

THE NEED FOR GOOD ROADS

Poor Highways Draining Country's Funds.

HOW TO GET MONEY FOR ROADS

There Are Four Methods of Getting Work Done, Gift, Direct Taxation, Bonds and Convict Labor—Transportation Loss is Enormous Yearly.

Few people know what a modern highway is. Our government has no conception of its economic value. To talk good roads is to bore most people. The relation between roads, waterways and railways is not understood. Samuel Hill in Good Roads.

Article 8 of the constitution of the United States, which provides for the establishment of postoffices and post roads, is, so far as it relates to roads, a dead letter. For nearly 100 years no public movement has ever been undertaken for the establishment of highways. Local communities here and there have struggled for betterment of highways and against existing political methods which render their construction impossible.

In dollars and cents the loss by bad primary transportation over the so called highways of America to the producers and the consumers every year from marketing their products over these roads runs into figures which few minds can comprehend.

The United States leads the world in economic steam transportation, the average cost to the public being approximately three-quarters of a cent for hauling a ton one mile over the steam railways. It is not far from the truth to say that the American farmer is at a disadvantage against his European competitor to the extent



A STATE HIGHWAY IN MARYLAND.

of paying an excess of twenty cents cost per ton per mile over the so called roads in America.

The camp followers and organized parasites, preying on the good roads movement, have run the cost of permanent roads up so high as to frighten people attempting to build permanent highways. The public has overlooked the fact that highways are the property of the people; that to build good highways requires centralized power and a proper standardization. The people most to benefit by good roads most oppose them.

The change necessitated in the character of the highways through the use of the modern self propelled vehicle makes it possible for the United States to equip itself with modern highways at a cost no greater than the cost abroad.

I know of only four ways of receiving money to form a fund from which roads can be built.

The first is by gift of money or services.

The second way in which a community can receive money for road building is by direct taxation, but unless the sums so spent are economically used, road building must of necessity be slow.

The third way is by the issuance of bonds, placing the burden for permanent roads, in part at least, on future generations.

The fourth way is by utilizing an asset which unfortunately all the states have, and that is by building roads with convict labor. I am heartily in favor of this method, and have advocated it for many years. Labor so employed interferes in no way with free labor and is of great advantage from a humanitarian standpoint in that while roads are being built by convicts, the character of men is being reformed and their bodies are being strengthened by proper manual labor. The facts are, in Washington, that better results can be obtained by the utilization of convict labor than by hiring men to perform the work. There is no reason why a man, whether rich or poor, should be supported in idleness, and the burden of any man supported in idleness must be borne by the workers. The work should not be limited to men convicted of crime, but proper detention camps should be established, so that those men prone to idleness and vagrancy could be sent direct from the entrance to the detention camp and compelled to earn their keep and relieve society of the burden of their support.

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STATE LEGISLATURE HAS 90 MEN

Disciples of Blackstone Number 29, With Farmers Also Numerous—Others Are Drawn From Many Walks of Oregon Life.

As usual, the disciples of Blackstone will predominate the membership of both the House of Representatives and the Senate at the 1913 session of the Oregon Legislature. In a total of 90 in the two houses, there will be 29 practicing members of the legal profession, 12 in the Senate and 17 in the House.

Classified as to business and professional callings, the merchants have the largest representation in the Senate, after the lawyers. The merchants number four. The Senate also includes two physicians, two stockmen and one each of the following: Stationer, druggist, orchardist, farmer, contractor, commission merchant, insurance, dentist, miller and real estate.

In the House it will require the 12 farmer members, three stockmen, one dairyman and the manager of a Portland detective agency to stand off the 17 lawyers that belong to that branch of the state's lawmaking body. The lawyers and the farmers combined represent a strength of 29 of the 69 members, almost a majority. In the House there are also three bankers, three stockmen, and an equal number of newspapermen. The same branch of the lawmaking body includes two ministers, two merchants, two real estate dealers and one each as follows: Contractor, miller, stationer, veterinarian, abstractor, orchardist, employing printer, journeyman printer, stationary engineer, manufacturer, druggist, osteopath, commission merchant and timber dealer.

V. A. Forbes, the Bend Representative, is in the ranks of the majority—a lawyer.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Crook.

Central Oregon Irrigation Company, a corporation, plaintiff, vs. Willard M. Houston, defendant.

To Willard M. Houston: In the name of the State of Oregon: You are hereby required to appear and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the day of the first publication of this summons and if you fail to so appear and answer, for want thereof, the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, to-wit: for the cancellation and setting aside of a certain contract, dated September 12, 1908, made between you and The Deschutes Irrigation and Power Company and assigned to said plaintiff, relating to the settlement of certain lands, and the purchase of water rights appurtenant thereto, situate in Crook County, Oregon, and for such other

and further relief as may seem to the Court just and equitable.

This summons is served upon you by publication by authority of an order of the Hon. W. L. Bradshaw, Judge of the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for the County of Crook, and said order is dated the 25th day of October, 1912, and is duly recorded and entered in said Court and suit.

Date of first publication, October 30, 1912.

Date of last publication, December 11, 1912.

Jesse Stearns & Jacob Kanzler, Attorneys for the plaintiff.

SUMMONS.

In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon, for the County of Crook.

Nellie Wright, plaintiff, vs. Harry Joseph Wright, defendant.

To Harry Joseph Wright, above named defendant:

In the name of the State of Oregon you are hereby required to ap-

per and answer the complaint filed against you in the above entitled suit within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, and if you fail to appear and answer for want thereof the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief prayed for in the complaint, to-wit:

For the dissolution of the bonds of matrimony now existing between you and the plaintiff, and for a further decree that the property now owned by the plaintiff shall be and remain hers, free from any right, title or interest on your part, either at law or in equity.

This summons is served upon you by publication by authority of an order of the Honorable H. C. Ellis, Judge of the County Court of the State of Oregon for Crook County. Said order is dated the 20th day of October, 1912, and is duly recorded and entered in said Court of action.

The date of first publication the 20th day of October, 1912.

VERNON A. FORBES, 34-40 Attorney for plaintiff.

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