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OVER-LOADED TRUCKS

The worst time of year for roads is now here. Roads in good condition last fall, except paved highways, have been rutted until they are uncomfortable to ride on, and in some cases dangerous to drive over. Warm weather and heavier traffic will later on restore a good surface. But unless hauling is better regulated the annual damage is going to reach a point where taxpayers will be hard put to meet the up-keep. Too many over-loaded trucks are operating over the roads of this country for the common good. These trucks have a proper place in our business and economic life; in fact, the country could not do without them. They go into places that will never be reached by railroads and bring their products out to market. Milk, grain, lumber, fruit and hundreds of other products are taken from the farm and fertilizer and supplies are returned.

But there is no good reason for over-loading, when the truck is going to operate on roads that are not paved to withstand tremendous weight. We feel sure no taxpayer objects to the truck so long as it is not loaded to the point where it will cause damage, for all the damage it causes means money out of the taxpayer's pocket, not out of the pocket of the trucker. Let's give this matter a little sober thought. It isn't necessary to over-load a truck, and neither is it economical in the long-run. There is a happy medium. Let us hope that everyone engaged in trucking in this section seeks to conform to it.

POWER OF "PIN MONEY"

By-products, which for many years were turned over to the farmer's wife as spending money, are now putting the farms of the country on a cash instead of a credit basis. This is shown by government reports from sections of the middle west which indicated a decline in credit purchases and a corresponding gain in cash sales by retail merchants in the agricultural districts.

Men engaged in food production, declare that the produce end of farming is revolutionizing the agricultural industry and packing house business. One large packing house now has over 100 produce stations scattered over the middle west where poultry, eggs, milk and cream are bought. Instead of old-time haphazard marketing, farmers are now marketing eggs twice a week for cash, and feeding the skimmed milk to hogs, chickens and other animals, which are marketed at longer periods—but all for cash.

All this has made a marked difference in purchasing by the farmers. Instead of having to be carried on a credit basis for eleven months, he is in most cases now paying cash for what he buys. And development of roads and use of the auto has helped him. So it looks as though the very thing that rural housewives once depended upon for "pin money" are going to prove the best investment on the farm.

HELP THE BOY FIND HIS RIGHT VOCATION

For some reason our school boards have not learned that education is that training which fits boys and girls for all the duties of life. Business and education are getting closer together and the time is coming when boys, before they graduate from the high school, will have training in the shops and factories, in the banks and stores.

The boys of today will run the affairs of this nation in the future. If they are not trained, if they have not had any education along the lines of economics and business and industry, how can they run things successfully?

The same energy that puts a boy in the penitentiary will put him at the head of a great industry and make him worth something in this old world. The whole proposition is a matter of direction. How many boys do you suppose there are who need the advice of ripened experience? Your son may need to have some one put a hand on his shoulder and say: "Here, my boy, I believe you are on the wrong track."

The boy should be helped before he gets on the wrong track. If we do the right thing no boy or girl will go to the wrong place until a dozen of us have seen him, have helped him, have touched his heart and soul in some way.

Many a boy tumbles into a job for which he is not the least fitted. He struggles along through life, always on an up-hill grade. If some one should help him into a place of greater usefulness, where he would be a help to society, what a great saving of human energy and money would result. No boy or girl should be allowed to pass the age of eight years without owning something. We should see that each has an interest in something productive or is a partner with somebody else in some good business.

A boy never drops clear into the ditch all at once. If somebody asks about him, if somebody talks with him, if he knows somebody is interested in him, temptation is not the same to him.

Track Meet to be Broadcast over KOAC

* Finals in the annual Oregon high school interscholastic track meet on Bell field, Saturday afternoon, May 10, will be broadcast from KOAC as a running account. W. L. Kadderly, regular sports announcer, will describe the various events as they are run off.

Co-eds to Entertain Their Mothers May 10

The Co-eds of the Oregon State college will entertain, with their annual mother's week-end, on May 10 and 11. At this time the students entertain mothers from throughout the west and prepare a program emphasizing the place of women in the modern world.

S. P. Granted Right to Remove Tracks in Three Counties

The Southern Pacific company were granted the privilege of removing tracks of five sections of

branch line, extending in Washington, Yamhill and Multnomah counties, by the Interstate Commerce Commission. The company showed sufficient losses and decreasing patronage to warrant their action. The removal of the Fourth street tracks in Portland are awaiting the decision of the Portland City Council on the traffic problem of that street.

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