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LINCOLN HIGHWAY WORK TO PROCEED

At least on great highway bids fair to be in shape over a great part of its length by the end of the present year. The Lincoln Highway Association reports that a permanent, all-weather route from the heart of New York City to the Mississippi will be completed probably before next fall.

It is gratifying to hear that work on at least one road-building scheme is to proceed steadily, for there has seemed to be a tendency recently to hold up road work on account of high prices.

The thing for the tax-payers of this country to hold steadfastly in mind is that nothing will do more to reduce high prices than good roads, which permit transportation easily, swiftly and cheaply from one point to another.

Doubtless the development of the Lincoln Highway will go on steadily in the West as in the East, and it is to be hoped that what is true of one road plan will prove true of auxiliary plans.

GET READY TO TEACH

According to present prospects there will be the same emergency calls for teachers next year as this year. In order that there may be a body of recruits at least partially trained for these positions, one of the leading educators of the country is urging that young people who contemplate teaching next year, or who have any aptitude for it, should enroll for some one of the brief summer normal courses in which every state abounds, if they can do no more than this by way of preparation.

The suggestion is a good one. The shortage of teachers has led to an influx of ill-prepared, ill-fitted persons into the teaching force of almost every community. This is bad for the children who have these teachers, bad for the community and a waste of the tax-payers' money.

Most communities, recognizing the need, have raised the wage scale of teachers to fairly decent proportions. It may be said now that the future of teaching is bright, both financially and from the point of public appreciation. This being true, the public has a right to demand that these increased wages go to those who are fitted to earn them, and

the embryo teacher on the other hand can well afford to fit himself for his job.

These brief summer normal courses are not expensive, and they give very practical intensive training in the mechanics of teaching, and practice in those methods of instruction which have been tried and found good by experienced teachers. The suggestion that our young men and women be encouraged to take such courses is a wise one, meriting the support of the community, and the consideration of the prospective teacher.

USE MORE MILK

The time of year is at hand when milk becomes plentiful and should be cheap. Most people realize this, and complain because prices do not fall. They fail, however, to do their share toward bringing prices down, by increasing their consumption of milk to a point where it will pay the farmer to sell it more cheaply because he can sell more, or the dealer to handle it more cheaply for the same reason.

The farmer may have 50 gallons of milk in April, as against 15 in January, but it is no money in his pocket if his market remains a 15 gallon market. The same is true for the dealer. He can not buy 15 gallons any cheaper because the farmer has 35 gallons spoiling on his hands, nor sell it any cheaper and carry the waste himself.

The first step in getting milk into the market in quantity, and more cheaply because of quantity, is for the public to increase its consumption.

Prices aside, such a step is distinctly to the advantage of the consumer. Milk is always cheaper than meat, and may be largely substituted for meat in the diet because it is heavy in protein. It is the better summer food of the two, especially for children. When the public has increased milk consumption to a fair degree, if dealers still keep the prices up it should be possible to prosecute them for profiteering; but the creation of the demand is primarily the responsibility of the consumer.

Whether Hoover is a Democrat or a Republican seems to be as dubious a question as alcoholic content.

Comments of the State Press

Charity Drives—

Portland is again talking of organizing all relief and charity drives into one big drive for the purpose of filling the "communit chest," out of which all these varied funds are to be taken. Good idea, but it will take an armed guard to keep the grafters from looting that chest, once it is filled.—Eugene Guard.

Senator Franco wants to form a republican liberal party to repeal the prohibition amendment. All that would be necessary would be to get three fourths of the states to sanction a constitutional amendment and if they had as good fortune as did the dregs the job would take only 145 year.—East Oregonian.

Like Albany—

Whenever Clatsop county has sufficient acreage planted to berries to warrant the establishment of juice, jam and dried fruit factories, the factories will be forthcoming. This was the cheering assurance given W. E. Schimpff, chairman of the Chamber of Commerce agricultural committee by the Jojo and the King Wittenberg people who are already operating big factories.—Astoria Budget.

Revival Meetings—

Revival meetings are being held all over the country with remarkable results. The interchurch movement is spreading with marked rapidity and denominations, in many instances, are experiencing growth at the present time, after having been dormant for many years.—Baker Herald.

Newberry Corruption—

The country is shocked by the story of the Newberry corruption. There can be no charge that the trial was political. The trial judge is a Republican, appointed by Mr. Taft. Ten of the jurors were Republicans and

in relation to the peace treaty, what was it pray? The Senate is not functioning; it is performing. Both sides of the chamber reek with politics. Lodge is terrorized by Borah and Hitchcock is under the spell of the White House.—Oregon Statesman.

TODAY'S EVENTS

Republicans of New Mexico meet in State convention at Santa Fe today to elect their delegates to the national convention.

A Southern Baptist Student conference opens at Greenville, S. C., today and will continue in session over Sunday.

Representatives of the cotton industry in Texas will gather at San Antonio today for the annual convention of the Texas Cotton Association.

Student debaters of Brown University and Dartmouth and Williams colleges, comprising the New England Intercollegiate Debating league, are to engage in their annual forensic tilt tonight.

Whether school teachers should affiliate with the American Federation

of Labor is to be the subject of an intercollegiate debate at Austin tonight between student representatives of the University of Texas and the University of Arizona.

American and Canadian missionaries from all countries of Central America, native preachers and other workers, and representatives of the mission boards in the United States and Canada, are to meet in Guatemala City today to lay plans for a campaign of expansion of schools, churches, hospitals, and other benevolent and evangelistic activities.

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