

THE COUNTRY ROAD.

Is Enormously Important To-day as Compared With Old Conditions.

Country roads have come to occuby a place in the life of our population enormously important as compared with the old conditions. Formerly each farmer was to a large extent his own manufacturer and consumer, and used little not produced or made on the farm. At the present time he takes full advantage of the world's factories, commerce, literature and art, and finds it economical to leave to the world's factories, the manufacture of most of the articles which he uses. The result is that the road which connects him with the nearest satisfactory market has become a vital link in his everyday life.

It has been very commonly suggested that success in agriculture is the result simply of the use of the best methods of cultivation and management on the farm itself, whereas in reality the successful agriculturist of today must take an active part in the transaction of business entirely outside of his immediate farming operaions. He needs to know the prices prevailing in the word's markets each day, and to be able to buy and sell at any time of the year, independent of weather conditions. His intellectual and social life also are exceedingly important as compared with former conditions. He must be able to have his mail delivered at his home every day of the He must be able to procure the best journals and books at will, and in every way must keep in close touch with the intelligence of the

In fact, we may say, that the radius of the country world at the present day has been enormously enlarged as compared with former

Utah Awakening.

Articles of incorporation were formally adopted by the Utah Good Roads association at a meeting heid in Salt Lake City. Joseph S. Perry, who organized the movement, was elected president of the association; A. P. Bigelow, vice-president, and I. L. Reynolds, secretary. National aid was favored and a resolution was adopted favoring the Brownlow good roads bill now before Congress. An effort will be made to induce both political parties in the State to favor good roads by a plank in their platform in the coming campaign. It is desired to secure as soon as possible, the building of a State road from Salt Lake City to Ogden, traversing Davies, Salt Lake and Box Elder counties, and auxiliary associations will be organized in each of these counties to aid in this endeavor. The Davies County Commissioners are already preparing maps of the proposed route for the State Engineer. The law requires that the State pay one-half for building a permanent road, and Capitalists from Salt Lake City and automobilists from here and from Ogder are ready to contribute generously to the project so that it is believed that it can be financed wihout difficulty.

Influences for Highway Improvement

Never before were more potent influences working together for road improvement. Throughout the country good roads associations of various forms have been creating and stimulating public interest, State and other officials have been carryng on a campaign of education, and generally the press has lent its help to arouse pub-He opinion favorable to early betterment of the wagon roads of the coun-

One of the most potent of the factors in this work is that formed by the automobile interests. Makers of motor vehicles of the various classes, dealers in such vehicles, and a multitude of users see plainly and feel strongly the advantages of road improvement; therefore they urge, in season and out, that such improvement work should be carried on vigorously. The effect of their influence particularly on legislation has been good.

A Farmer Sues.

In Washington County, Pa., a farmer han brought suit against the authorities because he could not deliver the produce he had contracted to sell on account of the bad roads, and therefore suffered loss. Why not? The companies operating 20-hour New York-Chicago trains tax the passenger for transportation, and if they fail to make schedule time he is refunded for their failure to fulfill their contract. It is a business proposition. When a man pays taxes to maintain roads and finds that they are not passable when he needs them he should, in justice, have some recourse.

Berllin's Trees.

Three hundred Berlin streets are planted with 44,000 trees, which are said to represent a value of nearly £40,000. About a thousand gardeners and assistants are employed to take care of them.

A German is bringing to America a circus of trained ants. The insects throw somersaults, make pyramids, dance, wrestle and fence.

SMUGGLING.

What a shameful thing it is to be caught smuggling! We have no fair word for the iniquities and inequalities of the tariff, but smuggling is a form of lawbreaking as contemptible and reprehensible as any other, and deserves all the punishment it receives. The worst of the punishment, in the case of private smuggling by wealthy persona, is the indignity of being detained, searched, and published to the world as a cheat and lawbreaker. It surely is not worth while to incur humiliation and disgrace for the sake of bringing through, without duty, a few personal adornments. Yet otherwise decent peo-

ple are ferquently caught smuggling. Not nearly all the cases of trouble with the Custom House are actually smuggling cases. Few persons, except the law officers and those actualby concerned in the importing trade, ever thoroughly master the intricacles of the tariff. Many mistakes are made daily through ignorance. Public sympathy is generally with people who are caught in the toils of the customs through ignorance or misinterpretation of the law. But the wealthy smuggler is a pretty sorry specimen of humanity who gets very little sympathy. The laws may be too onerous, but it is right that they should be en-

OVERLOADING

POSTERITY. The cities of the United States continue to rush into debt without regard to the burden of annual 'nte-est charges and apparently without understanding that some day the principal must be paid in hard dollars. An extension of the credit of San Francisco by several millions of dollars every year since the fire may be pardoned as necessary to rehabilitate its public property, but what of a vote of more than two-thirds of the people of Cincinnati on a proposition to borrow \$5,000,000 to build a hospital and make street and sewer improvements? A wisely administered city as old as Cincinnati ought to be able to buy most of these things with current revenues.

No doubt the waste of a large proportion of the money raised by taxation by a slip-shod, if not corrupt, city administration makes it easier to shoulder the cost of extraordinary improvements off onto posterity than to raise the levy a few mills when imprevements are needed. The process of bond voting is going on in some cities at a rate that hints of the confiscation of property values in another generation unless it is curbed.

FOOD PRESERVA-

TIVES. The Congress of Physicians has overruled the Roosevelt referee board of scientists and sustained Dr. Wiley in his contention against the use of benzoate of soda as a food preserva-The Government is urged by resolution to prohibit absolutely and unqualifiedly the use of benzoate of soda and similar preservatives in the preparation and preservation of foods destined for interstate commerce, and also to provide for more careful and systematic inspection of food-producing establishments so as to guard against the employment therein of persons afflicted with contagious or infectious disease and against the use of chemically treated, unclean and offensive waste products sent through the channels of commerce, This action of the Medical Congress, representing thousands of practitioners in all parts of the Union, ought to have great weight when an effort

shall be made to amend the Federal

IN PRAISE OF DIS-

Pure Food and Drug act.

CONTENT. People upon whom "don't worry" calendars and booklets have been inflicted, may now revenge themselves their enemies. Heretofore the "don't worry" flends have had it all their own way, for no one could deny that worry was a bad thing, But now science has come to the rescue. A certain amount of worry, we are told, is not only unavoidable, even by the wisest men, but is necessary to health. Perfect contentment is not a normal condition, and those who attain it pay the penalty in a disagreeable amount of adipose tissue. In short, say, the authorities, it is well to worry a little, just for the sake of one's figure. Discontented people, it seems, rarely get fat.

TEETH IMPERIL OUR FUTURE.

Now it is the defective teeth of civilized races which according to dental authority imperil their future. Shall the savage races of Africa and the antipodes, with their gleaming "ivories," yet survey the ruins of Anglo-Saxon civilization? The wonder grows as to how the fathers of the Republic who lived in the primitive days of dentistry were enabled to transmit their heritage to posterity.

It is reported that somebody is trying to consolidate Spain and Portugal under a republican form of government. We suspect that the job will keep him busy until fall, if not

The custom which decrees the propriety of women removing their bats at a public entertainment is a good one if all would observe it. The exception is always the one in front of

If you must go in debt for land or machinery, be sure you can earn twice as much as will be necessary to pay the mortgage.

Many a girl thinks she has broken her heart when she has only sprained

APPROPRIATE MUSIC.

A Tune that is Suitable for Any and All.

For a Restaurant.-"When the Swallows Homeward Fly." For an Arctic Explorer.-"Farewell,

Summer. For a Defaulting Bank Official.—"It

May Be Four Years." For the W. C. T. U .- "Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes.

For an Irish Prizefighter.—"Strike the Harp Gently."

For the Real Estate Promoter.-"There's No Place Like Home." For the Ballet Girl.-"Arise, My Sole." For the Wright Brothers.-"Flee As a

For Ikenstein .- "The Jew-el Song." For the Milliner .- "Trust Her Not." For the Critics.-The Anvil Chorus.

For the Stock Exchange.—"You Never Miss the Water." For the Boston Girl,-"Where Have

You Bean, My Pretty Maid?" For Luther Burbank,-"The Praties, They Were Small Over There." For Most of Us .- "If I Had But Ten

Thousand a Year." For Anthony Comstock .- "How Can I Bare to Leave Thee?"

For the Perpetual Candidate.-"Silver Threads Among the Gold." For the Baker.-"Roll, Jordan, Roll."

Three Texas "Tightwads."

It is said that three of the stinglest men in the State were in town yesterday. One of them will not drink as much water as he wants unless it is from another man's well. The second forbids any of his family from writing anything but a "small hand," as it is a waste of ink to make large letters. The third stops his clock at night in order to save wear and tear on the machinery. All of them decline to take their county paper, on the ground that it is a terrible strain on their spectacles to read newspapers even in the daytime.

Too Much Like Work.

The happy mother of a sevenmonths-old baby, whose chief business seems to be making a noise in the world, was paying her sister a visit, and the other evening young Master Harry, aged seven years, was delegated to care for the baby while his elders were at dinner. So he wheeled it back and forth, forth and back, the length of the library, giving vent to his sentiments by singing, much to the amusement of the family

"Gee whiz! I'm glad I'm free No wedding bells for me."

Why Run Risks?

A Canadian author wrote an anthem for a recent celebration in Toronto.

Toward the end of the exercises, when the people were going out a few at a time, the author rushed to the conductor and said:

"Is it over?" "Practically.

"But, Great Scott! man, they have not sung my anthem!"

"Well," said the conductor, "so long as the people are going out peacefully and quietly, why sing it at all?"

The Russian Uniform.

The Russian military authorities are considering the adoption of the khaki uniforms, the czar having been especially interested in one recently worn by an American army representative at St. Petersburg. The military authorities are also considering can accoutrements, including web cartridge belts and cavalry sadules, with a view to their adoption.

THE UNEMPLOYED IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Ten per cent, of the skilled workers of Great Britain are out of employment, according to the estimate of the trades union leaders. More than that, it is claimed that for every idle skilled worker there are at least two unskilled, so that enforced idleness is now the lot of some 1,500,000 toilers, who, with those dependent upon them, make up an army of 7,-000,000 persons in want and distress owing to the industrial depression. To meet this situation the unions demand a radical program of relief, embracing the immediate employment of surplus labor on every possible form of public work, the reclamation of waste lands, the protection of the land from the inroads of the sea, the equipment of additional playgrounds and every conceivable form of public improvement. In addition it is demanded that a department of labor be established whose head shall have a seat in the cabinet. It may be supposed that this situation is causing no little worry to the present ministry, which has already stretched the revenues to the limit in the effort to provide for old-age pensions.

THE MIND'S IN-FLUENCE.

The greatest advance which has been made in the last half-century in the practice of medicine and in the treatment of the mind is in the recognition of the influence of the body over the mind and the way in which through the body, by improving its conditions, one can favorably affect mental operations and the spiritual atmosphere in which one lives. Every physical organ has its direct influence upon the mind. Each organ is related to a series of mental operations, sentiments, emotions, moods, and capacities. The new science treats of these things and also of the part played by disease in any one of the organs, in its effect upon the mind and the astonishing benefits that may be secured by simple operations and the proper treatment of disease in the body. In no particular in the history of medical science has progress been

more marked and beneficial.

A LAST RESORT.

A Haughty Citizen Got Some Very Pertinent Advice.

A haughty citizen once strolled into the Supreme Court at Washington when an argument was being heard, and took a seat in the inclosure reserved for lawyers. After he had been there a few minutes an attendant came over and asked him: "Are you member of the bar?"

The haughty person wasn't, but he took out his card with a flourish and handed it over.

The attendant received the card gravely, carried it to the clerk, who glanced at it and gave some instruc-

A moment later the haughty citizen was touched on the shoulder and asked to retire. "Why?" he asked. "I sent up my

card. It usually gives me a seat in any court in the land." "Certainly," said the attendant; but please retire."

The haughty citizen did retire, When he got out in the corridor he fumed and fussed a bit.

"Sir," admonished the aged Negro at the door, who has been there for many years, "think it over. Don't do no persiflagin' 'bout that co't. If you should git in contempt of them you ain'i got nobody to appeal to but God.

NO USE FOR BILLS.



Caller-Is the manager in? Office Boy-What is your name, please?

Caller-Just tell him it is his old friend Bill.

Office Boy-Then he's gone out. I heard him say that if any bill came

Poetic Justice.

he wasn't in.-Ally Sloper.

"No," remarked the editor, with a mocking smile, "I cannot use your verses. You will pardon me for saying that they utterly lack sense, rhythm, meter, idea, form, construction and everything else that should be in a poem."

With a proud though peeved heart the poet strode from the magazine office, took his verses to a popular song publisher, had them printed, and within six months, a millionaire, came back, bought the magazine and fired the editor.

Victorious Even Unto Death.

As most of us know, P. T. Barnum died but a few months after his competitor in the "show" business, Adam

When Barnum arrived at the pearly gates he was welcomed by Forepaugh, who exclaimed exultingly:

Pete, I got ahead of you this time!" P. T. did not answer, but smiled as he pointed to a large bill posted near the main entrance. It read:

'Wait for Barnum-Coming Soon.

The Ever Delicate Question.

"How old are you, madam?" asked the cross-examining lawyer. The woman blushed deeply, and stammering blurted out:

"I-I," and stopped short. The attorney looked guilty. "Please, madam, quickly," he' urged in a gentle, kindly voice, "it's getting worse every minute, you know."

He Was Captured.

Mr. Green-Now I'm 'going to tell you something, Ethel. Do you know that last night, at your party, your sister promised to marry me? I hope you'll forgive me for taking her away:

Little Ethel-Forgive you, Mr. Green! Of course I will. Why, that"s what the party was for!

The Ruling Passion.

The editor was dying, says an exchange, but when the doctor bent over, placed his ear on his breast and said: "Poor man! Circulation almost gone!" the dying editor sat up and shouted: "You're a liar; we have the largest circulation in the country.'

Not Up to Date. Magazine Editor-Your people must

be thoroughly up to date.

Scribbler-I thought they were! Editor-No, indeed! You say: "He

put his arm around her waist." This will never do. In the first place, she has no waist; and, in the second place, he would knock her hat off.

Their Proper Name. "Now, about airships?" "Well?"

"Will they allude to them as aerial greyhounds?

"Why, certainly not. They will be Sky terriers, if anything."-Washington Herald.

The Lesson. School Teacher-What lesson do we learn from the busy bee? Tommy Tuffnut-Not to be stung

AROUND THE WORLD

IN 30 DAYS.

Jules Verne would give a thousand years of paradise to be alive in this age of wireless chatting, of turbines of Trans-Siberian railroads and Jap anese expresses. What a romance of the aeroplane would he not dictate into the maw of a talking machine! With a five-day steamer from New

York to Plymouth, starting on Saturday, we could connect with the train for Berlin via Flushing, arriving Friday at 6.49 p. m. Catching the slow express to Moscow, we reach there at 1.20 p. m. Sunday. At 7 p. m. we start over the new Trans-Siberian roadbed, making Harbin in 5 1-2 days. We then take the Japanese express to Fusan, arriving Sunday morning. We reach Yokohama by steamer Monday morning. With the new gas engine boats of the Canadian Pacific line we reach Vaucouver on the 24th day out, and the 96-hour schedule from Puget Sound to New York lands us home on the 28th day.

But the Trans-Siberian is still building, and the Corean Express is not yet in operation. Nevertheless, this schedule is not a dream of madness, but a practical possibility that will be carried out within five years.

Verily the time has come when the term "brotherhood of man" has a significance that even the thoughtless cannot fail to recognize. The quicker we can circumnavigate the globe, the more impossible is an international war.

Iron Works in Sweden.

Extensive projects for the establishment of iron works on the west coast of Sweden are now under consideration, but it is alleged that such works, in order to be successful, must be in a position to manufacture cheaply and compete with other produce in the market of the world. This, it is admitted, is of more importance to the new industry than either an export duty on iron or heavy customs duties on foreign produce introduced into

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