

CALIFORNIA TO SPEND BIG SUM FOR GOOD ROADS

Bond Issue Amounts to \$18,000,000—2700 Miles of Main Highway Being Constructed.

(By W. P. Rochester)
The state of California is now expending the proceeds of an \$18,000,000 bond issue in building good roads. This money is being expended under the supervision of a board of three commissioners appointed by the governor and consists of Messrs. B. A. Towns, chairman, of Lodi; Charles D. Baney of Sacramento and Newell D. Darlington of Los Angeles.

The commission, while giving their personal attention to the work have as their executive engineer Austin B. Fletcher, who came west as the highway engineer for San Diego county, California, and was chosen for this billet by Honorable Logan Waller Page, the chief of the roads department of the United States Agricultural Bureau.

Twenty-Seven Hundred Miles.
The contemplated propaganda of the commission calls for about 2,700 miles of main highways to be built throughout the state, and of this Mr. Fleming has announced that fully 1800 miles of this will be built of a permanent nature with Portland cement, concrete base. The remaining mileage will be of various types of road of a more or less temporary nature.

The bonds as voted were straight they could not be sold at less than par and that both principal and interest should be payable in California.

Evidently the controllers of the

EXPERIENCE.
By Jessie Hammond
One ship turns east and another west
With the self-same winds that blow;
'Tis the set of the sails and not the gales
Which tell us the way to go.
Like the winds of the sea are the ways of fate
As we voyage along through life
'Tis the set of the soul which decides the goal
And not the calm or the strife.

Do you recall the lines of Coleridge regarding experience? "The most men experience is like the stern lights of a ship which illuminate only the track it has passed." Unfortunately, this is true of most of us. The lights on the stern of our ship of destiny are no bright enough to cast a flickering beam on the unknown waters which lie ahead.

If we cannot make use of our past experience in our daily task we are lacking in wisdom and good judgment. As pain is a warning to use of some disturbance in our bodily mechanism, so our past experience and failures should warn us to take a different path and avoid the rocks and shoals.

If we cannot steer by the light of experience, then let us "make haste slowly," for the light of opportunity which gleams ahead of us all must needs be followed with wisdom as Bacon says, "A wise man will make more opportunities than he finds."

However, if we cannot profit by our own experiences, then perhaps we may do so by the experiences of others. For it is so much easier to discern wherein our brother failed than it is to perceive the point where we lost our bearings.

Each day's events have an influence upon our future. Our life is like a piece of tapestry. We weave a pattern each day—here a golden thread of opportunity, there a dark thread of some bitter experience. And when the day is done and the pattern completed, we look with aching eyes on the ill-shaped thing, and see wherein we might have made it more beautiful.

Yet "He who does the best by circumstances allow, does well acts nobly, angels can do no more." So if we feel that we have done our best, let us not mourn over our failures, but profit by the experience and so make the next pattern in the tapestry of life more evenly perfect.

ROAD TO CRESCENT CITY.

Grants Pass Men Launch Project for New Line.

SALEM, Ore., March 31.—Articles of incorporation for the Grants Pass and Crescent City Railroad company, which places its capital stock at \$5,000,000, were filed here. The incorporators are J. F. Reddy, H. L. Gilkey and W. W. Harmon. The articles set forth that the company intends to build a main line railroad from Grants Pass, in Josephine county, to Crescent City, Cal., and in addition a number of branch lines.

Times' Want Ads bring results.

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money strings of the East did not like to encourage this kind of a precedent, and in consequence of a semi-boycott has been established against the bonds.

Banks Underwrite Bonds.
The commission has demonstrated its resourcefulness as well as their standing with the public, by arranging with the banks of the state to underwrite the bonds as fast as the money is needed to complete the roads through the respective counties. It is expected in this way that over 1000 miles of road per year can be built for the next two years, and that with what they now have under way, practically the entire system can be completed by the early part of 1915.

Paved 24 Feet Wide.
One section paved is 24 feet wide, and represents a 5.4 miles stretch leading from South San Francisco via Uncle Tom's Cabin, through Millbrae to Burlingame, and will make one of the most picturesque stretches of highway in California.

This road was let under contract at \$1.03 1/2 per square yard, but the contractor "went broke" and it is now being completed by the bondsmen. The prevailing bids at the opening were between \$1.15 and \$1.30 per square yard.

Of the 250 miles already let, something like 200 miles have been let for a 4-inch 1-2 1/2-5 concrete base with a wearing surface of asphaltic oil and crushed rock screenings, and at prices considerably below the "Burlingame" section.

ENCOURAGE THE BIRDS

Mankind, in grasping for the dollar, has lost track of the various insect-destroying birds that for centuries have inhabited the land. The forests are being removed, and the birds that once had happy homes where the insects also lived and supplied the birds with food, have had to simply do the best they could. And so many species are almost extinct, while others are becoming more scarce each year. The insects have gone to the orchards and vineyards, and to the fields, where they are not so exposed to the birds, and they are increasing so rapidly that man has to devise plans by which through spraying and other methods the crops are protected and insects kept in check, writes an Ohio man.

All birds should be protected, and more trees should be planted. All birds that come to our gardens and orchards should receive every encouragement from those who desire to have successful crops in the future. During severe winter weather grain should be given a little grain, and crumbs and other morsels of food should be provided for the wrens and other birds that remain all the year.

Bird houses should be erected for those birds that will nest in such places. Bluebirds, martins, wrens and other insect-destroying birds come each year and in time great colonies of birds would be had, and these will do wonders toward keeping down insect pests.

All sorts of houses can be constructed, from a little one-room affair made out of a box, to a mammoth bird castle, such as I have erected at my home in Ohio.

I am spending much time and money in protecting the birds, and in providing homes for the martins and other insect-destroyers. This bird house I speak of has 102 rooms, and is a miniature hotel, where the birds seem to be perfectly happy. A picture of it was printed in the August number of Farm and Home.

Any boy can build some kind of a bird house, and erect it on a pole out of reach of the cats. Why not do it now, and have it ready to welcome the birds this spring?

FIX DATE OF FIGHT.

Bud Anderson and Brown Matched Again for April 15.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., March 31.—The return match between "Knock-out" Brown, the New York lightweight, and Bud Anderson of Vancouver, Washington, will occur the night of April 15. They will box 20 rounds at Vernon arena.

JOSELYN WILL QUIT

PORTLAND, Ore., March 31.—B. S. Josselyn, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company, resigned, effective July 1, after six years' service. It is rumored that the East Side will back him for Mayor.

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BIG POCKETS FOR WOMEN

NEW YORK, March 31.—Pockets for women have come at last, if not votes for women.

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And then a famous French designer had an idea. The realization of that idea is now in New York. It is an afternoon frock with pockets—two of them exactly resembling in size and position the side pockets of a man's trousers. They will easily carry handkerchiefs, shopping list, pocketbook and vanity box. One can even put one's hands in them and, leaning back, John Bull-wise, proudly survey the world. It is suspected that the policemen who may shortly be here will find such pockets perfectly lovely for "gun toting."

ROSEBURG CELEBRATIONS

ROSEBURG, Or., March 31.—The committee on the coming Strawberry and Rose Carnival propose to change the carnival dates from May 21-24, to June 16-19, the latter being the week of the State Bankers' convention here.

MANY EGGS IN STORAGE

THE farmer will possibly make as much money by selling eggs this year as last, when prices were very high, as the winter has been open in most parts of the United States, and production of eggs relatively heavy. But the speculators have not fared so well. More eggs than usual were put into cold storage during the season of last spring and early summer at high prices, ranging in April as high as 22 cents a dozen. These same eggs have been taken out of coolers recently at 18 to 21 cents. This means a substantial loss for the speculator.

Prices on all grades of eggs have been low the past fortnight or more, and the total number in storage is more than at a like period in 1912. According to the American warehousemen's association, the total stocks in 39 cold storage houses on January 1, 1913, were 853,000 cases, of 30 dozens each, compared with 508,000 cases one year earlier. The reduction during December, 1912, however, was heavy, due largely to the activity of the women's clubs, which took up the matter on distribution. On December 1, 1912, the report of the warehousemen's association claimed there were 1,670,000 cases on hand.

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