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MUST HAVE ATTENTION.

All State Roads Must Be Looked After This Spring.

Supervisors, in whose townships state highways pass, are being advised by the State Highway Department to pay particular attention to the roads this spring if they desire them not to disintegrate. They must have proper repairs or the money spent on them will be lost. In an interview with a state engineer some facts relative to the care of macadam were learned. In the first place it may not be generally understood that although built with state aid, the care and preservation of a state highway devolves wholly on the township through which it passes. In too many instances, after a highway has been secured the view taken seems to be that it is going to last forever, whereas, the engineer says, to protect a piece of macadam and make the road lasting, constant attention is necessary. Otherwise what might be a fine and permanent improvement will speedily go to pieces, bringing a very poor return for all the money invested. The first repairs, the engineer says, should be put on the highway six months after it is thrown open to travel. Thereafter at the end of every year repairs should be made.

To Protect the Skunk.

The skunk, which has heretofore had the reputation of being an undesirable citizen of the animal kingdom, is hailed as a noble and useful animal by a measure which is to come up for a hearing before the Committee on Fisheries and Game. If House Bill No. 1062 becomes a law, anybody who kills a skunk may be fined from \$5 to \$500 and sent to jail a period of one month to one year.

Farmers are divided over the skunk. One view of the animal is that it kills chickens and that it doesn't use proper kind of sachet powder. The other view is that it is death on field mice and its principal food is upon the May beetle, which is very destructive to young orchards, raspberry and strawberry vines.

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WASHINGTON

From our Regular Correspondent. Washington, D. C., Mar. 11, 1910.

At every session of Congress, just about the time the naval bill comes up for consideration in the House and in the Senate, with its appropriations for additional battle ships, or "Dreadnaughts", as they are now called, there are wars and rumors of wars. The synchronism of appropriations for battle ships and the war rumors is suggestive. As usual, there is now further talk about an attempt to arouse excitement with reference to the alleged preparations of Japan to control the Pacific Ocean. "The peace of the world for the next five or even ten years lies entirely with the American State Department. It pivots upon the Far East, and Japan has played her hand. It is for the United States to reach the final decision." These are the words alleged to have been uttered by an ambassador with reference to certain naval movements planned by the Japan War College against the United States in case of war. These plans, it is said, were discovered by a secret agent stationed at Tokio, and sent to the Washington ambassador. It is alleged that the situation is becoming intense.

That the Secretary of the Navy has recommended the building of two additional battle ships of the largest size and that the chairman of the Senate committee, as is usual with him, is opposed to these ships, is not alleged, but is an actual fact. The chairman of the Senate committee does not believe that there is any probability of war; he is opposed to the great expense of building additional war ships at the expense of over ten million dollars each. The cost of building, however, is only a part of the expense. The expense of keeping a powerful navy in commission, manned, coal ed, provisioned and in many other ways equipped, is enormous, and the cost would paralyze Japan, Germany and other countries which keep their navies afloat at much less expense than we do. The Japanese are an insular people like the British, but they are even more insular than the British, for while the latter have a geographical insularity and are born, as it were, to the water, the Japanese have a multiplied insularity, for their country is divided into many islands and groups of islands, compelling a seafaring life, which to a great extent is followed by the women and even by the children of Japan. As sailors the Japanese are naturally our superiors.

There is no cause, and really very little prospect of war between this country and Japan. The suggestion of war would be ridiculous if it were not for the fact of our possession of those troublesome Philippine Islands. Japan cannot wage an aggressive war on this country except through that possession. If we can succeed in holding Hawaii no Japanese navy can menace our Pacific littoral. No war ships can venture five or six thousand miles with only the starting supply of coal. Our defensive position, owing to our wide water fronts on the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, is very strong, and of course will be much stronger when we are able to more quickly assemble our war ships by means of the Panama Canal.

It is said that the plans of the Japanese for the Russian war were completed a year and a half before actual hostilities began: The result at the seat of war proved their effectiveness. The secret agent referred to has the plans which Japan is said to have prepared against the United States. It is, of course, figured out by Japan that the campaign is to be a naval one, and mainly defensive, for Japan has quite as many ports to defend as has the United States, and Japanese ports are much more accessible to attack except when defended by ships, than are the ports of the United States, for the majority of our ports are on the Atlantic and Gulf littorals, while only a few are on the Pacific shores. According to the plans, the United States would first lose the Philippines, and then later Hawaii would be captured. It is the pastime of war officers all over the world to plan campaigns. What else can the highly educated young officers from the military and naval academies of their respective countries do in "piping times of peace," but plan? The greatest naval and military geniuses have planned, but a single defeat or miscarriage of the most perfect plan by the ablest planners, will make another plan necessary and that plan is frequently retreat and confusion.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

COURT BARS GROGGERIES.

Severe Strictures on Tendencies of Saloons in Luzerne.

In Court at Wilkes-Barre last Monday Judge Fuller declined to grant liquor licenses to any new applicants. Old houses received their licenses, but over 100 new applicants were turned down.

The Judge said that simply because a man lost a leg in an accident was no reason why he should be granted a license. Neither was he entitled to one because he had to children to support.

Furthermore, His Honor claimed a hotel or saloon was not intended to be a gathering place for boon companions, but a place where the traveling public could be accommodated. Hence it was not necessary to fill up any neighborhood with saloons in order to accommodate the people living in that neighborhood. In conclusion, His Honor said:

"Certain communities of laboring men, with large families depending upon wages too small for bare existence, are filled with groggeries, which debauch the men, crush the women, debase the children and disturb the peace. And this situation will surely go from bad to worse, beyond redemption or rectification, until the slate is wiped clean for a fresh start."

Millionaire Says "System" is Robbery.

The spectacle of a millionaire telling his hearers that he made his millions by robbing the people, that all monopolists do, but that he had begun to recover his conscience and was going to devote his wealth to fighting the system which made it possible, was the unique entertainment provided by the City Club of Chicago at a luncheon last week. The speaker was Joseph Fels of Philadelphia, head of a naphtha soap company bearing his name. He said he was a disciple of Henry George and would always remain a "single taxer."

"We can't get rich in a lifetime nowadays," Mr. Fels said, "under the present system of things, unless we do so by robbing the people. I have made my money that way, and my firm is still doing it. You are all doing it. Every one of your self-made millionaires has done it. However, I want to say I have begun to recover my conscience, and I am going to devote my 'swag'—I like to call it that, for that's what it is—to doing away with the cursed system which makes it possible.

"If any of your millionaires feel the same way about it, for God's sake let's cross hands on it. I will be an oddity. It is unusual, though for a man who has made his money by robbing the people through a monopoly to be called a curiosity. It is also a curiosity to find a man, after nearly 50 years of monopoly-mongering, to admit it and undergo a change of heart. But I am sincere."

Uncle Sam After Flies.

A concerted country-wide attack is to be made on the housefly this year, according to Chief Entomologist Howard, who testified recently before a congressional committee.

When spring begins, hundreds of scientists, aided by laborers, drags and chemicals and mechanical killers will try to drive the household pest out of existence. Dr. Howard says the campaign will be opened in the country districts and the department will issue a farmers' bulletin giving advice as to the flies the flies are responsible for and how to eradicate them.

Dr. Howard says the importance of congressional legislation to protect the United States from the introduction of foreign insects and parasite pests entering with plants and nursery stock.

Frenchman Flew in Wind.

In a cross, choppy wind of about 20 miles an hour which caught his biplane at the start and tipped it from side to side like a boat in a rolling sea, Louis Paulhan, the French aviator, made a daring flight at the Jamaica race track Sunday afternoon, with over 5000 to witness it. He was in the air for eight minutes and ten seconds and covered about six miles.

Ambulance Hit by Car.

While hastening to answer a hurry call Sunday afternoon, the ambulance of the Medico-Chirurgical Hospital was run down by a trolley car in Philadelphia and badly damaged. The driver and two physicians were injured, though not seriously, and one of the horses received a deep cut in a leg.

"A maid's best dress is bashfulness," an up the state paper says. That may be, but custom requires that she wear more than that.

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