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MARION COUNTY WILL KEEP ON KEEPING
BUILDING PAVED MARKET ROADS
Read the heading again. It means a lot to the progress Marion county and the prosperity and growth of Salem.
Marion county is building thirty miles or more of paved Marion county is building thirty miles or more of paved
market roads this year-that is, finishing that many miles. This will nearly complete the five year program; nearly com-
plete it in four years. Of the $\$ 850,000$ of market road bonds plete it in four years. Of the $\$ 850,000$ of mere will be $\$ 105,000$
authorized, $\$ 745,000$ have been sold. There not all the story. Marion county will have in addition $\$ 119,372$ under the Pierce state market road act, and she will have still in addition to this at least $\$ 52,500$, for her one-
fourth of the vehicle taxes paid by residents of this county to the state of Oregon. Add these three amounts together, and you have $\$ 276,872$. That is the amount Marion county will

## market roads.

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The amount Marion county will have for permanent road work in 1925. She will have more than this, because her part
of the state vehicle taxes will be more than $\$ 52,500$; and per haps her matching of the state market road money wil realize more than the $\$ 119,372$.

| unty; for other counties taking advantage of its |  |  |
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|  |  | get acquainted with the pure <br> The daner. always been a lack of touch wit |
| provisions. (It is called the Pierce state market road act because it was sponsored by the present Governor Pierce when he was State Senator Pierce, in the session of 1919.) |  |  |
|  |  | the people. There are manifo unfortunate surroundings for |
| is a fine thing for Marion county, for one thing, because it |  | man in Washington, and the v ion is 80 clouded that it takes |
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| takes away from the taxpayers of Portland this year \$17,686 |  | thty straight looker is going on in Orego |
| ved roads with. <br> How is this? <br> Well, the state market road law provides for a pne mill |  | what is going on in Oregon. senators and representative |
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| tax. This yields $\$ 2,000,000$ annually. But it allows to any |  |  |
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| lows nothing to any incorporated city of town. The money 1 goes onto country roads. The city of Portland pays about |  |  |
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| reets or roads. Multnomah county pays about a third of e tate tares, but gets from the state market road fund |  |  |
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| e state taxes, but gets from the state market road fund <br> ly 10 per cent. The balance goes to the various counties <br> king adyantage of the act. Marion county would ordinar- |  |  |
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| ily get about $\$ 42,000$ of the state market road money, by matching it with an equal amount of her own money. But she also matches with her own money this extra $\$ 17,686$, making a total of $\$ 59,686$. A like amount of the county's |  |  |
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| (own mioney makes up the total of $\$ 119,372$ mentioned above. |  |  |
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| The state market road money that is not matched by any county goes to the counties that do match. Marion county miltches, each year, to the full extent, and will continue as long as the state market road law stays on the statute books. |  |  |
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| may depend on Marion county to do this. <br> Ours is a good roads county. <br> Our people, having once entered upon the program of |  | weeks last year and wo thoughtful people of the city |
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| d market highways, getting up out of the mud in ginter |  |  |
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| ogram. Having put their hands to the plow, they will not rn back. <br> There will come the time of the peak load in the retiring |  |  |
|  |  | eve thet government canafided fy bringing up |
| some money for new mileage of county paved roads, besides |  |  |
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| keeping the roads already built in repair; and the latter item will be an annual charge, for all time. But it will not cost more than did the old system of summer fallowing the streaks of dust that passed for roads- <br> To say nothing of the enormous advantages of paved |  | in Christian citizens |
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|  |  | The Oregon statesman is sorr that there is criticism of the co dition of our tourist camp. How |
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| ghways; and the reader can think of many of them, and 11 leave a long list. <br> So, as the heading says, Marion county will keep on keep- |  |  |
|  |  | ever, it is not wisdom to shut ou eyes to these criticisms, and |
|  |  | certainiy is not good busines Whatever is wrong can be easi |
| ing on building paved roads. It will take a long time to pave all the public roads; the most important ones must come first. But there will come a time in the history of Marion county when all the public roads will be paved. |  |  |
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| dangerrous ground |  | eve that the park board off the rough corners |
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| the state of Washington has undertaken to teveal the new presldent to the west, and the revelation is a decided disappointment. |  |  |
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| Mr. Johnson holds the president up as a $a$ typleal New England con- |  |  |
| servative. If this is true, it means trouble from the start, because the progressive west is in for a |  |  |
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| hearing. Among other things, 3r. Johnson outlines future trou- |  |  |
| Mr. Johnson outlines future troubles as follows: |  |  |
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| new congress will have a long struggle with some kind of a rethe Esch-Cummins trans- |  |  |
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| viston of the Esch-Cummins transportation act, and that the LaIt |  |  |
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