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**Demand For Good Roads.**

The movement to secure national aid in the construction of public roads seems to be making headway. The matter is receiving attention in congress, the senate having called upon the secretary of agriculture for information relative to the cost of constructing public roads in this country and in foreign countries. Speeches in advocacy of the construction of good roads and urging aid on the part of the national government have been made in both houses of congress. A bill has been introduced in the senate which provides for a plan of co-operation between the federal government and the various states and territories for the construction and improvement of the public roads. It proposes to create a bureau of highways and to appropriate \$24,000,000 to be available as a fund for road construction and improvement, to be distributed among the states and territories according to population. It requires that before the state or territories can receive the benefits of the act they must provide for one-half of the cost of any construction or improvements that may be undertaken and secure the necessary right-of-way.

The matter is of particular interest to the agricultural producers of the country especially in the south and west. In a speech in the house of representatives a few days ago, Mr. Zenor of Indiana made the statement that the farmers and the agricultural people pay the enormous sum of \$1,000,000,000 for the transportation of farm products from the farms to the market places at which they sell them. He asserted that half this sum could be saved to the farmers if there was a general system of good roads. He declared that the farmers of the country need all the facilities possible for transporting their products to the market. "They need all the facilities, all the advantages to which our present advancement and high civilization in this country entitle them. They of all the classes of people in this country share the least in the advantages and benefits of legislation which has so materially contributed to the wealth of this country. They are leaving the country. It is an isolated life and it becomes monotonous to the young men, the bone and sinew of the farm, the young men upon whom responsibility most ultimately fall for the operation and conduct of the farm. They are getting tired of the isolation and drudgery of farm life in the country and there is a constant tendency to shift from the healthy atmosphere of the country, from the farm on which the young man receives his best impressions and that physical and mental discipline which so well serves him in after years and prepares him for an honorable and useful career as a good citizen. He needs to be made contented. To do that you have to improve the public highways."

In a speech on the subject in the senate Mr. Latimer of South Carolina made a strong argument in advocacy of national aid in the construction of public roads, expressing the opinion that it is only by federal aid that we will ever have good roads uniformly throughout the country. "The government must stimulate and aid the people in the work. It is the history of road development in every country." It is unlikely that there will be any action taken in the matter, by the present congress, or at any rate at this session, but if the agricultural interests of the country earnestly espouse the public roads cause it will certainly in time receive from congress the consideration to which its obvious importance entitles it.

**Immigrants and Farms.**

A correspondent of the New York Sun gives the experience of a Polish farmer who recently arrived an immigrant in New York. He wanted to go to work on a farm, but nobody knew how to place him there, so he accepted an offer to work for \$6 per week and his room (along with a dozen others) 75c per week. But almost by accident he was discovered and taken to a farm where he was given work at \$17 per month. He is engaged for next summer at \$25 a month—far better than twice that amount would be in the metropolis. It was with great difficulty that this young man was induced to leave the city because people of his own race, ignorant of the condition of farm labor, used every argument to induce him to remain. Nothing especially wonderful about all this—but it is a significant fact that there is no means at the greatest immigration port in our land to present to immigrants the opportunities for work on farms. There are agencies a plenty but none which direct the immigrant to the country, and all the influences which surround him on landing tend to keep him in the city or put him in the gang of the contractor. The National Grange adopted a resolution requesting the secretary of agriculture to encourage the immigration of agricultural laborers. In view of the facts above noted the Grange could do more good by establishing an agency to secure for farmers the laborers who always arriving than the secretary

or anybody else could do in the way of inducing others to come to this country. This is a matter worthy of serious consideration.

**Improving Alaska.**

The report made by the senatorial committee which visited Alaska last summer and made as thorough an inspection of conditions there as was practicable, can hardly fail to impress congress with the necessity and importance and development of that portion of our domain.

The committee points out that one of the most essential requirements is the construction of a good system of roads at government expense. It appears that we are far behind Canada in this respect, that country from the first opening of the Klondike having appropriated a large share of the revenues collected there to public roads and trails. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer says that with the construction of a few good roads and passable trails mining districts in Alaska which are now but little developed could increase their output enormously. It urges that the construction of good roads in Alaska would be an immediately profitable investment and it would help as nothing else could help toward the development both of mining and of agriculture, for the agricultural development of Alaska must of necessity be deferred until roads are opened. The report of the senatorial committee is particularly interesting in its statement regarding the resources of this territory, which are almost boundless. Alaska has repaid many times what it cost, there are yet vast undeveloped riches there, and there is a considerable American population in the territory. Congress should give heed to the recommendations for measures to further improve the territory, there being no doubt that there would be an abundant return for every dollar judiciously expended there by the government.

Bryan is announced to be losing ground. So is that 6,000,000 popular vote.

In these glorious days of supremacy every vessel that flies the American flag is a protected cruiser.

With both of its senators fighting the Panama treaty, Texas will begin to see that its politics is added.

With the next wave of reform the conscience fund ought to receive some heavy acquisitions from Kansas.

A majority of Democratic senators will vote to ratify the Panama treaty. Better make it unanimous. It is not legitimately a party question.

In their efforts to acquire statehood the citizens of New Mexico have hung up the fiddle and the bow and taken down the shovel and the hoe.

To illustrate the great economic change that has recently taken place, it is only necessary to point to the fact that Col. Bryan is not receiving any share of the gate receipts this year, and that he is paying his own traveling expenses from banquet to banquet.

On account of a recent experience Magistrate South of Philadelphia refuses to try any more cases against men accused of desecrating the Sabbath. A man fined in his court for the offense was obliged to pawn his overcoat and has since been compelled to work outdoors clad in thin raiment. This fact coming to Magistrate South's knowledge, he thought the man a coat and now advises a change of venue in all like cases called before him.

For some time certain clergymen and others of Appleton, Wis., have been carrying on a crusade for vigorous Sunday observance. Mayor Hammel is not in sympathy with the movement. He has declared himself in this fashion: "If they force the issue and stop at closing only the saloons I will take it further and before the limit is reached the Sunday closers may find that even the salaried organists at the various churches will have to suspend service or render it free of charge." The crusaders profess to be undaunted by this declaration and say they will carry on the fight to a finish.

Six months ago the shock of a business failure deprived J. Stanley Rice, a dealer in wall paper in Oshkosh, Wis., of the power of speech and apparently rendered his mind a blank. The family later removed to Spring Valley, Minn., and it is learned that a physical shock sustained by a fall from a buggy has restored his senses and made him again a rational being. The accident occurred during a runaway and it was thought at first that Rice was killed. When he recovered consciousness his mind took up the skein of thought just where he left off six months ago, and he imagined himself carrying on a conversation which had been interrupted by his seizure.

With cotton up to 15 cents a pound mark, it would seem to be a good time for the South to increase its acreage of that product to figures beyond any yet known. While much of the advance is due to the gamblers, some of it is legitimate. Demand is beginning to get ahead of supply. The American mills will consume more and more cotton, while the foreign demand will keep on growing. Such attempts as England, Germany and

other countries have been making in the past score of years to raise cotton in Asia and Africa have not thus far been very successful. The United States, for many years to come, will have to supply three-fourths of the world's needs in that direction. Cotton raising, even if the price goes far below the present quotation, ought to be a pretty profitable occupation for the south.

Agriculture is more and more being esteemed as a desirable occupation for a great many millions of our people. Never before in the history of the world has so much attention been given by governments and states to this gigantic industry. In the past agriculture has been solely a business; now it is assuming the importance of a profession. Just as soon as thought and study and education are given to any line of work that work takes on a new dignity and a new meaning. It seems to be that we are on the threshold of new things in all that pertains to farming. Our brightest young men are not all leaving the farm for other pursuits, other vocations. Some are, of course. And when we hear of the one that goes to the city to reach some special success, we hear nothing of the ninety and nine that are bent to the wheel of trade and with little possibility of an opposite turn. Where one young man is succeeding today in the city there is at least one succeeding as well in the country, and where ninety and nine are kept down in the city by force of circumstances a goodly proportion of that number are quietly living in the country enjoying success and pleased with their lot in life. There are relatively few people that are not succeeding in the country and on the farm.

**Conscience.**

TO THE EDITOR TILLAMOOK HEADLIGHT  
When ever a man or woman is committed to an asylum for the insane they become exempt from all religious and political obligations.

The fact is God has implanted within the being of every one a natural light, called conscience, to which we are held accountable to, both in this life and the final judgment.

The only formidable foe I have ever found is the popular protestant preacher, who wants to assume the responsibilities of guiding the world.

If we had someone to always decide right from wrong for us, the conscience would lie dormant and would always remain in its infancy.

The conscience has been suppressed by the religious dictator, since it was ordained man's supreme guide. Before starting to respect our conscience, let us consider what it will cost. Matt. 5, 10 to 12.—Blessed are they who are persecuted for righteousness sake. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. We must expect abuse from those who would loose a soft job of religious dictation, for we have no use for them if we propose to follow our God given light within. But what if we fail to respect our conscience? Where one person suffers for doing right, millions suffer for doing what conscience plainly points out as wrong. Our asylums and prisons are filled with people who are justly there for doing wrong, while thousands suffer disease and shame and suicide.

J. C. GOVE.

**Sermons in Short Meter.**

Love cannot be leased.  
Silence is the eloquence of sympathy.  
The happy man cannot help being helpful.  
Bitter remedies often have blessed results.  
A liar's legs can never keep up with his news.  
He who courts martyrdom weds no crown.  
Mercy to the guilty is malice to the innocent.  
Failure is a spur while success may be a snare.  
The devil is too old to be scared by blank cartridges.  
Hunger is the only ticket required for the heavenly feast.  
The good Samaritan is never afraid of soiling his hands.  
Only the Infinite Pity can fathom the infinite pathos of life.  
No man can be fattened on the feast that spells famine to another.  
When a man speaks the language of hell he proclaims his nativity.  
The revival that does not stir the sheep will never win the wolves.

They who love God for what He has never done know what He is.  
There never was an argument that could compete successfully with an appetite.  
Many men are so absorbed building the house of life that they let the tenant die.

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