

GOOD ROAD POINTERS

Good roads will make Oregon the greatest dairying center in the world. Remember this when you vote on the road bond bill in June.

The proposed bond issue will provide good roads at no greater cost than the state is now paying for poor ones.

The action of the recent Legislature in doubling the annual license on automobiles and making the funds derived therefrom available for road construction is justified by the reasoning that it is the automobile that destroys the road and it should bear the burden of road construction.

"When public money is honestly spent on a road every dollar becomes three dollars," says the Portland Journal. "First, there is the dollar in the road itself. Second, there remains in the community the dollar which has been paid out for labor and material. Third, there is the dollar of economic value added to the land adjacent to the road. This is a real value, not a speculative one. It is an increase in productive capacity."

Better reasons for supporting the road bond bill June 4th could not be offered. It may be depended upon that Highway Commissioners Benson, Thompson and Adams will see to it that every dollar of the road fund is honestly expended and full value returned in roads honestly constructed.

The personnel of the Highway Commission, appointed by Governor Withycombe, is in itself a guarantee that the money derived from the proposed \$6,000,000 good roads bond issue will be wisely and economically expended. It is a further guarantee that every cent of the money will be spent in practical road construction. There will be neither waste nor extravagance in the expenditure of the fund.

In voting the good roads bonds June 4th, the voters of the state are taking absolutely no chances. The bill authorizing the bonds specifically describes the roads to be improved and defines the general character of their construction. Bids will be invited and, if the proposals are excessive, the Highway Commissioners have announced that they will do their own paving. What more could be asked?

None of the money to be expended for good roads under the bonding act will be expended in Multnomah County although that county pays 40 per cent of the automobile licenses of the state and a proportionate share of the regular quarter mill road tax.

Mother's Doll Story

The Squirrel's House

There was once a nice toy dog of the name of Pip. He lived in a charming little doghouse that stood near the nursery window.

His master was Fred, about six years old. And when spring came Fred lost all interest in toy dogs and wanted a live squirrel.

"Papa, how can I get a pet squirrel?" he was always asking.

And, since he lived in a big city, where there were no squirrels except those in the parks, his daddy always said, "I'm sure I don't know, Fred."

But one beautiful sunny day his papa took Fred to the country, and there they found a very kind farmer who caught them a squirrel in a wooden trap.

When Fred got home what do you think he did with his toy dog—his old friend that had been his pet doll since he was a little baby? Why, he just pitched Pip out of the doghouse and put the squirrel in.

But Pip had a lovely disposition, and instead of barking and making a horrid fuss he ran right out in the kitchen for a bone to give the squirrel. But squirrels like nuts best, so Fred sold newspapers till he earned 10 cents to buy nuts for his new pet.

Home Rules For Young.

Be prompt at every meal hour. Shut every door after you and without slamming it.

Let your first, last and best confidant be your mother.

Don't make a practice of shouting, jumping or running in the house.

Never interrupt any conversation, but wait patiently your turn to speak.

The Lion's Tongue.

The lion's tongue is so rough that it can be used to rasp the flesh from the bones. The horny, clawlike papillae, or prickles, are nearly a quarter of an inch long. It has been said that the cat uses her prickly tongue in the same way, but she uses it chiefly as a comb.

On the Western Australian coast the tides are so variable that it is not an uncommon sight to see vessels high and dry at their piers.

GOOD ROADS RALLY TO BE HELD APRIL 28

Reduced excursion rates from all sections of the state have been granted by the railroads for the Statewide Good Roads Rally to be held in Portland, Saturday, April 28. Don't forget the date and arrange to attend. Every friend of the road bond bill and good roads enthusiast is invited to be present.

Governor Withycombe and Highway Commissioners Benson, Thompson and Adams will deliver the principal addresses and short five-minute talks are proposed by the Mayors of various Oregon cities.

From present indications, the rally will prove the most notable gathering of good roads boosters ever held in the Pacific Northwest.

"Your cat made an awful noise in the back garden last night, and"—
"I'm awfully sorry, Mr. Houston, but since he ate the canary he thinks he can sing."—London Opinion.

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