work on the farm.'"

Goodyear offers this as a suggestion to other patriotic manufacturers who have tillable land now lying idle. In addition to becoming a farmer itself, the company advises every one of its employees who has a home to plant all the garden possible this year. The editor says in conclusion: "Every bit of food which can be raised is needed to prevent a scarcity of foods and an even higher cost of living than we are now experiencing, during the coming year."

Improved Highways Of Military Value

In response to an offer from the American Association of State Highway officials to be of assistance to the military authorities in fitting highway conditions to the exigencies of war, E. Eustis Winslow, lieutenant colonel, corps of engineers, has written as follows:

"There appears to be no way in which your association can be of further assistance at this time, unless it be to use your influence with the state road commissions to push the construction of a network of good

"through roads" in their states. Under the federal aid road act of July 11, 1916, the secretary of agriculture does not feel authorized to initiate any particular project in any state. There is no project of such military importance as to warrant special measures at the present time. The first requirement of the military situation seems to be to secure the joining of all centers of population, or of manufacturing, with one another by a system of good roads practicable for military transportation of the kind likely to be used in what we technically call "the zone of advance."

Chevrolet Company Has Own Ball Club

Han Johnson, Connie Mack, Walt McCredie, Frank Chance, Hen Berry and J. Cal Ewing have nothing on Norman DeVaux. The president and general manager of the Chevrolet Motor company of California has his own baseball club, and the world tour of the White Sox and Giants is outdone for class when President DeVaux cuts loose.

Last Saturday the president took his club aboard his yacht, the Myrno, and they cruised to Pittsburg, Cal., where they met and defeated the home team by a score of 7 to 0. After the victory, the president and his Sunday sluggers, who, throughout the week, devote their time to turning out Chevrolet automobiles, cruised back down the bay to Oakland.

THE INTAKE

Garbe in Detroit.—W. C. Garbe, head of the Oregon Motor Car Co., local Studebaker distributors, left for Detroit last week where business conferences will detain him for several weeks.

Service Station Opened.—A service station for the Westinghouse and Connecticut ignition systems has been established at 231 Oak street by L. O. Johnson and C. O. Simon, both men of years of experience in the electrical field. The firm name will be the Electrical Service Auto company. There are about 3000 cars in Portland equipped with these electrical systems, and the new firm expects to be kept busy giving service to these owners in addition to caring for new business.

Dealers to Meet Monday.—The regular monthly meeting of the Automobile Dealers' association will be held Monday night at the Portland hotel.

Mail Carriers to Talk Bonds.—The rural mail carriers of the Tri-County association, embracing Clackamas, Washington and Multnomah counties, will hold a meeting in Portland next Sunday afternoon to discuss the \$5,000,000 road bond measure. A number of speakers will address the meeting, to which the general public is invited.

Canada Expected to Take 30,000 Cars

Canada is expected to buy 30,000 cars in 1917. Since 1914 some 20,000 cars have been sold annually in Canada. Last year the figures reached 28,000. The big automobile market is in the middle western provinces, where the farmer has become the best customer. The profits from the crops of the last two years have helped to swell the sales of automobiles industry in

Canada. The three western provinces, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta, invested \$45,000,000 in automobiles in 1916, and in tires and accessories over \$7,500,000. The great increase in sales in the last two years means that every man who owns a car now makes two prospective buyers for some distributor for the coming year.

Character of Public Roads.—About 2,400,000 of the 2,500,000 miles of public roads in the United States are of earth, sand, clay or gravel, according to recent statistics.

MENZIES WOULD PUT ELECTRIC PLANTS AT FALLS TO MAKE SHOW

Plan for Illumination of Highway Has Indorsement of Engineers.

IDEA FROM EXPOSITION

Multnomah Cataract Would Be Made Veritable Fiery Crater by Night Under Scheme of Motorist.

C. M. Menzies, sales manager of the Northwest Auto company, is backing a plan for electrical displays at several of the waterfalls along the Columbia river highway and at Oneonta gorge during the Rose Festival, which he says, has the approval of several engineers, who say the work could be accomplished at small cost.

His scheme is to get current from one of the lumber mills near the highway, and lead that through a temporary installation to some of the more famous points on the highway. Probably one of the greatest features of the Panama-Pacific exposition was the nightly illumination and the special color light display which took place every night on the Marina. Illuminating engineering was brought to the highest point at that great exhibit by the famous D'Arcy Ryan.

Mr. Menzies' plan is nothing more nor less than the adaptation of some of the ideas of the exhibition to the illumination of these falls for display purposes. By means of large reflectors and submerged lights the falls could be changed to great ribbons and cauldrons of fire, and the spectacle would undoubtedly bring thousands out on the road on the nights of the illumination.

The kettle at the base of Multnomah Falls would resemble the crater of Kilauea, while into it would pour the stream of blue green fire. As the falls of the highway are usually quite invisible on an average night, even the most aesthetic could not object to augmenting nature in this way and making a spectacle out of those wonderful streams.

No Licenses Needed In Federal Service

The comptroller of the United States treasury has ruled that the federal government has the right to operate motor cars anywhere in the country without obtaining licenses for its chauffeurs and without buying licenses for the cars. This will be particularly broad in effect, since the truck is becoming so nearly universal in use for the mail service.

Chevrolet Places Shop in Salt Lake

The Chevrolet Motor Car company has completed negotiations for establishing a factory and assembling plant at Salt Lake City. This city will be an important distributing point for the Chevrolet.

Motor Car No Longer Regarded as Luxury

"There seems to be no lessening of the demand for automobiles, despite the fact that the country is at war," The speaker was A. S. Robinson, manager of the Pacific Kieselkar branch, who was answering the question of whether the international disturbance was affecting the automobile business. "Yes," continued Mr. Robinson, "this is the strongest possible proof that the American people no longer look upon the motor car as an extravagance. They have learned from experience that economy of time is economy of money, and that a reliable car adds many minutes to the productive hours of the day."

State Gets Data On Paving Plant

In anticipation of the possibility of purchasing a state paving plant and paving material, the state highway commission has instructed its engineer to assemble cost data. Under the law creating the commission, authority is given to do road work by force account in the event that satisfactory bids can not be obtained from contractors.

In connection with the paving work that is to be done on a section of road near Sheridan by the state and Yamhill county in cooperation the commission has practically decided to use the cement concrete type of pavement.

The Perfumed Car. Fashion's latest fad is to have the car perfumed. This does not mean to have an ordinary sachet used, but an odor that outdoor air and dampness will revive and keep fresh for a year.

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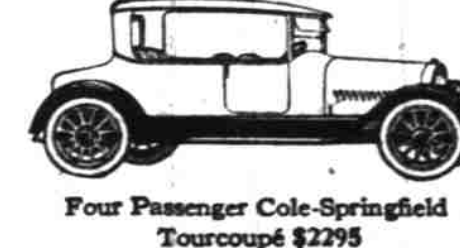
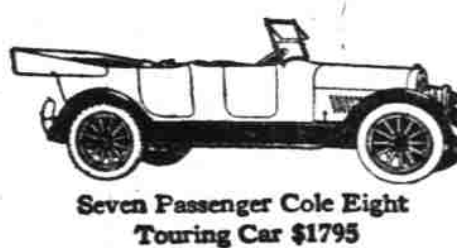
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