

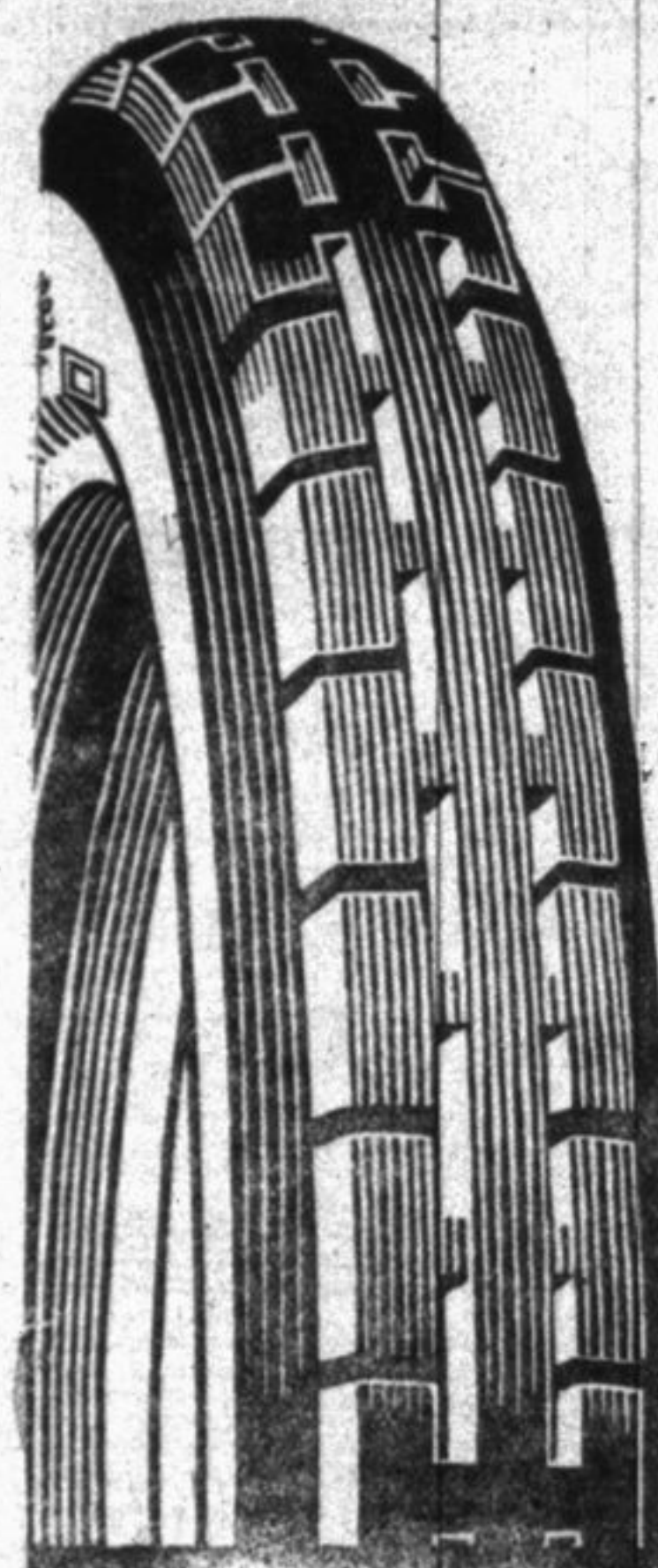
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**CONSTITUTION OF
STATE AT FIRST**

RECORDS OF EARLY DAYS

**How the First Basic Law Was
Framed Shown in Old Volume;
This to Be Made
Permanent**

What happened at Kaskaskia in 1818 when the convention deliberated over the framing of the first constitution for Illinois?

The record of the state's first experiment in constitution making has come within one volume of being completely lost, and plans are being made by Miss Margaret Norton, curator of the state archives in the Illinois state library, to see that no other document shall suffer a like fate.

One Copy Extant
The original journals of that historic meeting are thought to have been destroyed in the fire at the state house at Vandalia, then state capital, in 1837. At any rate, not a copy of the proceedings remain except one in the Illinois Historical Library.

To make a publicate, Secretary of State Louis L. Emmerson has ordered a photostat machine in the department of state, and every page of the single volume will be photographed for the official file of the records of Illinois.

The new photographic process will be used permanently by the state of Illinois hereafter when cases arise involving the title of lands or documents in which in the past have been copied painfully by hand. Heretofore it has been the custom of the state, when ancient records were to be used to settle a point, to make a copy by typewriter and check it carefully against the original.

But many state papers through long use have become too fragile for handling. In the future photo-static copies will be made and the precious documents on which so much depends need not be handled so often.

No photographic plate is used in the photostat process. The document is placed beneath a glass, and the negative is made on a piece of sensitized paper. Like the ordinary negative, it shows black for white and white for black. The negative is then subjected to the same process as the original. The second negative, therefore, is a faithful copy of the original, even the thumb prints and creases, although the facsimile is said to be far clearer than the document from which it was taken.

**PEOPLE OF U. S. NOT
KEEN ON SOCIALISM**
So Declares Northwestern Dean
of Commerce Before Big
Convention

The people of the United States are not socialistic and they so deeply respect law and order that there is small sentiment here for emulation of the Russian experiment in government, was the nub of a statement by Dean Ralph E. Heilman, head of Northwestern University School of Commerce, recently in welcoming to the campus some 275 commerce secretaries and representatives of American trade organizations. The third annual "secretaries' school" at Northwestern was opened with a whoop, a commendatory response to Dean Heilman's affirmation.

Under the head of socialism Dean Heilman told his listeners at the North Shore hotel luncheon that privately owned industries are much more successful than those publicly owned.

"There may be some unrest," he continued, "as our people are not mentally lazy or inclined to let matters stand as they are, if better times can be safely achieved. But, even in the face of unrest here and abroad, I think that the United States is not contemplating a revolution, peaceful or otherwise, just to keep step with the propagandists of Russia, Europe, Mexico and, to some extent, of our own nation. America will continue to recognize the fundamental idea that the function of government is to insure law and order, the protection of life, liberty, commerce and industry but not to enter the field of commerce in competition with her own citizens."

**FOUR LAKE COUNTY
BOYS ARE SELECTED**

Four boys from Lake county have been chosen for free scholarships at the state fair school, which is to be held for one week at Springfield beginning Sept. 15.

The boys selected by County Supt. T. Arthur Simpson are Albert Tiffany and Albert Herman of Antioch, and Marvin Hughes and Fred Anders of Wauconda.

The list of teachers includes a number of University of Illinois instructors, and other speakers from the state farm bureau. Among the 15 county superintendents to be in attendance will be Supt. Simpson, as assistant superintendent to the fair school.

Four boys are selected each year from Lake county from a list of those standing highest in their studies, the county paying their expenses. The fair school is highly instructive and to be selected for this course not only is regarded as a great scholastic honor but also as a most valuable experience.

**NEW DESIGN FOR
STATE HARD ROADS**

CARRIES GREATER LOADS

**Pavement Experiments Show
Value of Different Types
of Construction; Best
to Be Adapted**

A new design for the state hard roads which already has saved the state \$3,600,000, has been developed by tests on the Illinois experimental road at Bates, the state highway division announced in making public results of experiments which have been in progress since the fall of 1920.

The Bates road has been discontinued, and with the laying of a new pavement it will be absorbed into the state road system. This unique venture in road experimentation goes on record, the division said, "as being the most comprehensive road test ever undertaken."

Not only has the knowledge gained here saved the state millions already, but the road engineers predict many more millions will be saved in future road construction as a result of these tests.

Faced Pioneer Problem
When Illinois began its great road building program it found itself confronting a pioneer problem. Just what type of road was best suited to the soil of Illinois and what materials would give the best and most economical road, were unsolved questions. The Bates road has answered these the highway division declares.

A synopsis of the results of these tests has been presented by the Associated Press by Clifford Older, chief engineer of the highway division. The principal points revealed by the Bates road experiment may be summarized as follows:

1. Three types of pavement may be so built as to withstand practically any desired loads, the design depending on the weight of the load.

2. The center of the pavement is stronger than the edges, so the thickness heretofore used for the center may be safely decreased and the edges proportionately increased.

3. As a result of the tests a design has been developed which contains no surplus material.

Attracts Wide Attention

The Bates road has attracted worldwide attention. It was visited by engineers and highway officials from all over. "Illinois may well be proud of the economic results secured from this unusual expenditure of public funds for purely research work," said Mr. Older. "The results have been gratifying beyond the hopes of the engineers."

Loads Are Increased

"The truckloads were increased at the rate of 1,000 pounds for each rear wheel from an initial load of 2,500 pounds to a maximum of 13,000 pounds. Each time the wheel load was increased the trucks, made 3,000 road trips until the maximum load permitted by Illinois law, 8,444 pounds on each rear wheel, was reached.

Future maintenance expense, Mr. Older points out, will also be reduced inasmuch as the new design has proved to be better able to carry traffic as heavy as the law permits than the design previously used.

**ROMANCE OF TRADE
PREVENTS DULLNESS**

**Odd Occurrences Reported Now
And Then in The Business
World**

It's a misuse of words to say "trade is dull." Sales may be slow, or business bad; but trade is never dull. And truth, even about trade, can be more fascinating than fiction. On trade our very civilization stands. It's trade that tempts men to war, and war makes heroes, adventure, romance, and love! Trade—commerce—traffic between men and nations, in one of its pyramid phases, hatched the plot for every story ever written. So long as men barter and sell and fight over their possessions, comedy and drama will find their plots.

Sometimes in trade there develops the ridiculous. For instance, says the Nation's Business, English housewives threw a fit lately when the alarm was spread that big lizard eggs were sold in the markets and labeled "hen eggs." They had been shipped in from China and Egypt, the story said, and excitement was so great the women didn't calm down until an agent from the Zoological society appeared in the House of Commons and testified as an expert that England wasn't being fed on lizard eggs.

London bought 250,000,000 eggs from the east last year; many of these, he said, were so much smaller than the average hen egg that the cry started about their being a reptilian origin. The tree-climbing Gecko lizard does lay a fair-sized hard-shelled egg—fit for food—we are told. But she's not built to stand the wear and tear of laying an egg as big as her fruit.

**COOLIDGE TO BE
BOY SCOUT HEAD**

Will Succeed Harding as Honorary President of The Organization

In conforming with the rules in the constitution of the Boy Scouts of America that the president of the United States shall be the honorary president of the organization, Calvin Coolidge is to be invited to become the honorary chief of Boy Scouts. Belief is expressed that President Coolidge will accept the honor as he has always been a firm believer in the scouting movement. While vice-president, Mr. Coolidge had this to say:

"We need to keep constantly in mind the old saying that the boy is the father of the man, and that those qualities which we prize most in American character are dependent upon the training of our youth. Your organization serves to preserve and bring out those valuable traits, and I believe that the Boy Scouts of America have a great future before them and constitute a real force working for good citizenship."

All living vice-presidents shall become honorary vice-presidents of the

scouts upon their acceptance. Theodore Roosevelt received the title of Chief Scout Citizen because of his outstanding influence exerted for the advancement of the movement. Presidents Taft and Wilson each served as honorary presidents and are now honorary vice-presidents. President Harding was the third honorary president and always an active and influential friend of the Boy Scouts.

President Calvin Coolidge is to be extended the invitation to accept the position as honorary president as soon as possible.

**INVESTMENT BEST IN
PRIVATE COMPANIES**

**Capital Better Protected Than
When in Concerns Managed
by Government**

W. S. Murray, noted consulting engineer, who conducted the superpower electricity survey for the United States government on the Atlantic seaboard, in a recent statement said:

"The investment of capital in electric utilities under private interest control is far better protected from extravagance than when that capital is governmentally owned, for the reason that plans and estimates for such capital expenditures not only must

gain the approval of a trained engineering and managerial staff and an experienced board of directors of the companies, but it also must have the critical review of the banker and the private financial investor.

"In the case of government-owned utilities, the directing heads are seldom specifically trained in the business under their jurisdiction, and value of securities is not based upon the value of the property or the efficiency of management, but upon the taxing power of the government.

"Arms, legs and body are useless without the head. A high-salaried executive usually saves many times, his salary included, the losses incurred by the cheaper and less efficient executive. Accomplishment by individuals in control of private enterprises is under keener observation than is the case when those in charge are governmental or municipal officers."

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