

MILLIONS ARE SPENT ON GOOD PAVED ROADS

California's System of Highways to Cost \$73,000,000.

COUNTIES ADD \$40,000,000

Arteries of Travel Extended into Agricultural and Fruit Growing Districts, Greatly Aiding Farmer.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., July 19.—The state of California on July 19, the overwhelming vote of more than 7 to 1, favored the issuing of \$40,000,000 in bonds to complete her great system of paved highways...

Result Already Wonderful. This remarkable enthusiasm over good roads has been expressed in the rural communities as the advent of smooth highways was greeted by the city man and motorist.

California Farmer to Be Envid. The system of good roads not only enables the grower to get his grain, vegetables, fruit, melons, nuts and other products to market at the opportune time, but gives him a dependable means of transportation which insures him against losses which so often happen in isolated districts where bad roads make it physically impossible to haul but a very small part of his crops.

Food No Longer Wasted. It is no idle expression that before the advent of the good roads in many of the present-day leading marketing communities enough food was wasted through inability to get it to the shipping points or market to feed several states.

While benefiting the farmer and fruit and vegetable grower, the pleasure and recreational side of the highway improvements has added vastly to the interest, population and wealth of the state.

These highways at this season of the year literally are lined with automobiles going to and from the mountains and seashores, and affording the vac-

tionist and motorist untold pleasures and happiness. Everybody talks and boasts their good roads, rides over them in their limousine or limousine as the case may be, and enjoys their lasting benefits to rich and poor alike.

There is no north, south, east or west, and the intermingling of its people unquestionably has laid the foundation for the accomplishment of even greater things in the future as the finishing touches are put on the connecting links and cross laterals now possible under the new bond issue.

In its present stage of construction the California highway system constitutes what in most states would be considered very near perfect and uniform; but on account of the great benefit derived from the improvements already made, it was decided to invade the remotest regions by traversing the mountain fastnesses and virgin forests in regions heretofore invaded by the engineering forces that a better appreciation of the grandeur and beauty of nature's handiwork might be gained and enjoyed by all travelers.

Two Main Lines Cross State. Two main trunk lines of highway have been built extending from the Oregon state line practically all the way to the southern extremity. With the exception of a small gap in the north, these boulevards have been completed and are in use, one passing down the coast, while the other traverses the Sacramento, San Joaquin and San Joaquin valleys, the Tehachapi mountains to San Diego.

Under the revised plans the state will provide a splendid driveway for the farmer and motorist no matter what direction he sets out to follow, whether it be to climb into the mountains to the fringe of perpetual snow, or speed up and down the valleys or across to the seashore.

Immense Sums Well Handled. The immense sums provided for highway building have been handled by the commission in a most conservative and intelligent manner. The organization has the machinery and efficiency of any highly trained private corporation, and enters into contracts for all its work.

County Pays Interest. Under the provisions of the highway act, whenever any of the proceeds from the sale of bonds have been expended in any county, that county reimburses the state to the extent of paying 4 1/2 per cent on the amount of road funds actually expended for highway construction within its borders.

These highways, constructed by bond issues and those built by special appropriation are altogether maintained from the receipts from the state motor vehicle department as collected for the yearly license. The funds from this source are equally divided between the state and the counties, the latter receiving their share of such monies on a basis of the net receipts of motor vehicle registration in the individual county.

Motor Department Self-Supporting. The motor vehicle department is self-supporting and is allowed to retain 10 per cent of the total receipts for that purpose. As the total receipts for 1918 exceeded the \$25,000,000 mark, it can be readily seen that the state share of the funds to be applied in maintaining its roads was over \$1,500,000.

Soon after its creation, the commission adopted the civil service plan of employment, even before the state had

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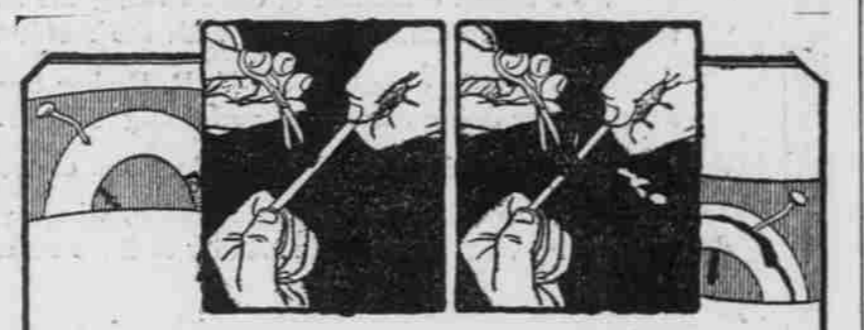
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