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MORE "HOOD RIVER" DISTRICTS NEEDED

That there is no danger of over-production of the apple crop of the United States for several years to come was the sentiment of W. M. Williamson, secretary of the State Board of Horticulture, in an address lately before the Portland Apple Growers' Association at the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Williamson stated that while the population of the United States is increasing at the rate of 2,000,000 a year the tendency for several years will be for the apple crop of that part of the country east of the Rocky Mountains to decrease, and that the people in the cities and on the farms are eating more apples than formerly and are cultivating a taste for apples of best quality. Mr. Williamson said in part: "It was predicted in 1902 that we were due the verge of an over-production of apples but today we find that prices have not decreased."

"Fifty years ago people did not eat so many apples as now, and the greatest use for the bulk of the crop was in making cider and apple brandy. People now, on the farms as well as in the cities, have acquired a taste for apples of superior quality, and the demand for fine apples is constantly increasing."

"If the number of trees planted in the United States were in proportion to the crop there would be an enormous increase in the production, but the fact is that only 26,000,000 barrels were produced from 1894 to 1903, while from 1889 to 1894, 47,000,000 barrels were produced. This is most likely the result of the havoc wrought by pests, carelessness and backwardness in apple-raising districts of the Eastern States. Throughout the East, with but one or two exceptions, there has been a constant decline in the quality of apples produced. There are at present only two localities in the East which are competing with districts of the Pacific Northwest in apple-raising. These are Orange County, New York, and Virginia."

"The Eastern apple-raters claim a superior flavor for their apples on account of the climate, but statistics show that in most cases the climatic features claimed to produce fine flavor in the East are just the reverse and that the Western conditions are the best. We have drier Summers, less humidity, smaller proportion of

cloudiness and fewer injurious frosts here than in the East.

"The greatest advantage the West has over the East is the absence of that 'inertia of conservatism.' The Westerners are willing to change for the better and consequently they are going to eliminate the pests and raise superior apples. Methods in apple raising are revolutionizing, as the case in all kinds of farming."

"The bulk of the apple crop will be produced west of the Rocky Mountains in the future, and there is no reason why we cannot make Oregon the leading apple growing state in the Union; if this is done it will be because we use our brains."

"We must continue to form apple growing communities similar to the Hood River district. People with brains and energy and the right ideas must colonize and form rival districts."

"There is no danger of too many apple trees being planted, but on the other hand the danger is that not enough will be planted."

GOOD IDEAS ON ROAD BUILDING

As a part of the Douglas county "get together" campaign, which has been inaugurated by the Roseburg Commercial Club, the Roseburgers are boosting for good roads with which to bind the country. At a meeting there last week, Dr. Andrew C. Smith, president of the Oregon Good Roads Association and Judge L. R. Webster, both of Portland, spoke on the benefits of good roads. Judge Webster is an expert on good roads and he will go about the state presenting the gospel of good roads in the state wide movement which is being inaugurated. Below much of his Roseburg speech is quoted and where he refers to Roseburg and Douglas county it applies to Hood River city and county as well as every other district of the state.

"Every man in Douglas county should with energy and determination hold up the hands of the court that is taking hold and building good roads. You ought to hold up the hands of the public officials who are doing your work. If your public servants make a mistake, recognize the fact that you and I also make mistakes. We must approach the consideration of this subject, to begin with, in the largeness of it. We must recognize the fact that it is

not the building of a few miles of roads, but the building of hundreds of miles of roads that is necessary. The question that confronts you is not the repairing of your roads but the building of good roads. We are now entering upon the progress of a great state good roads development. I wish to outline very briefly the means by which we can construct good roads. It is a fact that a good road built essentially is worth many times more to adjoining property than it costs to put it there. Not as expense, but as an investment.



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and there is all the difference in the world between the two. As Mr. Hermann said 'A man better have a poor farm on a good road than a good farm on a poor road.' 'To get good roads we must have the means, and legislation is the method by which to secure the means. The time has come for action. We want to know how to act. Every man, woman and child in Douglas county should see that the issue of good roads is made vital in every section of Douglas county. But we must pass the system we want by present taxation. Almost all rural districts have built roads by special taxation.

"Douglas county should issue bonds for the purpose of building such roads, up to a half a million dollars over a series of years and the money expended would all practically be spent here among her own people. The farmer, the merchant and all of you would save enough in actual transportation over good roads to pay for them before your bonds would become due. Every one knows that a macadamized road increases the value of every foot of land through which they pass. Let me build the roads 15 miles from Roseburg in every direction, and at the end of the road I will add \$50 an acre to the value of every acre immediately tributary to the road. Such good roads will also bring many settling people here."

"Population and wealth would thus be immensely increased. Good roads are not things of the day they are eternal. It is right that the new wealth of good roads would bring should help to build them. New wealth to be created, more people to come—that is the promise. The bonanza of Douglas county would enable it to not only secure the money now and keep it here, but to secure good roads which will add wealth and the increased values many times over pay the cost of construction. That in my judgment is the good roads solution at one stroke. There will soon be presented to the people or to the Legislature one of the main features of this good roads agitation. That feature is to amend the constitution of the state, by which the county or a county vote can issue bonds for building good roads. I think the question will be carried almost unanimously. If a majority of the voters of Douglas county want good roads they should by the new law majority of the people of the county should not suffer by the present restriction against good roads."

"The Johnson bill which was defeated at the last session of the Legislature should be enacted into law. Further, I think the convicts at the Salem penitentiary should be put to work in camps for the purpose of making macadam roads, these camps to be located on one of the fine tracts of the state. They should crush rock and deliver the rock free to each other county for use in the construction of a permanent road under the supervision of a state engineer. Needed, but on the rates to distribute the rock along the line of railway would be given. The convicts are now hired out like slaves to work for 35 cents a day, and I say that that is wrong. There is a law now by which any county may work any one serving jail sentences. Out side of Multnomah county it is not practicable for the counties to put these men to work, as there is in each only a small number. Every county having a small number of prisoners should send them to some particular county where as many as 50 may be grouped to work effectively. This plan would also largely supplement the proposed convict bond issues."

"A great deal of road material can be prepared for use by these prisoners if you have the money under the bonding act necessary to build the good roads. No convict is a lazy man. Prisoners should be made to work, if they won't work. There is one other aspect which is important, and that is, that the man who works by the road can save the freight rate. For it is a fact that the farmer's freight rate begins at his gate and not at the railroad station."

"As our roads are now, every year an impossible barrier is set up so that the farmers cannot get to town during the time when the roads are bad, with his crop yields when the market is best. Enough time, and wear and tear, would be saved by the building of good roads to many times pay out the cost under the bonding plan I have suggested. Distance is not miles it is time to the people who travel. Twenty miles on a macadamized road in winter is not as fat two miles over some of the roads we have in Oregon."

"Good roads lead to prosperity, to higher civilization, to better homes, and to better conditions generally."

The convicts are working on the roads in Washington. Recent visitors from here at the Dalles have no need the convict stockade located at Lyle where about 175 prisoners from the penitentiary at Walla Walla are located and working on the road which the state across the river proposes to build from Vancouver to Walla Walla. The local people say that an excellent road is being built and they think that the convicts at Salem might be put to work for the good roads in Oregon.

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