

# TO IMPROVE ROADS OF WEBER

## REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS HEAR WELLINGTON LOUCKS.

Good Roads Association's Special  
Train Will Visit Ogden and May  
Give Demonstration.

At a meeting held at the Weber Club last evening action was taken which is the beginning of a movement for better roads in Weber county. There was a large attendance of representative citizens of the county and all were united in favor of the plans outlined by Wellington Loucks, organizer of the Good Roads association, who was present.

The meeting was called to order by O. B. Gilson, president of the Weber club. Mr. Loucks then addressed the meeting, setting forth the history of the Good Roads association and telling how it was given birth while Mr. Dodge was attending in Des Moines, Iowa, a meeting of the Charities and Corrections association, dealing with the health and reformation of the criminal class. At that meeting Mr. Dodge proposed that criminal labor be used on the public roads, but the matter met with objections from those who were present, who said that such a move would militate against the honest laboring class. So immediately Mr. Dodge set about to find an avenue of putting in operation his ideas as to the necessity of improving country roads and the manner in which they should be improved.

The result was that the road department was made a part of the National Agricultural department and out of that has grown, with the government assistance, the Good Roads association. In states that have given thought to the matter poll tax has been abolished as a fraud and a farce and in different counties where prisoners were used they were used on the stockade plan.

Mr. Loucks said that there were over 3,000,000 miles of roads in the country, of which only 2,700,000 are improved. New York has appropriated \$650,000 per year for the improvement of its roads and there is now a proposition on foot to form a permanent fund of \$50,000,000 for the permanent improvement of roads. Texas has raised over \$3,000,000 in bonds for good roads. In addition to the states named Mr. Loucks gave a long list of states that have taken the matter up and are working along the lines suggested by the leaders of the movement.

The speaker stated that the Good Roads special would reach Ogden on May 29th.

Mr. Loucks said that it was essential that the people here bear the expense of those aboard the train for the day they were to be in Ogden, which would amount to \$150. The matter was taken up by those present by first organizing, and Judge Dee was made chairman of the meeting; Warren Wattis secretary, and Fred Stevens, treasurer. Billy Wilson then stated that he favored the proposition, as did Joseph Scowcroft, William Van Alen, O. B. Gilson and County Commissioner Madsen. Archie Bigelow then moved that an invitation be extended to the Good Roads association to meet with the people of Ogden on May 29th. The motion was unaniously carried. On the 29th three sessions will be held, at 10:30 a. m., 2 p. m., and 7:30 p. m. Ogden will be the third stop from Chicago.

Mr. Loucks spoke entertainingly of the attractions of Ogden, and especially complimented County Commissioner Wilson on the magnificent driveway up Ogden canyon. He said that he could hardly understand why, with such a fine example before them, the people had failed to build similar roads throughout the county, inasmuch as it had been demonstrated that there was an abundance of fine material such as quartzite, limestone and cementing clay to be found in the mountains.

The next meeting will be held Thursday evening next at which time the different committees will report.

Later it may be arranged to have the Good Roads train, with all machinery aboard, stop here and construct a model mile. This train carries crushers, screens, road making machinery, and those aboard pay their own expenses and simply ask the local committee that the material entering into the construction of the road be furnished and common labor paid for.

Mr. Loucks said that they had already induced the railroad companies to make reduced rates for Ogden on the day of the convention on the 29th of May.

Following are the names of the committees appointed at the meeting held last evening.

C. R. Hollingsworth, official secretary of the organizing committee

Committee on Invitation—William Glasmann, C. R. Hollingsworth, T. H. Davis, William Van Alen, Joseph Stanford, B. H. Goddard, O. B. Gilson, O. J. Stillwell.

Finance Committee—W. G. Wilson, J. C. Nye, J. W. Abbott.

Committee on Arrangements—O. B. Madsen, Alex Brewer, T. H. Carr, A. P. Hibbs, A. B. Mosley, A. P. Bigelow, Will Burt.

Reception Committee—All members of the Weber club and the following: Preston Blair, Marriott; L. B. Hammond, Roy; David McKay, Huntsville; W. L. Stewart, Warren; Lyman Skeen, Plain City; George W. Bramwell, Plain City; Charles Zeimer, Ogden; Robert McFarland, West Weber; N. Montgomery, North Ogden; M. L. Marriott, Marriott; A. R. C. Smith, North Ogden; E. G. McGriff, North Ogden; L. M. Nelson, Huntsville; Thomas Etherington, West Weber; Henry Fuller, Liberty; A. M. van der Vlies, Ogden; W. J. Parker, Roy; John C. Child, Roy; L. W. Shurtliff, Ogden; N. W. Bostaph, Ogden; E. J. Marshall, Liberty; Jesse Fowels, Hooper; W. G. Cragun, Pleasant View; Alma Eyles, Uintah; L. J. Taylor, Harrisville; John T. Beebe, Riverdale;

Temple Short, Farr-West; Archibald McFarland, West Weber; William Lowe, Willard, Frank Stratford, Wilson, J. J. Cortez, Birch Creek; William Stimpson, Birch Creek.

Executive Committee—Chairman of each committee together with the officers.