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A ROAD TO ROSEBURG

One often hears the complaint that the Southern Pacific railroad keeps sections of Oregon bottled up and prevents its development.

This is undeniably true or has been in the past but time has brought a release from this dependence upon the railroad. A high class automobile road from Bandon to Roseburg would be much more cheaply built and easier financed than the much talked of rail road to Coos Bay. It would also be of far more value to the country in stimulating its development.

California is taking the lead in road building among the coast states and is making it pay. From the railroad at San Rafael in California there is a rock road over the mountain range to the little port of Bolinas on the ocean. A steam driven auto stage makes this trip daily without delay or bother by rain of any severity or duration. The trip can be made during the rain in this auto with little inconvenience as in a street car. The ride is delightful even during the rains and at all seasons of the year pleasure seekers through this Port of Bolinas although its attractions in the way of a beach and otherwise can not be compared to ours.

The warring nations of Europe could never feed and supply their armies of millions which stretch over hundreds of miles of battle front if the automobile had not relieved them of their dependence on steam railroads.

The following from the Oregonian shows in a manner the efficiency developed by the automobile in civic transportation. It says:—

"The jitney bus has cut so seriously into the profits of the street railway companies in San Diego, San Francisco and Los Angeles that the companies now have observers on the street corners to count the jitneys and estimate passengers.

Automobile dealers also have been compiling figures of their own to set beside upkeep cost, the effect on the market for new and second hand cars and general conditions of the new business.

"If it gets much worse" said General Manager Black, of the United Railroads, today, "we shall have to go out of business. Certainly it will prevent financing any extensions. It is worse in Oakland."

In Los Angeles where these transportation locusts first appeared, Black estimates they are slicing one million a year from the Los Angeles street railroads.

COLLECTIVE ACTION

According to Gov. West's last message nearly all irrigation projects undertaken under the Carey act by private capital have proved failures or are only partly completed and unable to finish. The Columbia Southern Irrigation and the Tunnel Irrigation projects taken over, financed, supervised and completed by the state have proved successful. He advised that all lands should be withdrawn from entry under the Carey act and this work be continued by the state.

In Gov. Withycombe's message he said:—

There should be legislation permitting the establishment of hydro-electric power districts and districts for the reclamation of unimproved areas, such as stump and undrained lands. In the creation of such districts the general procedure used in irrigation districts should be followed. This will lead, I believe to a speedier development of the state.

More and more is collective public action by the government proving more effective and efficient in large constructive enterprises than is private capital and initiative. There is continual complaint against the government entering these fields, formerly left solely to private capital, and harsh criticisms are made of the efficiency of the government.

Bill the Panama canal was built in a most successful and economical manner, more so than private capital ever obtained on works of magnitude.

Necessity now drives individualistic man into co-operative measures in such undertakings as irrigation works as in more primitive times it forced him to tribal law for protection. Co-operation and regulated monopoly are more the order of the day than competition.

AID FOR CRIPPLED CHILDREN

In the governor's message he advised the legislature to make provision for crippled children of the state.

This is probably the best measure covered by the message both in economic value and in humanitarianism.

Care should be taken of the unfortunate children if it were solely a matter of charity and expense, but it is in fact an investment which will return the state a large profit. Crippled or defective children must be taken care of in some small manner and degree. If only poorly done, they are a charge on society, but if taken under the care of specialists, learned in heredity, nutrition, hygiene, preventative medicine, dentistry, sociology, educational art, ethics and applied psychology, they are often developed, not only into self-sustaining citizens, but exceptionally capable men who are an asset to society instead of a liability.

If the state will take up the question of child welfare systematically much greater progress will be made than if left to private initiative.

People have been more prone to establish government bureaus to investigate stock and vegetable breeding than they have in a campaign to secure better children.

To neglect defective children is economic waste. To provide training and care for them is a dividend earning investment.

THE CAUSE OF THE GREAT ITALIAN EARTHQUAKE

University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 20.—The earthquake that caused the deaths of more than 30,000 persons in Italy was perhaps due to the shifting or dropping of some rock fault, according to Dr. Warren D. Smith, professor of geology at the University of Oregon and member of the Seismographical Society of America. Dr. Smith makes the reservation, however that exact details are not at hand.

"Italian geologists have found throughout Italy weak spots in the earth's crust. A line drawn through these spots follows certain rock formation or structural lines, and the greatest disturbances have occurred at the intersections of some of these tectonic lines," says Dr. Smith.

"It has recently been demonstrated that there is a measurable rock tide caused by the same attractive forces that produce the ocean tides, and the reason this tide is not detected by the naked eye is that the crust of the earth is incomparably more rigid than the surface of the ocean, and the accumulation of stresses in the rocks, finally results in a giving way at some points, these points naturally being the weak ones in the crust of the earth. They lie along the border of the ocean and usually in the portions of the earth geologically newest.

Italy is situated in one of these newest portions of the earth, as are also California, the Philippines, the west coast of South America, and other countries.

In development of the rock tide theory, the geologist Peritt says that at certain times when some of the heavenly bodies get in a straight line the pull becomes so great on the weak spots of the earth that movements result along the faults. The theory is now upheld by a great many geologists and at Potsdam, Germany, geologists have actually measured the rock tide."

That this is not the last earthquake Italy will have by any means, in Dr. Smith's belief.

The people in certain parts of Italy have been warned to move their cities. This was the case with Messina where a few years ago there was an earthquake followed by a tidal wave which caused big loss of life and property. Scientists are now able to tell by seismograph records the location and intensity of earthquakes in distant parts of the earth before the telegraph wires bring the news, and have also been able to predict where the next disturbance will most likely occur. The next step will be to predict when these earthquakes will come and thus make escape possible.

A. P. Morgan and Company with other bankers have agreed to loan the Russian government \$100,000,000 at 5 per cent. This is a loan of further credit.

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