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THE GOOD ROADS MOVEMENT.

Senator Henry L. Meyers of Montana has now before the senate committee on agriculture and forestry a bill providing for the appropriation of money for the construction of state and interstate highways and post roads, a measure which goes much farther than any other yet introduced during this session of congress seeking to provide for the maintenance of properly improved public roads. If enacted into a law, it will be beneficial to many states in enabling them to have excellent highways, even though they may be unable to pay up their pro-rata share of the expense therefore.

The Myers bill proposes to enact that sums equal to the amount provided for and expended by any state for the construction of state or interstate trunk line highways in or through the state, plus such amount as is needed to make post roads throughout the thickly settled sections of every state, when ten children are deprived of school privileges for two months during any year and where free delivery of mail is omitted or

delayed on account of bad roads, are to be paid therefor by the treasurer the presentation of proper authorities of the United States on demand and and vouchers.

These highways are to be surveyed, located and decided on by Uncle Sam's engineers, acting co-operatively with state engineers, the roads so selected to be improved being chosen in such a way that they will connect with surveys through other states to form transcontinental highways. In the same manner, the post roads are to be located so as to connect with other post roads that must be used daily by children in attending the rural public schools of the states.

The appropriations for these highways are to be available for any state whenever it has provided the funds to pay one-half of the cost of constructing these highways—excepting the case of post school roads, which are to be made passable for mail, and for school children over six years of age during the school term.

Enterprise in educational highway matters is to be duly recognized, for precedence in giving federal aid for post school roads is to be shown invariably to those states giving elementary instruction in the value or results of improved roads, together with the elementary principles and practices of road making, such as their location, grades, drainage, maps and profiles, construction and maintenance, narrow and wide tires and kinds of roads and machinery necessary for the use of road builders in all of the public schools of those states.

A Boston man has sued a theatre company because he got a bad seat. Some people will never be happy until the theatres are so built that every seat will be in the fifth row of the aisle.

The University of Kentucky will establish a course on chicken raising. But it seems as though chickens are high enough already.

While Mr. Bryan may not be planning on running for the presidency, there is one thing sure and that is that he will never run away from it.

A Chicago professor says he has discovered the germ of spring fever. It is globular in form; shaped much like a baseball.

According to the pure food investigating committee, there are 300,000,000 storage eggs in New York. But there are some in other states, too.

A California man has invented a seedless tomato, but what is really needed is the bugless potato.

THIS DATE IN HISTORY.

- 1640—Peter Paul Rubens famous Flemish painter, died. Born in 1577.
- 1744—Alexander Pope, English poet, died. Born May 22, 1688.
- 1765—Patrick Henry introduced in the Virginia assembly five resolutions against the stamp act.
- 1842—Fort Scott established on the Marimnton river, Kansas.
- 1849—The cholera appeared in Philadelphia and lasted four months during which time more than

- 1,000 persons died.
- 1854—Kansas and Nebraska territories formed by act of congress.
- 1861—Federal troops occupied Granton, W. Va.
- 1877—John Lothrop Motley, noted historian, died. Born April 15, 1814.
- 1905—Monument to Gen. Henry W. Slocum unveiled in Brooklyn.

"THIS IS MY 71ST BIRTHDAY."

Edward D. Meier.
Col. Edward D. Meier, former president of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, was born in St. Louis, May 30, 1841, and graduated from Washington university, St. Louis, and from the Royal Polytechnic College of Hanover. This was followed by an apprenticeship in a locomotive works in New Jersey. At the beginning of the civil war he enlisted in the union army as a private and later was commissioned a lieutenant. During the 20 years that followed the close of the war Col. Meier was associated with several leading railroads and manufacturing concerns in the capacity of consulting engineer. He introduced one of the first water tube boilers into the United States and of late years has been prominent in the manufacture of boilers and engines.

Addressed to the Mt. Fanny Grange

We have pleasant recollections
Of our old school days
Of a jolly experience
In our youthful plays.
The old school exhibitions
The old time spelling bees
The coasting on the hillside
And the playhouse 'neath the trees.
Those times are dear to us
In waking dreams our fancy
Leads us back to them again
Now's the time to banish dreams
And labor for a change
Put your shoulder to the wheel
And help us in the Grange
What's the use of always longing
For the days gone by?
We can brighten up the present
If we'll only try
Life has trials for the weary
Pitfalls for the strong
Smoothen the rough roads for each
other
As we pass along,
Don't believe we're retrograding
'Tis a false alarm;
Valiant people tell us
Coming from the farm
Wrestling with the elvish problems
Striving for a chance
Helping push the good work forward
Started by the Grange.
Let me give a little piece
Of good advice to all—
Get a hustle every one
And help to build a hall
Don't be getting up your tempers
Everything you do
'Cause your neighbors doesn't always
Just agree with you.
We can see our neighbors' failings
Better view of our own shortcomings,
Plainly every day
Look the other way.
The perfect and complaining ones
Would think it very strange
To find themselves to be
The faultiest people in the Grange.
Our grange is what we make it
Let us put it in the lead
Don't just talk, because it takes
Endeavor to succeed.
For a great and glorious future
Pin our banner high
Striving makes us stronger
We will reach it by and by.
Don't be seeking trouble for
We'll find it soon enough
Always sprinkle sunshine
On the paths we know are rough
Then when we are called upon
To journey o'er the range
We'll leave the world the better
For our labors in the grange
M. L. CARTER
And we're always happy when

ROOSEVELT TO KEEP AWAY
Does Not Intend to Visit the Chicago Convention.

New York, May 30.—Before leaving here today for Gettysburg, Pa., to make two memorial day speeches, Colonel Roosevelt was asked if he would attend the national convention at Chicago. "I do not expect to go," he said. "It's a thousand to one I won't."

Engineers Hear Colonel.

Gettysburg, Pa., May 30.—Colonel Roosevelt made two addresses here today, one at the memorial day services at the national cemetery and the other at a gathering of railroad engineers.

FRATERNAL ORDERS.

A. F. & A. M.—La Grande Lodge No. 41, A. F. & A. M. holds regular meetings first and third Saturdays at 7:30 p. m. Cordial welcome to all Masons N. MOLITOR, W. M. A. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

B. P. O. E.—La Grande Lodge No. 43 meets each Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in Elk's club, corner of Depot street and Washington avenue. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend.
H. J. RITTER, Ex. Ruler,
H. E. COOLIDGE, Rec. Sec

WOODMEN OF THE WORLD—La Grande Lodge No. 169 W. O. W. meets every first and third Fridays at I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members welcome.
D. FITZGERALD, C. C.
J. H. KENNEY, Clerk.

M. W. OF A.—La Grande Camp No. 7703 meets every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock in K. of P. hall, over Lilly's hardware store. All visiting neighbors are welcome.
W. A. DUNN, V. C.
W. F. LANDRUM, Clerk.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS—Red Cross Lodge No. 27 meets every Monday night in Castle hall, (old Elk's hall) A Pythian welcome to all visiting Knights.
H. W. RILEY, C. C.
R. L. LINCOLN, M. of R. & S.

REBEKAHS—Crystal Lodge No. 59 meets every Tuesday evening in the I. O. O. F. hall. All visiting members are invited to attend.
LEAH R. COOLIDGE, N. G.
MISS ANNA ALEXANDER, Sec.

O. E. S.—Hope Chapter No. 13, O. E. S. holds stated communications the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Visiting members cordially invited.
MRS. MARIE JAMISON, W. M.
MARY A. WANNICK, Sec.

L. O. O. M., La Grande Lodge No. 850, Loyal Order of Moose, holds regular meetings every second and fourth Mondays at 7:30 p. m. in I. O. O. F. hall. Visiting brothers cordially invited to attend.
R. J. GREEN, W. D.
B. L. LEAVITT, Sec'y.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS—Meets every second and fourth Friday every month. All visiting members cordially invited.
CORA FITZGERALD, Oracle.
LILLY C. KIMBLE, Recorder.

Lutherans at Bethlehem.
Bethlehem, Pa., May 30.—The 165th annual meeting of the Lutheran Ministerium of Pennsylvania and adjacent states opened here today with a large attendance. The initial session was held in Grace church this morning with Prof. E. T. Horn, of Mt. Airy seminary, presiding. The proceedings will continue until next Wednesday.

ATTENTION!
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Hill's Drug Store

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High class Lubin feature.
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- LOU HARRIS
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