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GOOD ROADS FOR THE INTERIOR.

To hear some hot-air good-roads sponsters belabor the public ear, one would think Oregon has the most wretched public roads in the world.

As a matter of fact Oregon has as good roads for driving in summer and as passable roads for hauling in winter as any western state we know of fronting on the Pacific coast.

In wintertime our roads are more travelable than "way back east."

Take one of the youngest counties in the state—Lincoln, and it has some excellent main roads—mountain roads, too. Better grades have been laid the past year, and many good fills are being made.

The main road through the county, known as the Corvallis road, is a fine driveway.

The road over Morrison mountain, and the road from Eddyville to Blodgett, are kept in perfect condition.

The hot-air good roads tooter generally goes wrong at both ends of the line and in the middle.

He conveys the false idea that Oregon has only the most primitive and wretched highways.

Next he gets off wrong by conveying the idea that only by bonding the state and all the counties up to the neck can good roads be obtained.

Oregon has had six years filled with fruitless efforts by good roads theorists.

There is the wonderful Tuttle road law, adopted bodily from the state of Indiana.

It is a system lifted ready made from a commonwealth without mountains, with no arid regions, no coast counties.

What legislative brains, wisdom and good roads rot!

Is it any wonder there has been never a mile of road built under the Tuttle law?

The old Johnson bill provided for issuing large crops of bonds, and created many offices.

There is no doubt it would have been better than the Tuttle act—for the office-holding profession.

A good roads law should be initiated that contains three provisions.

I. That the state build the main state highways and take care of them with convict labor.

II. That the counties build the main county highways and take care of them with care-takers.

III. That the road supervisors build the rest of the roads to connect with state and county roads.

A few simple principles adhered to in enacting a state good roads law will accomplish more than a highly complicated ready-made piece of "adopted" legislation that is "grafted" by lazy legislators and would-be reformers who want to make high-salaried positions for themselves.

Gun clubs make game laws and boulevard clubs make "good roads" laws at the expense of the farmers.

These "experts" get the salaries and the benefit and the farmer pays the bills.

The time has come for a little "good roads" legislating to proceed from the farmers instead of from the city "experts."

Remember this: Expensive road machinery, officials, and then-the roads themselves must be paid for—outside of Portland—three-fourths of it falls on the farmers.

The "experts" labored a year or more on the Johnson bill, and "embodied" all the best features from other state road systems.

They held conventions and "co-operated" with the Grange and labor organizations.

When they got through the Grange legislative committee fought the Johnson bill to a standstill and the farmers hooted it off the platform.

Representative Tom Brandon of Linn county shot it full of holes by asking a few fool questions that any farmer might have asked.

The Johnson bill got about one vote out of ten in the house of representatives.

It had passed the senate almost unanimously.

It was at best a patchwork of undigested appropriations.

ROGUE RIVER HEADS IN FOUR BIG SPRINGS

"The Rogue river has its source in three mammoth springs, each about 12 or 15 feet in diameter, from which the water gushes in torrents. The springs are close together and located four or five miles north of Crater lake and may have their source in the underground connection

with the lake," states M. L. Erickson, forest supervisor of southern Oregon, who is making a tour of government reserves in his district and an inspection of conditions prevailing. His tour will continue another month.

Mr. Erickson reached Prospect on Saturday, having just visited the source of the Rogue river, which he describes as being a river from its beginning. "The water is sparkling, clear and ice cold, and the river most picturesque from its source. The volume of water is surprising. The springs are the largest I ever saw, and in an inaccessible and unfrequented locality.

"There is an old military road running from Brown's cabin on Udon creek over the Umpqua divide. The road is in fair condition and will be made a trail by the forest rangers.

"But little damage has been done by forest fires so far this season," concluded Mr. Erickson.

CLAIMS AGAINST COUNTY

Commissioners Audit the Monthly Bills and Order Warrants Drawn to Pay Them.

Table listing various claims against the county, including items like 'Glass & Prudhomme Co., post binders', 'Kilham Stationery Co., docket', 'Minto, J. P., stamps', etc., with corresponding amounts.

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Cholera Infantum Cured. "Something like two years ago my baby, which was then about a year old, was taken seriously ill with cholera infantum, vomiting and purging profusely," writes J. F. Dempsey, of Dempsey, Ala. "I did what I could to relieve her, but did her no good, and being very much alarmed about her went for a physician, but failed to find one, so came back by Elder Bros. & Carter's store and Mr. Elder recommended Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy. I procured a bottle of it, went home as quickly as possible and gave the baby a dose of the remedy. It relieved her in fifteen minutes and soon cured her entirely." For sale by all good druggists.

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