



GOOD ROADS DEPARTMENT

OREGON CONFERENCE.

An important meeting to promote good roads construction in Oregon was held at Portland, August 11. Its purpose was to arouse state interest in the work undertaken by the State Good Roads Association, and it was attended by upwards of 150 representative men from all parts of the state. Among other things advocated was the construction of a road across the state from north to south to connect with the one completed across California and that projected across Washington, and to cost \$5,000,000.

The committee on resolutions consisted of Judge W. H. Hollis, of Washington county, chairman; W. H. Boyd, of Multnomah county; Judge J. C. Henry, of Union county; H. B. Thielsen, secretary Oregon Good Roads Association, of Marion county; Judge A. E. Lake, of Wasco county, and Judge T. F. Ryan, of Clackamas county.

This committee reported the following resolutions, which were adopted:

Resolved, That we are in favor of co-operation of state, county and district in the construction of improved, permanent main highways under the supervision of a State Highway Commissioner, and that the Legislative Committee be instructed to work with the Legislative Committees of the State Good Roads Association, and of the State Grange, in the preparation and submission to the State Legislature of a bill embodying such legislation and that the road law known as the Johnson bill and the resolution of Judge Webster relating to appropriation for that purpose be referred to said committee for their consideration.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that a law should be passed at the next session of the Legislature providing for the working of convicts in the State Penitentiary in the construction of public highways.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this convention that legislation be enacted giving the power to our county courts to restrict, regulate and control the use of county roads.

Judge Webster's resolution favored a bill for presentation to the State Legislature providing for an annual appropriation by the state of \$10,000 to each county, this money to be available upon condition that the county receiving the funds make an equal appropriation, the total sum to be expended entirely in the construction of permanent main highways.

The committee on ways and means included John H. Albert, of Marion county, chairman; W. M. Ladd, of Multnomah county; Tom Richardson, of Multnomah county; J. W. Bailey, State Dairy and Food Commissioner; G. W. Evans and J. S. Beals, of Multnomah county, and A. A. Jayne, of Hood River county.

Its report is as follows and was adopted:

Your committee on ways and means begs leave to report that in its opinion the sum of \$10,000 must be raised to defray the expenses of an enthusiastic and energetic campaign for good roads.

We further recommend that two men be employed to carry on the work and that these two men be Judge Lionel R. Webster, of Multnomah county, and Judge John H. Scott, of Marion county, provided satisfactory arrangements can be made with these gentlemen by this committee.

It is further the sense of this committee that it should have permanent existence and be the medium through which the work of this conference be carried on.

W. L. Crissey has been made permanent secretary of this committee, without salary.

A portion of the amount recommended was subscribed on the spot, and

the men named will take up the work assigned them at once.

The following committee on legislation was appointed: County Judge J. B. Messick, of Baker county, chairman; State Senator A. J. Johnson, of Benton county; Judge L. R. Webster, of Multnomah county; Judge John H. Scott, of Marion county; W. K. Newell, of Washington county, president of State Board of Horticulture; A. T. Buxton, of Washington county, Master Oregon State Grange; J. D. Lee, of Polk county, and Benton Bowers, of Jackson county.

GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION.

The Southwestern Washington Good Roads Association was organized in Chehalis August 22, as a result of a convention of delegates representing three counties. It elected N. B. Coffman as president; A. N. Brown, treasurer, and H. C. Coffman, secretary. For Cowlitz County Fred Lane, of Woodland, was chosen as vice-president; for Lewis County, F. W. Hubbard, of Centralia; for Pacific County,

Ell Rocky, of South Bend. A constitution was adopted and the object of the association was set forth in the following:

First—To awaken interest in the cause of good roads in Southwestern Washington.

Second—To lend our efforts to carrying out the scheme for a system of trunk line roads in Washington, as outlined in the plan, which has already been submitted by State Highway Commissioner J. M. Snow.

Third—To more particularly use our efforts to pledge the legislative candidates from the counties embraced in this organization to secure legislation which shall result in the early construction of state roads, as follows: (a) Completion of state road No. 5, which shall connect Lewis and Yakima Counties, and extension of same to Willapa Harbor on the west. (b) Construction of state road No. 8, and running in a general northerly direction through Clarke, Cowlitz, Lewis and other counties to the northern boundary of the state. (c) Such construction as is necessary to connect state road No. 9, from Grays Harbor, with the state road No. 5, and with the north and south road referred to above.

Studebaker Bros. Co. has offered, through the Seattle branch, a handsome prize, to be competed for by the farmers of the Northwest at the First Annual Western Washington Fair, to be held in Seattle September 7 to 12.

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Farmers and fruit growers throughout the whole of Western Washington are taking great interest in the fair. From all sides many assurances have been received by the fair management that the majority of the large farms and fruit growing associations will be represented with splendid exhibits in the horticultural and agricultural departments of the fair.

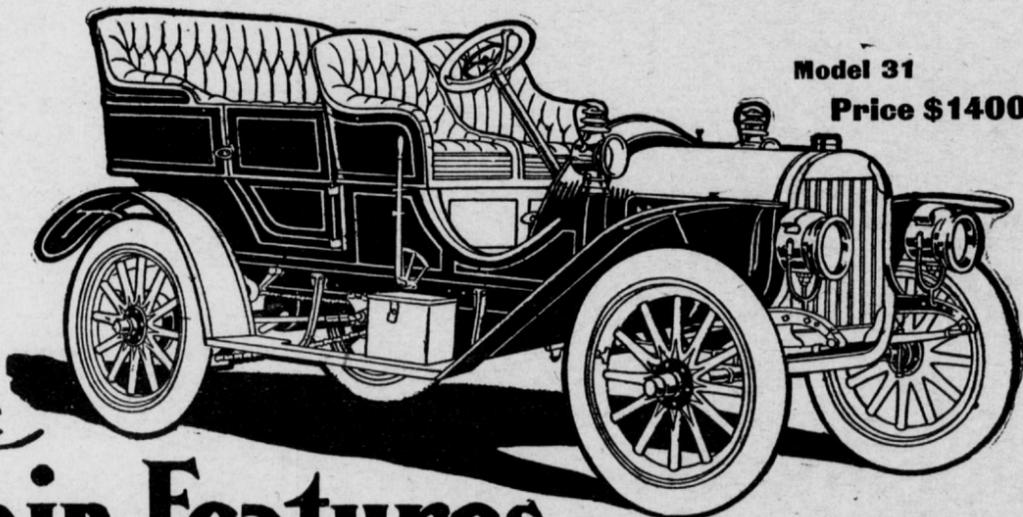
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