

# GOV. WEST MAKING AGGRESSIVE FIGHT FOR GOOD ROADS BILLS

### Governor Campaigning With Street Talks and Stereopticon Views to Secure Signatures for Initiative Measures.

### GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION FOLLOWING UP HIS EFFORTS

### Executive Wants Rock Quarries Established Throughout State and Convicts Kept Busy in Them.

Backed by the state good roads association and by progressive people everywhere, Governor West is making an energetic campaign for the good roads initiative bills, now ready for signatures at the Medford, Holland and Nash hotels and at the Mail Tribune office.

In daily street talks, at halls and at theaters, with stereopticon illustrations, the governor has been busy at Portland all week. And this is the speech the governor makes:

### Rock Quarries Wanted.

"Rock quarries ought to be established at central points where the right kind of rock may be obtained. They should be operated with convict labor, and the rock should be sold to the farmers at cost. Those quarries should be accessible to the railroads, so that with a cheap rate the rock can be hauled in this manner. This will relieve the penitentiary of the expense of maintaining these convicts. We are establishing a quarry at Oregon City now. For 50 miles between Portland and Salem the wagon road follows the railroad."

### Prize Offered Postmen.

"I want to get the rural carriers throughout the state interested in good roads, and to do it I have offered a prize of a rural mail delivery wagon to the carrier sending in to me the best letter telling of the need of good roads and accompanied by a photograph of the worst piece of road he has to travel over, showing the mail wagon in the picture. These will be available to the press. Rural carriers, and those on star routes, in the United States travel over 400,000,000 miles a year. Some districts are denied rural mail service because the roads are so poor."

### Best Legislation Sought.

"As to good roads legislation, it doesn't make a particle of difference to me whose bills I support. All I ask is that I be allowed the privilege of supporting the best bill. If any one else has a better bill than ours, and will show me wherein it is better, I will gladly support it. The bonding feature of these bills is objected to. In the last six years the counties of Oregon have spent \$11,000,000 for roads. The bill provides for the issuing of \$2,000,000 bonds each year for 10 years, or \$20,000,000 all told."

### Solons Blamed for Tax.

"Complaint is being made about the high taxes. They were caused by the large appropriations made by the legislature in its recent session. Many of the expenditures were absolutely unnecessary, many were necessary. The tax burden this year was about all the people could stand, and any attempt to put upon the people an additional burden would be fought. In view of that, the question comes up: Who are the roads to benefit? They will certainly benefit the new-comer, those who purchase the land or improve it after the roads are built. They will also benefit the farmers who already have homes throughout the state. Therefore the burden ought to be shared. Under the bonding system you will have 10 persons to bear the burden, where now you have but one."

### Winter Work Urged.

"The time when the crops must be hauled is the time when all the teams are busy in the harvest field, and when the farmers can least afford to spare them. With good roads the hauling could be distributed

through the winter, or the farmer could watch the market, and haul when he could obtain the most for his grain or other crops.

"The load that can be hauled over a road is measured by the worst piece of the road. A team can haul two tons over a good road, but only one ton over a poor one. The bad road takes twice as many horses and men, and thereby costs the average farmer \$2.50 a day or \$750 a year.

"The success which has come to the railroads is from watching the leaks. So it will be with the farmer. Some may not favor these bills because they give the appointive power to the governor. I believe it should go to the governor because that places the responsibility. The state constitution contemplates that the governor shall carry the appointive power."

### Appointive Plan Upheld.

"Personally I would rather it would be with somebody else, for I have work enough. But if the appointive power were given me I would devote every possible effort to see that the new law was successfully carried out, because if it were not the governor would be the first to have the finger pointed at him."

"Some say the appointive power should be in the hands of a board, but a board acts on the suggestion of one man, so that it is, even under this system, a one-man appointment. If the appointee is appointed by the governor, he knows he is responsible for the appointment, and he knows the governor can discharge him tomorrow. It puts a stop to a lot of red tape, and fixes the responsibility."

"If the Oregonian has a better bill than the one we have, let the Oregonian put it forth, and if it is as good as ours, I will support it. If the granges have a better bill, let them trot it out. We want the best there is."

### State's Progress Cited.

"We have progressed rapidly in this state; we have good banking laws, good forestry protection, a good railroad commission law, good laws for fish preservation, and good laws conserving our water power. The growth of Portland has been phenomenal, but the time is coming when the city will become topheavy, and we can't ask the newcomer to go 'back to the land' if he hasn't roads over which to haul his produce to market after he has put forth the labor to raise it."

"I have traveled over most of the roads of Oregon, and over many of them on a saddle horse, because I couldn't go over them with a wagon. When my term expires I shall still be able to go over them with a saddle horse, because I haven't sold my horses yet, although I couldn't afford an automobile. So you see I shall be able to put up with Oregon's poor roads just as well as any one else."

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## Will Battle for Lightweight Championship Tuesday Evening



Bobbie Evans Northwest's lightweight champion.



Young Dixon of Kansas City, challenger.

Ten round bout creates interest—Both men evenly matched—Pretty boxing contest should ensue.

## BEST BOXING BOUT STAGED

### Local Fans Looking Forward to Match Between Bobbie Evans and Young Dixon, Scheduled for Next Tuesday.

Local fans are in their glory once more and are anxiously awaiting Tuesday night's boxing bouts at the Natarium Athletic club's smoker, which promises to be the best night of boxing the club has ever staged.

New talent and new faces will be seen. The club has secured Bobbie Evans to meet Young Dixon in a 10-round bout as a main event. The two boys are well known, Evans having defeated the best boys of his weight in the northwest and for a time acted as Paakey McFarland's sparring partner. Dixon has done most of his boxing in the middle west and has held his own against good men.

Several good four-round preliminaries will precede the main event. To accommodate what should be a record breaking house the large skating rink floor of the "Nat" will be used. Seats on sale at the Nash hotel.

## HOPE OF WHITES CAN BEAT SNAKE

### Jim Flynn, That Pueblo Fireman, Touted as a World Beater—Hundred Thousand Offered for Match at Albuquerque.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Feb. 10. Prediction that Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, would dispose of Champion Jack Johnson by a knockout in their July battle was made today here by Jack Curley, manager of Flynn, Curley, who is promoting the affair, declared that business men of Las Vegas had offered him \$100,000 to stage the bout there. In discussing the coming match Curley said:

"There is no doubt in my mind but that Flynn will win. He has won 12 straight fights and has disposed of every heavyweight of importance except Johnson. Flynn is a wonderfully improved fighter, and he will enter the ring against the negro weighing nearly 200 pounds. I do not believe Johnson would fight if he could get out of it, but he must do so to maintain his reputation, which is earning him \$200 weekly."

LOS ANGELES, Cal.—"Texas Tommy" has invaded the Union League club. At a smoker last night two pajama-clad girls from a local theater entertained the hard-boiled business men, who yelled for more.

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## PREVENTION

'Twas a dangerous cliff, as they freely confessed,  
Though to walk near its crest was so pleasant,  
But over its terrible edge there has slipped  
A duke and full many a peasant.  
So the people said something would have to be done,  
And their projects did not at all tally.  
Some said, "Put a fence round the edge of the cliff."  
Some, "An ambulance down in the valley."

"For the cliff is all right if you're careful," they said,  
"And if folks even slip or are dropping  
"It isn't the slipping that hurts them so much  
As the shock down below when they're stopping."  
Then an old sage remarked, "It's a marvel to me  
"That people give far more attention  
To repairing results than to stopping the cause,  
When they'd much better aim at prevention.  
(Acknowledgments to the author)

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The Illinois Society will hold its annual gathering on Lincoln's Birthday anniversary, evening of Feb. 12th, at Moose hall, 219 West Main St. Entertainment and refreshments will be provided by the committees.  
All Illinois people are cordially invited.

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