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Good Roads An Investment Not An Expense.

Residents, and more particularly property owners of the rural districts are beginning to realize that good roads are an interest-bearing investment rather than an expense. This change in sentiment is evidenced by the many miles of highway constructed within the past few years and those contracted for to be completed several years hence. And the roads now being constructed are not the haphazard, happy-go-lucky kind of simply scraping up the two sides into the middle and leaving the leveling, rolling and shaping for the traffic to accomplish. Formerly it was not an uncommon sight to see a load of black dirt dumped into the road where there had been a depression and probably a week or so later the road boss would happen along to see if the road was as bad as before. It generally turned out that the attempted repair "did not hurt the road," but so far as permanency is concerned it was an abject failure, a waste of energy and money.

The days of the old thrown-up dirt road have passed and we believe that the present year will see miles more of permanent road constructed than was ever hoped for by the most ardent advocate of good roads. Not one state, but all states, are becoming interested as if by common consent in the good roads movement. A good road leading all the way from the city to a farm has increased the value of that farm more than the amount of the original cost of the road and the fact that there is less wear and tear upon the vehicles, more economic transportation, a saving of time in reaching the market, are con-

sidered as dividends upon the investment, and these facts are the things that have forced the good roads movement to its present magnitude.

There is an old saying which originated with the Hollanders, that paint costs nothing. By that is not meant that the materials for painting or the labor required costs nothing, but that the preservative properties of paint far more than offset the expense. The building of permanent roads must be considered in the same light. A saving in the initial cost is often made to the detriment of the completed highway and it is far better to build a permanent road at an increased cost over original estimates than it is to save a few dollars to the detriment of the road. Good roads, as in the case of the Holland proverb, cost nothing in the eventual accounting; bad roads are a constant leak and hardship.

Railroads Unprepared For Rush

Prosperity is always welcome, but its present surprise visit to some of the great railroads has a disconcerting side. They are in a pother, having had no time to prepare, to remove the remnants of recent misery and squalor and straighten out their premises for the occasion.

It is a case of unpreparedness, and yet the trouble is in nowise the railroads' fault. The year 1914 saw their plunge into the depths of what might be called mockingly the New Misery. Nothing prior to the advent of the war industries justified their spending a cent for new material. Retrenchment was imperative if the requirements of labor and the Interstate Commerce Commission were to be met without bankruptcy. The difficulty of borrowing has since then stood in the way of preparations for approaching opportunities.

The result of unpreparedness in the face of heavy demands on railroad facilities is now looming up in the form of freight congestion. Howard Elliott, head of the New Haven system, lately pointed out that congestion threatened, while Emory R. Johnson, speaking as an observer of economic conditions, has given warning of an unusual car shortage in prospect. Terminal congestion at the points of export shipment, due to

the scarcity of vessels to meet the great demand, adds to the railroads' troubles. Good troubles they may be, but they lay expenses upon the roads and cut the possible profits. —New York Sun.

President Not Alone In Changing Mind.

Frank Day of the Fairmont Sentinel seems about ready to emulate President Wilson on the changing of mind proposition and it looks as if the president would have to cancel the sage of Fairmont from the list of supporters, as we conclude from reading the following editorial of recent date:

President Wilson has made it eminently respectable for any person to change his mind. In fact he has furnished so many conspicuous examples of revolutionary opinions that every one who adheres to set principles will henceforth be considered a back number.

Here are four cases in which our great and good president has shown a flexibility of temperament that gives the lie to the charge of his opponents that he is possessed of a stubborn disposition.

1. Approved a platform that opposed a free Panama canal and later forced through Congress a bill that exacted tolls.

2. Sullenly refused the woman suffragists a pleasant look and later he espoused their cause in a spectacular public utterance.

3. Declared his unconditional approval of the Underwood bill; now favors kiting some of the schedules and a tariff revision commission.

4. A year ago was an uncompromising pacifist, now wants a big army and the biggest navy on earth.

Brother Jasper, a colored preacher in the South, won national renown by a notable sermon in which he declared "The sun do move." Possibly he might have had in his mind's eye our esteemed president—Wilson.

These who are using simplified spelling contend that the errors they make are not so apparent. Now if simplified grammar were adopted, their joy would be unalloyed.

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THE BEE HIVE
J. A. OCHS



Buck & Didra, publishers of the Arlington Enterprise, have dissolved partnership and the paper will be conducted in the future by A. C. Buck, who was the editor of the paper some 25 years ago.

Another sample of the meanest man has been found. He gave his daughter a quarter for going without her supper and then wouldn't let her eat breakfast until she had returned the money.

President Wilson says he wants an army and navy to back up what he says in his diplomatic notes. So that's the reason we are not included in the European mixup.

A farm journal says that straw is very nourishing for cattle, but that they refuse to feed on it because of the color. Why not put green goggles on 'em?

Mayor Fritsche's change of mind regarding his filing for the office has put some of his best, if not closest, friends in the Ananias class.

Many a damage suit has been avoided because the barking dog had bad teeth. At that he did very well as a watchdog.

Bryan assails the president's preparedness program by dubbing it as scaredness.

Our "national honor" is abused more by our own citizens than those of foreign nations.

King Boreas made it clear last week that he's still doing business at the old stand.

People who take life too seriously often turn out to be jokes.

It doesn't take much of an orator to say: "Have one on me."

DID NOT BITE HERE.

A number of the newspapers of the southern part of the state were the innocent accessories before the fact of a clever swindle perpetrated upon the farmers and the Review would no doubt have been in the same boat had the advertising department not investigated an ingeniously worded and innocent appearing advertisement sent in to be run.

The following from the Sioux Falls Press of recent date exposes the swindle: "Someone representing himself as E. D. Smith of Sioux Falls, who evidently

has an eye to business without regard as to whether it is legitimate or otherwise, has taken advantage of the general need of seed corn and by means of advertising has made sales and received pay by check without thus far delivering the seed, and in consequence, is now being sought after by government officials in whose success a large number of people who have been deluded are interested.

"People in Lake county write to local authorities that checks which they sent here to 'E. D. Smith, box 147,' were cashed, endorsed 'E. D. Smith by Mrs. E. D. Smith,' but that they have never heard from Smith nor has the corn showed up.

"The method adopted by the seed corn salesman was one intended to disarm suspicion. Prospective purchasers were advised that the corn for sale could be inspected at the store of Lyman J. Gilbert in North Main avenue. However, all that Mr. Gilbert knew about the matter was that someone asked him by phone for permission to display seed corn in his store and he gave permission and that later a boy left several ears of corn there.

"Smith carried on his advertising both by circular letter and by newspapers."

When the ad was received at the Review office, a bill was sent to Mr. Smith, asking payment in advance according to the rule of the office. No check being forthcoming the ad was confined to the waste basket and New Ulm farmers were not given a chance to waste their money.

INVESTMENT COMPANY DECLARES DIVIDENDS.

At a meeting of the board of directors of the New Ulm Investment Company, held Tuesday evening of last week, the semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent was declared. The annual meeting of the stockholders of the company was held last evening at which directors for the ensuing year were to be chosen.

The Investment Company is one of the more recent of New Ulm's corporations and, judging from its activities in the building line, one of the most successful as is further evidenced by the payment of dividends.

Several new buildings, residences and business blocks, are contemplated by the company for the coming season and its activities will be even more extensive than last year. One of the business blocks in contemplation is at the old Merchants

hotel corner at First South and Minnesota streets.

The company was organized under the laws of Minnesota in September of last year with a capital stock of \$50,000. The present officers of the corporation are: Dr. J. L. Schoch, pres.; J. H. Siegel, vice pres.; Th. J. Snilsberg, secretary-treasurer.

WORK TO CARRY RECLAMATION AMENDMENT.

The first amendment on the ballot next fall to be voted on provides for the establishment of a revolving fund of the state for the development of the state lands, now wild and unproductive. Members of the committee in charge of boosting the amendment met in St. Paul recently and made plans for a campaign to reach every precinct in the state. In order to raise funds for such a campaign it is proposed to raise a fund of \$5,000 through the sale of tags at 5 cents each. Every political meeting, every county fair, neighborhood picnic, etc., will be visited by some one interested in the movement.

The amendment contemplates a fund of \$250,000 to be used for putting the undeveloped lands in condition to make them salable. The lands, it is asserted, are of no value to the state, because there are no roads leading to them. The tract amounts to nearly 2,500,000 acres.

Madelia experienced a sure enough strike Tuesday of last week when about forty students of the High School of that town walked out of the building because according to their notion the birthday anniversary of the Father of their Country could not be observed more fittingly than by a vacation. They formed a marching club and went out into the street shouting the slogans of the insurrection: "We cannot tell a lie; It's a holiday," and "George Washington fought for his country, we fought for a holiday."

The mystery surrounding the disappearance of John Kelley, auditor of Rock county, who disappeared on Jan. 25th, was solved Tuesday afternoon when his body was found about a mile and a half northeast of Luverne. The body was lying in about sixteen inches of water close to a high bank of the river where the warm rays of the sun during the past week and the water from the melting snow had cut away the ice for a small space.

YOUR EYES

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