

BILL PROVIDING ROAD BUILDING

Forest Highways Subject of Statement Presented to Committee Considering Townsend Bill.

Herald Washington Bureau
WASHINGTON, May 24.—C. E. J. Adams, secretary to Senator Stanford, today before the committee on postoffices and post roads, considering the Townsend highway bill, submitted the following statement in regard to forest highways:

One hundred and fifty-six million, thirty-two thousand and fifty-three acres of public land, for the most part heavily timbered, has been withdrawn from entry and placed in national forest reserve to be conserved by the government for the use and benefit of all the people of all the states.

This was done after the Eastern and Middle Western states had passed practically all of their public lands to private ownership, improved and developed them, and these lands, together with their improvements, are found upon the tax rolls of these states, helping to bear their part of the public burden of government and development.

The forest reserves are largely confined to eleven of the Western states and Alaska.

All the people of all the states are the owners of the reserve lands, and their children, born and unborn, are the beneficiaries of this vast conserved wealth.

Lands Not Taxable
These conserved lands, like all other government property, are untaxable, and the entire burden of maintaining law and order through the state and county government rests entirely on the taxpayers owning the taxable property within the state.

Within the last decade the need of building modern roads to carry modern traffic has come suddenly upon our people everywhere with irresistible demand.

In the Western states the population is small and the road mileage very large in proportion to population and taxable property.

The road mileage is in the proportion of one mile to 128 people and one mile to \$146.398 of taxable property, while in Oregon we have one mile of road to every 19 people and one mile to every \$23,310 of taxable property.

The conditions prevailing in Oregon are duplicated in each of the other states having large areas of federal reserves and unappropriated public lands.

These reserve lands do not lie in solid bodies, but are scattered throughout the state, often between the improved and developed portions of the state requiring important state and county roads through the reserves to connect the settled portions on either side and permit social and commercial intercourse between these people.

Roads Needed
Within the boundaries of these forest reserves there are 24,565 miles of important state and county roads already located that should be built as rapidly as the same class of roads outside the reserves and connecting therewith. The estimated cost of building these roads in keeping only with the demand of the traffic is \$112,525,800.

In addition to these roads there are also 22,511 miles of trails within the forest reserves necessary for the protection of the forests that will cost \$6,297,000 (as estimated,) for which we ask no appropriation in this bill, but leave them entirely to the forest service to be built out of the "ten per cent fund, which amounts to about \$400,000 a year.

Asks For Funds
One hundred million dollars a year is requested by the bill and should be granted by congress for the purpose of extending federal aid to the several states in the construction of these most important state roads, which are also necessary roads to carry interstate traffic.

The mileage of this class of roads is estimated at one per cent of the

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Pelican Bay School Program Pleasing

According to the statements made by the patrons of the Pelican Bay school regarding the entertainment given last night, no event has been either so successful nor so satisfying as was this in particular, for the songs, drills, yells and "stunts" of all kinds introduced were smoothly and well executed.

The primary room, under the direction of their teacher Mrs. Wells, pleased the audience with the rendition of the "Echo" song, and to make the song especially effective, the "real" echo responded cleverly from beneath the spacious platform at the proper time.

Room two students were well engaged in their musical renditions, "The Blacksmith Song," one of Jessie L. Gaynor's compositions, being well received and the clanging of a real anvil on the stage adding effectively to the production.

Following the entertainment was the auctioning of fancy boxes of tasty foods for the purpose of defraying the expenses of two delegates to Corvallis, to participate in the short course offered at Oregon Agricultural College and the sale netted \$104, due to the efforts of "Col." Lambert, who acted as auctioneer. Mr. and Mrs. Kowitson served hot coffee when the boxes were opened and all the children present were given a royal treat in the form of all the ice cream they wanted, contributed through the generosity of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Mortenson. Due to the able assistance rendered by Mr. Mortenson, in the form of free use of the hall and equipment, the patrons, pupils and teachers extended him a vote of thanks.

COUNCIL ITEMS PASSED ON

Among the items acted upon at the meeting of the council last night were the following:

Cancellation of the license to do business in Klamath Falls as an auto dealer of H. S. Royce.

Fixing the bonds of G. C. Lorenz, who will lay Mills addition sewer at \$25,000, at his solicitation.

Payment of \$207.49 to the Warren Hunt hospital for care of the Houston hotel fire victims, being one-third of the bill contracted by the county and Red Cross who are to pay the balance. This matter was one that the city felt it was its duty to charitably assist the county and Red Cross in meeting this expense.

Permission granted to property owners on Fifth street to grade and gravel certain portions which are "mudholes" during wet weather.

Payment of \$45.75 to Burrell Short for balance due on sale of horse impounded and sold in 1918 by city for \$60.

An application for permission to tear down a barn on the corner of 5th and Oak streets and erect in its place a wood shed and garage, 16 by 20 feet was granted to Frank R. Morris.

H. R. Bell was allowed permission to erect on Lot 1, Block 18, Fairview addition, a four room house costing approximately \$500.

Permission for erection of a four room dwelling on Lots 1 and J, Block A, Nichols' addition, to cost approximately \$1,500, to Dan Perillard.

J. W. Powell was permitted the right to construct a dwelling on Lot 4, Block 5, First addition, to cost approximately \$1,500.

Application for permit for stretching streamer across Main and Sixth street for advertising purposes to the Chautauqua company granted.

Pavement cutting permit granted to O. A. Stearns for sewerage purposes at Main and Juniper, and acceptance of \$100 check as bond for guarantee for replacing of pavement.

The permit of Mary F. Grennon for right to conduct her "Nevada Rooms" at Oak and Fifth streets, held up pending inspection by fire department.

Permit for a 3 by 6 foot sign and also one on photograph shop of R. E. Stinson, also right to put stove pipe through roof of building at 7th and Klamath, held up pending investigation by fire department.

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

Same Old Story Is Agitating the Business Men of the City.

Will there be a Fourth of July celebration in Klamath Falls this year? That is the question that is starting on its perennial rounds in the business section of the city. It is now several years since this city was on the Fourth of July map, is the sentiment expressed by many of the business men, and it is about time that this policy of "passing it up" was stopped and a real, honest-to-goodness celebration staged. There is no division of sentiment as to the advisability of holding a celebration. Not a single business man interviewed expressed opposition to it. It is simply a question of who will take hold and put it over. If such a Moses should arise he would have the strong moral support of the business men, but he would have to furnish all of the activity.

The question of financing the project would be a problem that would have to be solved, too, for the expense would have to be met by the business men by direct contributions, as no funds are available for such an undertaking.

A regular meeting of the business men will be held tomorrow evening and the indications now are that this question will be seriously considered then. If the sentiment expressed today is followed out, there will be an old-fashioned celebration, unless some kill-joy swings on the project in the meantime.

One idea that constantly cropped out among the business men was the necessity for and wisdom of getting a place to hold these celebrations, ball games, county fairs and the like. It is simply the recurrence of an age-old question that ought to be solved now and not postponed until another project seeking a place on which to light, comes knocking at the door of the city.

SEEKING HELP ON TRAFFIC PLAN

The following questionnaire is being circulated among the business men of the city who contracted with M. A. Callaghan to look after their freight business, the purpose being to ascertain what course should be pursued relative to the maintenance of a traffic bureau.

The questionnaire follows:
No. 1.—In order to assist the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce as well as the Merchants Bureau, in determining a fair solution of the traffic situation, we wish you would fill out these blanks at once and see that they are in the hands of the secretary early.

The present plan is not furnishing enough funds for Mr. Callaghan to continue the work because some who signed up are not paying to the traffic department.

Mr. Roberts, chairman of the Merchants Bureau, says that the service cannot exist more than a month longer under the present arrangement.

The Chamber of Commerce has made no promises to the support of the Traffic Bureau.

The Chamber of Commerce has maintained a traffic committee to handle such affairs as are possible to discuss and decide action upon and if necessary refer to rate experts.

There have now come suggestions from the membership that a certain amount of work should be done to lower the freight rates.

Do you wish the Chamber to maintain a traffic department?

Do you wish a service that will include the auditing of freight bills on a percentage basis?

Do you wish a service to include only the efforts to secure lower freight rates?

What suggestions would you make that might help in solving this problem?

DRAINAGE OF LAND DESIRED

State Engineer Copper Says Greater Development In Sight.

Herald Salem Bureau
SALEM, Ore., May 24.—(Special)—Far greater development of Oregon agricultural lands and greater strides in reclamation than ordinarily are dreamed of are possible through drainage, declares Percy A. Copper, state engineer. Practically every part of the state, says Mr. Copper, has land susceptible to reclamation or improvement by drainage.

It has been estimated that from 300,000 to 400,000 acres are susceptible to complete reclamation by this method, though this does not cover ultimate possibilities through drainage and diking.

Since the enactment of the drainage district law in 1915 about fifty drainage and diking districts have been formed, covering about 150,000 acres. Mr. Copper mentions localities both in the extreme western and extreme eastern sections of the state that can be improved by drainage, and shows that development by drainage would be good business for the state and its people.

"One of the most important features of Oregon's agricultural development is the drainage of the marsh and overflow lands," says Mr. Copper. It has been estimated that between 300,000 and 400,000 acres of land of this class are susceptible of complete reclamation at a reasonable cost. This does not measure the extent of ultimate drainage and diking in this state. Some of the land that is now cultivated can be vastly improved by an adequate system of controlling the water content of the soil, while irrigated lands not infrequently require the installation of a system of drainage to prevent a water-logged condition.

"This class of development has hardly begun. There are large areas in practically every part of the state, which may be reclaimed by drainage or diking."

"Nothing should stand in the way of the development of the rich agricultural lands in Malheur lake, Warner lake and other marshy lakes of similar character in Eastern Oregon."

"These areas might well follow the example set by Lower Klamath marsh and Tule lake, on which crops are now being produced."

"Oregon is not developing as fast as her rich natural advantages warrant. We need active co-operation of citizens of this state. We need to encourage outside capital to invest. We need to introduce a good class of settlers to come to the state and to insure them a good square deal and a chance to succeed when they come. Our agricultural lands are our greatest asset and drainage is an important element in their development."

MERCY AGENTS HERE

Mrs. S. H. Upton and Mrs. Lenna Burns of Portland, representing the Albertina Kerr Nursery and the Louise Home, are in the city on their annual visit. They report that during the last year these homes have cared for 138 girls and 137 babies from throughout the state. The new nursery is now finished and the plans at the present time are to dedicate it on June 11.

Evans and Jones Win At Golf

HOTLAKE, May 24.—Chick Evans, of Chicago, and Bobby Jones, of Atlanta, won victories today in the second round of the play for British amateur golf championship. Francis Quimet and Jesse Guilford, of Boston, both being eliminated.

Weather Probabilities

The barometric pressure, as recorded by the Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwoods Pharmacy, has remained fairly constant during the past 24 hours, and being quite high a continuation of fair weather may be looked for.

Forecast for next 24 hours: Fair with moderate winds. Continued warm.

National Farm Loan Ass'n. On Tour

The loan committee of the Klamath Falls National Farm Loan Association is making a tour of appraisal of the farms offered as security for federal farm loans. Two or three days will be spent in this work and the country covered will be from Modoc Point to Poe Valley and Malin and Keno. The members of the committee are Frank P. Nelson, C. J. McCullom and Charles E. Spidell.

HUNTER LEAVES TO ATTEND THE SCOTTISH RITE REUNION

F. Hill Hunter of the Sawmill Engineering and Construction company, left this morning for Portland. Before returning he will stop at Eugene to attend the reunion of the Scottish Rite and the Shrine. Yesterday he closed a deal for lot 1 in block 20, second railroad addition, but made no announcement as to what use he intended making of the property.

WILLARD REPRESENTATIVE HERE

L. L. Deffenbaugh, district representative for the Willard Storage Battery company, of Portland, left yesterday after two days visit with the local agent.

Gardner Denies That He Participated

SAN FRANCISCO, May 24.—Roy Gardner denied any connection with the mail robbery Friday in which 51 sacks were ripped open and the mail clerk robbed.

DIPLOMAS GIVEN TO TWENTY-SIX

Every inch of available space was occupied in the Presbyterian church and scores of people were turned away last evening, the occasion being the Commencement exercises of the Klamath county high school. Twenty-six students were granted diplomas, being the largest class to graduate since the school was established. The records made by the members of the class justified Professor Goetz in stating that "never in my career have I had the honor of granting diplomas to a class of young men or young women better qualified to receive them than the class that is here tonight."

The various numbers on the program were cordially received by those present.

The speaker of the evening was Professor E. E. DeCou, who, following a brief resume of what has been accomplished and what it is hoped will, in future years, be done at the University of Oregon, took up his subject for the evening—the events leading up to and the effects that have followed the world war. He voiced the sentiment that the United States did not go into the war to save this nation, but to save the world. Ambassador Harvey to the contrary, notwithstanding; and that it could not divest itself of the responsibilities then assumed and again become isolated from participation in the affairs of the world. Emphasizing the fact that this world is and will continue to be ruled by the English speaking people, the United States must not surrender its place alongside Great Britain as a factor in forming the plans under which that domination shall be maintained.

Professor Goetz stated that he had been advised at the last moment that County Judge Bunnell could not be on hand to present the diplomas and being unable to find anyone to fill his place that honor devolved upon him.

Each member of the class was the recipient of flowers and many handsome gifts, and following the conclusion of the exercises were warmly congratulated by their friends.

For brevity, as well as a desire to relieve them of the strain incident to their essays, Professor Goetz dispensed with the reading of the salutatory by Frances Honzik and the valedictory by Grace Hoagland, but presented each with scholarships, the former with a choice in one of several Oregon schools and the latter with one from Washington schools.

LOCAL DEALERS WILL BENEFIT

Non-Resident Automobile Dealers Will Pay \$1000 Per Month License to Traffic Here.

The two most important matters brought before the council at last night's meeting were the amending of the occupation tax ordinance and the submission of a proposition to the Warren Construction company for consent to nullify a paving contract embracing the districts on Washington from First to Ewauna boulevard; High street from Sixth to Eighth; Sixth street from Pine to High, and Seventh from Pine to Washington streets.

Most of the time of the council was occupied with the proposition bearing upon the offering of an amendment to Sections 5 and 13 of Ordinance 448, known as the occupation tax ordinance for the purpose of giving just protection to local merchants who establish and maintain business relations during the fiscal year against the itinerant merchant who stays but temporarily in a community. The amendment was prepared by Attorney J. H. Carnahan, who represented the class which at present is being damaged by temporary merchants.

The amendment offered by Attorney Carnahan was but the original ordinance, with the substitution of a higher penalty for non-resident auto dealers, providing a license of \$1,000 per month, or a daily fee of \$100 for fractional periods of the month. Councilman McCollum favored the amendment and after explaining same, the measure was passed unanimously. The effect of the amendment will relieve a serious situation among the local auto dealers.

The other important measure under consideration was the matter of securing a release from a paving contract entered into with the Warren Construction company in the matter of paving and improving Washington street from First to Ewauna boulevard; High from Sixth to Eighth street; Sixth from Pine to High, and Seventh from Pine to Washington. In this matter the bonds were advertised for sale, and an offer of par and accrued interest was received.

The matter of the award of the said bonds was deferred until the committee could meet with the Warren Construction company with an idea of obtaining consent for the abandonment of these units. The police judge was instructed to confer with the Warren company and if possible obtain the nullification of the contract. This improvement proposition was then laid aside for future consideration, at a time when the answer of the Warren company was secured to the proposal.

High School Annual Is On Sale Now

For the benefit of any parent or friends of members of the class of 1921 who desire to secure a copy of the neat and tasty High School Annual. Announcement is made that they have been placed on sale in the store room formerly occupied by Brandenburg's.

Much credit is due the class of 1921 for preparing an exceptionally fine annual, and as there are but a limited number, it is expected that all will be disposed of in two days.

Leaders Will Reside In Toledo, Ohio

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Leader left Sunday afternoon for Toledo, Ohio, where they will make their home in the future. While here, Mr. Leader was connected with the Pelican Bay Lumber company in an official capacity for the two years past.

DREDGE STARTS REPAIRS ON THE NELSON DIKE

The Hunter dredge started work yesterday on the dike surrounding the Nelson property near Keno. This dike was badly damaged early this spring by the high water, and it is the plan to raise it and strengthen it so as to prevent a recurrence of the damage done by the floods of this year.