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**Good Roads Thoughts**

Governor West in strong endorsement of the Good Roads cause in his message to the Legislature has given the better highways movement tremendous encouragement and strength.

"We may sing the state's praises to the sky and spend a fortune in advertising our resources to attract home-seekers and settlers" said Governor West, but we will have but little success unless we can point to some movement toward the construction of Good Roads over which the products of the farm may be handled to market.

"Realizing how greatly the state was in need of good roads, and that through our slipshod methods of road patching thousands of dollars of the people's money was being squandered annually, a number of our public spirited citizens through their organization, the Oregon Good Roads Association, have thoroughly investigated the whole question of road building and I understand will submit to your consideration a number of bills which embody their views and recommendations in the matter. Knowing that their recommendations are being prompted solely by an earnest desire to see this state gridironed by the best system of highways in the world, and at the least possible cost to the taxpayers, I ask that the whole question be kindly given the most careful consideration by you."

With Governor West's support has been joined the promises of many legislators that they will support the Good Roads cause and the bills that have been framed to meet the good roads construction need.

Oregon good roads advocates are bending the strength of their united influence to secure adoption of five highway measures now pending before the legislature. These bills, made law, will set into motion and make possible a good roads campaign in every county that will result in actual miles of road built. But the plans formulated by the Oregon Good Roads Association contemplate more than road building, they are intended to aid in the building of better homes, better schools, and to make farm work pay better.

The united system of road building is recommended for every county. This means that each county aided by the state will construct its own highway system in the way most needed by that particular county. The state highway commissioner, whose services are to be rendered under the state highway board, will advise as to best methods while at the same time relating and connecting the better built highway system of one county to those adjoining so that the ultimate result will be a state-wide system. This unit system has been found most effective and satisfactory in other states.

Every unemployed man in every county will be given work in road building according to the present plan. He will be made a producer of wealth and an agent of development. Convicts will be taken from the jails and made to prepare material and in instances where it is desirable actually build the roads. In Washington convicts thus employed, whether taken from city, county or state prisons, net the state a profit each of \$2.50. This means that they pay their way and a little better, and are no longer either a burden or menace to the community.

Making of macadamized roads is recommended wherever possible. The State Highway Commissioner will have as a duty the spread of information explaining best construction methods. One of the first and most valuable features of information will be the report of Professor H. M. Parks that Oregon counties have within their borders enough basalt and other splendid road-making material to last forever. Trying to build the system of better roads all at once is not recommended. Improvement of existing dirt roads comes first, then macadamizing as fast as possible.

The bonding act is not intended to saddle debt on counties. It is expected to make immediately available \$10,000 from the state fund for every \$20,000 secured by bonding. Future generations who will enjoy the benefits and pleasures of improved highways even more than the present will pay for the roads gradually. If roads were built on each outlay the cost would come before the benefits. Under the bonding act the road itself guarantees the outlay, and the enhanced value of property, the facilitated transportation and the larger returns from effort, will meet interest and first cost. Good roads are an interest-paying investment.

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**OUR PORTLAND LETTER**

Head of State Development League Sees a Bright Future

Wide interest and confidence in Oregon throughout the East was noticed by Theodore B. Wilcox, president of the Oregon Development League, who has just returned from a business trip. He found the railroads are advertising Oregon extensively and expects this, in connection with the other work along similar lines, will bring a flood of settlers. Mr. Wilcox found the belief general throughout the East that the completion of the Panama Canal will be of great benefit to the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Wilcox showed the pride he feels in his state when he said: "On my trip I passed through Virginia, the Carolinas and Georgia. I do not hesitate to say I would not give the poorest acre in the whole Northwest for ten of the best in that section of the country, that is, for agricultural purposes."

The new railroads up the Deschutes River into Interior Oregon are going forward at a rapid rate and are both practically ready for trains for a distance of 71 miles from the mouth of the river. The Harriman line expects to reach the 82nd milepost by February 1, leaving 51 miles to be built to Redmond. It is expected this will be accomplished in May. The Hill road will probably be completed as far as Bend early next Summer.

United States engineers have officially approved the project for a 50-foot channel to the sea from Portland and they recommend an appropriation of \$520,000 for starting the work. The officials contemplate the dredging and maintenance of a channel 30 feet deep and 300 feet wide. This will be far easier, it is believed, than was the original improvement of the river, which has been deepened from 17 to 27 feet at low tide.

Portland people are becoming interested in the 1911 exhibition of the Portland Fair and Livestock Association, which is expected to be the best yet. Directors met during the past week and outlined a broad policy for the organization that augurs well for its future. As an aid in fostering the livestock industry, this organization is doing a great work for the Pacific Northwest.

Hardware and farm implement dealers of the state will assemble in Portland for their annual convention on January 24-27. Trade questions will be discussed and problems that confront the merchants will be solved. Parcels Post will come up for consideration and other vexed matters will be untangled.

The first annual Pacific Northwest Livestock Show will be held in Portland March 20, 21 and 22. It will be an exhibit of fat stock, patterned after similar shows held in the packing centers of the Middle West. It will be of great educational value to those interested in livestock and will aid in the extension of the industry in the Northwest. The show has the backing of the livestock interests as well as the active support of James J. Hill and others interested in the development of this section of the country.

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**HIS CHOCOLATE GIRL**

By B. CRITTENDON LYTLE

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"That is the most singular thing I ever saw. Can I believe my eyes? There is 'The Chocolate Girl,' the picture I have seen a hundred times, carrying the tray with a pot of chocolate and cups and saucers on it. But instead of standing still, as any respectable figure in a picture should do and as all picture figures did until the invention of the cinematograph, she is walking across the floor. There! She has put her tray on a table, turned and walked deliberately out of the room."

"Am I in a moving picture show? I am not. I am in bed, a strange bed, a strange room—everything strange. There is a picture on the wall, a picture of a man stealing upon a deer to shoot him. I'll watch to see if the man moves. No; he doesn't. He continues to crouch with his thumb on the hammer of his gun, his forefinger on the trigger. The deer is nipping the grass. Perhaps if he gets the man's wind he'll toss his head and be off toward cover over in that wood. No; the deer still nibbles, and the man still keeps watching him. They are making me tired. I wish one or the other would show signs of life, or, rather, I wish the chocolate girl would come back."

"I wonder how I came to be in this room. I believe I'll get up and go out and find out about it."

I tried to rise, but fell back on my pillow.

"There must be something wrong about me. It seems that the chimneys of fifty cathedrals are ringing at once in my head. If one would ring at a time I fancy the sound would be very musical. I see colors, too, as if the light were broken by a prism."

"Here comes the chocolate girl."

She came in softly, advanced to the bed, looked down at me, placed her hand on my forehead—oh, how soft and cool it felt—then walked away.

"Now that she is nearer or there's more light or I can see her better, or something, I presume that she wears a white dress, a white apron with a bib and straps over her shoulders. Her cap isn't exactly like the picture after all. I wonder if it is really chocolate in the picture. Those things on the tray are not the little cups and saucers of the picture at all. There are one cup and saucer, a covered dish, a plate, a knife and fork."

"Come here," I said to the chocolate girl.

She turned quietly, as if surprised, and came to the bed, looking at me critically.

"What I wish to know is whether or not you are the chocolate girl."

She put her hand on my forehead again soothingly, but made no reply. Indeed, the question didn't seem to surprise her very much.

"Because if you are the chocolate girl I want to say to you that I have loved you for years in the picture and now you have stepped out of it and into the flesh I shall love you the same."

The door opened and a man with a bald head and mutton chop whiskers came in. The girl turned to meet him, and they conversed in low tones. I heard her say, "He is still delicious." He stayed but a few moments, then went away.

"So I am delicious! That's all nonsense. I'm ill or have been. And this person whom I at first mistook for the girl in the picture is my nurse. I'm glad I told her what I did before I realized the conditions. When a man is ill and is ministered to by a pretty woman he's bound to fall in love with her. I wonder if it wouldn't be a good scheme to go on making love to her as the chocolate girl. It doesn't scare her a bit, whereas if I were to give her the real thing it might spoil the game. She's pretty enough to kiss. Delicious I might try it on; in my senses it would be a very different matter. I shall continue in delirium."

(Continued next week)

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