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"The arguments thus far advanced in the commendable agitation for good roads have not considered the welfare and comfort of our school children as a factor.

"The farmer is told that good roads will put money into his pocket by saving his horses and wagons, that the value of his farm will be enhanced and the trip to town or to the church will be a pleasure rather than a burden. The merchant is assured that his trade will be increased if good roads lead to the village. The bicyclist knows by an occasional run over rare sections of well built highway that comfort would result if good roads were the rule instead of the exception. Those who are able to indulge in the luxury of automobiles also see pleasant visions. Nothing, however, has been said about the children as they go through the mud, or dust, up hill and down, from their homes to the schoolhouses one to three miles distant. Is it unreasonable to believe that these men and women of tomorrow would prefer well graded, macadamized roadways to the miserable pretences for highways which now disfigure so much of our landscape? Is it not difficult to imagine the country school a much happier and busier place if the children could gather after pleasant walks along well built and well kept highways.

"What to do with our country schools is becoming a serious problem as the years go by and the rural districts become more sparsely settled. When more than 30 per cent of our rural schools have an average daily attendance of less than ten children, serious thought should be devised to put a stop to such needless waste. Combination of resources and capital cheapens production and results in an improved product. It is the opinion of educators that a reasonable application of this principle to our rural school problem would result beneficially. With the present condition of country roads the transportation of the children to central well equipped schools is practically impossible during most of the year. Good roads would remove a serious obstacle to this most important step forward in the improvement of our country schools. The boys and girls of the country with one accord demand good roads, that they may enjoy school privileges equal to those of their brothers and sisters in village and city.

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An Illinois dispatch of Tuesday says: One of the most mysterious and at the same time the most pitiable case that has ever been brought to the attention of Warren county officers and to the physicians of Monmouth happened this morning, when Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Mink, who live near Penamah, were brought to the courthouse. For several days they have been under a hypnotic spell which they were unable to break. Each day it became worse, and friends at last decided that it was best to bring them to this city.

Some time ago, in looking over a magazine, they saw an advertisement by a man at Jackson, Mich., telling of his trial course in hypnotism. The first papers were received some few weeks ago and they read by both Mr. and Mrs. Mink. They became familiar with the subject and on last Wednesday they resolved their first lesson. Mrs. Mink started to read it, but had read only a short time when, with the exclamation that she could read no more of it, she threw down the book. Mrs. Mink this morning was able to tell a little of her experiences:

"When I threw down the book I had just read 'you are falling asleep.' I at once began to feel drowsy and started about the house to throw the feeling aside. I could not succeed. Since that time I have been through everything. The world has burned up, but I saved my two babies and my husband. Everything is alright now and we are gradually coming back to happiness and strength. When I was put to sleep I was to be awakened by the sound of a gong. It rings regularly now and I will be alright."

Later this afternoon, however, Mrs. Mink became violent while at a doctor's office and it became necessary to hold an inquisition as to her sanity. The verdict is that she must be taken to the hospital for treatment, and she will be taken to Watertown tomorrow.

The husband is slowly coming out of his sleep. The two little children of the couple, one aged 2 years and the other 9 months, are being cared for by neighbors.

**The President Will Hunt.**

In spite of the repeated assertions made at the White House that there will be no hunting on the trip on which the President is engaged, there is a well-defined rumor that the President seeks by his present method of announcement to make it possible for him to hunt if he chooses to do so. Three months ago, it was announced in these dispatches on authority that the President would take his Western tour with only one reporter with him, representing every press association and every newspaper in the country. So much opposition was found to this and so strong was the desire of each of the press associations to name the man that the President felt obliged to change his plans in this connection. He will now take not only representatives of the press associations, but representatives of the big weekly illustrated papers. His object in wishing to keep his party as small as possible was so that he might enjoy a hunting expedition without the accompaniment of camera fiends and interviewers.

**Iselin Must Look at Every Point.**

A dispatch from Scotland of last Monday's date says:

Rain was falling over the Clyde this morning and the two Shamrocks remained at their moorings. It was hoped the weather would clear up in the afternoon and enable the yachts to have another trial spin. Later the weather cleared somewhat and both yachts set off on what promised to be a splendid fresh-water trial. As the two boats were fetching out of the shelter of the bay a hard westerly squall staggered the boats and laid them nearly flat. A few minutes later the gear of the Shamrock I's stay sail carried away and the sail went down with a run. The Shamrock III stood the test handsomely.

All the way down the channel the yachts had a hard reaching trial in a strong wind. It was the point of sailing in which the Shamrock I. has hitherto excelled, but she showed herself quite unable to hold the new challenger. The latter gained on every mile, and over the distance, about seven miles, which was covered in thirty-five minutes, the Shamrock III, gained half a mile. She carried her sails handsomely and went fast and clean through the water. The trial finished with a windward turn across the frith. The wind continued fresh and the Shamrock III. again demonstrated that going close hauled she is easily faster than the older boat.

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Alfalfa will flourish on any kind of lands from sage brush plains to the yellow and red clay soils of the volcanic foot hills. Of course it likes a rich loose soil best, but will grow on very poor dry lands, where other vegetation stands a poor show for an existence. It has a long tap root which strikes deep and penetrates to incredible depths. Alfalfa has been found in wells to a depth of 20 feet. There is an erroneous idea that the roots go to water. Whenever the roots reach standing water the plants will die. The true theory is that the earth until it finds a stratum of moisture or rather it follows the evaporation of moisture into the earth giving below the line of evaporation and there remains nourishing the plant above with the moisture drawn from far below the surface. There are two precautionary steps in getting a good stand of alfalfa to wit: Avoid frost and avoid deep seeding. Prepare your ground thoroughly having the surface well pulverized. Sow from April 1st to the 15th, about 22 to 25 lbs of seed to the acre. If your ground is sandy put a small light horse to a brush and drag or brush it in. A very light covering is all that the seeds require or will stand as they sprout at once and must have light and air or they will rot. Many cases of "failure to catch" may be traced to deep planting. I have known many good stands of alfalfa where the seed being sown just before a good rain, the ground was not harrowed or brushed at all, the rain doing the work instead. On other soils, harrowing with a light harrow is advised.

I have an object lesson today on the subject of alfalfa. After sowing 20 acres for a friend, we had a tea-cup full of seed left and just for an experiment took it away up on the south side of a dry mountain and scattered it in some hog routings and loose leaves, that was on the 10th day of April 1897 and today the alfalfa from those seeds is growing rank and splendid as in a garden. The soil was the ordinary red clayish soil of the Douglas county foot hills. I am of the opinion that alfalfa will grow anywhere in Oregon, unless you except the "black doby," which is so hard to get "just right for planting" that probably the seed would not germinate. On all other soils it is a sure crop. It should never be sown in shaded places, however, as sunshine seems to be necessary to its existence. You may place a shade over a vigorous healthy plant and it will very soon pine and die. It may be sown however with spring wheat and make an excellent stand--the wheat being cut low, the straw contains enough alfalfa to make it most magnificent fodder. If you begin working on alfalfa immediate steps should be taken to rid the field of them. There is nothing a gopher so much relishes as a turnip for desert after his meal on alfalfa roots.

With a knowledge of this fact it is quite easy to work his ruin. Open the hole where he has been throwing up the loose dirt, place inside the opening a piece of turpentine the size of a walnut with 3 or 4 crystals of strychnine incased in the turpentine and you have a dead gopher. As soon as he discovers the opening he immediately starts to close the door, finds the turpentine and the trick is turned. A man is a success who can make two blades of grass grow in place of one. How much more of a success then is the man who can make 2 lbs. of excellent hay grow where before but one miserable little withered blade of grass grew.

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