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THE TRUE CONCEPT OF LINCOLN.

The Lincoln day speeches in the great banquet halls of million-dollar hotels have died away. The men in dress suits and women in ball room attire who applauded him to music and champagne have departed.

THE GOOD ROADS BILL.

Governor West's bills and the Grange bills will go before the people, and some good will result. There must be education and agitation, and finally there will be action for good roads.

REMEDY FOR DEFECTIVE STREETS.

No one can deny that some of the concrete streets in Salem are a failure. They should be made good hard surface streets in the spring by the contractors.

OREGON LANDS AND THEIR VALUES.

The action of the Portland Central Labor Council should not be taken too seriously. That organization had a right to warn working people against coming to Oregon.

The statement is untrue. Portland, with a population of about 230,000, has, in common with other large cities, especially seaports, a proportion of poor people who inevitably suffer during the winter.

A reasonable sum was appropriated by the civic authorities, and this, augmented by the charity of churches, etc., sufficed to relieve the wants of a not unusually large number of the poor whom we always have with us.

The circular next attacks the state as it were. It claims that "Oregon is in the main a great wilderness of forests and mountains" and that it costs from \$50 to \$100 an acre for logged-off farm land.

This gives the false impression that there are no farm lands to be had, excepting those that are logged off, whereas good tillable land can be had from \$20 an acre up, according to location.

To take up and operate a farm, whether it be in Indiana or Oregon, a man must have capital as well as experience, but it is utterly untrue that the Oregon farmer to be successful "must have considerable capital," as the Labor Council claims.

Another false statement is touching our orchard lands. It reads as follows:

"The orchard lands are held for almost fabulous prices, in the hope that Easterners can be fooled to buy them.

"The same trick that was played 20 years ago in Southern California, when orange orchards sold for \$1000 an acre.

"The bottom of Oregon's wildcat schemes is now dropping out; hence, idleness, destitution and a general reign of crime committed by misled and desperate men."

The fact is there is less crime in Portland than in any other city of its size in America, and the destitution and unemployment is not greater, if as great, as that of any other city of equal size.

As regards Southern California fruit lands the Labor Council should try to get facts before making malicious statements.

Listen to the facts. Says the Los Angeles Examiner, February 4, 1912—note the date:

"Redlands, Feb. 3.—Realty men in Redlands find the demand for orange groves the strongest in years.

"All report that they have buyers for ten and twenty-acre groves willing to pay \$2000 an acre or more, but they do not have the groves on their lists.

"During the past week it is estimated that deals have been made aggregating \$500,000, etc."

The Los Angeles Times records, two weeks ago, sale of an orange grove of 10 acres for \$25,000 at San Dimas.

The apple lands of Oregon are not held at fabulous prices. Eastern men are not "fooled" any more than Western men in investing in Oregon orchard lands for the results, that is the profits, accruing from such investments are matters of fact, not of mere opinion.

Finally, Portland is a city of homes, a majority of which are owned by working men who have built them out of day's wages.

The opportunity to buy a lot and build a home is as near to an industrious man here as in Chicago or St. Louis, and, allowing for some natural drawbacks, it is equally true that "Oregon is the Land of Opportunity."

PUBLIC ROAD PROBLEMS AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION

(By a Nature Student.) I will next try and show some of the comparative, demonstrated past results in Oregon, between what is called scientific road experts, and ordinary road supervisors selected from intelligent, public spirited farmers.

Our road super-teors have been supplied in the past with a road fund that generally amounted to about \$10 to \$25 per mile annually; and frequently less, for the last few years; while previous to that time, with much smaller sums. Yet, in the face of these conditions, scientific road experts in the employ of the federal government, appeared at our state fair one fall, to demonstrate to the farmers and road supervisors how to build crushed rock roads to cost from \$3,000 to \$5,000 per mile; but they failed to demonstrate how to pay for each mile of such roads, by the payment of from \$10 to \$25 annual installments. Yet because the road supervisors did not follow, any further than they have, the teaching of these scientific road experts, these experts that many intelligent farmers consider as experts in spending funds, but not in getting road results; I repeat, because the road supervisors have not generally followed the teaching of such experts, they have been condemned as impractical road builders. Pray, who were the impractical men, laboring under false, ignorant delusions, during these past conditions? I do not wish to be understood as opposing the macadamizing of roads when practical; but I do object to plans

(that are not according to the means at hand; or the condemnation of those in charge under such conditions.

And now, I will make a few statements, as to what the farmers and county road supervisors have been accomplishing; and the recognition they are gaining throughout Oregon and other states.

It was a Missouri farmer, by the name of King, and not a scientific road expert, that invented the King-drag, that implement that can be constructed and operated cheaply, yet is so effective that it is receiving rapid recognition all over the United States. It has been so effective wherever it has been thoroughly and persistently used; yet people generally have been so skeptical of its practicability and effectiveness, that according to an eastern publication, the legislature of the state of Iowa has passed an act making the use of the King drag compulsory; and providing a state tax of one-half mill for such purpose. When such a course of action is taken in an older, more thickly populated state, is it wise for the people of Oregon to hastily adopt the bonding system of building roads; a system that I will endeavor to prove is unnecessary and uncalled for.

A few years ago, an ex-road supervisor from Marion county, who served under Judge Scott, moved to

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Newport, and was selected for street commissioner; and according to statements made by ex-Mayor Bensall, of that city, there were certain streets that became practically impassable to traffic through the winter; and that the funds for maintaining such streets were so small, that no one over there could accomplish any effective results; and that they had become discouraged, and had given up accomplishing anything of any consequence with the funds at hand; but, not so with the new street commissioner, working with a King drag.

The first winter after the beginning of such work little effective results were shown; the second winter the mud was about a foot deep, but light traffic was traversing over such streets; while the third winter the streets remained in good condition all winter, and heavy traffic passed over them with ease.

(To be continued.)

OREGON IRRIGATION CONGRESS

Portland, February 19th to 21st—\$2.00 Portland Round Trip.

For this meeting the Oregon Electric railway will sell round trip tickets from Salem to Portland, February 18th and 19th, with return limit of February 23rd, at the rate shown above.

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The Oregonian editorial staff has undertaken a job too large for its combined mentality. It is trying to run the governor's office and the state institutions.

Clark being from Missouri, it's up to Woodrow Wilson to "show him" if he can.

The Oregon Electric will fool around until the first thing it knows, it will have to pay for the paving on Front street.

United States Senator Townsend will tour Oregon in the interest of Taft. He is wasting his time, for Oregon is already in that column in the newspapers of the state are properly informed.

The O. A. C. Glee club was not given a fraction of the house its merits deserved. Salem should be collectively and individually ashamed of itself.

The Survey for February.

"In Hartford as it is in Heaven" is the attention compelling title of an account by Arthur P. Kellogg in the February "Survey" of the way Raymond Robbins in town after town while campaigning with a "Men and Religion Team" fosters an awakening of our responsibility for social readjustments. Prof. Graham Taylor in an article which appropriately accompanies this story, tells of the "Changing Conditions of a Working

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Faith." The next two articles explain upon some of the specific conditions which call for measures to bring about a better social adjustment. Mary Brown Sumner in "A Strike Brought About by a Bundle of Dirty Clothes," tells of the tyranny exercised in New York over laundry workers, who labor overtime under unhealthy conditions, by an unhappy alliance of the impatient man with the bundle of clothes and the court of appeals, which refused to limit the hours of labor at night for women. "A Strike for Four Loaves of Bread" details the causes which led thousands of unorganized workers of foreign speech in Lawrence, Mass., to band together against being made to suffer a reduction in pay to correspond with a two-hour cut in the working week compelled by the state law. The wages of a large number of the men at least were but \$6 a week. Morris Knowles in "The Flood" tells how Pittsburgh has studied the way to protect the Ohio Valley from its almost annual damage by flood and shows that the problem is one which rightly calls for interstate action. To what extent people in parts of Colorado are depending upon it for actually subsistence. Prof. Graham Taylor in an article which appropriately accompanies this story, tells of the "The Steel Industry and The People in Colorado."

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