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BEST SYSTEM IN THE WORLD FOR HIGHWAYS

The writer was convinced last year that Oregon had the best system in the world for the construction and maintenance of state highways—

And he still believes it was the best—

But this state has a still better system since the constructive and remedial legislation was enacted by the legislature at its recent session—

So what was best before is now still better.

There is no such thing as absolute perfection in human affairs. No general law can give exact justice in all individual cases. But the writer believes that the present system and the present laws ought to stand, as giving the very best that the world affords up to the present time.

The reader who has any doubt concerning the wisdom of any of the new legislation touching upon highway matters is commended to the article in this issue of The Statesman giving a synopsis of all of it.

During the year 1919, only five states constructed more miles of paved highways than did Oregon. During the same year only four states expended more state money for road purposes, although in several other states the combined amount of state, federal government and local funds expended under direction of the state authorities was greater than the combined amount for Oregon.

For the year 1920 complete statistics of expenditures and completed mileages are not available, but it is quite certain that Oregon will rank as high, if not higher, than in 1919. In amounts of state funds available for highway work during 1920 Oregon stood fourth among all the states.

In the amounts of bonds authorized for highway improvement since 1918, Oregon ranks eighth, being led by seven states only which have authorized bonds in amounts from \$25,000,000 to as high as \$75,000,000. The last named amount refers to Minnesota, with 60 millions for Illinois, 60 for Missouri, 50 for Pennsylvania, 50 for Michigan, 50 for West Virginia, 40 for California, and 25 millions for Alabama.

Oregon is being made over by paved roads. Within seven years, perhaps, \$100,000,000 will have been put into paved roads in this state. Oregon's paved road building system is the best in the world because it rests upon money received from license taxes paid on vehicles using traction other than horse power, and upon gasoline and distillate taxes. These taxes will retire all the bonds and finally pay for all the paved highways and for extending them and keeping them in repair. There will never be a direct tax.

Marion county is taking an advanced position among Oregon counties in providing paved market roads. The program calls for continued building for four more years; and there is no doubt that it will be kept up for all time, with some extensions each year, and repair work going on indefinitely.

No one any longer has any doubt that paved highways are very much cheaper than the dirt roads of the past; so the time will come when all main roads will be hard surfaced.

The ultimate test is the saving of man power—and with paved highways this is extended many fold. Paved highways are as great an advance over the old system as were railroads over the old stage coach. In the matter of social life and convenience, the comparison is as great as in the matter of placing every farm in touch with all the markets.

Oregon was slow in starting the building up of her system of paved highways. But she started right, and has proceeded along the right lines, up to the present time, and any swerving from the constructive program now or at any time in the future should not be even thought of. Keep on keeping on ought to be the motto.

R. A. Booth, John B. Yeon and W. B. Barratt are the State Highway Commissioners; and three more able, honest and unselfish men would be hard to find in Oregon or any other state. The Highway Engineer is Herbert Nunn, and Roy A. Klein is Secretary of the Commission—both able men, and

surrounded by a staff of fine, conscientious experts and workers. The whole magnificent organization is going along the right lines, under laws that approach perfection for the regulation of the affairs of this department of the state government, and every Oregon citizen ought to feel proud of what has been done in a few short years, giving an earnest of what is yet to be done in the most important of all the fields of state development.

BITS FOR BREAKFAST

Paving is the thing.
 No one longer doubts it—
 And the only question is of the best ways to get it, and get it on all the main roads—
 And Oregon is on the way of the paved highway, with the best system in the world; and growing better all the time.

Let no man throw any rocks at it; but let every red-blooded Oregon citizen stand up and insist that the program go on and on; and a little more each year, as the license taxes will take care of it—

So we will ultimately arrive with all of our main roads hard surfaced, without any direct taxes paid or ever to be paid.

Two American detectives are in German jails for attempting to arrest American draft evaders in that country. The United States government is still technically at war with Germany, and the authorities at Washington ought at once to demand the release of these American citizens, in jail for doing their duty as American citizens. If compliance should not be made at once, let the American soldiers on the Rhine go up and put the whole German government in jail.

THE BAIT

MAURICE TOURNEUR
 PRODUCTION
 WITH HOPE HAMPTON
 A Paramount Picture
 Now Playing—Till Saturday Night—Grand Theatre

the two seaboard of the United States. In the case of lead-covered cable in reels, the reduction was 50 percent. These articles are carried as commodities under the new rules, where previously they took class rates.

Old Life Insurance Companies Censored

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 23.—A resolution condemning the reported activity of certain old-line fire insurance companies in seeking to drive out of business reciprocal insurance companies was adopted by the annual National Petroleum congress today.



Now Playing—Till Saturday Night—Grand Theatre

BREAKFAST FOOD

- Kellogg's Corn Flakes.....12c
- Post Toasties.....12c
- Shredded Wheat.....15c
- Cream of Wheat.....29c
- Wheat Hearts.....28c
- Pearls of Wheat.....30c
- Wheat Nuts.....35c
- Olympic Oats.....29c
- Golden Rod Oats.....29c
- Roman Meal.....35c
- 2 packages Grape Nuts.....35c
- Kellogg's Bran.....18c
- Ralston's Bran.....18c
- 10 lbs. Graham.....49c
- 10 lbs. Wheat Cereal.....55c
- 10 lbs. Pancake.....60c
- Olympic Pancake
- 10 Pastry.....55c
- 10 lbs. Cream Rolled Oats 59c
- 10 lbs. Fancy Head Rice.....49c
- 10 lbs. Corn Meal.....35c
- 3 E. C. Corn Flakes.....27c
- VIM Flour.....\$2.55

SPICES

- 2 oz. Cinnamon.....9c
- 2 oz. Nutmeg.....9c
- 2 oz. Pepper.....7c
- 2 oz. Ginger.....7c
- 2 oz. Mustard.....8c
- 2 oz. Allspice.....8c
- 2 oz. Buckeye Vanilla.....23c
- 2 oz. Lemon.....23c

TEA

- 8 oz. M. J. B.....33c
- 8 oz. Folger's.....27c
- 8 oz. Lipton's.....39c
- 16 oz. M. J. B.....63c
- 16 oz. Lipton's.....76c
- 1 lb. English Breakfast Tea, Bulk.....26c

SOAP

- 20 Royal White.....98c
- 10 White Wonder.....98c
- 10 Ivory.....83c
- 10 Crystal White.....65c
- 10 Von Hote's Bleaching 60c
- 3 Palmolive.....23c
- 3 Creme Oil.....23c

CANNED SOUP

- 2 Vegetable Soup.....27c
- 2 Tomato Soup.....25c
- 2 Chicken Soup.....25c
- 2 Oxtail Soup.....25c

The congress pledged itself to combat such activity by insurance companies.
 Oil jobbers and retailers were advised by L. V. Nicholas of Omaha, Neb., to carry side lines of merchandise. He predicted that in the future the successful filling station would have a show window comparable to that of a corner drug store.

Seattle Flour Drops

SEATTLE, March 23.—Seattle millers today announced a drop of 40 cents a barrel in the whole-sale price of flour, city delivered. The new prices range from \$9.15 to \$9.40 a barrel.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 23.—Flour dropped here today for the first time this year. The reduction, which was on family patents, was 40 cents. The new prices are from \$10.10 to \$12.40. A similar reduction was made at Portland recently.

The manufacturer of your car recommends~

The crankcase should be thoroughly drained and flushed at regular intervals. Refill with fresh oil.
 —from the Book of Instructions.

This recommendation is made to prevent rapid depreciation of the engine caused by road dust, carbon, fine metal particles and other impurities, which accumulate in the crankcase oil and circulate through your engine, impairing its efficiency and ultimately leading to avoidable repairs. However, these important instructions are often disregarded; cleaning the crankcase is a job generally disliked.

To meet this need, Modern Crankcase Cleaning Service has been established by first-class garages and other dealers, co-operating with the Standard Oil Company. These garages and dealers use Cetal Flushing Oil,—the scientific agent that cleans out old oil, dirt, grit and other impurities, and does not impair the lubricating efficiency of fresh oil used. The cleaned crankcase is refilled with the proper grade of Zerolene.

Look for the garage or dealer displaying the sign shown here,—it means, "Better operation and longer engine life," a service promptly given at a nominal cost.

STANDARD OIL COMPANY
 (California)

"For better operation and longer engine life"

J. L. BUSICK & SONS

SALEM—ALBANY—WOODBURN

Vim Flour Distributors



COFFEE

- M. J. B., 1 pound.....44c
- M. J. B., 3 pounds, per pound.....43c
- M. J. B., 5 pounds, per pound.....42c
- Royal Club, 1 pound.....40c
- Royal Club, 3 lbs. per lb.....39c
- Golden West, 1 pound.....44c
- Golden West, 3 pounds, per pound.....43c
- Folger's Golden Gate, 1 pound.....44c
- American Club, 1 pound.....33c
- American Club, 3 pounds, per pound.....32c
- American Club, 5 pounds, per pound.....29c
- Fancy Bulk Coffee, 1 pound.....29c
- Fancy Bulk Coffee, 3 pounds, per pound.....27c
- Fancy Bulk Coffee, 5 pounds, per pound.....25c
- Fancy Bulk Coffee, 10 pounds, per pound 23c

CANNED VEGETABLES

- 5 Royal Red Peas.....60c
- 5 cans Corn.....60c
- Del Monte Special Extra Peas.....25c
- Confidence Peas, can.....25c
- 5 cans Standard Tomatoes.....50c
- 3 cans Del Monte Tomatoes.....50c

SALAD OILS

- Pint Wesson's.....37c
- Quart Wesson's.....69c
- Half gallon Wesson's.....1.35
- Pint Mazola.....35c
- Quart Mazola.....68c
- Half gallon.....1.33
- 1 gallon Mazola.....\$2.25
- 6 pounds Crisco.....\$1.25
- 9 pounds Crisco.....\$1.67
- 4 pounds Cottolene.....80c
- 8 pounds Cottolene.....\$1.55
- 4 pounds Snow Drift.....83c
- 8 pounds Snow Drift.....\$1.58
- Number 5 Cascade Pure Lard.....80c
- No. 10 Cascade Pure Lard.....\$1.65
- No. 5 Compound.....65c
- No. 10 Compound.....\$1.30
- 5 Peanut Butter.....39c
- 3 Nucoa.....85c

CANNED FRUITS

- Apricots, 1 can.....25c
- Apricots, 5 cans.....\$1.10
- Apricots, 12 cans.....\$2.40
- Apricots, case 24 cans.....\$4.65
- Peaches, Suintint, sweetened, 1 can.....23c
- 5 cans.....\$1.05
- 10 cans.....\$2.00
- Del Monte Peaches, 1 can.....35c
- 3 cans.....\$1.00
- 1 gallon Prunes.....25c
- Number 2 1/2 Pineapple, 1 can.....35c
- Number 2 1/2 Pineapple, 3 cans.....\$1.00

SUGAR

- Sugar, 10 lbs.....\$1.00
- 11 lbs. Brown Sugar.....\$1.00
- 5 lb. box Spaghetti.....59c
- 5-lb. box Macaroni.....55c
- 5 lbs. bulk Macaroni.....39c
- 2 lbs. Powdered Sugar.....25c

CANNED FISH

- Alaska Salmon.....10c
- Palace Car, red Salmon.....25c
- Monterey Sardines, large oval cans, in sauce, 3 for.....50c
- Fancy American Sardines, in oil, 2 for.....16c
- In mustard, 3 for.....35c
- Booth's Sardines, 3 for.....59c
- Medium red Salmon.....15c
- Shrimp, can.....25c
- Oysters, 3 for.....59c
- Clams, 3 for.....56c

CRACKERS

- Fresh, crisp Grahams.....22c
- Oyster Crackers.....16c
- Fresh, crisp Sodas.....16c
- Large Snow Flake Sodas.....25c
- Small Snow Flake Sodas 18c

CHOCOLATE

- 1 lb. Ghiradelli's.....36c
- 3 lbs. Ghiradelli's.....\$1.00
- Bulk Cocoa, lb.....20c
- Baker's Bitter Chocolate, half pound.....26c
- Baker's Bitter Chocolate, 1 pound.....50c
- California Star, lb.....43c
- Hershey's Cocoa, half lb. 22c
- Small Instant Postum.....25c

BAKING POWDER

- 10 oz. K. C.....9c
- 15 oz. K. C.....13c
- 12 oz. Royal.....38c
- 2 1/2 lbs. Royal.....\$1.25
- 5 lbs. Royal.....\$2.30
- 1 lb. Crescent.....(?)
- 5 lbs. Crescent.....(?)

"I TELL MY BANKER"

PEOPLE are coming more and more to talk over their problems with some banker. If he is custodian of their funds, he also should be interested in the welfare of their affairs generally.

We are never too busy, nor a customer's troubles too trivial for us to give heed— here at the United States National Bank

United States National Bank
 SALEM OREGON

Reductions Are Made In Water Freight Rates

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Mar. 23.— Varying reductions in the water freight rates eastbound from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic of cables, glass, matting, raw silk, wood, mohair and wooden pipe, as a result of a reclassification were announced tonight by the Pacific coast-North Atlantic conference, composed of steamship companies operating between

FUTURE DATES

- March 25, Friday— Anniversary celebration of Company
- March 27, Sunday— Easter Day
- March 29, Tuesday— Dance at Armory under auspices of Daughters of Isabella.
- March 30, Wednesday— Dual debate between Morningside College of Sioux City, Iowa, and William B. Barratt, Williamette vs. U. of O. at Eugene.
- March 31, Thursday— Willamette Glee Club, Grand Theatre.
- March 31, Thursday— Annual Glee concert by Willamette Glee Club, Grand Theatre.
- April 8, Friday— Dual Women's debate between W. S. C. and Willamette.
- April 10, Sunday— Basanow (Jazz)
- April 15, Friday— Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Salem.
- April 16, Saturday— Baseball, Willamette vs. U. of O. at Eugene.
- April 16 and 17, Saturday and Sunday— Baseball, Salem Senators vs. Regina.
- April 22, Friday— Dual Debate between Willamette and Whitman.
- May 5 to 8 inclusive— Annual conference of Evansville Association.
- May 26, 27 and 28— Baseball, Willamette vs. Whitman at Walla Walla.
- October 1, Saturday (tentative)— Football, Willamette vs. O. C. at Corvallis.
- November 24, Thursday (tentative)— Thanksgiving day, football, Willamette vs. Multnomah, at Salem.