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HIGHWAYS AND RAILROADS

Railroads lay their track first and then provide their rolling stock. Automobile owners have followed the opposite method. They have got their cars first and then looked around for roads to run them over.

That is what makes the great American highway problem. Figures presented by Phillip S. Rose in The Country Gentleman makes the comparison of highway and railroad illuminating.

It is a perfectly fair comparison, for as transportation agencies the two are nearer together than most persons suppose. The highways take care of more people than the railroads do. Automobiles are estimated to have carried last year nearly 7,000,000,000 passengers while the railroads carried 1,034,000,000. The automobile hauls were shorter; yet reckoned on a passenger-mile basis, the automobile record for the year is 70,000,000,000 to the railroads' 37,000,000,000.

In the matter of freight, even, the railroads have not such overwhelming superiority as might be expected. In actual tonnage they carried only a little more than trucks, though their average hauls were far longer and their ton-mileage about 50 times that of trucks.

The important fact is that motor traffic is rapidly assuming as much importance as steam traffic, and the building of roads—tracks for the motor cars—started late and is not keeping pace with the increase of rolling stock. Five years ago there were one and one-half motor vehicles to a mile of road. Last January there were four.

Motors are destined evidently to surpass locomotives in importance, but they can never achieve their destiny until adequate trackage is provided for them. And the best road paving can be built for less per mile than it costs to build a railroad track.

THE VANDAL CAMPER

The knowledge has been driven home to a good many thinking citizens that it is possible to exterminate wild game or flowers of trees. It took a long time and much bitter experience to teach America that lesson, and there is another not wholly learned even yet.

Our forefathers on this continent would have said anyone was crazy who foretold the extermination of passenger pigeons, the killing of more than a million buffalo a year, the destruction of 60 per cent of the original supply of merchantable timber, dangerous reduction of the numbers of elk, antelope, sage hens, and so on.

We know today that this is all only too possible, and we pass game laws and other restrictive legislation in a hasty, last-minute effort to preserve whatever remnants we can for posterity.

The unlearned lesson is that the marvelous natural scenery and beautiful wild spots of the nation can be spoiled just as easily and lastingly, by a continuation of the present careless treatment. Already echoes from forest and mountain are bringing to the city the news that many ideal camps and regions of scenic beauty and wonder are practically ruined by the thoughtless action of sojourners in the out-of-doors. Smoldering camp fires which frequently become disastrous conflagrations, unsightly rubbish thrown about, trees unnecessarily felled or hacked into deformity lie in the trail of the vacation camper.

Is it necessary for one who is a gentleman in town to be a vandal in the woods?

LAWYERS ALL

The suggestion is made in a current article that legal lessons in the subject most commonly affecting ordinary life be made compulsory in the public schools. The writer thinks that a knowledge of the "high spots" in law governing such subjects as well as

will-making, adoption, guardianship of children, property protection, legal status of husband and wife, and marriage provisions might prevent many of the mistakes made by the mass of citizens in ordering their affairs.

It may be that a slight knowledge of law would be as beneficial as a little grasp of banking, arithmetic, geography, civics and the like, but it is an open question. In nothing more than legal matters is a little knowledge "a dangerous thing," and as a rule it is infinitely better for the average citizen to seek competent advice in questions of legality than to try to be his own lawyer.

DOLLAR WHEAT

Wheat lately has been selling around a dollar again. And "dollar wheat," once a famous slogan, no longer stands for agricultural prosperity.

Moreover, it is not at all what the wheat raisers hoped for and expected when they urged congress to place a high emergency duty on wheat imports.

The duty seems to have had very little effect on the price of wheat. Many observers assert that it has had no effect at all. In any case, the doctrine long urged vainly by disinterested economists is now being driven home to the farmers themselves—that the price of wheat is determined not by legislation in any country, but by world market conditions. This situation, the economists say, is bound to continue as long as America exports more wheat than it imports, because the price of all wheat in this country, for domestic use as well as foreign use, depends on the price that can be obtained for the export surplus.

The Sunset Magazine has an article on "Transforming Useless Wood Into Pencils." This interests us strangely. We always did wonder what made so many of 'em splinter all the way down and prove useless when we were in a hurry.

Twenty Montreal girls have formed a league to resist the edict of fashion that they don longer skirts. It is refreshing to learn that these dashing damsels are determined to uphold their rights.

Should the railway labor board ever emerge from the mystifying mazes of the problem, "what is a living wage?" they might tackle the equally intricate poser of "how old is Ann?"

The fact that he has gained 51 votes in the recount would indicate that Coffey has "grounds" for his contest of districts counts in the recent primary election.

The jazz dance is doomed, according to the decree of ballroom arbiters. We shall be reconciled in case this means that the melancholy drone of the saxophone is stilled.

Too bad it had to come out that there are official chaperons on shipping board liners. Now all American girls will want to cross on foreign ships.

Earlier Days in Eugene

(From the Morning Register, August 21, 1922)

L. E. Flegel, through Mateer and Garrett, has purchased the M. D. Mitchell property on South Olive street; consideration \$1800. C. P. Barnard, successor to E. Bangs in the livery business, will occupy the property.

W. M. Miller, county superintendent, who is rusticated in the mountains, will be gone about a week instead of three weeks, as previously published.

Miss Mabel Bean, who has been the guest of Miss Maude Morris the past month, returned to Portland yesterday.

Professor Thomas Condon is occupying his cottage at Newport. To gratify his many friends he gave a party on the beach Friday. These talks are very interesting and instructive and a large number availed themselves of the opportunity to learn of the geology of the beach.

Yesterday afternoon the hop pickers in the Thorsbury yard left work and searched diligently for the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Hann, of this city. The tot was found several hours after he had left home.

E. O. Potter and wife and daughter drove to London Mineral springs and Black Butte mines last Saturday.

Dr. B. F. Rowland and family have returned from a five-weeks' outing at Crescent lake and the Three Sisters. They report a good time, plenty of fish and one deer.

MANY VISIT PASSION PLAY
TWO HUNDRED TWENTY THOUSAND PERSONS ATTEND

(By the Associated Press)
OBERAMMERGAU, Bavaria, Aug. 29.—Two hundred twenty thousand persons, including 18,239 Americans, thus far have visited the Passion Play, according to announcement by the management, thus surpassing all previous records of attendance. The total receipts amounted to about 12,000,000 marks.
So great is the demand for seats that three or four performances are necessary nearly every week and the theatre is completely sold out up to September 1.

Governor Carey Concedes Defeat
CHEYENNE, Wyo., Aug. 30.—Governor Robert D. Carey this afternoon issued a statement conceding that he had been defeated by John W. Hay for the Republican nomination for governor in the primary election last Tuesday. Governor Carey said that unofficial returns so far received made it appear probable that he had lost the race.

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Nature Study for Little Children

By Augusta M. Swan

When Froebel was looking for a name suitable for his system of education, he did not call it "child school," or "child house," but "kindergarten," and he intended that the "garden" of the kindergarten should be the teacher himself.

Nearly half of Froebel's Mother Plays deal with things of nature. At one time he said, "A little child that freely seeks flowers and cherishes and cares for them in order to wind them into a bouquet for parents or teachers cannot be a bad child or become a bad man. Such a child can easily be led to the love and to a knowledge of his Father—God—who gives him such gifts."

Love of nature is a heritage of childhood. It is a tendency in every child of every land, be he black, white or yellow.

All nature is akin to childhood: birds, animals, flowers, insects are all beautiful to children, even the "lovely crawling caterpillar," and the "creepy snail."

We all know how a dog will allow a child to stumble over him, recognizing the action by only an expression of long-suffering indifference; he will stand all kinds of teasing which he would not tolerate from an adult.

There seems to be a silent but mutual understanding among young animals of all kinds whether they have four legs or two.

As primitive man opened the early scenes of his life among the wonders of nature, so the child needs the experience of the race in nature wonder and play. All nature phenomena are matters of personal interest to the young child; and towards the moon, stars, sun and rain he feels the inherent interest of the race.

It is well to be able to tell the children the names of the plants and flowers they bring, and to awaken in them a longing to know more of the won-

derful life of the bird, bee and other insects.

Children love the stories of animal and plant life; they love nature because they are a part of it. It is a good thing for children to collect specimens; how they revel in the woods no matter what season it may be! What can be more joyous than to gather acorns, nuts and leaves in the autumn woods? Will not the children be interested to know that acorns grow on oak trees and that they are seeds of the oak, as well as food for the squirrels?

We may have only a vacant lot near by if so we possess a whole plant colony, for.

"In the mud and scum of things, There always, always, something is a king."

How many different weeds grow there? Why can some grow there while others are unable to do so?

One of our most delightful kindergarten excursions was the suggestion of a child, to see how many different kinds of clovers we could find, and no one seemed bored. We need not be surprised if questions of real scientific value are asked by the children.

"Why do people call these white flowers dogwood?" was the thoughtful inquiry of one of my kindergarten children.

"How do birds fight snakes?"

"What is the grease inside the buttercup used for?"

"Is it true that only female polar bears hibernate?"

"Why does the mallein have such a fuzzy coat?"

This shows a spirit of real inquiry.

How the child's imagination grows as he pictures the building of the nests, the return of the birds and insects! Their song becomes part of his nature, and gives strength and sweetness to his life.

To cultivate direct observation, to enlarge the growth of character, to stimulate the imaginative powers; in other words, to see things, to know

things—does it not seem worth while?

Who knows the inspiration given to an embryo artist, poet or scientist, when we wander with the fairies through the meadows and woods, enjoying with them the concerts of insect, bird and breeze?

"To guarantee to every child beneath our flag a chance to realize the highest physical, mental, and moral development of which he is capable is but the fulfillment of the promise of equality of opportunity set forth in the Declaration of Independence and the preamble of our national constitution."

Only 12 per cent of our nation's little children are privileged to receive kindergarten training. Is this democratic? Is it fair?

The little children of your community should be in kindergarten. If none has been provided for them, write for information, advice and literature to the National Kindergarten association, 3 west 40th street, New York city.

QUEST FOR LIVING WAGE HOPELESS, SAYS GRABLE

EXPECTS NO RELIEF AT HANDS OF RAIL LABOR BOARD

Head of 400,000 Maintenance Men Wires Harding and Others Urging Revision of Transportation Act

(By the Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Aug. 29.—Declaring that the desire of 400,000 maintenance of way employees to obtain "a living wage" through decision of the United States railroad labor board now "seems absolutely hopeless," E. F. Grable, president of the trackmen, tonight sent telegrams to President Harding and Chairman Cummings of the senate interstate commerce committee, urging that the transportation act be revised at once to make provision for the living wage.

Mr. Grable's telegram was sent after the labor board, in answer to a request of the United Brotherhood of

Maintenance of Way Employees and Railway Shop Laborers that the board accept the principle of the living wage, had replied that it would not go beyond the transportation act which says that wages shall be "just and reasonable."

"The board in its decision said if the living wage as defined by the trackmen is found to be just and reasonable it will be accepted, otherwise it would not."

Expected to Proceed With Case
Mr. Grable, who is asking for wages based on 48 cents an hour instead of the present scale ranging from 23 to 35 cents, informed the President and Mr. Cummings that he expected to proceed with the case before the board in which more than 100 roads are concerned, although "in view of the action of the board" such a procedure seems absolutely hopeless.

The maintenance of way leader requested that "immediate consideration be given the proposal to submit an amending act to congress," which will clear beyond all doubt that the framers of the transportation act and the humble railroad worker should receive a wage sufficient to maintain himself and his family in healthy and modest comfort. It was suggested that the amendment be introduced at once and that committee hearings be held as soon as possible.

Critical Situation Faced
Describing the present status of the trackmen's organizations before the board as "a critical situation," Mr. Grable said he was urging action "not on the ground of any antagonism to the railroad labor board, but in the belief that the public welfare will thereby be best served and with the further conviction that the suggested action by congress will strengthen and make the board the great constructive force for industrial peace which I hope it may be."

The board, in passing on the living wage principle today, said it would neither limit or enlarge the trackmen's decision on the living wage basis.

The board will make its report in full on Thursday it is expected.

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