

THE COLUMBIA & AMERICA'S GREAT HIGHWAY THROUGH THE CASCADE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA



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In the year A. D. 1915, great progress was made on the Pacific Coast of North America. No event was of greater importance than the construction of the Columbia River Highway in the State of Oregon. The last barrier between the "Inland Empire" and the Pacific Ocean has been removed. A broad thoroughfare almost

two hundred miles in length now passes through the two mountain ranges. All grades are easy, the maximum being five per cent. The curves are graceful; the shortest radius is one hundred feet, and there is always a good sight ahead. The road is everywhere twenty-four feet in width. Beautiful concrete bridges and strong

protection railings make it safe and comfortable. Multnomah County has expended \$1,250,000.00 in paving this great highway and other trunk roads leading to Portland. Crown Point can be reached in one hour, and the gorge of the Columbia, in the heart of the Cascade range, in two hours from Portland.