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the Columbia Cow Testing association, which has been in operation for a number of years.

In the livestock industry, beef, hogs, sheep and goats, while representing only minor industries of the county, have an important place in the economical organization of the farm program of the county and work was done in connection with these. The hogs are raised in connection with the dairy industry and fill an important place, but the profits from them can be considerably increased by better management in handling them.

Two poultry demonstrations were conducted during the year and the county agent cooperated with the farm management department in making a survey of six poultry farms in Columbia county, which report is incorporated with the general report of the state.

Considerable time has been given to the agricultural economic problems of the county. The agricultural economic reports have been distributed to all the granges and newspapers of the county. They show the production fluctuations of crops and livestock and price trends. By the farmers gaining a greater knowledge of the laws governing production and marketing trends, they will be able to produce and market their products to better advantage. Economic files are being developed in the office for references for the farmers and they have been made use of by a number of them during the past year.

Nutrition demonstrations were carried on by Miss Lucy A. Case in Birkenfeld and Seapooose. Two farms were furnished with plans for putting in septic tanks and plans were also furnished for the building of a number of poultry houses, sheep barns and other equipment.

There were 1270 pounds of poison distributed for the control of ground squirrels. Five demonstrations were given in the trapping of moles and gophers. Fifteen boys and girls clubs were assisted in the field and animal husbandry projects and assistance given to one boy and girls picnic and general rally of club members of Columbia county.

Entomology and plant pathology are subjects that have also been given attention in assisting the farmers to combat insect pests and fungus diseases. Aid was given with two local fairs and the county fair. The agricultural exhibit was shown at the county, state and international fairs.

In addition to other work carried on in the county, 181,500 pounds of pyrotol were distributed to the farmers of Columbia county. The distribution of the last two cars of powder completes the allotment of the government powder for the county. This has been a saving of about \$34,000 over the price of what commercial powder would have

cost the farmers. Much of the work of the extension office has been done in cooperation with the 12 subordinate granges and the Pomona grange; which organizations are represented in about 12 of the 16 communities of the county.

MODERN HIGHWAYS

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covering a three year program; act of 1921, \$75,000,000; act of 1922, \$190,000,000 covering three years; act of 1925, \$150,000,000 for two years. Of this total sum \$13,240,681 was allotted to Oregon. In 1917 congress enacted a tax law that provided for an excise tax on motor vehicles and accessories. Under this act the automobile purchasers have paid into the federal treasury \$1,068,303,464.99; as follows, in 1918, \$23,981,268.35; in 1919, \$48,834,371.47; 1920, \$143,922,729.01; 1921, \$115,546,249.31; 1922 \$104,433,762.75; 1923 \$144,290,490.28; 1924, 158,504,709.40; 1925, \$124,867,746.30; 1926, \$138,155,194.80; 1927, \$66,437,881.32.

During recent years a growing opposition to further appropriations for federal aid has developed in congress. This opposition comes from the industrial states of the east and is based on the fact that these eastern states pay income taxes larger in proportion than the federal aid allotted to them in proportion to the amounts allotted to other states.

These eastern states however, forget or ignore the fact that while they get credit for large sums paid to the federal treasury, it is because the general offices of the large railroad, telephone, telegraph, insurance, steel, automobile and other corporations are located in these states and the taxes are reported and paid from these states; the money upon which the taxes are computed and with which they are paid comes from all the states in the union.

The arguments used in opposing federal aid are met by pointing to large sums paid into federal treasury by the owners of the motor vehicles for whose benefit the highways are provided, a sum exceeding all the government has appropriated for federal aid by \$228,303,464.99.

In 1925 and again in 1927 the excise tax on motor vehicles was reduced, and the tax bill now pending in the senate, (having passed the house) repeals it entirely. This will leave the friends of federal aid without their most effective argument for future appropriations, and we can depend upon the opposition becoming stronger, larger and more determined. The battle is on and we must meet it. We must be prepared, organized and on guard.

The few states of the east opposing federal aid have a majority of the representatives in the house. For illustration, the states of Washington and Oregon are larger than the combined states of New

York, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. The two states mentioned have a population of two million, and eight representatives in the house, while the five states mentioned have a population of thirty-two million, and 129 representatives. The seven states west of the Rocky mountains have less population by a million than the cities of New York and Brooklyn. The twenty-two states west of the Mississippi river have an area of over two million square miles, a population of thirty-two million, and one hundred thirty-one representatives, while the twenty-six states east of the Mississippi river have an area of only 881,344 square miles, a population of seventy-four million, and three hundred four representatives.

The eastern states are small in area and road mileage but large in population, wealth and representation in congress, while the western states are large in area and road mileage, but small in population, wealth and representation in congress.

It was my privilege, as a member of the subcommittee of the resolutions committee in the republican national convention in 1924 to write the plank committing the party to a continuance of federal aid and such a plank should be again written in the platform of the party this year. It can be done and helps greatly to win when the matter is up in congress. It enables our friends to point to the pledge of the party and charge the opposition with an effort to break faith with the people.

This is an effective argument. All delegations from western states in all the party conventions this year should be apprised of the danger to federal aid and urged to help put strong planks in the party platforms pledging a continuance of federal aid in building highways.

It can be done. The resolutions committee is made up of one member from each state and the states that benefit and want it continued are in the majority.

NOTE:—The Eagle has arranged for a series of articles by Mr. Adams, of which this is the first. The next will be "Forest roads, their need—will construction continue." Another will be "Pacific Coast Harbors, will they be developed on the same basis as Atlantic and gulf coast harbors will the Pacific coast people still be compelled to pay half the cost while the government owns half the property benefited." Other articles on public questions of current interest may follow.

Mr. Adams was one of the first members of the State Highway Commission, serving during its formative period. He was also Secretary to United States Senator Stanford in Washington, D. C. for over five years, and was a delegate to the national republican convention in 1920 and again in 1924.

EXPECTS MORE DAIRYING

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pounds of fat or more per year. Mr. Nelson stated that he has copies of bulletins on "Forage Crops in Coast Counties," and "Balancing Rations for Dairy Cows," which he especially recommends for this section. These will be furnished upon request.

Woman's Caretr Basis Of New O. A. C. Booklet

O. A. C., Corvallis, Jan. 16.—A new booklet, "Women's Career Through Training in Home Economics," pronounced by many the most attractive ever published here, has just come from the college press and is ready for free distribution to citizens of the state. The new booklet is a 40 page publication and is one of a series on vocational guidance issued by the college to assist young people in planning their education.

Mrs. Zelta Feike Rodenwald, home economics graduate and formerly secretary of the O. A. C. Alumni association, is author of the booklet which is well illustrated. It sketches the various careers open to women trained both as home-makers and for special work. Careers treated are interior decorator, tea room manager, dietitian, home economics teacher, extension worker, journalist, social service worker, and personnel director. The booklet may be obtained by addressing the registrar.

Marketing Specialist Appointed At College

Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 16.—The position of marketing specialist of the extension service, vacant since the death last summer of C. J. Hurd, has been filled by the appointment, announced today, of George O. Gatlin, at present economist in the division of cooperative marketing at Washington D. C. Mr. Gatlin has resigned and will come west to his new position early in February.

Mr. Gatlin is a native of Kentucky, where he owned and operated a pure bred hog and poultry farm after completing his education at South Kentucky college and Cumberland University, Tennessee. He acted as market agent for a group of farmers in his community while in the stock business himself.

In the department of agriculture Mr. Gatlin has for nine years been carrying on extension, research and administrative work in the marketing division. He is the author of two widely recognized bulletins on cooperative marketing and has written numerous articles and circulars on the subject.

Chris L. Christenson, head of the federal work in cooperative marketing, who is familiar with

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marketing conditions in Oregon strongly recommended Mr. Gatlin, saying he has unusually wide experience and has always been exceptionally successful. Others familiar with his work have been equally strong in his praise.

Since Mr. Hurd's death Paul V. Maris, director of the extension service, has canvassed the entire United States in search of a man capable of taking the lead in the cooperative marketing work of this state. He had a personal conference with Mr. Gatlin while in the east recently and later recommended

his appointment as the best qualified man available for the place.

KOAC To Broadcast Games
O. A. C., Corvallis, Jan 16.—Play by play reports of the first three conference basketball games to be played here will be broadcast direct from the gymnasium by the college radio station, KOAC. The games are with Idaho, January 20; Washington State, January 23; and Washington, January 27.

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