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HELP LIGHTEN THE LOAD.

Help lighten the load!
Humanity stumbles ahead on its road,
Urged o'er the deserts, beset by the goad;
Many bend under burdens of hunger and care
And women must suffer and toil and despair;

HE IS OUR PRESIDENT.

The Observer is Republican. It fought for Charles Evans Hughes for president. The people of the United States in their sovereign capacity as electors have chosen Woodrow Wilson as president.

THE WOMAN VOTERS

In last Tuesday's election a new factor entered the political arena. It was Mrs. and Miss Voter. In twelve states the women, as well as the men voted on the national ticket.

PREPAREDNESS AND PENSIONS

An interesting comparison between the cost of preparedness and the cost of pensions is drawn by a writer in the current number of Leslie's magazine, supporting an argument that reasonable preparedness always pays in the long run.

strong advocates of the plan of providing military training and service for every able bodied citizen, and this is a question that has yet to be settled by the people of this country.

WAR HELPS GOOD ROADS

In an indirect way the European war is claimed to be helping the good roads movement in this country, which is explained in the following manner. Thousands of American tourists who formerly went to Europe have been kept at home during the past two years, and many of them have taken to touring this country in automobiles.

OTHERS' OPINIONS

1901 Advertising Answered.
Again the Oldsmobile demonstrates the longevity of advertising. From Hearne, Texas, there recently arrived at the factory an inquiry for one of the original curved dash Oldsmobile runabouts.

Book-Learning on the Farm.

A striking example of the benefits of academic agricultural training is set forth by the case of Alfred Carlstead, graduate of the University of Minnesota. Carlstead's father was a farmer of the old type who in a lifetime of hard work was able to accumulate only a farm paying a very modest living.

Dayton Corn Show This Week.

Plans are finished for the Dayton corn show Friday and Saturday of this week. Ear corn is said to be plentiful and good this year and it is thought a large number of growers will compete for the prizes offered.

would avail against his handicap of youth, inexperience and inherited debt.

Alfred Carlstead set his teeth and went to work. The first year was not marked by success. More friendly advice to give up was forthcoming. Last year was the fourth year of his experiment, Alfred Carlstead, 23 years old, with two brothers younger, owns the farm clear and well-equipped, every debt incurred by the father has been paid, and the boys have more than \$20,000 in the bank.

The Effect of Good Roads.

To determine as far as possible the exact dollars and cents effect on a county of the improvement of bad roads, specialists of the Office of Public Roads and Rural Engineering of the department made economic surveys in eight counties in each of the years from 1910 to 1915, inclusive.

In Spotsylvania county, Va.; from 68 to 194 in Dinwiddie county, Va.; 70 to 80 in Lee county, Va.; 25 to 100 in Wise county, Va.; 9 to 114 in Franklin county, N. Y.; 50 to 100 in Dallas county, Ala.; 25 to 50 in Lauderdale county, Miss.; and from 50 to 100 in Manatee county, Fla.

In Dinwiddie county, Va., the actual price of 43 farms sold or offered for sale from 1909 to 1914 ranged in price from \$8.38 to \$43.74 per acre before the roads were built, and from \$24.70 to \$75.60 per acre after the roads were improved.

In Lee county, Va., a study of eight tracts along the roads before and after improvement indicated that these properties increased about \$23 per acre, or about 70 per cent.

In Wise county, Va., a study of eight representative farms located on roads showed that they increased in value from an average of \$49.06 per acre before improvement to \$79.44 after the roads were improved.

In Dallas county, Ala., careful investigation seemed to indicate that road improvement has added at least \$5 to each acre of land within a half mile of improved roads.

In Lauderdale county, Miss., the total assessed valuation of real property outside of the city was \$2,757,546. This increased in 1914 after road improvement to \$3,183,809, or 15.4 per cent.

In Manatee county, Fla., careful study of sales and real-estate records indicated that the improvement of roads has added from 15 to 100 per cent, or at least \$15 per acre, to the selling price of all lands within one-half mile of improved roads.

DARING WHALERS.

Risks They Take When They Dive With the Harpooned Animal.

Many of the Japanese whalers are most expert and daring men. After a whale has been cornered, harpooned and is slowly giving out from exhaustion the nimble expert of the whaling crew must prove his mettle.

The skilled Jap, after jumping upon the animal's back and cutting two gashes in the head, one on either side, through which a rope must be run and tied, cannot always perform his work in one trial.

The Jap is safer from being drowned than from being crushed by the infuriated animal's tail. If the little Jap lets go it usually means his death, so he hangs on to the diving quarry.

As soon as the animal has been towed to the shore line he is cut up, the Japs making huge excavations and penetrating inside the animal's body, as though entering a mine shaft or gallery.

HOLD UP YOUR HEAD.

It Will Stimulate You Mentally as Well as Physically.

In a letter to Robert Grimshaw of the New York university William Muldoon gives advice that it would be well for every man and woman, boy and girl in America to take to heart. He says:

"I was taught in early manhood not to throw my shoulders back, stick my chest out, draw my stomach in or hold my chin down like a goat preparing to butt, but to always try and touch some imaginary thing with the crown of my head. If one tries to do that—first understands how to try and then tries—he doesn't have to pay any attention to the rest of his physical being.

Both to young and old Mr. Muldoon's "hold your head up" suggestion is inspiring. Try it. The effect physically and mentally is immediate. When the head goes higher the impulse is to deeper breathing. A man finds more elasticity in his limbs. He steps out with more ease. There is more spring to his gait. He isn't a lumbering, shambling creature, but a man alive.

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