

# ROAD BUILDING

## PACIFIC COAST GOOD ROADS

Interest Centers Particularly in Highway Extending From California to Washington.

(By HERBERT NUNN, State Highway Engineer of Oregon.)

The Pacific coast is particularly interested in our national highway; that is the Pacific coast highway extending from California to Oregon and Washington. This when completed will have approximate length of some 1,400 miles, and the large part of it is now completed or nearing completion.

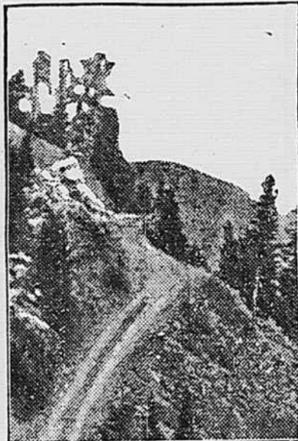
Mr. Fletcher of California stated to me that his state had completed 525 miles, extending from Los Angeles north to Sacramento, and we are now under contract to complete the road. Oregon now has under contract on this road some 400 miles of construction, all of which will be completed by the middle of next year, 200 miles of which will be paved and the rest macadam or gravel. Washington has completed this road to Seattle, and next year its entire length will be complete.

I am unable to say at this time just how much money was expended during the year 1919 in the three states, but in Oregon approximately \$7,000,000 was expended. The three states, however, are pretty well fixed financially.

California has a new bond issue for \$40,000,000 and previously has expended some \$33,000,000. Oregon has some \$32,000,000 available and roads to cost \$19,000,000 to \$20,000,000 under construction. Washington has less money. They failed to carry the bond issue there this year, but have between \$8,000,000 and \$9,000,000 available for next year.

The eastern connections with the Pacific highway are the Santa Fe trail, the Lincoln highway, and the Midland road. I think the Santa Fe is pretty well cared for. It connects with southern California. In Oregon we are connecting with the southern highway and with the Columbia river highway.

Labor conditions on the Pacific coast are about the same as in the East.



Improved Road in Oregon.

The pay is about \$4.50 with \$7.50 for teams. We don't expect better labor conditions next year. Material conditions are better. In Oregon we have sufficient local material and don't require much rail transportation. Washington is fixed similarly. So is northern California. Southern California is in worse condition as to transportation.

## MOTORTRUCK IS INSISTENT

War Brought It Into Prominence as Commercially Practical Form of Transportation.

The value of the motortruck as an aid in the war, sprang into prominence as a commercially practical form of transportation and while the fighting has ceased, the need for the motortruck remains with us, more insistent than ever before. Within certain limitations the freight car of the highway is more efficient than the rail car, and, because it is, it may be taken as a permanent form of transportation and one destined to have a large influence on the movements of trade in the future.

## PUSH GOOD ROADS BUILDING

Construction Work Retarded by War Should Now Be Resumed to Facilitate Transportation.

Good roads construction retarded by the war should now be pushed vigorously and nothing should be permitted to interfere with the expansion and development of these important arteries of transportation and trade which can serve to materially reduce high living costs by facilitating the movement of foodstuffs from the farm to the table.

### Significant Auto Fact.

Observers are said to regard it as significant that the states which will spend most freely for better highways and which manufacturers depend upon to buy the most motortrucks in 1920 are states in which farming is the predominant occupation.

### Value of Motortruck.

The value of the motortruck as an aid in marketing farm products is now well established. In bringing this about improved roads have been an essential factor.

## In Time of Need

By ALVAH J. GARTH

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Morris Davenal stood spellbound viewing a scene that seemed so lovely, yet filmy, that he almost deemed himself under a delusion. He had been camping on the banks of a river, occupying a rude board shanty, and had cut across what seemed to be the extensive grounds of a great, gloomy mansion. At the edge of a glade a fitting figure had crossed his range of vision.

It was nearly midnight, and the moonlight filtered down in a silvery flood and showed a form girlish, full of natural grace, and a face the outlines of which were perfect. She drew within the shadow of a towering elm tree and stood motionless, her ear bent, her gaze fixed.

She made a gesture of keen disappointment as no one appeared.

Beyond the tree a man, evidently a worker about the grounds, suddenly came into view. He halted, applied a whistle to his lips and blew an echoing trill. The girl hurried in the direction of the house to be confronted by a second man, past middle age, who regarded her with sternness, almost anger.

"You will not be warned!" Davenal heard him say, and there was the venom of menace in his tones.

"Please stand aside," spoke the girl in icy tones. "I will return to my room."

"And stay there, if you are wise," observed the man. "You are trying to play me false. Be careful—you know the penalty!"

Davenal delivered a deep breath like one seeing an entrancing picture fade into nothingness. The scene remained imprinted on his memory all the way to his temporary home near the river. He entered the dilapidated old shack and sat for an hour lost in meditation. Finally he aroused himself and walked over to a cupboard.

"Again!" he muttered, as its shelves came into view, and the puzzled exclamation expressed his wonderment that, for the second time within twenty-four hours, someone had entered the place and had made away with food in the cupboard.

Davenal threw himself on his couch, but memory of the fair girl in the moonlight remained for a long time. He finally slumbered, to rouse up at early daylight as a groan disturbed him. It was repeated, apparently from an attic overhead. Davenal went to a corner where cleats were nailed along the wall, ascended these and glanced about the confined space under the roof.

A human form was stretched out upon a heap of old rags, moving uneasily, with closed eyes. Davenal fancied this must be the despoiler of his food supply. He noticed that one foot of the intruder was swathed in a bandage. He touched his arm. Instantly the other, a young man of presentable appearance, although he looked haggard and distressed, awoke.

"Who are you?" challenged Davenal. It was only after persistent questioning that Davenal was able to gain the confidence of the stowaway. He helped him below, prepared a meal and attended to a bad cut on one foot, the result of falling over a keen-edged scythe.

Finally the stranger told his story. He was Earle Wilton, and his visit to the vicinity was to secretly meet his sister, Adrienne. She was a captive in the power of an unprincipled guardian, who hoped to gain her fortune by forcing her to marry him.

"I received a letter concerning the situation of affairs," Wilton told Davenal, "but had to proceed with caution. Wolfe Dubrow's hold on my sister was his claim that he had proof of my committing a forgery of my father's name before he died. It is false, but he has the power to imprison me. In sixty days Adrienne will be of age and can defy him. 'If I were not thus crippled I could convey her to a safe hiding place.'"

"Let me help you," eagerly pleaded Davenal, at once divining that Miss Adrienne Wilton was the fair girl of the moonlight episode.

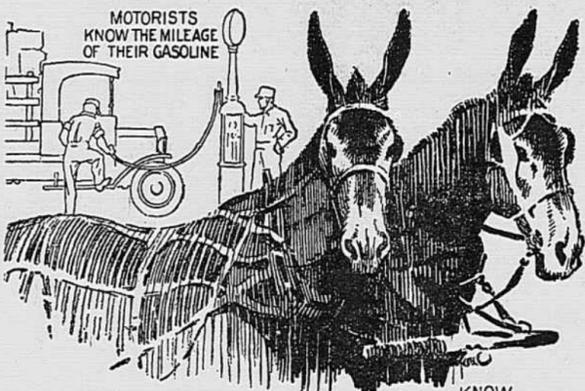
An hour later, appeared in his most commonplace attire. Davenal strolled by the Dubrow place. The man with the whistle of the night previous hailed him. Was he looking for work? Was he willing to put in a forenoon's labor on the lawn for a dollar? and soon Davenal had located the room which Miss Wilton occupied and had also spied a long ladder in the barn of the place.

Then he went back to the river shack, planned with Earle Wilton what they should do, made arrangements to have an automobile on hand after dark, had Wilton write a note to his sister, and at midnight helped the startled and excited girl captive down the ladder, hastened to the shack and they were miles away before daylight.

Davenal accompanied brother and sister to a retired village, saw them comfortably settled and left them filled with gratitude for his helpful attention. Twice he revisited them during the next two months.

The day when her coming of age released her legally from the care of her guardian, Adrienne Wilton wrote Davenal of the fact and asked his advice and co-operation as to her further action in regard to her estate.

Davenal secured a lawyer and the baffled Wolfe Dubrow was compelled to relinquish his evil schemes. By that time Davenal and Adrienne had become something more than friends, and ere the end of the year she had a lifetime guardian.



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Pursuant to a decree in the above entitled cause, I shall offer for sale at public outcry to the highest bidder before the Court House, Town of Edgefield, County and State aforesaid, on Salesday in October 1920, the same being the 4th day of said month, between the legal hours of sale the following described realty, to wit: All that piece, parcel or tract of land, situate, lying and being in the County and State aforesaid, containing Seventy-Six and 31-100 Acres, more or less, and bounded by lands of C. C. Fuller, Edgar Reynolds, Chester A. Stevens, Willie Stevens and others.

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J. H. CANTELOU, Master, E. C., S. C. Sept. 6—4t.

### Executor's Notice.

State of South Carolina, County of Edgfield. Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate of Mrs. Amina F. Ouzts, deceased, will make payment to the undersigned. And all persons holding claims against said estate will render all accounts of their demands duly attested to the undersigned.

ALBERT G. OUZTS, Duly Qualified Executor of the Will of Mrs. Amina F. Ouzts, dec'd Sept. 8—3t.

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### Executor's Sale.

State of South Carolina, County of Edgefield.

Under and by authority of an order of the Probate Court. Notice is hereby given that on the 17th day of September, A. D., 1920 at Elmwood, at the residence of A. G. Ouzts, at 10 o'clock A. M., I will proceed to sell all of the personal property belonging to the estate of the late James T. Ouzts, deceased, consisting principally of household and kitchen furniture, Piano, iron safe, two-horse wagon, top buggy and harness, blacksmith tools, plows, and all other personal property belonging to said estate.

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A. G. OUTZS, Executor of the last will of James T. Ouzts, deceased. August 25, 1920.—3t.

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