

FEDERAL FUNDS WILL AID ROADS

LEWIS EXPLAINS HOW SYSTEM WORKS

Oregon Will Receive Nearly Two Millions for Roads in Next Five Years — State Must Meet the Appropriation — Improve Standards.

(Oregon Journal.)
SALEM, Aug. 24.—During the next five years Oregon will receive from the federal government approximately \$1,820,000 for the building of roads under the provisions of the federal aid road act, State Engineer Lewis said today on his return from Washington, D. C. If this sum is met by the state and counties of Oregon it will mean \$3,640,000 for roads.

Mr. Lewis went to Washington to attend a conference to discuss rules and regulations under which \$85,000,000 of federal money will be expended in co-operation with states. "The secretary of agriculture is anxious that each state adopt a comprehensive road program and apply available funds direct to such end that a substantial showing can be made during the five-year period," says Lewis. "As the federal funds will largely be expended by the states under the direction of the United States office of public roads, there will be a strong tendency toward uniformity in state legislation and the building up of business-like state departments to administer road funds.

Two Methods Provided.
"The federal act provides two distinct methods for expending this enormous sum. Under Section 6, \$75,000,000 is to be expended in co-operation with the states upon the dollar for dollar basis, on rural post roads outside national forests during the next five years, both state and federal money to be expended by the state highway departments under federal supervision.

"Under this section, \$78,687 is now available to Oregon. On July 1, 1917, \$157,375, or double the amount, will be available. The following year three times this year's allotment will be available, and so on until the fifth year, when the amount will be \$393,437. Allotments will revert if not expended within two years. Funds contributed by counties for state work can be used to offset federal funds.

National Forests Included.
"Under section 8 of the federal act \$10,000,000 is to be expended in co-operation with the state or counties upon roads within national forests. Co-operation must be had on some equitable basis, and the secretary of agriculture will probably hold this to mean a dollar for dollar basis. The federal funds are to be expended by the federal road department, and state or county funds are to be expended by, or under the direction of that department. Co-operative work may be done by the state or county upon roads outside national forests, but which connect with forest roads.

"The sum of \$127,794 will be available to Oregon each year under this section. If not expended within the year, it will be available until the end of the third year.

"Oregon's allotment under both sections will thus be \$206,480 for the fiscal year ending July 1, 1917, and \$285,170 additional will be available on such date for the following year, or a total of \$491,650.

Oregon Needs Money.
"Oregon's quarter million state highway fund has practically all been pledged by the state highway commission for 1916 and the \$240,000 available in 1917 will not be sufficient to meet and secure all the federal money available. Counties may meet and secure part of such funds, but preference will doubtless be given to those county projects to be constructed under the supervision of the state highway department.

"In addition, the state and counties must agree to properly maintain co-operative roads, and must provide rights of way necessary therefor. "Project statements must be submitted upon forms provided by the secretary of agriculture. As a basis for approving projects the secretary will require the state and local federal authorities to agree upon a general plan for the improvement of highways throughout the state. All of the \$2,638,500 which will thus be expended in the next five years by the state and federal governments in co-operation can thus be applied toward the construction of through and connected routes, and not be frittered away on disconnected projects."

Lewis says he believes that the federal aid act will force the various state and county road departments to adopt higher standards of engineering and accounting, and apply all available funds towards the completion of definite projects, with provisions for maintenance.

Want Ads only ONE CENT a word.

Circular Relates to Leave of Absence

Under date of July 27 a circular relating to leave of absence to homestead settlers on unsurveyed lands was issued from the General Land Office from which the following is reprinted as being of interest to homesteaders in this vicinity.

The Circular.
General Land Office,
Washington, D. C., July 27, 1916
Registers and Receivers,
United States Land Offices.

Sirs: The act of July 3, 1916 (Public No. 136) provides as follows: "That any qualified person who has heretofore or shall hereafter in good faith make settlement upon and improve unsurveyed, unreserved, unappropriated public lands of the United States with intention, upon survey, of entering same under the homestead laws shall be entitled to a leave of absence in one or two periods not exceeding in the aggregate five months in each year after establishment of residence: Provided, That he shall have plainly marked on the ground the exterior boundaries of the lands claimed and have filed in the land office notice of the approximate location of the lands settled upon and claimed, of the period of intended absence, and that he shall upon the termination of the absence and his return to the land file notice thereof in the local land office.

A settler upon unsurveyed land, unreserved, and unappropriated public land is entitled to one or two leaves of absence during each residence year, aggregating not more than five months in each year, after establishing of residence, in the same manner and upon the same conditions as persons having entries of record. If he has returned after an absence of less than five months and

filed notice of his return, he may without any intervening residence, again absent himself, pursuant to new notice—for the remaining part of five months within the residence year. However, two absences in different residence years, reckoned from the date when residence was established must be separated by substantial periods if they together make up more than five months. The notices will follow the forms appended in these instructions.

The act does not authorize the filing of a notice of a settlement claim except as included in a notice of absence from the land; unless the paper tendered shows the beginning or ending of an absence, you will decline to receive it.

Very respectfully,
CLAY TALLMAN, Commissioner
Notice of Beginning Absence.
Register and Receiver,
United States Land Office.

Sirs: I, _____, of _____, have in good faith made settlement upon and improved a tract of unsurveyed, unreserved, unappropriated public land of the United States supposed to contain about _____ acres, with the intention of entering same under the homestead laws after it shall have been surveyed, and I have plainly marked on the ground the exterior boundaries of the land claimed by me. Its approximate location is as follows _____
Having lived on the land since a date not later than the _____ day of _____, in the year _____, I count my residence-years as beginning on that calendar day.

I hereby give notice that I intend to be absent from said land for a period not exceeding five months, beginning _____, 19____. Upon my return to the land I will notify you to that effect.

(Signature of Settler.)
Notice of Termination of Absence.
Register and Receiver,
United States Land Office.

Sirs: I, _____, of _____, am the same person who filed notice of intention to absent myself from my settlement claim for an unsurveyed tract of land described approximately as follows _____
I hereby give notice that I returned to the land above described on _____, 19____. My absence began on _____, 19____.

(Signature of Settler.)
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When we build our castles in Spain.

It speaks of our grief and sorrow
In a tender hearted way
And it tells but part of the story
When our loved ones go astray.

How we read each homely item
Not a word we care to miss:
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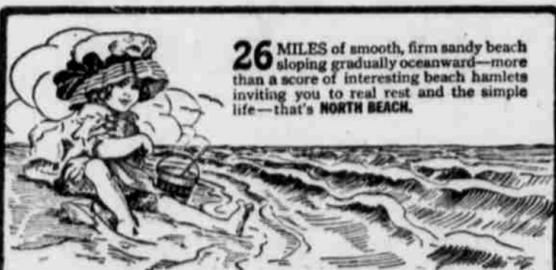
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