

TO COMPLETE SHERIDAN DRIVE.

The failure to accomplish anything toward constructing the Wisconsin end of the Sheridan drive, which is the name given to the projected highway connecting Milwaukee and Chicago, is an instructive example of the listlessness of the public toward the good roads movement. This highway has a great deal to commend it to the people of both Wisconsin and Illinois, and should command more favorable attention than the ordinary good roads proposition, because it has the advantage of traversing a thickly settled district and connects two great cities which are only eighty five miles apart, and it is besides helped by the fact that it skirts the lake and is, therefore, sure to attract travel on account of the fondness the average person has for lake views and cool breezes. It is obviously a piece of road that enjoys almost every possible natural advantage, and it ought, therefore, to receive more hearty support than any possible project of this kind that might be proposed in Wisconsin. Yet the record of the last four years during which a systematic agitation has been conducted for the construction of the road or some part of it has been entirely without results. There are less than forty miles of the road in Wisconsin too. The cost of building a few miles of this stretch every year would be moderate, and the total cost would be small enough to make it seem possible to build it all in one year. The further fact that a good part of the Illinois end of the road is already built would, one might think, encourage the rapid construction of the Wisconsin portion of the road.

There is talk now of building a great highway extending from New York City to the Adirondacks, a distance of about 500 miles by the road. This project is arousing considerable enthusiasm, and it is argued that its construction would return many times its cost to the public and the State. The same argument can be applied to the Sheridan drive, as it is obvious that the mere increase in value of the property adjoining the road would be many times the cost

of its construction, to say nothing of its great utility to thousands of people. At the rate of progress made in Wisconsin by the advocates of the drive it would seem probable, however, that the New York highway of 500 miles will be completed before the forty mile stretch in Wisconsin shall have been built. The lack of interest in so useful and desirable a project is not creditable to the intelligence or the public spirit of Wisconsin people. — Milwaukee Sentinel

MILITARY ACADEMY NOTES.

On Sunday evening the Academy cadets and a large number of their friends listened with decided profit to a lecture given by Mr. A. B. Wagner, physical director of the Chicago Y. M. C. A., who took as his subject: "Where shall we gain wisdom."

On Saturday evening Major Davidson delivered an address of rare interest to the cadets. The major chose as his topic "Firearms, projectiles and explosives" and it is safe to say that the subject was never before at the Academy treated with so much thoroughness. Major Davidson exhaustively detailed the mechanical action of the various types of rifles in use in the great armies of the world, giving practical demonstrations of their construction, operation and comparative worth. Projectile construction and efficiency were also dealt with at some length. The subject of explosives received very elaborate consideration from the speaker. Samples of the various forms and kinds of sporting rifle and heavy ordinance powders were exhibited and their effects graphically illustrated. The major also manufactured and exploded a small quantity of common powder, and the aggregate pleasure given the boys closely resembled an old fashioned 4th of July, to which was added a large amount of substantial and practical information.

Next Saturday evening the sophomore class will give a phonograph concert from records prepared by the members of the class. These records include vocal and instrumental reproductions, humorous selections and novel features original with the boys. These Saturday evening entertainments are a highly appreciated feature of the social life at the Academy.

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