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Judge Donald on Good Roads

Portland, Ore., Mar. 7.—Give me the money the farmers lose in a year on muddy roads, and I will build national highways to connect all the great cities of both coasts, and I will build a fleet of battleships as formidable as the Atlantic fleet that went around the Horn in addition. Let me have the money loss of five years and I will pay the national debt, and in six years I will do all I propose and pay for the Panama canal besides.

Judge J. T. Donald, president of the Pacific Highway Association, made this statement to emphasize the reasons why the farmers should lead rather than deter the movement for good roads. He was speaking to friends of the Pacific highway movement in the Commercial club.

"It is time our national government did something for the farmers. The farmers make 50 per cent of the exports, and they get less than 1 per cent of national expenditures as direct benefits. The nation should get into the road building business."

Washington Farmers After Roads

Judge Donald said that in Washington, his home state, the farmers are in favor of any proper movement for good roads. He expressed regret that in Oregon the farmers should have been chiefly responsible for the defeat of good roads legislation. In Washington a 2 mill road tax has been provided by the legislature, and in addition a law will be passed by the legislature providing a half mill tax on all property west of the Cascades in Washington for the construction of the Pacific highway. The road has been located from Blaine to Vancouver, he said, and much of the construction done. In British Columbia the Pacific highway for its entire length to the Alaska boundary has been located, and its construction is to be completed within three years. California, on the south, has just authorized an appropriation of \$18,000,000 for two trunk highways north and south, and the California people, said Judge Donald, have sent word that they are waiting now to learn where the Pacific highway in Oregon will cross the boundary, in order that they may connect with it south. Neither British Columbia, Washington nor California is slow in road plans, said Judge Donald.

Advices a Highway Bureau

For Oregon he advised that by all means the state establish a highway bureau. The commissioner should be a business man and an engineer. His cooperation would be of great value both to counties and any trunk road projects.

Judge Donald pool-pooled the rural notion that a little money must be distributed over all the roads. He said that if one road were built complete at a time it would serve as an object lesson for all the rest. Also it would be usable. The system now is to dump gravel between the mud-holes and trust to providence to get to town.

France, said Judge Donald, has spent \$600,000,000 on roads, and each year receives \$800,000,000 from tourists, most of them from the United States. Switzerland has

spent \$25,000,000 on highways and gets \$200,000,000 a year from tourists, though only a fraction the size of Oregon. Both Oregon and Washington have scenery beyond comparison with that of Switzerland, yet it remains an unavailable asset because there are no roads fit for tourist travel, he pointed out.

Judge Donald advised that the people of Oregon issue bonds for road building, and then pay the indebtedness from the profits of good roads. Eastern states are doing this, he said, and are benefitting.

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Few at Road Meeting

The Good Roads meeting held in the Bandon Opera House Tuesday night seems to have been a sample of the interest people of this community have in a public project of vital importance. According to actual count, there were exactly 51 at the meeting when there should have been at least 200.

It is another evidence of the fact that people will clamor for something and when the opportunity comes to get it, they will sit back and fold their arms.

The cry for better roads in Coos county has been long and loud, consequently the Bandon Commercial Club through its transportation secretary, E. E. Oakes, made arrangements for a roads meeting Tuesday night. No one can say that the meeting was not advertised for an announcement had appeared in the Bandon Recorder both last Friday and last Tuesday, and besides, the Commercial Club went to the expense of getting out 400 circular letters and mailing them to the taxpayers of the district, so that everybody might know of the meeting and have an opportunity to attend, and just 54 men had interest enough in the proposition to attend.

Judge John F. Hall and Commissioners Dement and Armstrong were present and the two gentlemen first mentioned made excellent addresses, as did also F. F. Eddy and Col. R. H. Rosa.

The meeting was presided over by Dr. L. P. Sorensen, president of the Commercial Club, and Mayor J. W. Mast introduced the speakers. A number of very good theories were brought out in the addresses, after which the question was opened for general discussion. Atty Geo. P. Topping, F. N. Perkins, J. P. De Gesse, A. G. Thrift and others responded to the general invitation to address the meeting.

Some expressed themselves in favor of bonding the county for a million dollars for immediate use in building roads, while others opposed the idea; but the consensus of opinion was that something must be done soon, and this is certainly true. We cannot build roads without

money. At the present time we are spending \$120,000 a year on roads. Some suggested the idea of building a little permanent road each year, which is a good one, but there are 700 miles of roads in Coos county, and it would take a long time to build that amount of permanent roads with \$120,000 a year, as it is generally conceded that it will cost from \$3000 to \$8000 per mile to build permanent wagon roads in this country.

The idea of cruising the timber of the county, so as to make the large timber holders pay their share of the taxes was also taken up and it seemed to be the prevailing sentiment of those present that this should be done at once.

These theories are probably all good, but the fact remains that nothing will be done unless people take interest enough in the project to at least attend a good roads meeting.

The county court cannot build roads alone unless the people will stand back of them. It is to be hoped that if road meetings are held in other parts of the county that there will be more interest shown than in the one held here Tuesday night.

John W. Sickelsmith, Greensboro, Pa., has three children, and like most children, they frequently take cold. "We have tried several kinds of cough medicine," he says, "but have never found any yet that did them as much good as Chamberlain's Cough Remedy." For sale by C. Y. Lowe.

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No War With Japan.

Rochester, N. Y., March 4th.—"There will be no war with Japan. There is not the slightest reason for thinking such a struggle imminent," said John Quimby, captain of the battleship Montana, who is visiting here to-day. Re-uting a recent declaration of Congressman Richmond Hobson, he said: "Hobson has been out of the navy so long that he has got out of touch with the Japanese situation. I have been in Japan recently and I know that she is not preparing or prepared for hostilities. Her army is in poor condition and she would be unable to put her navy on a war basis."

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