

### HILL TALKS FOR GOOD HIGHWAYS

Greatest Menace to Northwest is Politician Who Seeks Use of Road Funds for Political Purposes—Asks Support for Gov. West.

Samuel Hill of Maryland, Wash., the widely known good roads advocate of the northwest, delivered a scholarly address at the Oregon Development league convention and will deliver two speeches here to assist the good roads campaign. He said in part:

"To curb the trend of population toward the cities and to divert it to the land is a wise procedure, but to put the people on the land and keep them there permanently they must be enabled to support life with just as much safety, certainty and ease as in the city. The fact that our food lands are tilled by less than one third of the population is a striking comment on our present methods of government and indicates our lack of civilization.

#### The Mistakes of Congress.

"Washington, D. C., is not the center of the agricultural population of the United States. If the money which the congressmen of the western states are appropriating for what they believe to be good roads was divided among the several agricultural colleges of the United States and a proper chair of roadbuilding established in each of those colleges and the students given practical instruction in building roads, these roads would serve as models for the several states and could be examined and appreciated because in America we must rely on a campaign of education.

"Think what there would be if there were 50 schools of roadbuilding in the United States; all adopting uniform standards adapted to soils and climates of the several communities which these roads must serve.

#### Fine Road at Maryland.

"Everyone wants good roads. Few understand what the words mean and only a handful of men in the country know how to construct them. The roads around the national capital are a joke. It may seem to you like a far cry, but I believe S. C. Lancaster is constructing at Maryland, Wash., what will be, regard being had to cost of construction and durability, the best type of road in the United States and which will serve as a model for California, Oregon, and Washington.

"Oregon has as yet a clean page but the directing power of this great state comprising 96,000 square miles in area is in the hands of a governor and if the people support him as I believe they will, there is no reason why Oregon should not join hands with California in the forward march of progress.

"With a sad face I turn to the state of Washington, from which so much has been expected—the first of all the states to establish a chair of roadbuilding in its university; the first of all communities in the history of the world to build a building and inscribe on its portals 'Good Roads.' Some Methods of 1861.

"As the snows of the mountains melted by the chinook become a raging tide which no barrier can withstand, so the tide of ignorance fomented by the politician who saw in education a menace to his cherished schemes of using the road fund for political purposes swept everything away and Washington has the same methods of road building which she had 50 years ago. The employment of convict labor on the roads which had proved so beneficial to the convict himself and which produced such great economic results for the state was stopped. But whether the politician can permanently mislead the people of this state the election next year will determine.

#### Example of British Columbia.

"To the north of us lies the province of British Columbia. Its destinies have been placed in the hands of a man of marked ability, with a creative mind and I venture the prediction that his appropriation this year of six millions of dollars (for a population of four hundred thousand) for the betterment of the highways, will stamp British Columbia as the most progressive of all the provinces and will result in giving it greater prosperity than in any other portion of the Pacific coast.

"The cost per ton per mile for hauling freight over the railroads of the United States last year was little more than three-fourths of a cent—.00750—and yet the cost of transportation is 37½ times as great?"

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 17.—The International Typographical union convention today rejected the proposition that the headquarters of the union be changed from Indianapolis to Washington.

### NO APOLOGIES FROM TEDDY

Former President Roosevelt Assumes All Responsibility for Steel Trust Merger in Current Issue of the Outlook—Says Move Necessary.

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—Emphasizing his desire to assume all responsibility for allowing the steel trust to gobble up the Tennessee Coal and Iron company in the panic days of 1907, Theodore Roosevelt, in a signed editorial in the Outlook today, declares he has no apologies to offer for his action. The article says:

"Nobody need feel either concern or hope as to whether anything done in my administration will be 'discovered' for the excellent reason that nothing was hidden. It was not my privilege or in my power to search in the hidden domain of motive. My action was not conditioned upon what I believed to be the motives actuating the steel corporation, but upon the belief that the action they proposed would enormously benefit the general community at that particular moment.

#### To Save Situation.

"Whether the chief motive for the steel corporation's action was to absorb the Tennessee Coal & Iron Co., or whether it was to save a threatened New York firm from failure and thereby stop the panic, did not concern me. That both motives were in their mind and thought, I still think is possible. My concern was that action should be taken and the situation saved.

"Most people have short memories, but if they will consider the situation carefully, they will understand that it was not a question of saving any bank or trust company, but of saving the plain, common people in all parts of the country from dreadful misery and suffering. This my action did.

#### Only Action Possible.

"One question which has been put to me indicated a misbelief that my action was really effective in stopping the panic. At that time and for months thereafter, no man would have ventured to express such disbelief unless he were prepared by the decision of every man knowing anything of the actual facts. The action taken was, in my judgement, the only action that would stop the panic, and it certainly was an enormous, and in all human probability, the decisive influence in actually stopping it.

"The purchase of the Tennessee company did not by itself affect the status of the steel corporation so far as the Sherman law was concerned. My idea was to meet the facts as they were, not the facts as they might afterward become."

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### WILL TELL ABOUT SUGAR.



Mr. Washington B. Thomas, chairman of the executive board of the American Sugar Refining company, will be one of the several witnesses called before the Hardwick sugar investigating committee when that body meets in New York next week.

### PRESIDENT APPROVES NEW STATEHOOD BILL

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 17.—Senator William Alden Smith of Michigan, chairman of the senate committee on territories, announced today that President Taft approved of the compromise bill framed by the senate and house territories committees, admitting New Mexico and Arizona and eliminating the recall of the judiciary measure from the proposed Arizona constitution. He said the president promised to sign the bill if it were passed by both houses.

#### NOTICE TO JAIL CONTRACTORS.

Sealed proposals will be received by the county court of Jackson county at his office in the county court house at Jacksonville, Jackson county, Oregon, on August 28, 1911, at 10 o'clock for the construction of the cell work in the new county jail at Jacksonville, Jackson county, Oregon. Plans and specifications are on file in the office of the county court, also in W. W. Harmons' office in the court house in Jacksonville, Oregon. A certified check of 10 per cent of the amount of the bid must accompany same. The court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Signed

J. R. NEIL, County Judge.

#### DIED.

DEMME—At her home in Medford, Or., at 2:30 a. m. August 17, 1911, Mrs. Amella Demme, aged 57 years, 3 months and 23 days. She was the wife of Paul Demme of this city and resided in this city nine years. She came to Oregon in 1872. Funeral services will be held at the Lutheran church Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock, Rev. Wilker officiating.

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### REPAIR BRIDGE CENTRAL POINT

Structure Over Rogue On Old Jackson Place Nearly Complete—Will Have Bear Creek Bridge Ready Before Fall.

The bridge across Rogue River on the old Jackson place near Eagle Point has been nearly completed and a gang of workmen have been taken from that bridge and put at work reconstructing the bridge over Bear creek near Central Point which was heavily damaged by the first flood last winter. A carload of piling arrived Thursday for use in the repair work.

It is expected that the county will have the bridge near Central Point ready for traffic before the first fall rains swell the water in Bear creek.

### LA FOLLETTE STARTS TO CAPTURE NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Aug. 17.—A quarter of a million copies of Senator La Follette's anti-reciprocity speech, 100,000 copies of the speech by Senator Borah and a similar number of copies of the remarks uttered by Senator Bourne of Oregon have been distributed among the voters of New York in the hope of advancing La Follette's chances for the presidential nomination. The remarks of Senator Bourne that are being distributed generally are against Canadian reciprocity, showing why such a treaty would be detrimental to American farmers. This is admitted by Bela Tokaji, who has hold of the organizing of La Follette's campaign here. He has admitted that he has charge of La Follette's interests in New York.

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### NEW MOVING PICTURE SHOW

People's Amusement Company Lease and Remodel Webb Block, Formerly Occupied by Medford Furniture Company, on Main Street.

W. B. Armstrong, superintendent of construction for the People's Amusement company, owners of many show houses in the northwest, arrived in Medford yesterday for the purpose of remodeling the Webb building, formerly occupied by the Medford Furniture & Hardware company on Main street. About \$5000 will be spent in making the location a very high class, modern theatre with every new novelty and convenience. Mr. Armstrong estimates about three weeks to make the changes.

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