

The Webster Plan

One of several factors that have continued to make Oregon a laggard in road building, has been lack of plan. Plan is the first essential to success in any enterprise. Well-laid plan and a modicum of execution laid in San Francisco at Ruef's feet. Enough money has been spent on Oregon roads to have made them universally excellent, but much of it went in wildest waste. With a fixed, definite and comprehensive plan, Oregon can easily, within three or four years, make a showing in roads in keeping with what she is, and with what her roads ought to be. Isn't it worth while.

County Judge Webster, who has built masterfully for the roads of Multnomah county, has a road plan. It is comprehensive, and undoubtedly worthy of consideration, because it is the product of a man who has given years of study, and himself achieved things, at practical road building. His plan embraces four features: First, \$10,000 appropriated annually by the state to each county that, from local taxes on will make another \$10,000 available for road construction in that county. Second, the enactment of legislation limiting the use of inmates of county jails at road work. This, providing by legislation for use of penitentiary convicts on county roads. Fourth, providing by legislation for the appropriation by county, or state, or by both jointly for the use of a road district, or two, the sum that the district itself will contribute for road building, with its limits.

From the first feature, Judge Webster expects the greatest benefit. It eliminates the objections and embodiments all that is valuable in the Johnson bill. It is equitable between the counties. It offers state aid to the counties that will help themselves. It puts a premium on progress. It taxes non-progress. It places the limit low enough to be within reach of the poorest county, but enables each to build five or six miles of good macadam each year. In three or four years, each county accepting the plan will have 20 or 25 miles of it. These stretches of permanent road would be a stimulus to every inhabitant to want more, and an era of permanent and excellent highways would be ushered in, that would make Oregon rich and the people blest.

Feature No. 2 would provide that jail prisoners could be transferred from one county to another, and what is best of all would force all of such prisoners by laboring on the roads to earn their keeping while serving sentences. The same is true of feature three, and since prisoners, as demonstrated in Marion county, can be guarded and fed at a cost of 50 cents a day, this adjunct in road building activity would be of great practical value.

The fourth and last feature of the Webster plan is practically the Johnson bill. It would be an aid in building neighborhood and side roads to connect with the main macadam.

The plan has the virtue that is not paternal. It only offers state help to those who help themselves, which is wise. Its creative value is that it offers stimulus, and amply of it, to those willing to avail of it. It is comprehensive, in that it evokes every instrumentality and every influence possible as assets in road construction. Possibly fault will be found with it, because it is more popular and more habitual to be destructive than constructive. It is however, the duty of those who criticize to offer a better plan, a task of very doubtful probability. -Journal.

Harriman to Get Road

Cleveland, Sept. 16.—In a new action for receivership, B. A. Worthington was again appointed receiver of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad Company, by Judge Taylor in the United States Court here today. Mr. Worthington was appointed receiver originally a few months ago, in the proceedings begun by the National Car Wheel

Company. The Central Trust Company, of New York, yesterday began foreclosure proceedings in the interest of the bondholders. Later, it is understood that the two suits may be merged.

It is intimated that the new suit will result in the property of the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Company passing out of the control of the Gould interests and into the control of the Harriman-Rockefeller group of railroad financiers.

Japan's Finances Bad

Victoria, B. C., Sept. 16.—A. J. Sousea, who arrived by the Aki Maru, said financial conditions in Japan were bad and becoming worse, instead of better, owing to the refusal of Japanese to fill their contracts. Many Japanese firms, owing to the depression, are refusing to take delivery of goods. The postponement of the exposition is also having a bad effect on the market.

The financial policy of the new government, decided upon the day before the steamer left, provided for the curtailment of \$100,000,000, of which 30 per cent was lopped off the army and 10 per cent off the navy estimate.

Mark Twain Easy Mark

Redding, Conn. Sept. 18.—Mark Twain, clad in his now famous white lambs, appeared in court here this afternoon to testify against Henry Williams and Charles Hoffman, charged with having robbed the armorer's home here last night.

After a long chase by the police the two men were captured and a bag in their possessions was found to contain silverware marked with the "C" for Clemens. The police connected the "C" with Mark, one of them recalling that his name is Samuel L. Clemens.

Mark was considerably displeased at being robbed and complained that the burglars were noisy and disturbed his sleep. This afternoon he posted a notice over the doorway of his home, notifying all burglars where the "plated silver" will be found and advising them to be easy about their work and not disturb the family.

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