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A GRAND SCHEME, BUT PREMATURE.

The National Highways association has prepared a pamphlet which gives plans and estimates for the construction of 50,000 miles of roads, connecting every part of the United States. The pamphlet shows that there are more than 2,000,000 miles of highways in the country, of which not one mile can be called national. The object sought is to arouse public interest and secure governmental aid. The scheme outlines an elaborate system of main highways, trunk highways and link highways, intended to furnish travel for vehicles of all kinds. There will be six main highways, three running east and west and three north and south. One is to cross the continent from Boston to Seattle, 3,875 miles; another from Washington to San Francisco, 4,025 miles, and the third from St. Augustine, 3,375 miles. The three principal north and south roads will run as follows: From Ca-

Charming Styles For Spring In Ladies Ready to Wear Apparel

Popular Models In New Even Length Skirts

Nothing new and nothing good of the skirt kind escapes us if we can help it. Some of the most recent comers include original styles in serges, men's wear suitings, zephyr stripes and light weight mixtures.

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The latest styles in nobby new coats are here and in such a surprising variety of styles and sizes that many tastes and many types of figures can be fitted.

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New
Spring
Suitings

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\$1.25 to \$2.25 vd.

New Trimmings
New Overlaces
New Wide
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Spring Showing
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WOMENSTAILORED SUITS

IN MANY PLEASING AND PRACTICAL STYLES. A DISPLAY CATERING TO THE INDIVIDUAL TASTES AND REQUIREMENTS OF EVERY WOMAN, SMART SUITS OF MANNISH CUT FOR THOSE WHO ADHERE TO THE PLAINER STYLES, HANDSOMELY TRIMMED SUITS FOR OTHERS PARTIAL TO DRESSIER EFFECTS—ATTRACTIVELY PRICED FROM \$17.50 to \$30.00.

Arcade Theatre

HIGH CLASS PHOTOPLAYS.

"A TRIP THROUGH SAXONY" Gaumont
A very fine scenic picture.

"SIOUX LOVERS' STRATEGY" Pathe
A strong western drama.

"DAN, THE LIGHTHOUSE KEEPER" Kalem
A sea coast story interesting and very commendable.

By special arrangements we are showing American Press Association slides of current events daily.

"THE RECKONING" Gaumont
A strong dramatic story of land and sea.

"THE SIGN OF THE THREE LABELS" Edison
A comedy of the lively adventures of a bride and groom in Europe who failed to tip the servants.

Come in and cast your straw vote for your choice of presidential nominees.

LOU DAVIS, character singer, singing his own songs, opens an engagement tomorrow.
YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

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Indis., M., to Miami, Fla., 2,000 miles; from Duluth to New Orleans, 1,450 miles, and from Seattle to San Diego, 1,775 miles. Thirteen trunk lines are laid out, ranging from 1,025 to 2,475 miles, and there are to be 40 links, or minor auxiliaries.

This is a most ambitious scheme, but it is not likely that the projectors expect the government to take up the work immediately. A guess at the cost puts the figures at \$225,000,000 while the actual expenditure cannot be foreseen. It is said that this is really but a beginning; that when the 50,000 miles of national roads are completed extensions will be made in all directions, and there will be no cessation

of efforts until there is "a network of interstate and intrastate roadways that will cover the entire country and afford adequate communication between all sections." That is a grand idea. The good roads movement has gained great impetus and won support that seemed impossible 15 or 20 years ago. Yet there is a limit to what should be demanded. Vast as are the resources of the national government it would be imprudent to launch out in unrestricted expenditure, no matter how worthy the object.

If to the hundreds of millions spent on the Panama canal and in waterways improvements there shall be added other hundreds of millions for roads the burden will become too heavy. National expenditure for the highways within reasonable bounds will be justifiable. But the country cannot afford to go into the business recklessly.

Cut glass heels on her slippers is the latest fad affected by Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth. This suggests a public use for the 2,600 glass eyes recently sold at auction in Chicago.

Miss Boutell, daughter of the American minister to Switzerland, shows good judgment. She is going to marry an American Ladd.

In the women suffrage states there are fears that the women will vote with the party having the prettiest slogan.

J. P. Morgan is spending the winter on the river Nile in Egypt. He just can't keep away from water.

Score one for Theodore, Jr. He beat Alice back to the old homestead with a grandchild.

The leaders of the Industrial Workers of the World plan a speech-making campaign in Vancouver, British Columbia.

The Dominion labor congress to be held in Guelph, Ont., in the summer will probably be the greatest of its kind ever held in Canada.

The strike record of the Canadian labor unions during December of last year.

The president of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' union reports to the membership that 30 new local unions were formed in 1911.



A SCENE FROM THE HIGH CLASS SHOW COMING TO THE STEWARD MARCH 1ST. SHOWING TOUCHES OF THE GREAT WHITE WAY.

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The substantial men behind it,
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