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GOOD ROADS VS. BAD ROADS

That a chain is no stronger than its weakest link is forcibly illustrated by a bog hole in the road on the Grand Marias west of Jennings. With excellent roads on either side of this little bog, not more than twenty feet across, makes passage with an auto, or heavy load of any kind, almost impossible. This obstruction on what is probably the most traveled thoroughfare in the parish is therefore a burden on the community, the recurrence of which should, in as far as possible be precluded. But, just at this time it may serve a purpose as an illustration of the infallibility of dirt roads.

During long spells of dry weather our dirt roads prove fairly adequate, and were the weather ever to remain dry they would be sufficient, but, alas a generous rainfall is our most valuable asset. Thus, what works for the benefit of our right hand is at the same time doing our left a serious injury; and many of us are busy praying for rain and at the same time hoping it will not rain.

It is left to the voters to decide, next Monday, whether this condition will be continued or not. Present indications point to the carrying of the bond issue for good roads by a handsome majority.

INDEPENDENCE AND CREDIT

The question of granting independence to the Philippine Islands is commanding serious attention upon the part of congress, and while there are those who are pushing for action, yet the probabilities are that some more resolutions in national political platforms will be required before any definite action is taken by Congress.

Rural credit is up for consideration, but it appears that the big insurance companies, the trust companies and other money lenders, are on the job; and they believe the present high rates of interest should not be meddled with. Therefore they are fighting all forms of rural credits, which might result in loans to western farmers at four or five per cent.

REPUBLICANS AT SEA

The leaders of the Republican party are drifting aimlessly at sea in their "search for Moses" to lead them out of the wilderness of gloom and despair.

So far no one has been found who comes any where near filling the bill. Roosevelt and Hughes are the favorites among the rank and file of the Republican voters, but neither of these seem to fill the bill. The Republicans want a man who can bag the solid German vote, and Roosevelt has said such bitter things against Germany that he is objectionable on this score as well as having made exceedingly bitter enemies by splitting the party in 1912, and for the party to take him up would mean surrender to an absolute, one-man boss. Justice Hughes of the Supreme Court, "ripped up" so many things and hurt business so much when governor of New York, that the party leaders are afraid of him.

Republican leaders are trying to bring about a combination of circumstances which will enable them to nominate Elihu Root, desires to place in the White House, because he can serve the trust "so skilfully" and artistically that the people will not get on to his "wily ways" until his work is done, and a rule of the trusts has become complete and absolute.

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