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to give our meats a fair trial. We have your best interests at heart as well as our own, for we cannot hope to hold you as our customer if we do not please you with our wares and our treatment. We aim to serve each patron alike, whether the orders come large or small. We have one quality—the best; one price—the lowest consistent with such quality. Call or phone. Either way, you'll be treated right.

J. C. YOUNG, Proprietor.

BAD ROADS COST MILLIONS OF DOLLARS



The illustration shows the type of mud road that the recent Peoria (Ill.) convention want eliminated.

GOOD ROADS



CARING FOR ROAD FINANCES

Most Modern Methods Urged for Financing Construction and Maintenance of Thoroughfares.

Realizing the need for the most modern methods of financing the construction and maintenance of public roads in the United States Lee McClung, treasurer of the United States, has accepted an invitation to preside over the finance section of the American Road congress.

In an interview just made public Mr. McClung calls attention to the urgent need for the introduction of reforms in the management of road finances.

"My observations," said Treasurer McClung, "lead me to believe that in comparatively few instances is the same care taken of funds for road improvement as is taken by financial institutions for private enterprises. The same care and judgment displayed by bankers in making investments should be shown by state and local highway departments in the expenditure of public moneys for the improvement and maintenance of roads. Legislation and regulation should so be urged in each state as to provide for the levying of road revenues on carefully prepared estimates, for the introduction of simple yet thorough systems of accounting and cost keeping for a system of regulating bond issues which would insure economy and wise business management.

"As one of the possibilities worth considering I might simply refer to the difference between the sinking fund method and the serial bond method as applied to bond issue—and their relative merits."

Mr. McClung said that he was very much gratified to note the activities of the various state bankers associations in the good road movement. He believes that the financiers of the country have a great deal to do with shaping the road movement along the right lines and he expresses the hope that every state bankers association will have its representatives at the conference on road finances which will be held at the American Road congress.

CAUSE OF WILT IN APPLES

Skin is Rough and Porous, and Not Covered With Coat of Wax as Other Varieties Are.

Ever since russet apples have been grown, says the Rural New Yorker, they have the fault of wilting in storage. It is constitutional with them. Their skin is rough and porous, and not smooth and covered with a coat of wax, as all other kinds are. If anyone will scrape the surface of an ordinary apple with a knife he can easily see that a white wax is gathered on the blade. In some cases it is very noticeable and may be gathered into a little ball.

This wax may be made to shine by rubbing the apple skin, and this is often done by retail fruit dealers and exhibitors at fairs, to enhance their beauty. But it lessens their keeping quality, because of taking off some of nature's protective covering. The russets have almost none of it, and therefore their internal moisture or juices easily pass out. The way to prevent the wilting is by storing the apples in a very damp place. But it must be cool as well, or the apples will ripen and rot.

Split Log Drag.

The split log drag is by far the most important implement yet devised for maintenance of earth roads. The drag, besides leveling out the rough places in the roads, packs the material of the surface and in reality converts it into a layer of brick which with each successive use of the tool becomes thicker and therefore resists the traffic to a greater degree.

BAD ROADS CAUSE BIG WASTE

Declares That \$35,000 Be Lost in Illinois Unless Antiquated Methods Are Changed.

Bankers, farmers, automobilists, educators, labor and business men from all over Illinois met at Peoria the other day and approved unanimously a general program for "pulling Illinois out of the mud."

After three rousing meetings they prepared a resolution to the next state legislature setting out the lines on which they think state legislation should be based.

The Illinois highway improvement commission, which called the meeting, declared \$55,000,000 will be wasted in Illinois during the next twenty years unless the present antiquated methods are changed.

To prevent this waste the conference urges the creation of a small state railway commission to replace the present army of local commissioners, more active assistance by the state for the trunk lines, and more active insistence by the public on good roads.

It is proposed that prisoners in the state penitentiaries be used not only for the preparation of road building materials, as at present, but, if possible, for actual construction work through the state.

It is proposed to follow the Colorado method, using the honor system, and sending the gangs out with guards.

The legislation recommended by the conference would provide:

State and county co-operation in the construction and maintenance of main highways and bridges.

A nonpolitical state highway commission of at least three competent members, who shall devote their entire time to their duties.

Improvement in such counties as elect to come under the provisions of the law, of main, continuous inter-county highways connecting county seats and other important cities, principally at the expense of the state and county; such roads to be selected and improved by county authorities, subject to the approval of the state highway commission and after improvement to be turned over to the state for perpetual maintenance.

Improvement, maintenance, and control of remaining roads (about 80 per cent of the whole) under supervision of county and township authorities.

Effective measures to guarantee maintenance after roads are once constructed.

Use of the state automobile tax, together with such other funds as the legislature may appropriate, in the improvement of highways.

Use of state prisoners—under state direction—on an honor system, in actual road work when practicable.

Payment of all road taxes in cash.

Compulsory dragging of all earth roads.

Proper construction and guarding of crossings at railroads and intersection of street and highways.

The "platform" of the conference includes resolutions in favor of federal aid for postroads and national highways, and calls attention of Illinois congressmen to this position. It was devised by the committee headed by W. G. Edens of the Central Trust company, president of the association.

Jesse Taylor of Jamestown, O., told the convention the difference between hauling coal in Belgium and America, 13 cents a mile, meant a waste of \$137,500,000 in this year's farm crops alone.

"Think about it," he said, "and then do something, work for local aid and state and federal aid. Joe Cannon believes in federal aid now, because he's heard from home, and if he can be rescued by the folks at home you ought to do something for the other sinners."

The farmers' viewpoint was presented by A. H. Grout, head of the Illinois Farmers' Institute; labor's, by Edwin R. Wright, state federation president; the bankers', by B. F. Harris and John D. Phillips, old and new heads of the state association, and H. E. Bradt, their good roads chairman.

Pruning Grapes In Fall.

Grapes are pruned in the fall; usually a half to two-thirds of the new growth is taken off—depending on the system of training that is used—and in northern states the plants are laid on the ground and covered with earth in much the same way as raspberries.

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