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NATIONAL SYSTEM OF ROADS

Expert at National Capital Illustrates How Scheme Is to Be Brought to Successful End.

The establishment of a national system of highways is greatly facilitated by the federal aid road law, which compels all the states that would share in its benefits—and that means all of the states—to equip themselves with state highway departments. With these state highway departments devoting their attention to the building of state systems of main, through-line highways, every condition is favorable for the next and crowning act—the establishment of a national system of highways.

By way of illustrating how a national system of highways is about to be evolved by easy and logical stages, an expert at the national capital made the following statement:

"Gradually the state has made itself a compelling factor in the handling of local road problems and, as a logical sequence, the federal government, first through educational activity and later by the financial aid provided by the federal aid law, has made itself a powerful factor in the working out of the state highway problems. The next logical step follows the same course which has been pursued by the state governments, namely, the broadening of federal participation to provide for the establishment of a system of national highways.

"This policy can be put into effect without disturbance of existing organizations, without providing new means of finance and with but little change in existing laws. The process would logically take a course somewhat as follows:

"1. The state highway departments and the federal office of public roads would make an initial selection from existing state highway systems of those highways which are of interstate importance.

"2. A system thus selected would be approved by congress, with the requirement that federal funds be applied only to such system on and after a specified date.

"3. The federal aid should be extended to maintenance as well as construction, as the national system of highways should have for all time a close relationship with the federal government.

"Some of the states already have made plans for utilizing the aid granted by the federal aid road act on roads which could not properly be included in a national system. But this need



Concrete Road in Mississippi.

way transportation, the increase in cultivated acreage and the improvement of manufacturing facilities. Crops that cannot be moved from the farms except at enormous expense and manufactured products that must lie in storehouses because of congestion of railroads are of little value to a nation which needs such things now.

ROAD SYSTEMS IN NEW YORK

Total Designated Mileage Placed at 11,988 Miles—Work Hindered by Scarcity of Labor.

The total designated mileage of state and county highway systems in New York state at the present time is 11,988, of which 5,926 miles had been completed and accepted on January 1, while contracts in force at that time covered 1,185 miles. This with the contracts awarded during the year 1916, leaves a balance of designated mileage not yet cared for of 4,210. Highway construction during the past two years has been largely hindered because of the fact that surplus labor has been largely absorbed in munition making and other abnormal industrial activities. In New York state during 1916 it was impossible to secure even at largely increased cost, more than a quarter of the labor actually required for highway work.

ASPHALT IN UNIVERSAL USE

First Pavement of Any Importance Was Laid in Washington in 1876.—Wearing Qualities.

The use of asphalt in paving construction has become so universal that one never thinks of it as a comparatively recently developed material. Yet probably the first sheet of asphalt pavement of any importance was that laid in Washington, D. C., on Pennsylvania avenue in 1876 and on Vermont avenue in 1879. The latter is still in existence today, and it is an evidence of the wearing qualities of this type of pavement even when laid, as it was, without the scientific methods of the present day.

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Clean Up Garden.

Clean up the garden and burn all weeds and trash. You will destroy and make homeless many insects that had figured on eating your next year's crop.

Guard Your Tongue.

"De more you talk," said Uncle Eben, "de more you has to explain why you didn't keep still in de fus' place!"—Washington Star.

Vanity.

Vanity dies hard, wrote Robert Louis Stevenson; in some obstinate cases it outlives the man.

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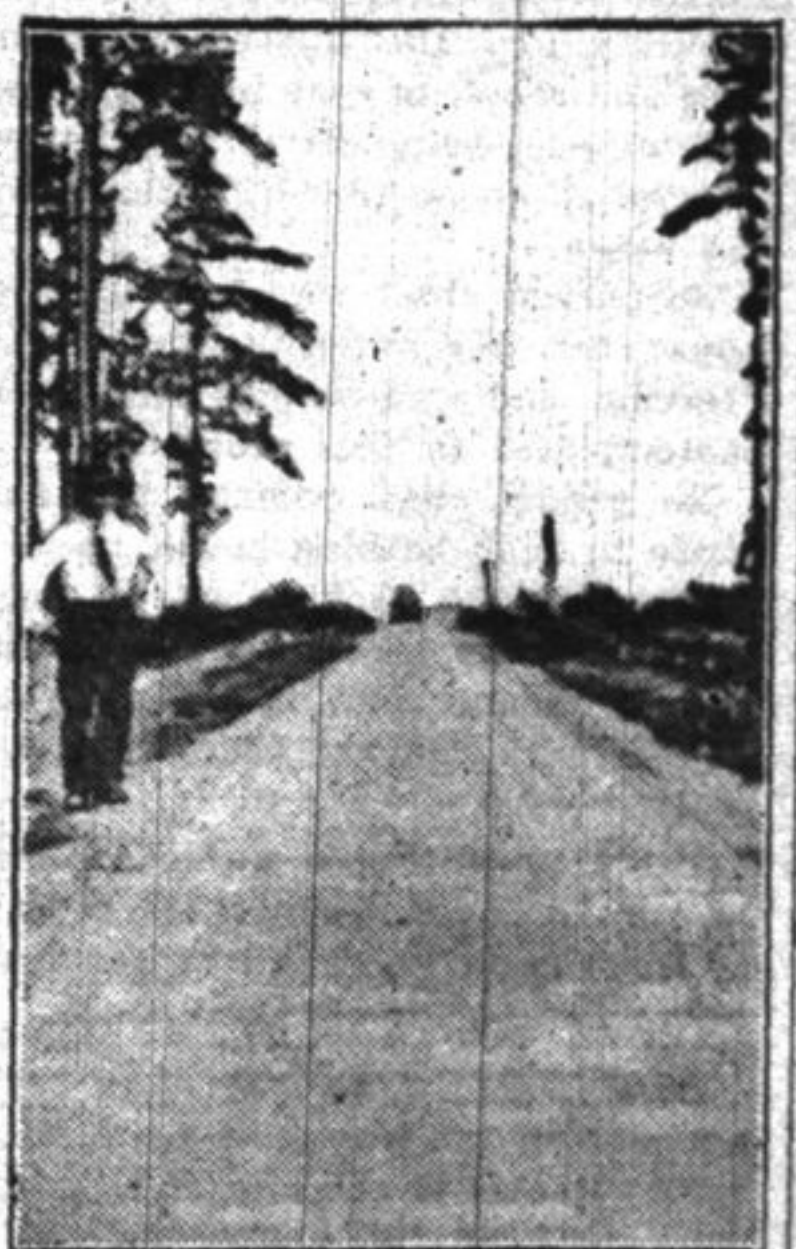
PUBLIC ROADS

NEED OF BETTER HIGHWAYS

Ohio Farmers Convinced That Improved Roads Are Essential and Promise Financial Aid.

At a recent convention of the Ohio Good Roads association the farmer delegates spoke with the utmost conviction of the need of improved roads, good 365 days in the year, if they were to do their part in the mobilization of the resources of the country in the cause of humanity. Moreover, these delegates from the farms did not ask to have the roads improved for them; they promised their full proportion of financial support for their construction.

An entirely different condition is reported from New England, New York



Sand Clay Road.

and New Jersey. There the congestion of railway traffic makes the highways of great value in delivering manufactured materials from one city to another; the motor truck has suddenly become a real necessity in meeting the urgent requirements for transporting the products of the cities. In short, the rational improvement of roads is an essential element of the grave economic problems of the day, to make the valuable products of the farm and shop available to the user at the lowest possible cost.

This subject should be studied at once as an economic problem, the same as the provision of railway and water-

Wanted—To rent small furnished house, July and August, Best references. Wilfred Woollett 4225 St. Lawrence Ave., Chicago, Ill. 18

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Area of Surface of the Earth.

The superficial area of surface of the earth is estimated to be 196,797,000 square miles, of which 55,500,000 square miles are land and 141,000,000 square miles water. Of the entire land portion the best estimates place the fertile regions at 29,000,000 square miles; unproductive plains, 14,000,000 square miles; deserts, 4,861,000 square miles; polar regions of ice-bound land and water, 6,970,000 square miles.

Circus All Their Own.

David and Joan were playing circus parade when a third playmate, evidently not welcome, arrived on the scene and wanted to take part, too. When David's mother insisted that the newcomer be allowed to join in the play David said: "All right, Charles, you be the man that stands on the sidewalk and watches the parade go by."

Would Connect Seas.

A new project of American engineers is a giant canal 250 miles long to connect the Arctic ocean and the Baltic sea, extending from Kandalaska, on the White sea, to Tornea, near the Swedish frontier on the Gulf of Finland. The cost is estimated at \$150,000,000.

Labor and the Matinee.

"Any man who goes to matinees lays himself open to the suspicion of not being a hard worker." "Nonsense," replied Mr. Twobble. "The hardest work I ever did in my life was escorting my wife to an Ibsen matinee."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Courage.

Courage is not simply the absence of fear. To be brave is not merely not to be afraid. Courage is that compactness and clear coherence of all a man's faculties and powers which makes his manhood an operative unit in the world.

Trees, When They Grow.

The verte essence and as it were, spring-head of origine of all music is the very pleasant sounde which the trees make when they grow.—Old English Tale.

A Theory.

Fogg says that the reason the fashions change so frequently is that they are trying to elude some of the people who are following them.—Boston Transcript.

Electric Current Warning.

A tiny electric lamp and mounting have been designed to be attached to almost any electrical device to give warning that the current is turned on.

Influence of Art.

Life is hard enough for poor mortals without having it indefinitely embittered for them by bad art.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Cracks in Ceiling.

Whiting, mixed with glue water or calcined plaster and water, makes a good putty for filling cracks in plastered ceilings.

Optimistic Thought.

The pulpit is not a place for controversy, but for instruction.

To Destroy Rats.

Here is a suggestion for a simple, inexpensive, sure mode of destruction for rodents: Take an ordinary cork from a bottle, slice it to the thickness of a dime, smear it with a piece of lard, fry it to a brown color and put a little salt on it. Then you have rat bacon. A rat will chew and try to swallow it, but that is as far as he gets. The cork sticks in his throat and he cannot get it lower or out. He will run for water to wash it down. That's the important part. He dies outside the house.

Tip to Poets.

It might not be idle to observe that "khaki" does not lend itself to poetry as well as some more euphonious words, notes the Indianapolis News. Its uses are more utilitarian than decorative. In a uniform it is inspiring, but in cold type it conveys no such impression. War poets, before setting out to woo the muse, should consider the difficulties of "khaki." If by so doing the overflowing current of war poetry could be somewhat stemmed a great service would be done a troubled nation.

First to Smoke Tobacco.

Tradition ascribes tobacco and its origin to many things. Some say it was Sir Walter Raleigh who introduced it in the early seventeenth century, but the tiny village of Benstriffe Ash, Somersetshire, claims the distinction which cannot be disputed and one can find many champions of that cause in the immediate vicinity. The entire village consists of one house, known as the "Old Ash" or "Virginia Inn," and here, it is said, tobacco was smoked for the first time.

Electric Cradle Rocker.

The old saying that "the hand that rocks the cradle is the hand that rules the world" still holds good. But today the hand is the invisible one of electricity. A Chicago man recently rigged up a device by which the baby's carriage is trundled back and forth. The mother starts the motor and goes about her household duties while the baby is rocked to sleep.

Persian Bread.

Native bread today in Persia is said to be very little different from that of 1,000 years ago. The oven is built of smooth masonry in the ground, and many of them have been used for a century. The dough is formed into thin sheets about a foot long and two feet wide and pressed quickly against the side of the oven. It bakes in a few minutes.

Try, Try Again.

Be not uneasy, discouraged, or put out of humor, because practice falls short of precept in some particulars. If you happen to be beaten, come on again, and be glad if most of your acts are worthy of human nature. Love that to which you return, and do not go like a schoolboy to his master, with an ill-will.—Marcus Aurelius.

Janet Liked the Plan.

Janet had a party on her fourth birthday. The woman who sat by her at the table shared her glass of water with the little girl. When the dessert was served Janet promptly ate hers and then said sweetly to her neighbor: "Shall we fifty-fifty on the ice cream too?"