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Construction of Hard-Surfaced Roads Enables Fire Department to Protect Farmers.

Dallas county, Texas, has made it possible for the rural districts to obtain protection from the fire department in Dallas through the construction of modern hard-surfaced highways. A contract executed recently between the Dallas City commission and the county commissioners provides for fire protection to farmers on all paved roads within a radius of 15 miles of Dallas. When a farmhouse or barn along a paved road catches fire all the farmer has to do is to telephone the Dallas department and it



Fire Apparatus on Hard Road in Country.

will respond at forty to fifty miles an hour with a chemical engine or a steamer as occasion may warrant. Dallas county is one of the first in the country to make such an arrangement. Several fires have already been extinguished with small loss. A general reduction in fire insurance rates in the smaller towns and farming districts has been the result. The service will be made more extensive when the big road building program now under way in Dallas county is finished. Farmers affected by the arrangement are reported to be delighted with the protection afforded.

Crude Tin Can Still Saves Two in Desert

Tucson, Ariz.—Henry Bode, a mining engineer, and his wife, are in Tucson after a successful fight against the desert region that lies along the eastern shores of the Gulf of California. Their supply of water gave out in the hills, where no springs could be found, while the nearest settlement was several days' travel away. So, seeking the shore of the gulf, they improvised a crude distilling ap-

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CRITICISM MOST NECESSARY

However, it should be intelligent and Constructive, Not Destructive and Detrimental.

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KEEP ROADS FROM CRACKING

Heavy Sheets of Steel Fabric Are Now Imbedded in Most Improved Types of Concrete.

Flat sheets of heavy steel fabric are now imbedded in the most improved types of concrete roads to increase their life. The state highway departments of both New York and Pennsylvania have been so thoroughly convinced of the value of the innovation that hereafter the flat reinforcements will be specified in all contracts let by them, says Popular Mechanics Magazine in an illustrated article. Of even greater significance is the use of a contraction joint in the center of the road.

Sire High Producers?

A bull can only transmit to his progeny what he has received from his ancestry. Time will answer the question, "Can a bull sire high producers?"

Ancestry Counts in Bulls.

A bull should be more than just a bull. Ancestry counts in bulls as in men. Doubtful ancestors are an expensive luxury in the dairy business.

GRAIN FUTURES ACT LEGAL

Statute Challenged by Chicago Board of Trade Held Constitutional.

Washington, D. C.—The grain futures act, placing all grain exchanges under federal control and compelling them to admit to membership representatives of farmers' cooperative associations, was declared constitutional by the supreme court Monday, the court dividing, seven to two.

The law was challenged by the Chicago board of trade, acting also in behalf of other grain exchanges, on the ground that trading in grain futures was a matter strictly within the police power of the states and outside the jurisdiction of the federal government.

When congress, seeking to accomplish the result aimed at in the present law, imposed a prohibitive tax on all future trading not conducted on "contract" markets and required all exchanges to place themselves under government control as a condition precedent to becoming such markets, the supreme court declared the law invalid and an unconstitutional exercise of authority.

Promptly congress met the issue by re-enacting substantially all the regulatory features of the law, but based its new exercise of authority on its control over interstate commerce, declaring that trading in grain futures, unless properly regulated by the federal government, could be made a restraint upon interstate shipments of grain.

Grain exchanges interposed uncompromising objections. The government supervision was declared by them irksome and impracticable, as well as unnecessary, but their principal attack was made on that part of the law which gave farmers' cooperative associations a right to membership on the grain exchanges. This constituted confiscation of property, the grain exchanges contended, because it admitted to membership in the corporation men who would not be governed by the rebating rules which all exchanges had found imperative, and would give them an interest in the buildings and property of the exchange.

ALLIES AGAIN SHY AT MEETING BILL

Paris.—Wide divergence of views between the delegates of the United States and the allies on the question of reimbursing the United States for the cost of its occupation of the Rhineland developed Monday just as it was hoped to terminate the negotiations.

When the latest instructions received by Elliot Wadsworth, the American representative, were put before the other delegates they found them of such a nature that they desire to study and discuss them among themselves before making any pronouncement. To give them this opportunity Mr. Wadsworth withdrew.

Neither the American nor allied delegates would say on what point the conflict rested, but it was reported on good authority that it was an essential point, if not a vital one. The allied delegations considering the matter decided to refer it to their respective governments.

1,500,000 Pigs Killed.

Sioux City, Ia.—One and a half million young pigs were lost by farmers of Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota, as a result of the cold weather and blizzard which prevailed throughout the month of March, according to figures compiled by W. J. Kennedy, vice-president of the Serum company.

The greatest loss occurred in Iowa, where 800,000 pigs were lost, more than the combined losses of the other three hog-producing states. Minnesota and South Dakota each lost 200,000 of the young porkers.

Deaf Mute Hears Radio.

Pendleton, Or. — Wesley Peters of this city, deaf since boyhood, now hears by radio. Mr. Peters' first thrill came when he was asked to listen in on a local set. Rather skeptical, he placed the ear pieces on his head and by means of paper and pencil, he told of his marvelous experience. "Strange sounds, I don't understand," he wrote, but listened through the entire first evening, and now he spends the greater part of his night with a radio set.

Five Children Die in Fire.

Sacramento, Cal. — Five Japanese children and one Japanese school teacher were burned to death and nine others were still unaccounted for in a fire which destroyed a boarding school at 418 O street early Sunday morning. The bodies were all found in a room on the top floor, where firemen battled their way through the flames.



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Toothache Superstition.

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First Methods of Cooking.

Roasting in earth ovens and boiling by placing hot stones in earthenware vessels were prehistoric means of cooking food.

Lincoln vs. You

Lincoln belongs to the ages. He was a man among men and all the world today recognizes his genius of character.

Lincoln was self-taught. Instead of waiting for someone to pound knowledge into him, he would walk miles to secure a book that he might pursue the quest of knowledge which was a supreme passion with him throughout his life.

Lincoln instinctively knew that knowledge was the key that unlocks the door to fame and fortune, or any success that man desires. He went directly after knowledge to prepare himself so that when his chance came he would be ready. You may look handsomer than Lincoln; you may have a native strength that Lincoln; you may have an intellect that could easily be developed; but if you have not the burning desire to develop yourself, you are certain to stick in the mud-slow class.

Knowledge is distinctly a matter of inclination. If you do not acquire knowledge you are just as certain to suffer for your lack of development in a mental way as you would certainly deteriorate physically if you laid in bed all the time and would neglect to develop your muscles. Laziness leads to pain and failure. If you insist on being lazy, the law of compensation will force you to pay compound interest for your idleness. You will be whipped and scourged and made to do the meanest work of the world. The laws of necessity are sure to overtake you. You must eat and people will insist that you earn what you eat. The whip of necessity will heat your bleeding back and the sharp tongue of a heartless world will tear to shreds your sensibilities. When you are stretched on the cross of necessity, people of this world will crown you with thorns and drive into your flesh, nails expressing their scorn.

Lincoln knew that the world will never forgive failure. Logically he equipped himself to succeed and he did succeed. You, too, can succeed, but you must prepare yourself for the battle of life. The greatest asset in life is a strong character and the ability to express your self. If you are dumb as a dog you will receive the reward of a dog, the crumbs from some rich man's table, who understands the way to express himself.

The great mass of men have made no effort to develop themselves. Nearly all are capable of infinite development, but they do not realize it. They are paralyzed by the thought that they are inferior when in reality the only difference between a successful man and themselves is development.

They could easily grow if they would get busy and develop themselves as Lincoln and other great men have done.

You do not have to be a super-man or a giant of intellect, but you do have to be just a little better than the average to be selected to occupy a seat of honor and ease where you will work less and get more.

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Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

BLOCKING THE WAY

THOSE apostles of laxity who can never find time to do anything as it ought to be done, go crookedly through life complaining in their semi-serious moments that they are lagging leagues behind their rivals and never getting anywhere.

They admit this without any apparent sense of shame or compunction of conscience.

Sometimes to their intimates of like ilk, they boast of their short-comings in a spirit of bravado.

A laziness that distinguishes them from what they disdainfully term the "common class," to whom they will scarcely nod a courteous good morning, seem in their minds to put them down to a worshipping pedestal.

Dully they go about their task in a slipshod manner, shunning responsibility as a hen avoids a pool of water. Everything they do is half done.

Careless in observing how the proficient save time and energy, and thus make work a pleasure instead of a drag, these listless persons are always in trouble, scowling and finding fault, even when everything about them is cheerful.

Their desks or benches are continually in confusion, quite in keeping with their unmethodical minds.

When urgently needed no paper or tool is within sight or reach.

It is generally hidden somewhere in a disordered heap. Precious minutes are lost while searching for the elusive thing, and should the task of finding it happen to be more vexatious than usual, some innocent fellow-worker is openly charged with pilfering.

Then a storm breaks and the atmosphere is surcharged with anger, which in the customary slowness of cooling off is likely to leave the principals for days and days in sulky humors.

Persons of this character are doomed to fall in everything they undertake, except in the making of quarrels and the wrecking of friendships.

Blameful themselves, they pile their sins on the blameless.

Wherever they are found there is turmoil, inefficiency, disloyalty and unhappiness, four danger signals which block the way in every track of endeavor to promotion to the higher ranks. (©, 1923, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate.)

Mother's Cook Book

"A friend is a bank of credit on which we can draw supplies of confidence, counsel, sympathy, help and love."

SOMETHING TO EAT

IF YOU have a small amount of leftover rice stir it into the muffin or griddle cake batter for breakfast.

Prune Pie.

Take two cupsful of cooked prunes, one teaspoonful of cinnamon, one-fourth of a cupful of sugar and one tablespoonful of butter. Soften the prunes in water over night, stew until soft, then remove the pits and add to the other ingredients. Put into a pastry-lined plate, dot with bits of the butter, cover with a top crust and bake in a quick oven. Brush over the crust with milk just before putting the pie in the oven. This will give a rich brown crust when baked.

Chocolate Macaroons.

Melt two squares of chocolate, mix with one can of condensed milk. Add one-half pound of shredded coconut, mix thoroughly and add one teaspoonful of vanilla. Drop on greased baking sheets, one teaspoonful at a time one inch apart. Bake in a moderate oven until nicely browned.

Coconut Balls.

Take one tablespoonful of condensed milk, or the same of honey; one and one-quarter cupsful of sifted, dried coconut, four tablespoonfuls of chopped raisins and one-half cupful of chopped walnut meats. Mix and shape into balls the size of marbles, roll in coconut.

Cabbage Salad.

Make a mixture of finely-shredded cabbage, green peppers and olives. Remove the stones from the olives; to one small cabbage use one green pepper, seeds and white fiber removed, and one cupful of chopped olives. Moisten with a rich, highly-seasoned boiled dressing or a mayonnaise. Fill lemon halves with the mixture and serve with oysters.

Shredded lettuce added to cream cheese well-seasoned and sprinkled thickly with currants makes a tasty salad to serve with bread and butter for Sunday night lunch.

Cottage cheese to which two or more tablespoonfuls of boiled dressing is added and served on lettuce with a French dressing, is another simple and easy way to prepare salad.

Nellie Maxwell
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Modern Poetry Summed Up.

Modern poetry has its own genius, however, and we need not weigh it against that of another age as we delight in its sensibility, its wealth of observation, its conquest of new themes, its perpetual rediscovery of simple things and of their effect on the consciousness.—Robert Lynd.

How it Happened.

"It was the first time I had ever driven a car," feebly explained the victim of the accident, "I got to going pretty fast and forgot how to stop. I looked ahead and saw a bridge rushing to meet me. I tried to turn out to let the bridge pass and—that is all I know about it."

Porcelain Made by Accident.

A potter experimenting with various earths in an attempt to find a mixture which would stand continual heat, discovered porcelain, while an optician's boy whilst mending glasses thought out the arrangement and uses of lenses for telescopes.

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Seek to Understand Principles.

Knowledge of law is not necessary as understanding of fundamental principles on which law is based. One may know the law without appreciating why it is the law, hence perfunctorily obey it and thus not support it. "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing."

Sociological Note.

Anyone who has watched an individual beggar for any length of time will not conclude that the vocation is elevating in character or that its reaction upon the individual is a desirable one.—Greater New York.

Banana Has Few Foes.

A peculiar fact about the banana is that no insect will attack it, and another is that it is immune from the diseases that fruits are subject to.

His Honesty Assured.

To a tramp who wanted to earn a bite to eat a woman said: "If I thought you were honest I'd let you go to the chicken house and gather the eggs." "Lady," he replied with dignity, "I was manager at a bathhouse for 15 years, and never took a bath."—Boston Transcript.

Do Today's Duty Well.

Why should we desire to meet difficulties prematurely when we have neither strength nor light provided for them? Let us give heed to the present, whose duties are pressing; it is fidelity to the present which prepares us for fidelity to the future.—Fenelon.

Full Lips Reveal Character.

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