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RIVERS HARBORS AND GOOD ROADS

The bill for National aid to road improvement which Mr. Brownlow of Tennessee proposes to reintroduce in Congress this winter promises to be a popular measure. So far it has met with very little opposition. In fact the advocates of the measure are anxious to develop some active opposition as this will help them to get the subject before the people, and give them an opportunity to show the strength of their case.

One of the strongest arguments in favor of the measure is that based on the river and harbor appropriations. Legislation of this kind rests on a half a century of precedents, and no one seriously thinks of objecting to it. The only questions seriously discussed when a river and harbor bill comes up in Congress are the amount to be voted and for what particular works of improvement the money shall be spent. The general policy is thoroughly established. Congress has voted for improvements of this kind during the past fifty years more than four hundred millions of dollars, and now an annual appropriation of twenty millions would be looked upon as quite conservative.

The advocates of National aid to road improvement claim that much more can be said in favor of their scheme than in favor of river and harbor legislation and much less against it. Both come under the general class of "internal improvements" about which there was so much heated discussion in the early days of the republic. The general arguments in favor of river and harbor appropriations may be summed up as follows: (1) They promote the general welfare; (2) the improvements entail an expense too heavy to be borne by the people of the localities most directly interested, and, hence, would never be made if the Government refused to foot the bills. The same argument apply with equal force to the improvement of the public highways. Certainly no kind of internal improvement would do more to promote the prosperity and the moral and intellectual improvement of the masses. It is also equally certain that this great work of internal improvement will remain undone, to a great extent, if the whole burden of the expense is left to be carried by the people of rural neighborhoods. A century of experience in most of the older States ought to be enough to demonstrate this. In fact no general progress toward good roads is being made except in a few States which have adopted the State aid plan.

The policy of voting Federal aid to

road improvement has three great advantages over that of voting funds for river and harbor improvements as follows:

1. While the money voted for the latter purpose is collected from the whole people by taxation, it is necessarily expended in limited localities the inhabitants of which receive the greater part of the benefits. In fact a great majority of the people of the United States receive no direct, and but little indirect benefit from these improvements. On the other hand a Federal appropriation for road improvement would be available for use in any section. Every State and almost every county and township could share in the direct benefits, while large indirect benefits would come to people of all cities and towns.

2. The benefits flowing from an appropriation for river and harbor improvement are strictly limited to the amount of money voted, as no help is required from the local committees. But the plan embodied in the Brownlow bill merely contemplates that the Government shall help the people who are willing to help themselves. No community could enjoy the Government aid until it had voted to raise a large share of the expense by local taxation. Thus a Federal appropriation for this purpose would produce benefits far beyond the limits of the amount voted.

3. One bad feature of the river and harbor legislation is the "log-rolling" indulged in by legislators who are anxious to secure funds for improvements in their districts or States. This often injuriously affects legislation of all kinds, for many members subordinate everything else to this. National aid to road improvement as now advocated would be wholly free from this bad feature. For the funds would be equitably distributed according to a general plan. The Government would simply make available a sum of money an equitable share of which could be secured by any State or county complying with certain specified conditions.

When the question has been fully presented and discussed in Congress it is difficult to see how any member can logically vote for a river and harbor bill and refuse to support an appropriation to aid in improving the highways of the country.

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MINE HOSTS' CONFESSION.

Behind the Scenes at a Swiss Hotel Where Rich Families Sojourn.

It is only very rarely that you find a Swiss landlord in a communicative mood, and with leisure for a long talk; but when you do the result is interesting. The present writer, says the Golden Penny, once rendered the proprietor of a large Swiss hotel some slight service, and was invited by the grateful host to an exquisite little lunch in his private room. After the dessert came coffee and cigars.

"You like this cigar?" observed mine host. "I thought you would. It is a cigar we keep for the couriers; these are gentlemen who will stand no nonsense; they must have the best of everything. The best of everything, and a commission of 5 per cent; and when they are without engagement we are glad to give them free quarters. It is of the first necessity to be on good terms with the couriers, for if they are not pleased they take their families elsewhere. And then they can make the bill all right, for the settlement is always left to them. No family will dispute what a courier says is right. But the other day I confess I was a little uneasy.

"We had a family of Americans, richer, they say than the family of Rothschild—great petroleum people—and I left everything to the courier, even to the ordering of their repasts and their wines. When he ordered their first breakfast I was almost surprised; when he ordered their lunch I was more than surprised; but when he ordered their dinner I thought he had gone mad. It was not the quality that astonished me; it was the quantity of everything, not a fourth of which they consumed. Their leavings—what they did touch—made a luxurious supper for all my waiters. I remonstrated. I told the courier there would be trouble. He said no; it would be all right. And it was. The bill—I felt almost ashamed to make it out—they paid without a word; and the courier touched a very fine commission. Next to American millionaires I like, I think, Egyptian pashas. But that was in the old days. Now they are poor, and do not come. And such airs they gave themselves! But it was a very good thing for us.

"I remember one we had—Duffer Pasha, quite a young man, and, I think, a relative of the khedive. He spoke French very well, and had with him four masters (gentlemen); two servants, and a courier. The masters lunched and dined in their own saloon, of course and the pasha ordered for himself a bottle of Chateau Yquem at 20 francs; and for each member of his suite a bottle of Chateau La Rose at 15 francs. These are expensive wines, and as very little drunk at second dejeuner, I ordered the unfinished bottles to be placed on the table for dinner. But this did not please his highness at all. He sent for me immediately, and commanded that, whether little or much was drunk, fresh bottles should be served with every repast. That was very easy; but as I could not think of throwing away wine worth 20 francs a bottle, I ordered the partly-emptied bottles to be refilled, recocked and served a second time."

"And so you were paid for the wine twice over?"
"Parfaitement, why not? Have I as many sorts of wine as are shown on my list? Not quite. For instance, those three sorts of Neuchatel are all drawn from the same cask, but the loss is mine, for when a visitor orders the cheaper sorts I am done out of two francs a bottle. You are right, we make our principal profit by our cheaper wines. It is easy to charge two francs for a wine that costs us only one, or four for one that costs us only two, but we cannot ask ten for a good Burgundy that costs us five, or

thirty for a fine Bordeaux that costs us fifteen. I make nothing by my kitchen. I am very glad if I do not lose by it. It is by our cellars and our rooms that we live, if we can. You think it is easy. Ah, if you only knew—if you could just step into my shoes for one twenty-four hours.

I had two of my teeth filled at Dr. Wright's and the work was both satisfactory and painless.

MISS M. LUCAS,
Salem, Oregon.

Chance for the Buzzard.
Lewis Nixon, the New York Democratic politician and shipbuilder, finds himself a target for all the men with new nautical inventions. Of late there has been a marked run of submarine-boat architects. The other day, after listening for half an hour to explanations from a man who clearly savored the inventor to gather up his plans, and depart in great indignation.

"These submarine fellows are getting on my nerves," remarked Mr. Nixon to a friend.
"That chap wants to build a boat modeled after an eel. I'm looking for some man to turn up with the plans of a boat using the duck for a prototype, which can dive and wrench off the enemy's hull plate with its cast-iron bill, and, if caught in shallow water, can spread its wings and fly away, uttering loud and defiant quacks on a steam quacker."—Philadelphia Post.

Relieving Her Mind.
It isn't fair to give a girl away possibly, but truth will out. Detroit has one among its countless beauties who was in the country this fall. One day she happened out toward the cow lot about milking time, and was asking the man several questions.
"Why don't you milk that cow," she asked, pointing to a cow in an adjoining lot.
"Dry."
"Yes, miss, she's been dry for two weeks."
"You cruel wretch," she exclaimed; "why don't you give her some water?" and the man turned his face to the cowhouse and shook with emotion he could not suppress.—Detroit Free Press.

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—New York Sun

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