

GOOD ROADS.

The subject of "good roads" is not dead. It is not asleep. It is wide awake and must ever remain awake, until it has fulfilled its mission.

It is not a "one idea" man's subject, since no man is as narrow as that imports, who spends his time and his influence for the good cause of "everybody."

"One idea" men are selfish fellows. They harp of a harp of but one string, and the monotonous twang of that one string is not particularly a musical prodigy's production.

We have advocated portable mills and plank roads, and we have had a lot of good backing, in that direction. That was "one idea" but it's not the only one concerning the good roads question.

If puncheons are cheaper or better than plank, let us have puncheons — "puncheons" — until you can't rest, and vehicles of all sorts are kept out of the mud on passable roads.

If crushed rock is better, let us have crushed rock, and if we cannot procure the rock, why not substitute coal which may be dug most anywhere.

If none of these, then gravel, if gravel is to be had, and so on to the end of the chapter — to the end that we may have comfortable roads of some kind.

On this subject, this is the sort of a "one-idea" man we are — namely: "Plank," where that is best and cheapest.

"Puncheons," where they are the easiest and quickest produced, as in places where you cannot set up a mill or haul lumber.

"Crushed rock" where rock is get-at-able, and the county authorities have furnished a crusher to grind it with.

"Coal," if that is most accessible, though a coal road from its color, might be objectionable on a dark night, and last, "gravel" when and where gravel can be had. Anything, if it only is something, that will keep a wagon out of the mud and enable the farmer to get his produce to market.

That's all we want, and we want to see it moving.

You have all heard the story of the dear old maid, who went out, into the woods, to pray for a husband and a compassionate owl, when he heard her prayers, shouted in response who who who? to which the maiden in an ecstasy of joy made answer, "Any body, good Lord. Oh any body so its a man."

Any body, good Lord.

And so say we in reference to the good roads question. Anything is better than nothing and any improvement anywhere is better than none. Nothing is lost. A few trees cut down to let in the sun to dry up the mud is an improvement. It is "something". They can never be put back again, and if saved in to plank or split into puncheons to ease over a few mud holes, so much the better for the man with a wagon.

Now, we have put the business on a broad-gauge plan. We have our particular pet theory — no "one idea." We want to see every plan well shaken up, and the best one selected, or different plans for different localities according to the lay of the land and the existence of the nearest-by material.

All is — let us not be inert. Let us do something.

Some of our readers have been kind enough to say, "we didn't know anything about roads. Couldn't know anything about them cooped up here in Coquille. For one thing, we know we are cooped up here in Coquille with no roads to get out on in winter. We never professed to know it all, but in the last three years have somewhat made the acquaintance of Oregon roads, sometimes paying fare, for a seat in an old wagon when one had to hang on for dear life or be thrown out into the brush, and I was told the roads were "good," and sometimes tramping for days over mountain trails with a forty-pound pack, floundering in many remote localities well advanced ranches with good houses and barns, and not a saved board in them, and all inaccessible, except for the pack horse or the "pack" man. More than this, let us say, — we have not been knocking round the world for more than half a century, in thirty different states of this great country not to have taken note of many roads in many latitudes — roads ranging from that of the best macadamized pike to the vilest embryo corduroy, and if we don't know what we are talking about when we talk roads," then let our mouth be laid

in the dust and each and every one of our readers arise and call our memory "cussed."

We have traveled for days over roads as smooth as a parlor floor, which had never had a day's work done on them, but they were not in Oregon. Roads where our lively team would make seven or eight miles an hour without urging; where the bending sky was horizon-gemmen with a million wild flowers and the birds even gave us welcome with free prairie song. This was not in Oregon, and yet in Oregon we have found as kindly welcome as in any spot on earth, and for many reasons, Oregon outranking them all in many ways, has become our home.

We have found more things combining to make a great state within the confines of Oregon than any other we ever set foot in, and that this may speedily become a fixed fact, is why we are in dead earnest for every improvement for the development of the country that can reasonably be made.

One does not have to live a lifetime in a country in order to know something about it. All one has to do is to keep his eyes and ears open. We were never blind and have always been a good listener, and the listener who hears things and prints them, too, is oftentimes the one who awakens thought in other minds.

And it's only by agitation that any project wins.

While on this lead we wish to say further, that we have no personal fling at anybody, nor any axe to grind, except that which shall bring the greatest good to the greatest number, and this brings us round to say again, as we said in the beginning — "The subject of good roads is not dead. It is not asleep. It is wide awake and must ever remain awake until it has fulfilled its mission."

E. G. D. HOLDEN.  
Coquille, Oreg., May 16, 1902.

THE INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

Dr. G. M. Wells: It is worth trying as one way to put an end to making laws by log-rolling and trading votes in the Legislature.

Geo. H. Williams: The Initiative and Referendum Amendment to the Constitution is in the direction of a government of the people and for the people.

Thomas O'Day: The adoption of this amendment will give us a government by the people in fact as well as in name. It is direct government by the people. It establishes a real republic.

Hon. Andrew C. Smith: I am strongly in favor of the adoption of the Initiative and Referendum Amendment. I consider it the basic principle of the theory of "government by the people."

Harry Gurr, President Federated Trades Council: This amendment will take the law-making power out of the hands of the professional politicians, and place it with the useful citizen. I hope it will be adopted.

Dr. A. J. Giesy: I am in favor of the Initiative and Referendum Amendment for the reason that I believe all questions of importance should be decided by the people directly, and this seems to me to be a practical method.

R. P. Boise: I favor the Initiative and Referendum because I believe it is the only way to get reform legislation, prevent improper and extravagant legislation, and restrain the corrupt lobby that infests the sessions of our legislature.

Arthur H. Dovers: The people want it. They believe by the aid of this amendment they can correct abuses which they cannot now reach. I think the people are right, and hope that it will be adopted and given a fair and honest trial.

John K. Carr, President Building Trades Council: I think the Initiative and Referendum is the next step in the natural growth of our American idea of government by the people, because the men who can directly make their own law are the real governing power.

H. W. Scott: The referendum is an obstacle to too much legislation; to surreptitious legislation; to legislation in particular interests; to partisan machine legislation, and to boss rule. No predatory measure could be carried before the people. The legislative lobbyist would be put out of business.

Carlisle (Ill.) Constitution: The workman who voted two years ago for a "fall dinner pail" will hardly be able to put much beef in it at the present high price.

Roll (Mo.) Sharpshooter: The man that takes no interest in politics should bear in mind the fact that the corporations do, and that is why the corporations are getting all the "prosperity" that is loose.

Perkins (Ill.) Times: Governor Tatt says the Filipinos are corrupt because they have been used to corruption. From all accounts, there are Americans over there who are giving them plenty of what they are used to, too.

Winfield (Kan.) Tribune: There is no reason for protecting in the home market a manufacturer who can export his goods, for that means that he can meet foreign competition abroad, and if he can do it more easily at home.

Buy at Home.

The following splendid poem, from the Commercial News, possesses much merit and even more truth, and we recommend it to the careful perusal of business men who never advertise:

Said the grocery man to the butcher man, It really is a sin That you lay yourself on the wholesale plan And don't let us handle the tin! Then he hid him back to his grocery store And quickly an order sent For a few choice hams for family use And a box of fish for Lent.

Said the clothing man to the hardware man You surely don't, so right And it came the neighbors know, In a box that he tried in the bar to hide For 'twas marked Robcock & Co.

Small chance was there for palming hair whenever the truth was known, For the heart of man be a selfish thing And each looks after his own; And so it was on every hand Each man — he came to inquire Soon found himself as deep in the mud As his neighbor was in the mire.

The business man called a meeting then To see where the trouble lay, And all agreed 'twas the editor Instead of the devil to pay. Why don't you roast the department stores And the peddling faker they said; And stand by the one who stands by him, And give him his daily bread?

So they drew up a protest long and strong, For the editor to peruse; And they walked on him with aspect grim As he solemnly dug for news; But the editor laughed a great horse laugh. The whole gang took to the woods, It was written on Clasp John letter heads That came with a bill of goods.

Chinese Exclusion May Not Exclude.

Washington, May 15.—A vociferous of Chinese exclusion are alarmed over an apparent flaw in the bill recently passed, when congress re-enacted the old Geary law, with a few modifications.

The changes provided that Chinese should be excluded as far as the same would not be inconsistent with treaty obligations.

It appears that thousands of Chinese in Hong Kong, Singapore and other Eastern ports are English citizens. Other thousands could become Britishers by simply taking the Christian oath and signing papers.

Treaty obligations require the free admission of English citizens to this country.

It appears therefore that the United States may be opened to the entrance of hordes of Chinese. Senator Knox is to be asked to interpret the treaty.

Hope for Pensions.

Washington, May 16.—The most gratifying thing the Republican leaders of the House of Representatives can say to the people of Oregon is that there is a very favorable prospect that the Lodian war veterans pension bill will be considered and passed at this session. There is the very best authority for this statement, and the prospects are that when some of the more important business already scheduled for this session is out of the way, this bill will be taken up. It is definitely asserted by those in control that the bill will be reported and be ready for consideration when the House reaches the stage of taking up legislation under suspension of the rules.

This is the first time that there has been any definite prospect of the bill passing. As it has already passed the Senate, the bill is in a most favorable position, especially when it has the endorsement of the men who control legislation in the House, and is being urged by the President.

Hereafter the policemen of Montreal, Canada, will attend weekly lectures on criminal and civil law as it concerns their duties. There is a regular appropriation for the payment of lecturers.

A splendid dairy farm of 40 acres fronting river, 30 acres bottom all cleared, with high land for buildings, nice springs by door, excellent buildings. Furniture, tools, team of horses and harness, 11 cows and other cattle, cream separator, hogs, etc. all go for \$2500 to make quick sale. R. D. Sanford, The Coquille Real Estate Man.

The following is the list of officers elected by Myrtle Camp, W. O. W., on Saturday evening for the ensuing term:

Council Commander, D. H. Johnson; Advisor Lieutenant, Thos. Krewson; Escort, F. W. Barker; Watchman, C. O. Dryden; Sentry, Jesse Hall; Manager, Z. C. Strang; Delegate to dist convention, J. G. Simmons, alternate, F. W. Barker.

Order your cemetery work for Decoration Day. Stewart & West gate.

Bennett-Curtis

Mrs. F. Adele Curtis of Marshfield, Oregon, and Minor G. Bennett of this city were married last evening at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Dr. H. J. Patton of Trip-ave., Chicago, Ill., by the Rev. W. R. Parr, pastor of St. Paul's Congregational church. Mr. and Mrs. Bennett will be at home at their friends after May 15 at 112 Furman-street.

The information contained in the above few lines will come as something of a surprise to the many friends and acquaintances of former Sheriff Bennett, and he will receive their congratulations upon this happy culmination of a mutual friendship that existed many years ago. The bride was formerly a well known school teacher in this city, where she has several near relatives. The family name is Devoe. She long lived in New York city, but during several years past has been a resident of the West. The secret of the renewal of friendship and the growth of relations between Mrs. Curtis and Mr. Bennett and the object of his departure to join his bride in Chicago, has been well kept for Mr. Bennett and one or two intimate friends until the publication of the above notice.

Will Carry Their Own Insurance.

Tacna, May 11.—A committee of San Francisco underwriters will next week come to Puget Sound to hear the complaint of the local saw-mill owners who demand a reduction in insurance rates, with the alternative of forming a co-operative insurance company and carrying their own insurance.

Atlanta, Ga., May 17.—Four white men and three negroes dead; five white men and one negro wounded and an entire block of building burned is the result of a conflict that began here early today between the police and blacks.

Will Richardson, who is believed to have been half India and half negro, the owner of a store in McDaniels street, in the suburb of Pittsburg, and four other negroes brought on the trouble by resisting arrest and defying officers of Fulton County and Atlanta.

Hoopling Cough.

A woman who had experience with this disease, tells how to prevent any dangerous consequences from it. She says: Our three children took hoopling cough last summer, our baby boy being only three months old, and owing to our giving the Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, they lost none of their plumpness and came out in much better health than other children whose parents did not use this remedy. Our oldest little girl would call lustily for cough syrup between whoops. — Jessie Pinkey Hall, Springville, Ala. This Remedy is for sale by R. S. Knowlton.

Atlanta Now Monarch of Spain.

Madrid, May 17.—His Majesty, Alfonso XIII, King of Spain, solemnly took the oath to the Constitution in the Hall of Assembly of the Chamber of Deputies today, with the utmost ceremony and in accordance with all the religious forms and ancient rites.

Paris, May 16.—A private telegram received here, via La Guayra, Venezuela, says Fort de France, Martinique, is seriously threatened by the volcanic disturbance.

Recent operations along "community of interest" lines have changed the spelling of the word "organization" to "Morganization."

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

(DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR)  
Land Office at Roseburg, Oregon  
April 18, 1902.

NOTICE is hereby given that the following named settler has filed notice of his intention to make final proof in support of his claim and that said proof will be made before L. H. Hazard, County Clerk of Coos County, at Coquille City, Oregon, on June 2, 1902, viz: SAMUEL M. ROWAN, on H. E. No. 8278, for the NE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 33, S. 1/4 SE 1/4 Sec. 28, SW 1/4 SW 1/4 Sec. 27, T. 28 S., R. 15 W.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon and cultivation of said land, viz: C. C. Hill, of Coquille City, Oregon; Marshall Steele, of Arago, " W. M. Hammack " " F. M. Miller " " J. T. BRIDGES, Register.

Wants Others to Know.

"I have used DeWitt's Little Early Risers for constipation and torpid liver and they are all right. I am glad to endorse them for I think when we find a good thing we ought to let others know it." writes Alfred Heinz, Quincy, Ill. They never gripe or distress. Sure, safe pills. R. S. Knowlton.

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HOME F. & M. INSURANCE COMPANY, SAN FRANCISCO - - - \$1,037,715.38  
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