

## PLAN MORE PAVING IN YOSEMITE VALLEY

Entire Work to Amount to Over \$500,000 According to Estimates

YOSEMITE, Dec. 18.—Plans prepared by the Bureau of Public Roads for paving 15.15 miles of road in Yosemite valley, together with the construction of two bridges are now under consideration in Washington by Director Stephen T. Mather of the National Park Service and Dr. Hubert Work, secretary of the interior department.

Immediately following their approval bids will be advertised for by the Bureau of Public Roads under whose supervision the project will be completed. It is understood that the work of grade rectification, paving, and bridge

building will approximate \$500,000. While some grade preparation has been made, yet this phase of construction will perhaps take several months after the contract is placed, before actual paving operations can commence.

Recently the V. R. Dennis Company of Sacramento finished paving 13.65 miles of road here with asphaltic and cement concrete. This stretch of road extends from the El Portal Park boundary on the west to the east end of the new Yosemite Village, with a spur crossing over into the old village on the south side of the Merced river. The proposed paving under the new contract will extend from Pohono bridge to the Happy Isles bridge on the south side of the valley. Other roads to be included in this work are located principally in the vicinity of the Ahwahnee, Yosemite's new million dollar hotel.

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## AUTO RESPONDS TO PROPER USAGE

Drivers With Courtesy and Consideration for Motor Are Well Treated

(By Erwin Greer, president Greer College of Automotive and Electrical Trades, Chicago, Ill.)  
Be good to your car, and indirectly, you will be good to yourself. This means three things: Law observance, courtesy and consideration for your car.

Many of us have seen the numeral "40" on our speedometers, and the law was broken each time this occurred. Everyone swears they give hand signals with religious scrupulousness, but there are many times when these are entirely forgotten in the stress of other things at the corner. And such signals as most of them are! If the engine ran as raggedly as signals are given we would all be pedestrians by preference.

Cars are occasionally overtaken and passed on the right hand side, and the performance never fails to cause inconvenience. This practice is illegal, dangerous and decidedly discourteous. When you come to a busy intersection, give the other fellow a chance. Perhaps he was there first. When you overtake and pass a car, don't suddenly slow down and force the driver behind you to ride his brakes to prevent mixing his radiator cap with your spare tire. If you have to slow up after passing a car, you shouldn't have passed it. When there is a delay in traffic ahead, and a line of cars has formed, consider the delay as unavoidable, and don't be the ill-mannered yokel who holds down the horn button, or he that drives around the side of the line.

The useful work your engine does when driving on a level road is to overcome mechanical friction and wind resistance. Both these factors increase very rapidly as you increase your speed, which indicates that the slower you go, the less gasoline will be used per mile traveled. However, at slow speeds the efficiency of

the engine is not as good as at higher speeds. There is, therefore, an optimum speed of about twenty-five miles an hour, at which the best mileage will be obtained. Driving with the hand throttle on long open stretches is also conducive to good mileage, as it allows the engine to operate more uniformly than when your foot, responding to every slight jar, constantly moves the throttle. If you now do thirty-five or better, whenever you can, you will enjoy an increase in gasoline mileage of from two to four miles per gallon by consistently driving between twenty-five and thirty, and you will be surprised to find that you can reach your destination in almost the same driving time.

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## GOVERNOR PIERCE'S CHRISTMAS SPEECH

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cheer but it should be remembered as a time for careful study and thoughtful planning to more effectively carry out the teachings of the Nazarene which has made so plain in his imperishable sermon on the mount.

Re-read again the fifth, sixth and seventh chapters of St. Matthew. Gandhi, the great teacher of India, was recently called upon to address thousands of his followers. He read the Sermon on the Mount and simply said, "That is my religion." If the spirit of that message could really enter the hearts of my listeners tonight it would start such waves of right-

eous conduct that even the angels of heaven would be startled.  
It is a happy anniversary indeed but most fitting and proper for us today to remember the immensity, the intolerance, the pestilence, the cold, the hunger, through which our ancestors lived and endured for ages. There is still untold misery and want and thousands of hungry ones and crime on every hand unpunished and unafraid. We like to believe the percentage is less than in the days gone. Never was the world so well fed, so well clothed, so universally happy as at this Christmas time.

The next time you see a man driving a horse on the road stop your car for a moment and note his slow pace. Compare his slow speed to that of the cars that go whirling by and then recall that in just half a generation everything has been speeded up by at least that amazing ratio. It is only a few years since Mark Twain gave us "The Connecticut Yankee at King Arthur's Court." Re-read the story as told by that brilliant humorist and then think how different and astonishing the story could be written today in view of the recent discoveries of science.

It is simply impossible for we, the participants, to realize and appreciate the wonderful developments, that are all around us and part of us. No one knows nor can foretell what the effect will be upon the human race economically, mentally, physically, nervously or religiously. However, what a pleasure to be actors in this most absorbing, interesting and amazing drama of all the ages. Who can doubt at this time the existence of God and the special mission of Jesus for the redemption of the world when we are beholding in our own time such an unfolding of the secrets of nature, more wonderful than miracles recorded in Holy writ.

For my part, with head uncovered, I stand in awe before the Supreme Maker and say to the world, "Since the discovery of radio, I am ready to believe what so recently seemed the impossible. Never again will I be astonished at any future discoveries of God's wonderful, intricate world." A turn of a dial on the radio that is transmitting my voice to your ears tonight will give you other voices from other stations miles and miles away. The whole air is charged with voices human and music divine if we are just tuned to catch them. It is no more of a miracle to believe God speaks to His faithful followers than for you listeners tonight to hear my voice. The whole matchless civilization is a miracle.

May each one of us this Christmas day renew our pledge to do everything in our power to preserve and perpetuate this most happy condition in order that our descendants may have and enjoy the pleasures and benefits that are ours. This can be done by every individual living a pure life, obeying the laws of God and the just

laws of the land—if for no other reason that simply because the laws are made by the supreme authority of heaven and earth.

Civilization has not moved constantly upward. It has come in successive waves. Another day of

darkness and recession can be prevented by each of us treating everyone as brother and sister—by the abolition of greed and selfishness, by loving our neighbors as ourselves, by following as closely as possible in the steps of

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