

### COMMERCIAL CLUB THREATS TO ROADS BRINGS CENSURE

With the re-election of former officers and the adoption of a resolution condemning the Medford Commercial club, the first day's session of the Tri-State Good Roads association came to a close last night with a reception to the visiting delegates at the Holland hotel. The text of the resolution is as follows:

Whereas, it is reported by the members of the state highway commission that the Good Roads measure was being placed in jeopardy by the action of the Medford Commercial club through a letter emanating therefrom over the signature of its Secretary;

And whereas, after investigation by members of the convention and by members of said Commercial club it is ascertained that such letter was sent intimating that the Medford Commercial club was behind such movement to jeopardize the bond issue if certain Portland people did not cease in their support of the referendum measure relative to the Rogue River fishing bill;

And whereas, it is the belief of this convention that the bond issue and roads measure should stand upon its merits alone and not be confused or conflicted with any other issue of any kind;

**Repudiate Commercial Club**  
Therefore, be it resolved that this convention in meeting assembled go on record as repudiating the action of the Commercial club or any of its officers or members that may have been connected with the threat in question. And that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the state highway commission.

Whereas, the most important measure before the convention is the \$6,000,000 road bond issue and whereas, it is the sense of this meeting that the measure is one of the best ever presented to the public of this or any other state for road improvement, in as much as the results are obtained without any general taxation to the public.

**Endorse Bond Issue**  
And whereas, we feel that the measure should have the unlimited support of this convention and of each and every citizen of the county and state.

Therefore, be it resolved in meeting assembled that the measure be endorsed and that each and every member of this association be appointed a committee of one and requested to actively engage in a campaign to see that measure is properly presented to those of the community who may be found to be in doubt as to its merits and that they use every endeavor to see that it receives the large majority in its favor at the election of June 4th, which it so well deserves.

Be it resolved that the thanks of this association be extended to the visitors and delegates attending this meeting, and to his honor, the governor, for his presence and assistance, also to the state highway commissions represented by Mr. Geo. T. Cotterill, state highway engineer of the state of Washington, and Mr. Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer of the state of Oregon. Thanks are also extended to the press of the city and adjoining towns for the publicity so freely given.

Be it further resolved that the thanks of the association are due to the efforts of the president and secretary in making the meeting a success.  
W. C. LEEVER,  
H. L. WALTHER,  
J. H. ALBERT,  
Committee on Resolution  
Tri-State Good Roads Association.

### WHEAT CONTINUES ON THE TOBOGGAN

CHICAGO, May 17.—Downward plunges of the wheat market took place today largely owing to reports that the United States government had asked Great Britain and her European allies to sell immense holdings of future delivery wheat contracts which had been purchased in this country and which were said to be chiefly responsible for the recent skyrocketing price of breadstuffs. The maximum fall in values this morning, after the publication of statements implying the likelihood of big unloading on the part of the foreign governments was 16 cents.

Owing to the continuance of artificial restrictions on trading, the aggregate of transactions in the wheat market was very small, despite the wide range of prices. July wheat, in which the greatest depression was witnessed, fell to \$2.11 as against \$2.30 at yesterday's finish but later rallied to \$2.22.

### ROAD DELEGATES TAKEN UPON TRIP OVER PAVED ROAD

The visiting delegates to the Good Roads convention were taken in automobiles Thursday forenoon for a ride over the Pacific highway as far as the roads would permit. At noon they returned to Ashland where the party were guests at an entertainment and luncheon given by the ladies of the Ashland Civic Improvement club and the ladies of the Good Roads convention committee of Medford. This affair originally set for outdoors in the park was held in a building because of threatening weather.

Herbert Nunn, state highway commissioner, and T. M. Davis, resident engineer of the Siskiyou division of the highway, left early Thursday morning for an inspection trip over the highway, and joined the main good roads party at Ashland this noon.

That the state money for the completion of the Pacific Highway over the Ashland Hill, and the mountain grade from the summit of the Siskiyou to the California line is now available was the welcome news brought yesterday afternoon by State Highway Engineer Herbert Nunn. The state will provide \$10,000 to aid the county in the construction of the Ashland hill road and a deputy highway engineer and crew will come to Medford the first of next week to reset the highway grade stakes. On Saturday an advertisement for bids on the construction of the road from the summit to the California line will be published. If not satisfactory bids are received, said Mr. Nunn, the state will build the road itself.

According to a recent decision of the attorney general the state has \$65,000 for the construction of the Siskiyou grade and the state highway commission has voted to increase this amount on this section of the road may be hard-surfaced. There is a fund of \$300,000 in the state treasury which can be made available for road maintenance and engineering and it is expected that the attorney general will rule that this fund may be used in completing the pavement over the mountains. The paving, therefore, depends upon this favorable ruling but if it is unfavorable a good macadam road will be constructed at any rate. State Highway Engineer Davis has a crew of men at work in the Siskiyou now and the force of workmen will be increased just as soon as weather conditions render construction work possible.

### CAUSE OF WAR SUBJECT FOR PUPILS

WASHINGTON, May 17.—Educators of the country were urged by Secretary Lane today to give prominence in commencement exercises this year in public schools, universities and colleges, to a discussion of the causes and purposes of the war. More than two score of subjects for commencement day essays or orations has been "Belgium Wrongs," "War Bread," "How Can I help in the War," and "America's Duty to the World's Democracies," are suggested by the secretary.

### REGISTRATION COMPLETE IN JACKSON COUNTY

The following is a complete list of registrations, showing the number registered in the various parties up to the close of registration on May 5, 1917:

	Male	Female	Total
Republican	3,209	2,411	5,620
Democrat	1,865	1,378	3,243
Progressive	27	7	34
Prohibition	56	164	220
Socialist	209	93	302
Miscellaneous	213	165	378
Total	5,580	4,221	9,801

### OBITUARY.

**MARTIN**—May 16, 1917, aged 95 years, Mrs. Alice M. Martin, widow of James G. Martin, at her late home, 624 North Central avenue. Deceased was a native of Vermont and had lived in Medford since 1913. The only living relative is a niece, Miss Ellen M. Sedgwick, at Bellingham, Wash. Funeral services will be held Friday at 10 a. m., Rev. Rollins officiating. Six old soldiers will be pall-bearers. Burial will be in the Odd Fellows' cemetery.

### CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our sincere thanks to the friends who sent the beautiful floral offerings and to those who assisted in the burial of Captain Nash.  
MRS. ELLA B. NASH,  
ELWELL B. NASH,

### STRONG REASONS FOR VOTING BONDS AT ROAD MEETING

Strong arguments for good roads and the passage of the \$6,000,000 state bond issue were made at the afternoon session of the fourth annual convention of the Tri-State Good Roads convention which met at the Natatorium yesterday afternoon.

"Passage of the \$6,000,000 good road bond issue" said Governor Withycombe, "is more than civic duty—it is a patriotic duty. A complete system of good roads in the state of Oregon is essential to the state's effective participation in the war in which this country is now engaged. We must supply food, but without good roads we can not properly get our food to the markets and distribution centers. We must supply soldiers and provide for the defense of our coast but without good roads, the rapid mobilization of troops at threatened points, will be impossible. Good roads are not only necessary for our proper economic development, but are a military necessity. I hope when I see the result of the election on June 4th I will see that seventy-five per cent of the people of Jackson county voted for the bonds."

The governor explained the passage of the road bill at the last legislature and explained how he had insisted upon the measure being changed to conform to the needs of the people, and also being left to the vote of the people.  
**A Good Bill**  
"This is a good road bill, ladies and gentlemen" continued the governor, "it is conservative, rational and just. It is the first road bill in Oregon which insures the people 100 cts. value for every dollar expended. The men on the state commission, who have the expenditure of road money in charge, are all men of the highest capability and of unquestioned personal integrity. You can trust them. To defeat this measure at the present time would be a calamity to the state and a menace to the security of its people."

**Mayor Gates Speaks**  
President J. A. Westerlund of the Tri-State Good Roads association presided at the meeting and introduced the speakers. The first speaker was Mayor Gates who gave a strong plea for the support of the state measure. He brought the matter down to the practical basis of local demonstration. He showed that the tires on a Ford car cost about \$66. The jitneys on the paved highway in Jackson county get an average mileage of from 7500 to 10,000. On the Eagle Point route however, where there is no paved highway the average mileage is only about 3500. In other words the paved highway in Jackson county saves the Ford owner in tires alone about \$125 a year.

**Auto Owners Willing**  
"I merely refer to the Ford" said the mayor, "because it is the cheapest car and one in common use. What is true of that car is true of all cars. Do you wonder that the automobile owner is willing to pay from three to ten dollars more a year in license money when it saves him \$132? And don't forget that the automobile owner pays for this \$6,000,000 bond issue. He pays for it and he gets benefit from it. But the farmer also gets the benefit from it, and he doesn't pay a cent in higher taxes. It is the duty of every person in Jackson county to be a committee of one to see that he himself, the members of his family and his neighbors and friends vote for this measure."  
**G. F. Cotterill Speaks**

George F. Cotterill, state highway engineer from Washington spoke as the representative of the governor of that state and gave a very interesting explanation of the good road work in Washington. He showed that of the \$37,000,000 spent annually by that state, 12 millions went for education and 7 millions for good roads. Their present plan is to have 2200 miles of state roads completed in five years, with Pacific Highway from Portland north to Seattle hard surfaced throughout except some slight breaks which will be with the best sort of macadam surface.

### Pacific Highway First

State Highway Engineer Nunn of Oregon, spoke briefly urging those who had any questions to ask to see him personally. He said that the most important road in the state was the Pacific highway and the road commission intended to see this road completed first. Without the passage of the \$6,000,000 bond issue he showed that little could be accomplished in the next two years in the way of continuing good road construction in the state.

### Women Speak

An interesting account of the work of the women of Polk county in furthering the cause of good roads was given by Mrs. Winnie Braden, secretary and treasurer of the Polk County Good Roads association. They have there appointed 24 women vice-

presidents in the county, one in each road district and are holding school house meetings throughout the campaign. Good roads, she said, were responsible for freeing the rural woman from slavery and isolation a large part of the year, and urged the club women of the state to unite in the present campaign. The \$6,000,000 state bond issue she predicted would pass by a large majority in her county.

Mrs. C. L. Schieffelin, representing the Greater Medford club, gave a very amusing account of the early

road builders in Jackson county, and aroused marked enthusiasm when she declared good roads meant not only better citizenship but a higher quality of human fellowship and good will. Most of our animosities, she declared, were due to lack of acquaintance, the more we know people, the more we understand and admire them. She hoped the day would come when there would not only be a paved highway from north to south but paved laterals into the country districts.  
J. H. Albert of Salem, a well known

good road booster, in a few words complimented Jackson county upon its leadership and progress in good roads development, and regretted that there was not more of the same spirit in the northern part of the state.

Porter J. Neff was on the program but owing to the lateness of the hour was excused upon his own request.

### COALITION MINISTRY

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for the constituent assembly. In re-

turn the government demands such full confidence and support as will enable it not only to fight a reactionary counter revolution but also to juggle measures against the anarchists of the extreme left.

A new feature was injected into the situation by the demand of the peasant congress which began its sessions here yesterday, that its representatives participate in the discussions. The government and council agreed and it is said that five peasant representatives will join the conference.



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