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It has been suggested that Athena crosswalks be constructed from rock and concrete instead of pine planks, the material now used. These suggestions have not met with any degree of popularity, for the reason that those having street improvement in charge have never had experience with concrete and rock in crosswalk building, but doubtless are open to conviction from the very fact that the material now used is short lived, costly and unsatisfactory. In towns and smaller cities of the eastern and middle states concrete and rock is the principal material used in crosswalk construction and gives general satisfaction, not only on residence streets, but on business thoroughfares where the heaviest traffic must be contended with. There the process of construction is a layer of crushed rock, rigidly tamped in the bottom of the excavation. Following this, slabs of stone dressed to a comparatively smooth surface on the upper side is laid in the usual mixture of crushed rock and concrete. Allowed to dry and season properly, the result is that the surface stones are firmly encased in a bed of cement so that it is impossible to dislodge them except by use of pick and crowbar. The edges of the stone lying next to the approaches of the walk are rounded off thus avoiding all unnecessary jar that otherwise would result from the wheels of heavily loaded vehicles. The expense of wooden crosswalks is enormous in the aggregate, and particularly so where laid in soil that contains alkali properties, for the reason that the lumber soon rots and becomes absolutely worthless. The following from the Weston leader would indicate that the expense of keeping up wooden walks there is to be done away with:

The rock crusher was in operation for a couple of days this week, grinding up basalt for concrete crosswalks on the Main street squares. A new "toggle" procured for the machine failed to work properly and the old one was used.

Those having in charge the improvement of Athena streets would do well to investigate Weston's experiment with the crosswalk problem, and in event of culmination in success, we should at once adopt the plan, and relegate splinters, holes and useless expense to the past.

Weston and Eastern Oregon has an able and conscientious champion in the cause of the Eastern Oregon State Normal School in the Weston leader.

In his editorial page, Wood is dealing some heavy blows in fact and figures that show Scott, the heavy one, to be decidedly inconsistent and mercenary in the policy which he would have the state adopt toward the normal school. In its masterly defense, the Leader is fair, unbiased and impartial, and had it the circulation of the Oregonian throughout the state, Harvey and his Yamhill statesman would not have their end of the issue by the tail with a down-hill pull, nor would the little hazel-patch colonels down in the valley be shooting rye straw darts into a controversy of which they are totally ignorant save what they memorize from their text book and bible, the Oregonian. On this vital question of maintaining a normal school in Eastern Oregon, the Leader is unbiased because it recognizes the right and privilege of Western Oregon to have like institutions; impartial and fair for the reason that it does not hesitate to look at home for a share of the blame, and right; fully censures the board of regents for "standing from under" and letting the school close, after Weston citizens had come forward with an \$8,000 fund to keep it open.

The Mutual Life paid a dollar a line to have favorable stories circulated about it, but when McCurdy wanted it said that he made a favorable impression, the price was two dollars. Even McCurdy's colleagues in bamboozling the public are ready to take a shot at him.

**THE MOVEMENT AT HAND.**  
(Oregonian.)

During the next five years new foundations ought to be laid for development of Oregon—greater development, even, than Oregon has yet known.

It can come only through railway extension. That is to say, railway development only on a line north and south, through the western part of the state, and on a line east and west, nearly, along its northern border. They meet upon a right angle at Portland, near the northwestern corner. It is but the skeleton of a system, that we may hope and believe is now to be filled in, by lines traversing the great interior and outlying districts.

A railroad across Middle Oregon is the first necessity. It might enter Eastern Oregon from any point in the Middle Willamette or Upper Willamette valley. From this trunk branch lines should be thrown out, right and left, as the conditions might require. The Klamath Lake country should be reached from the north and from the south. Once a trunk line passes the Cascade mountains, Middle and Eastern and Southern Oregon will be within reach. A vast region, now occupied by the keepers of isolated herds of cattle and sheep, will gradually be transformed into a district of agriculture, wheatgrowing, alfalfa, fixed settlements and permanent farms. It is an arid or semi-arid region, that will require time for its development; but man is finding out how to get water wherever water is obtainable, and experience shows that there are now few stretches of hopeless desert.

A railway directly across Middle Oregon, from the Willamette valley, would intersect the Oregon Short Line at or in the vicinity of Ontario. Accommodation of the country would be completed by laterals from it, or by additional lines southward from the Columbia river, of which already there are three, awaiting extension.

A line into Coos Bay is one of the very great needs. There is no reason to doubt that it will soon be supplied—from a point in the Umpqua valley. It is natural to expect all of these

from the combination known as the Harriman roads. The vast territory enveloped or inclosed already by the main lines of this system should naturally be threaded by cross cut lines or lateral feeders, belonging to the same system.

This is an outline of the development that Oregon feels it has reason to expect within the next few years. Equal interest is felt in the Clearwater and Snake river country, where railway work is expected soon to supply every need of a region long in dispute between rival interests. Nor will our northern and central coast country be longer neglected; for we believe the Nehalem and Tillamook road will soon make a beginning there—to be followed perhaps by a railroad parallel to the coast along the whole Pacific shore line of Oregon and California.

In these modern times the railroad must be a leader in development. It cannot wait until a region is fully occupied; for no region can be occupied at all unless assured of speedy railway connections. And experience has shown that a railway anywhere ever seemed more helpless for a railroad than that through the Rocky mountains now occupied by the Denver & Rio Grande? And where is a region less inviting, more arid, than that now traversed by the new railroad from Salt Lake City to Los Angeles? The railroad makes a country, and the country makes a railroad.

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**Summons.**  
In the Justice Court for the District of Athena, Umatilla County, State of Oregon.  
H. O. Worthington and G. M. Thompson, partners, as Worthington & Thompson, plaintiffs, vs. Charles Thompson, Defendant.  
To Charles Thompson, the above named defendant:  
In the name of the State of Oregon, you are hereby notified, commanded and required to appear before the undersigned justice of the peace at his office in Athena, Umatilla county, Oregon, on or before six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, which said first date is October 3d, A. D., 1905, and answer the complaint of the plaintiffs filed in said court against you; and you will take notice that unless you so appear and answer or otherwise plead to said complaint within said time you will suffer judgment taken against you for the sum of \$51.00, and for the costs and disbursements in this action; you will also take notice that personal property purporting to belong to you has been attached and proceedings by attachment and garnishment issued out of this court against your said property.

This summons is published by order of this court duly made this 3d day of October, 1905, and will appear in the Athena Press once a week for a period of six weeks, the first publication appearing as above and the last one on November 14, 1905.

Dated this 3d day of October, A. D. 1905.  
O. G. Chamberlain,  
Justice of the Peace.

Peterson & Peterson,  
Attorneys for Plaintiffs.

**Summons.**  
In the Justice Court of the District of Athena, Umatilla County, State of Oregon.  
W. M. Mosgrove, Plaintiff, vs. Samuel McReynolds and Andrew Stewart, partners, as McReynolds & Stewart, defendants.  
To Samuel McReynolds and Andrew Stewart, partners, defendants above named:  
In the name of the state of Oregon you are hereby notified, commanded and required to appear before the undersigned justice of the peace at his office in Athena, Umatilla County, State of Oregon, within six weeks from the date of the first publication of this summons, which said first date is October 3, A. D., 1905, and answer to the complaint of the plaintiff filed in this court against you.

And you will take notice that unless you so appear and answer or otherwise plead to said complaint within said time, you will suffer judgment taken against you for the sum of \$53.90, and for plaintiff's cost and disbursements in this action; you will also take notice that proceedings by attachment and garnishment have been duly issued out of this court in this action and that property purporting to belong to you has been attached and garnished by the constable of this district.

This summons is published by order of this court duly made on this the 3d day of October, A. D. 1905, and will appear in the Athena Press once a week for a period of six weeks, the first publication appearing as above stated and the last one on November 14, 1905.

O. G. Chamberlain,  
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