

HOW GOOD ROADS INCREASE VALUES

Farm Lands Bring Much Greater Prices.

IMMIGRATION ATTRACTED.

Likewise Good Roads Directly Increase the Demand for Rural Property, and Value is Ruled by Relation of Demand and Supply.

The direct effect that changing bad roads into good roads has upon land value and the general economic welfare of a community is shown in some concrete illustrations gathered by the United States department of agriculture.

The department has just issued a statement on the subject, based upon a mass of information gathered by the office of public roads, which is making a special study of the economic effect of road improvement in the country.

Among the illustrations cited by the department are the following:

In Lee county, Va., a farmer owned 100 acres between Den Hur and Jonesville, which he offered to sell for \$1,800.

In Jackson county, Ala., the people voted a bond issue of \$250,000 for road improvement and improved 24 per cent of the roads.

As the roads in no way affect soil fertility or quality of the farm, advances are due essentially to the decrease in the cost of hauling produce to market or shipping point.

The automobile also has begun to be an important factor in increasing rural values where good roads are introduced.

Immigration is particularly marked where road conditions are favorable. In fact, the figures of the department seem to indicate that good roads indirectly increase the demand for rural property, and the price of farm land, like that of any commodity, is ruled by the relations between demand and supply.

SHOW ROADS OF ALL AGES.

Elaborate Collection of Models to Be Exhibited at Exposition.

One of the most elaborate collections of road models ever displayed will be shown by the United States office of public roads at the Panama-Pacific exposition in 1915.

Reproduction of old Roman roads, French roads and all the various types of modern highways will be included in the models.

For years the bureau has been displaying at various national and international exhibitions and elsewhere and in its railroad educational cars samples of the work it is doing, but the showing it is preparing to make at the Panama-Pacific exposition will be the most complete yet made.

MAJOR FIXES "ROAD DAYS."

Governor Expects Every Able-bodied Man to Work Aug. 20 and 21.

Through a proclamation Governor Major of Missouri set apart Aug. 20 and 21 as public holidays to be known as "good roads days."

He supplemented the proclamation with a request that every able-bodied man in the rural districts and smaller cities of the state devote those days to work on the public highways.

The proclamation asks for a general suspension of business. The women of the state are asked to supply the volunteer workmen with food and encourage them with their presence and good cheer.

The Michigan legislature has passed the Newall Smith automobile tax bill, which provides for a graded tax on automobiles and auto trucks based on their horsepower, and the money thus raised is to be devoted to good roads.

TWISTING THE LANGUAGE.

English Has Received Some Severe Jolts in the Philippines.

Italy talk is a highly developed language compared to the jargon American housewives talk to their Filipino house boys.

Spanish construction of English words is another twist that our poor language gets in the Philippines. "No got" in the island is the most commonly used expression for "I haven't any."

With the soldier anything that belonged peculiarly to the Philippines was described as "bamboo." Now all colonials use the term. "bamboo feet" is the one assigned to Philippine waters, and the "bamboo government" is the Philippine civil government in distinction from the United States military.

Among other "soldierisms" if I may be permitted this contribution to the new language were certain pure Malay words. The list is continually growing, and now there are dozens of Tagalog and Moro expressions in constant use among the Americans.

BOATS GROW ON TREES.

West Indian Boys Can Get All of Them They Want.

When a West Indian boy wants a toy boat all he has to do is to visit a coconut tree. These trees bear great bunches of nuts among their drooping green leaves, and when the bunch first sprouts out in the form of a big bud it is incased within a hard, tough, woody case or spathe two or three feet long, eight or ten inches in diameter and tapering to a point at one end and to a slender stem at the other.

As the buds and flowers develop the spathe splits open, and the dower bunch continues to grow out beyond it until the nuts begins to ripen.

It is the spathe or bud coverings that the West Indian boys use for toy boats, and, while the dry and fallen ones will answer, better boats are made from the more flexible and partly green spathe still clinging to the flower stem.

The spathe as gathered from the tree is almost in the shape of a boat, and all that is necessary to transform it to a very seaworthy and fast sailing toy canoe is to sew the open end together and fit rudder, sail and seats or thwart.

When this is done the boat is almost an exact model of the big dugout canoes that the boys' fathers use in fishing. In fact, these dugouts were probably copied from one of the tree grown boats.

A Perpetual Error. A printer's error in perpetuity! How many know that when joining in the "Te Deum" they are carrying on, in one phrase of that song of praise, an ancient blunder?

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Wrong Hunch, No Lunch. "Here, my boy," said his new employer, "take this quarter and go out and get three ham sandwiches."

Uprising. "Aren't you having your daughter taught to play or sing?" "No," replied Mrs. Filmgilt. "I have decided that she shall have no accomplishments whatever."

Quite Natural. "Of course," said the tourist, "you know all about the antidotes for snake bite?" "Certainly," replied the explorer.

The New Mother. "When you kissed your sleeping mother good-by and went out into the world to make your fortune I presume her last fearful injunction was for you to be good?" "No, ma'am good."

A Mollified Subject. Nollekens, the sculptor, was a man of pretty wit and of neat resource in compliment. He had at one time for a sister a woman of great beauty, but of an extremely nervous and impatient temperament.

Swinging Electric Lights. Electric lights suspended by the familiar twisted cord can be protected against injurious vibrations by hooking the ends of a spiral spring into the cord, slacked for a short distance to permit this to be done.

Presiding Officers of Court of Impeachment Which Will Try Governor Sulzer and Scene of the Trial.



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GOOD ROADS AND CHURCHES.

If the Walking or Driving is Bad People Stay Home.

Churches and schools, the two great agencies for the upbuilding of any citizenship, are sufferers from the ills which come from thoroughfares of an inferior type, says James R. Marker, state highway commissioner of Ohio.

It cannot be expected that children will be compelled to walk to school if a sea of mud furnishes the only foot path, and this is too frequently true in places outside the urban centers and often so in the latter.

Preachers bear striking testimony as to the effect miserable roads have upon the attendance at the churches. They can gauge it with accuracy, and the percentage of decrease there is no less than in the schools.

OUR ENTERTAINERS. Ten Per Cent of America's Population Work to Amuse the Rest.

It has been roughly estimated that 10 per cent of us, the people of the United States, keep busy and earn our living by amusing the other 90 per cent.

It includes also the people who promote these amusements, who incorporate companies and manufacture devices to be used in amusing—film companies, with armies of employees in the moving picture field, for example.

Still Lacking. "Alfred, have you got everything?" tenderly inquired Baron Southmount's wife as he started off on a journey.

Crushing the Golfer. "I'm sorry to trouble you, madam, but you are directly on the line of our drive. Will you kindly move one way or the other?"

Way of the Law. "Prisoner—it's hard to charge me with forgery. I can't even sign my own name. Magistrate—That point is immaterial. It's another man's name you're accused of signing.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

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In eighteen hundred and thirteen, the weather mild, the sky serene.

PERRY'S FIGHTING SIGNAL. Behold the chieftain's glad, prophetic smile. As a new banner he unrolls the white.

PERRY UNDER FIRE. A soul like his no danger fears. His pennant from the mast he tears.

PERRY'S HOUR OF TRIUMPH. As lifts the smoke what tongue can fitly tell. The transports which those manly bosoms swell.

The Water Bottle's Shape. Three useful purposes and probably more than three—are served by making the familiar water bottle of such a distinctive pattern.

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VALUE OF GOOD BOOKS.

Good books make good citizens. The man who has a collection of books in his home, no matter how small it may be in actual volume, is paving the way for his children to become useful men and women.

Simplified Spelling. Lovers of simplified spelling should make a pilgrimage to Nevada, in Essex, where the "church wardens" accounts in the eighteenth century were quite delightfully phonetic.

Poetry and Pay. Poetry, it is declared, is about the worst paid form of writing. That may be true, regarded from the standpoint of dollars and cents.

One Use For It. "I suppose classical music is all right in its place," said Maude.

Spare the Rod, Etc. Teacher—I believe in the rod by way of developing children.

When a Bee Stings It Gives Its Victim a Hypodermic Injection of an Irritant Poison. This is the bee's defense against its enemies.

Sting of a Bee. When a bee stings it gives its victim a hypodermic injection of an irritant poison.

SLEEPING CARS IN AFRICA.

They Are Not Too Clean and the Conductor Makes the Beds.

Describing railroad travel in South Africa, E. W. Howe in his Mouthful says:

"Soon after the train conductor looked at our tickets he proceeded to lug two huge bags of bed clothing into our compartment and make up two beds.

"The South African sleeping cars are not at all bad, except that the train conductor has so much to do that he cannot keep them as clean as they should be.

"On one of two trains we have been on there was a man who helped the conductor, but on at least two crowded trains on which we traveled the conductor has had no help whatever in making up the beds.

"I wish the haughty conductors of American passenger trains could see our conductor with his cot off, making up beds. I wish they could also see our tickets, which cover nearly 3,000 miles of travel and read from Durban to Victoria Falls and back to Beira.

"When doing the exercises the neck should be quite bare. The best place is to do them in one's blouse, night and morning, and to undo one's blouse at the throat during the day.

Now for the exercises: First, stand erect, look straight in front of you, then, keeping the body quite still, let the chin sink slowly till it reaches the chest.

Second, raise the chin, hold your head rather in the position of a hen drinking and then turn the head, first to the right as far as it will go, then to the left.

Third, hold the head quite straight and take a series of short, quick breaths, puffing out the base of the throat with each breath.

Fourth, stand erect, look straight in front of you, then, keeping the body quite still, let the chin sink slowly till it reaches the chest.

Fifth, raise the chin, hold your head rather in the position of a hen drinking and then turn the head, first to the right as far as it will go, then to the left.

Sixth, hold the head quite straight and take a series of short, quick breaths, puffing out the base of the throat with each breath.

Seventh, stand erect, look straight in front of you, then, keeping the body quite still, let the chin sink slowly till it reaches the chest.

Eighth, raise the chin, hold your head rather in the position of a hen drinking and then turn the head, first to the right as far as it will go, then to the left.

Ninth, hold the head quite straight and take a series of short, quick breaths, puffing out the base of the throat with each breath.

Tenth, stand erect, look straight in front of you, then, keeping the body quite still, let the chin sink slowly till it reaches the chest.

Eleventh, raise the chin, hold your head rather in the position of a hen drinking and then turn the head, first to the right as far as it will go, then to the left.

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MABEL'S CHITCHAT

Scraggy Necks Avoided if Little Trouble Is Taken.

A CURE FOR "SALT CELLARS."

Leave of the Picturesque Makes Mediocre Collars Both Popular and Scarce in the Shops—They Are Easy to Fashion at Home.

Dear Ella—Ever since every woman has been displaying her throat with the high collar, I have been troubled in high collar, unfashionable and uncomfortable, particularly during the hot weather.

Well, my dear, I'm happy now and throat free. Now don't misunderstand this remark as Dick did, and look for my head on the couch, but be sensible and listen to what I've got to say to the subject.

To start out in real, advertising fashion. "Nobody need have a scraggy neck if they will take the trouble."

Now all my friends in sight envy my full, firm throat; I've no loose skin under my chin and not a single sign of a salt cellar.

And the remedies I used were as simple. An acquaintance who has studied physical culture in Sweden taught me three head and neck exercises which have had such good results that I feel it would be the height of selfishness not to share with you who are of the lean kind too.

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