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## GOOD ROADS CONGRESS BEGINS DECEMBER 14

OF GREAT INTEREST TO EVERYONE

Will have Four Days Session at International Amphitheatre at the Union Stock Yards. Attend if Possible

Chicago is to have a good roads school. It will be the biggest good roads school since the days of Caesar. Twenty-five hundred mayors of the middle west will attend. Three or four thousand state, county and township road commissioners will be there. Automobileists, farmers, and business men from all over the United States will swell the enrollment to 10,000.

The school is to be conducted at the International Amphitheatre at the Union Stock Yards. The name of the institution will be the Fifth Annual American Good Roads Congress and the Sixth Annual Good Roads Show and it will be conducted by the American Road Builders' Association and about one hundred other organizations interested in good roads. The congress and show begins December 14 and lasts four days. Temporary headquarters have been established at Hotel LaSalle.

There will be no tuition fee. The American public has already paid. Every year it costs every man, woman and child in the United States \$12.00 as his share in the cost of bad roads. Every year it costs \$500,000,000 to move the American crop of 265,000,000 bushels to market. Of this sum, one-half is waste due to bad roads. Everybody pays—the consumer in higher cost, the producer in lower profits. The waste of a single year would build 200,000 miles of improved highway. The waste of ten years would remake the entire road system of the country at \$5,000 a mile.

"How great a saving there would have been to the people of the United States," said E. L. Powers, Secretary of the American Road Builders' Association, "had they not had to waste millions in road building experiments. Think of the worthless plank roads, the miles of rotten cedar blocks! Had all the money that has been spent gone into good construction, the country by this time would have a big start in the permanent improvement of its highways."

"The American Road Builders' Association at the annual American Good Roads Congress and Roads Show is trying to prevent further waste. In past years the Association, composed as it is of the foremost engineers of the country, has succeeded in exposing many false theories of road construction, and in providing new methods and new materials with which to meet the problems raised by the introduction of the automobile and other fast and heavy traffic."

"The public is at last beginning to realize the importance of good roads. The farmers of the United States, representing the greatest element of our population, the most important business of the country, depend for their prosperity on good roads. The establishment of a system of permanent, improved highways is of far greater importance than the digging of the Panama Canal. The public roads are used not by the few, but by every one. They are owned by the people, paid for by the people. It behooves every one therefore to join in helping procure for the American states the very best highways possible at the very minimum of expense."

The good roads congress and show will be attended by the roads departments of every state in the Union and by representatives of nearly all the provinces of Canada. A large number of organizations have pledged themselves to help promote whatever road building recommendations are approved. Among these are such bodies as the Chicago Association of Commerce, the Illinois Automobile Association, the Associated Roads Organizations, the Illinois, Michigan, Indiana and Wisconsin highway commissioners and others.

A feature of the good roads school will be a life-sized boulevard running through a park of real trees and showing sample sections of every known and approved style of paving. The United States government will have an exhibit of road making from the time of Caesar down to date. Many state road departments will also exhibit and New York City, Philadelphia and Chicago are to show paving work. Manufacturers will exhibit the latest materials and methods.

Road building problems will be discussed at the congress by road engineers of national and international reputation, among these being W. A. McLean, chief engineer of Highways and Commissioner, Ontario Public Roads and Highways Commission; and George W. Tillson, consulting engineer, Borough of Brooklyn.

## TAXPAYERS' BUREAU FOR HIGHLAND PARK

ORGANIZED BY MR. JAMES HEPBURN

Former Deputy County Treasurer to Open up Office in North Shore Trust Building. Samuel S. Holmes is to be Council

James Hepburn, former deputy county treasurer, is going to take advantage of the experience he gained while in office and start an organization to protect the taxpayers of Lake County.

Mr. Hepburn is organizing the Lake County Tax Payers information bureau, and will have his main office in the North Shore Trust Building at Highland Park. He will also have a Waukegan office. Real estate interests of his clients will be protected at tax sales, taxes and assessment paid, and other business pertaining to taxes and real estate transacted.

Twenty-two thousand dollars worth of property is sold at tax sales in Lake County alone. According to Mr. Hepburn fully 40 per cent of this amount could be saved if the taxpayer was fully informed on all matters involved.

Samuel Holmes, city attorney of Highland Park, is to be counsel for the new concern, of which Mr. Hepburn will be the head. The former deputy county treasurer has many good ideas in regard to the handling of tax matters, and if given support will undoubtedly prove that he can save the taxpayer many dollars by handling his business judiciously. A similar concern now operating in Cook County has met with great success.

The new concern will open for business next week.

## BOOST PEACE PETITION

Glencoe Women Circulating Monster Plea to President Wilson

Glencoe women in large numbers are signing the huge peace petition of the American women, which is being circulated from the home of Mrs. E. J. Sherwin of 666 Greenleaf Ave. The committee in charge is urging every woman in Glencoe to sign the petition at the earliest possible date, as the signatures are to be forwarded with the rest of the great national petition to President Wilson.

The text of the peace plea follows: "To the Women of America:—In great grief at the present terrible crisis of warfare among nations, and at the anguish of the women of the world, we call upon you to consider our duty. The motherhood of the world must demand and obtain for our children a world where life, freedom and the pursuit of happiness are inalienable rights."

War is death and destruction. Peace is life and construction. "Let every woman declare her devotion to this cause, think, speak and work to create the spirit of universal peace."

"Prove your allegiance to the cause of a world peace by signing this resolution and by promptly securing the signatures of all women for a monster petition voicing the will of the women of the United States, that all international controversies be adjusted by a tribunal of arbitration."

"We hereby pray the women of all other nations to join with us to make this a world-wide peace crusade."

"WOMEN'S PEACE COMMITTEE, Chicago Political Equality League."

## CABRIA AT THEATRE SUNDAY

Matinee at Two O'clock. Evening Performances at Six and Nine Fifteen O'clock

Perhaps, the most wonderful picture ever shown in this city is "Cabiria" to be shown on Sunday in the Highland Park Theatre. There will be three shows including a matinee at two o'clock. The evening shows will begin at six o'clock and nine fifteen. The picture is produced by the Itala Film Co., the scenario of which was written by Gabriele D'Annunzio and takes place in the third century; B. C., during the second Punic war. The historical events wonderfully pictured are: Hannibal's passage over the Alps; the eruption of Mt. Aetna; the Battle of Cannae, wherein fifty thousand Romans were slain; the destruction of the Roman fleet by Archimedes; the Fall of Syracuse before the Roman Army under Marcellus, and many others. To make this remarkable exposition of silent drama it required 7,000 actors, 20 elephants, hundreds of horses, and fourteen months of work at an expense of \$250,000. "Cabiria," all told, is only the tossing about of a beautiful little child from one catapult of human fanaticism and power to another, from one miracle of divine revelation to another, and from one upheaval of nature in revolt to another. The picture is 12,000 feet of film making it 12 reels.

## NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

GOVERNMENT PLANT FOR WAUKEGAN

City of Waukegan to Have Municipal Christmas Tree. Glencoe is to Have a Fire Truck. Audit Treasurer's Books

### Glencoe to Have Fire Truck

At the regular monthly meeting of the Glencoe village board of trustees last week an ordinance was passed providing for the issue of \$6,500 in bonds to purchase an automobile engine and other fire equipment for the village. This sum will also cover the expense of maintenance for a year or more. A special election was set for Jan. 9, when the village will vote on the bonds. At the same meeting an ordinance was passed making George M. Chandler, the newly elected trustee, a member of the board of local improvements.

### Government Plant for Waukegan

The city of Waukegan has been selected by the United States government as the location of an extensive manufactory for the manufacture of cement caissons and other concrete products. The selection of Waukegan as the site of the concern, which will be one of the most extensive of its kind in the world, has been announced by officials of the United States Bureau of Engineering at Milwaukee. The site of the plant has already been chosen. It will be located on the stretch of government land skirting the east sea wall and the north pier of the harbor. The plot is known to harbor men as the "government island." The product of the plant will consist mainly of cement caissons, to be used in building government piers, dikes and other structures on Lake Michigan. Other smaller cement articles will be manufactured at the factory.

### Audit County Treasurer's Books

Auditor S. E. Sims has completed his audit of the county treasurer's books and his report was submitted to the Board of Supervisors at the session Monday afternoon. His report shows there should be a cash balance of \$47,943.94 in the hands of Carl Westerfield, the outgoing treasurer. This amount tallies to even a penny with the report of Mr. Westerfield who, on Monday morning, announced he stood ready to turn this amount of money over to Mr. McDonough as soon as he qualifies, which he did Monday afternoon. The only preliminary being the approving of the new treasurer's bond by the supervisors.

### Major Bidinger His own Boss

Mayor Harrison of Chicago may be a candidate for re-election—providing that his wife says he can. He made a promise four years ago he'd never run again. Well, Mayor Bidinger of Waukegan has some consolation: He don't have to be bothered by asking his wife if he can run again. In fact, he's his own boss, and likely asked the permission or assent of no one. He's just himself, and answerable just to himself, so, when the time came last week, he just came along and said he's to be a candidate. That's one feature of single blessedness.—Waukegan Sun.

### Municipal Christmas Tree

The city of Waukegan is to have a Municipal Christmas tree. It will blaze forth with a myriad of lights from its position in the court house yard on the eve of the Christmas, providing the plans of the Mayor J. F. Bidinger and Mrs. Jennie Just, well known local philanthropist and club leader do not go awry. The project is in its preliminary stage, however, no plans have as yet been perfected. The mayor plans to use his great influence in the splendid movement, while the prominent club leader will lend her entire assistance towards making the project a realization.

### NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS INSTALLED

Lee M. McDonough, County Treasurer, only New Man to take Office

Lake County's fiscal term began today when new officials and re-elected officials began their new terms covering four years. The new men took hold and the old men who were re-elected merely kept on going as usual, only they stepped into the beginning of the new terms. Mr. Griffin knows the ropes of sheriff because he was sheriff twice before. Mr. McDonough accordingly is the only real NEW official who had to be introduced to the duties of his office today when he succeeded Treasurer Westerfield. Perry L. Persons, County Judge, Lew A. Hendee, County Clerk and T. Arthur Simpson succeed themselves.

## ANALYTICAL REPORT LOCAL MILK DEALERS

THE RESULT OF ANALYSIS VERY GOOD

In None of the Milks Were Found the More Common Preservatives Formaldehyde and Benzoic Acid. Only two not Perfect

My dear Mr. Hawkins:

We enclose analysis of milk and water made by the Columbus Laboratory. We have made notations on each. The samples show up very well indeed but a few of the dealers should be notified of the traces of visible dirt in the samples.

Very truly yours,  
LLOYD M. BERGEN  
A. R. SHELDON  
F. M. INGALLS

The report received this week from the Columbus Laboratories, Chicago, on the eight milks sent in for examination are as follows:

	Fat	Total Solids
Bowman Dairy Co.	4.0	13.00
Mooney	4.6	13.62
Highwood Dairy (E. Hinderberg)	5.0	14.79
Zahnle	4.8	14.58
Turelli	3.6	12.14
Carlson	4.4	14.02
Kuist	7.0	16.37

### Analytical Report

Sample of milk marked No. 1, Bowman Dairy Co., no visible dirt; leucocytes per c. c., 38,000; pus cocci, absent; b. tuberculosis, absent; colon bacillus, absent.

Sample of milk marked No. 2, Mooney no visible dirt; leucocytes per c. c., 31,000; pus cocci, absent; b. tuberculosis, absent; colon bacillus, absent.

Sample of milk marked No. 3, Highwood Dairy (Hinderberg), a trace of visible dirt; leucocytes per c. c., 42,000; pus cocci, few staphylococci; b. tuberculosis, absent; colon bacillus, absent.

Sample of milk marked No. 4, Zahnle Dairy, no visible dirt; leucocytes per c. c., 35,000; pus cocci-streptococci, found; b. tuberculosis, absent; colon bacillus, absent; mould and yeast, present.

Sample of milk marked No. 5, Turelli, a trace of visible dirt; leucocytes per c. c., 50,000; pus cocci, absent; b. tuberculosis, absent; colon bacillus, absent.

Sample of milk marked No. 6, Carlson Dairy, no visible dirt; leucocytes per c. c., 24,000; pus cocci, absent; b. tuberculosis, absent; colon bacillus, absent.

Sample of milk marked No. 7, Kuist Dairy, no visible dirt; leucocytes per c. c., 44,000; pus cocci, absent; b. tuberculosis, absent; colon bacillus, absent.

Sample of milk marked No. 8, Dr. W. D. N. Moore, visible dirt, absent; leucocytes per c. c., 106,000; pus cocci, few staphylococci; b. tuberculosis, absent; colon bacillus, absent; formaldehyde, not present; boric acid, not present.

### WHAT RED CROSS XMAS SEALS DO

For Sale by Dale Sweetland, Earl Geell, Albert Larson and Greene's. News Stand

Every Red Cross Christmas Seal that is sold is a real bullet in the fight against tuberculosis. These seals last year helped to support thousands of needy tuberculosis patients and to give them a chance for life. They provided for many visiting nurses, whose hundreds of thousands of visits brought instruction and cheer to numerous patients. They helped maintain dispensaries in scores of cities, where thousands of consumptive patients received free treatment, aid and advice. They provided the means to purchase millions of copies of circulars, pamphlets and other literature with which the public has been educated about tuberculosis. They have established and helped maintain more than 300 open-air schools for children who need open-air treatment. These are just a few of the ways in which the \$450,000 received last year was expended. This year a million dollars is needed. You can purchase these seals at any one of the above mentioned stores.

### LOCAL REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Property Exchanges Recorded During Past Two Weeks

C. D. Smith and wife to Maude M. Collins, lot 5, blk 44, Highland Park. W. D. \$750.00.

Edwin J. Gray, bach, to R. L. Lovell, lot 13, blk 52, in city of Highland Park. W. D. \$10.00.

Thos. Earnshaw and wife to Reuben Lloyd, N. W. 1/4 lot 3, blk 1, Highland Park. W. D. \$2100.00.

R. P. Davidson and wife et al to Adelaide Davidson, lot 2, (ex W 80 ft) blk 65, Highland Park, Highland Park. Q. C. \$1.00.

## EXPRESS COMPANY GIVES SHIPPING SUGGESTIONS

SEND CHRISTMAS PACKAGES EARLY

Use Wooden Boxes for Packing. If Charges are Prepaid Mark it so and Insist on a Receipt. If Goods are Perishable, Mark it so

Do you expect to send your mother, sweetheart, or friend a Christmas present this year? If so, and you find it necessary to patronize some express company, it would be well to bear in mind the following suggestions submitted by an express company:

1. Ship your package early, by the 18th of December, if possible. The express company will give you a small label to paste on the package, reading "Don't open until Christmas." This will insure the package reaching its destination before Christmas and give the additional pleasure to the recipient of the gift of having it Christmas morning.

2. Use wooden boxes for packing. Glass or fragile articles should be well protected. It may cost a few cents more, but the danger of loss or damage is very much reduced. True, if the shipment is lost or damaged the express company will pay for it, but that will give your friend no pleasure.

3. Write the address in full—county, street and number—on the box or package with ink or crayon. Tags are frequently torn off and lost.

4. If you wish to prepay the charges, write the word "Paid" in large plain letters on the package.

5. Insist on a receipt and see that the amount paid is marked on the receipt, and the value of the package declared thereon.

6. Write your own address in full somewhere on the package following the prefix "From—"

7. Inclose a card in each box or package reading:  
From..... Your address here  
To..... Consignee's address here

This in order that, should the box or package be destroyed, the inner mark will insure prompt forwarding and delivery.

8. Use strong wrapping paper (not newspapers), if not convenient to ship in wooden boxes, and tie with strong cord.

9. If package contains anything of perishable nature, write the word "Perishable" in large, plain letters on the box, or package, to insure special attention and first delivery.

If you will observe these suggestions, you will greatly assist in insuring the prompt delivery of your gift in good condition.

## MANY OBJECT TO VACCINATION

Dr. Nesbitt of Waukegan Says it Does More Harm than Good

Zion City people, apparently, are not the only ones who are opposed to vaccination. This fact has come out distinctly in connection with the vaccination order which is being put into effect at the Waukegan High School. A large number of parents have been heard to remark that they are opposed to vaccination and will not permit their children to be inoculated. The school board held a meeting a few days ago at which it was decided to exclude all children from the high school who could not produce certificates from physicians showing they had been vaccinated within the period of a year. The proposition of closing the school for a period of twenty days was discussed but was abandoned as unfeasible. The action was deemed necessary as a result of the fact that a boy living north of Waukegan had attended high school for two or three days while a brother was ill of smallpox.

Attorney William Weiss is one of the strongest opponents of vaccination. He declared that the school board would be acting contrary to the statutes of the state if they enforced the rule. Compulsory vaccination has been declared illegal. Attorney Weiss further declared that he did not purpose to have his child vaccinated and that he intended to send her to school every day as he said this was a right he had as a taxpayer who is helping to pay for the maintenance of the high school. He said that if his daughter is sent home he will accompany her there and see that she remains.

Dr. R. H. T. Nesbitt was another who opposed the plan. He also declared that the supreme court has ruled on the matter and that there is no law to compel vaccination. Speaking with reference to the merits of vaccination he said he has seen more cases where the results of vaccination have been harmful than where they have been productive of good.

## ILLINOIS INSURANCE TWICE THAT OF TAXES

REPORT OF Supt. RUFUS M. POTTS

Declares That Insurance Run by the State Only Method of Resisting Existing Insurance Oppression in Illinois

Springfield, Ill., December 9. A final report was today filed with Governor Dunne by Insurance Superintendent, Rufus M. Potts, which covers his investigation into Illinois fire insurance business. It contains many terse statements, interesting conclusions and remarkable facts. This report outlines completely the historical development of fire insurance in the United States and Europe, and shows the practical result of the operation of the present system in Illinois. It charges that stock fire companies have formed "Combinations," through which they maintain a monopoly, collect extortionate premiums, permit marked discrimination and enforce oppressive business methods; and, that the present "Combine" system effectually increases insurance instead of diminishing fire losses.

The report is a careful analysis of the fire insurance business from every angle. It states that Illinois citizens paid over twenty-six million dollars in premiums last year to stock fire insurance companies, this sum approximately twice the amount of our State taxes. It charges that modern commercial conditions make fire insurance practically compulsory, and that premiums are virtually a tax; that every citizen of our State pays an unjust and unwarranted tribute to monopoly, under a system that is wholly indefensible, which is paid directly to the companies in premiums by persons carrying insurance, and indirectly by every person in the form of an added cost to every article of merchandise purchased, thus none escape this tax.

Superintendent Potts states, that the people of Illinois have paid the companies two dollars in premiums for every dollar returned for fire losses, on an average, for over twenty years, and this cost is shown to be perniciously and unreasonably, the companies making enormous profits out of the ill-fated losses befalling our citizens. He declares that fires are misfortunes and that no person or corporation should be permitted to make profits out of a business based upon the misfortunes of the people; that, fire insurance being essentially a means of spreading among the whole public the burdens resulting from these misfortunes, it should be conducted solely without profit, which can only be done by a system of State insurance.

Superintendent Potts strongly maintains that only by the system of State Fire Insurance can the fire losses be economically and equitably distributed, and the fire waste materially reduced. That such a system would save to the people of the State of Illinois, at least fifteen million dollars a year to begin with, additional all saving coming each year as the service is improved. He cites authority, showing that systems of state fire insurance have long been in force in numerous foreign countries; that rates are extremely low there, and the fire tax is almost negligible, the average rate being from ten to fifteen cents per one hundred dollars insurance, in those countries, as compared with an average rate of over one dollar per hundred dollars insurance in Illinois.

In conclusion Superintendent Potts declares that the continuous refusals of the companies to grant relief, their dilatory tactics and indefensible conduct in resisting the efforts of the State to relieve the public from the existing insurance oppression, imperatively demands action by the next legislature.

## MAN BREAKS INTO LOCAL HOME

Gets Away With Valuable Papers in Suit Case Which are Returned to Owner

About noon on Saturday, a man broke into the W. E. Ten Brock house on East Laurel Ave. during the absence of a family. The house was pretty well ransacked but the only thing found missing was a suit case containing important papers belonging to Mr. Ten Brock. On Monday the 17th precinct police of Chicago notified Mrs. Ten Brock of the location of the suit case which was found in the Acme Hotel, Madison St., Chicago. It was at this time that news of the burglary reached the Highland Park police. A good description of the man who left the suit case in the hotel, was given the local police and as we go to press no clue of the man has been found.