

## EXTENSION OF FEDERAL ROAD PROGRAM WANTED

The next congress will be urged, according to the program formulated by the American Road Builders' Association for its nation-wide Good Roads Congress and National Good Roads Show to be held in Chicago, February 9 to 12, to extend for five years the federal road-building program which by law terminates with the close of the government's present fiscal year. Congress will be urged to provide additional funds for ex-

penditure under the terms of existing legislation, and the newly formed program of the congressional leaders at the rate of at least \$100,000,000 for each of the five years beginning July 1, 1921. In the advocacy of this procedure the American Road Builders' Association will be in hearty accord with the attitude expressed by Secretary of Agriculture Meredith in his recent annual report.

The American Road Builders' Association, which includes in its membership the highway officials of the national government, and those of the states, counties, cities and townships in the United States and Canada, together with highway engineers and contractors and the manufacturers of road-building machinery, road mate-

rials and highway transportation equipment, is also preparing to ask President-elect Harding to recommend in his inaugural address and in his first message to congress, a broad program of federal aid in highway construction.

The enormous appropriations for highway work already made by states and municipalities—appropriations that total more than \$1,000,000,000 according to the most reliable reports covering bond issues and direct road levies for road building and road maintenance, presage, it is believed, an unprecedented volume of road-building for 1921. The sum of \$271,800,000 voted in bond issues or appropriated by eight states recently, added to bond issues passed by eight other states since 1918, makes \$543,800,000

already available for road work in 16 states. Funds still available through federal aid are placed at \$169,000,000 by officials of the Bureau of Public Roads. In addition, funds obtained from direct levies and other sources of state revenue and county issues are estimated to amount to \$396,200,000. The Chicago meeting will bring together from all parts of the country the men who will supervise the expenditures of these vast appropriations for a thorough discussion of their problems and an accurate estimate as to the future.

The convention promises to be one of the greatest in point of attendance and in results ever held in the history of the good roads movement. The governors of the several states and territories of this country and Canada as well as the mayors of two thousand American and Canadian cities have been asked to appoint official delegates to the meeting. In some instances governors and mayors will head their delegations in person. Seven thousand road and street contractors and thousands of army, automotive and chemical engineers, agriculturists, editors, bankers, motorists and large users of trucks, as well as officials of boards of trade, chambers of commerce and other organizations interested in road and street improvement, have been invited to attend.

Each session of the congress, as well as the show, will be held at the Chicago Coliseum and will be open to the general public. The program now being arranged, will cover every vital subject related to highways and their use. The prepared papers and discussions will deal with all points of view.

Everywhere among road-builders the outlook for unprecedented activity growing out of the delays that were due to the heavy cost and the scarcity of labor and materials during the war, is considered most promising, and optimism, as to the future of road building seems certain to prevail at the congress.

### Fender Ordinance Dies.

Truck owners in Chicago have been successful in their legal battle against the fender ordinance drafted by the Chicago authorities. Under the ordinance every motor truck was required to be fitted with a fender, costing \$200 or more, for protection of pedestrians. Contestants showed that the fenders designated—or any fender—were impractical for the purpose intended.

### Device to Unload Motor Trucks.

An endless belt apparatus, invented by two Texans, for unloading motor trucks, is operated by the rear wheels of a truck resting on rollers.

### Prevents Slipping on Grades.

Eighteen pointed spikes mounted on a circular frame, constitute a new anti-skid attachment for motor truck wheels and to help them to climb grades on icy roadways.

### Makes Mowing Machine of Tractor.

An attachment has been patented for converting a gasoline tractor into a mowing machine without interfering with its original use.

### A High-Stepping Tractor.

Though it weighs more than seven tons, a new tractor, designed for use in rough country, is so constructed that any of its four wheels can be lifted five feet from the ground without throwing any gears out of line.

### Machine Husks Corn Ears.

New in the farming implement line is a machine that strips the ears from corn stalks, which are left standing, and delivers them husked into a wagon.

### Motor Plow With Mirrors.

One type of motor plow of French manufacture is equipped with mirrors that enable the driver to see the ground ahead of him and the work he is doing at the same time.

## LORD MAYOR TELLS OF MURDER GANG RAIDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—(U. P.)—"Murder Gang" of British forces scour Ireland terrorizing the inhabitants. Donal O'Callaghan, Lord Mayor of Cork, said, O'Callaghan, who came to America as a stowaway, has so far resisted the state department efforts to deport him. He was a witness before the unofficial Vihard commission on conditions in Ireland, and charged a long list of atrocities to the "murder gang". Described raids by "drunken parties" said the Irishmen were beaten, cursed, threatened, and their houses looted, and women were insulted.

## ABOLITION OF PRESENT MARKET SYSTEM WOULD INJURE U. S. FARMERS

Former Head of the Chicago Board of Trade Lauds Existing Methods and Declares They Prevent Monopoly in Trade.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(A. P.)—The grain trade can get along without the present marketing system provided congress is ready to place the American farmer on a plan with the Russian peasant and the Argentine farmer, L. F. Gates, former president of the Chicago board of trade, declared today before the house agriculture committee, which is considering bills to regulate future exchanges.

The system works for a wide market, increases the return to producers and prevents a monopoly, he asserted.

Enactment of the Tinscher regulation bill would increase the opportunity for manipulating the market, he asserted. Future trading had nothing to do with the decline in the grain market, he maintained, but the situation was due to the financial condition of Europe, refusal of the people to buy, increased freight rates and a

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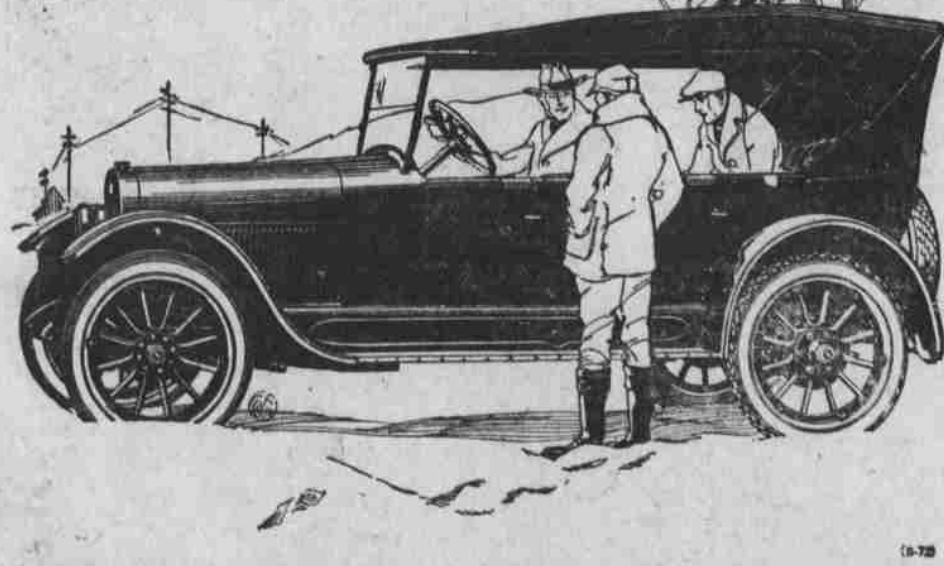


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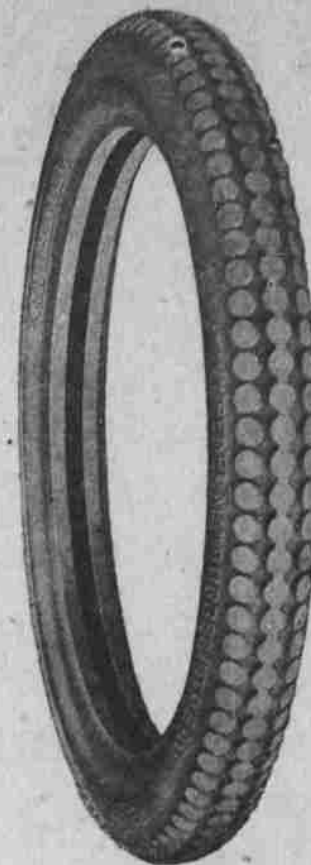


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Desire for more direct marketing. Speculation is necessary for the grain trade, Mr. Gates asserted, as it makes for a broad liquid market and furnishes a constant market for the producer until the consumer needs a supply. Profits of the speculators, he continued, are in reality largely a revolving fund which broadens the market.

The future market, he said, distributes the risk of ownership of the commodity, stabilizes its value, prevents monopoly and works against concentration in the trade such as prevails in Argentina.

"Hedging" through futures, he said, eliminates the largest risk in the ownership of a commodity, that of change in value.



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