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New York—Believed to be the oldest well in the world, a well, part of New York's first water system in 1784, was discovered by workmen digging the foundations for the new Court building at Lafayette

well is 35 feet below the surface and is filled with mud and accumulated rubbish more than a century and a half. On a high level the men found a mass of metal with a huge flywheel, he to have been part of the machinery used in pumping the water from the well to a reservoir in Chambers street. The establishment of the water system in 1842.

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CHARLES A. EATON



An especially posed portrait of Representative Charles A. Eaton of New Jersey. He is a member of the house committee on foreign affairs.

Feed Value of Pumpkins

Pumpkins have some feed value for milk production, and should be fed when there is no market for them. They are of about the same feed value as flat turnips. There is an old tradition that they tend to dry cows up when fed in large amounts. It is considered advisable to remove the seeds when they are fed in any considerable amount, as there is probably more danger of trouble being in the seed than the other parts.

Why One Feels "Blue"

The scientific reasons for the common feeling known as "blue" are that during damp weather we do not perspire normally and our bodies retain the waste products which are otherwise thrown off. A nonenergetic feeling follows. Also during this kind of weather, the air does not contain an ordinary supply of oxygen. Oxygen is the body's fuel, and we cannot fully assimilate our food without a full supply. Hence the "heavy" feeling.

Centralization in Government Increases; It Grows by What It Feeds Upon

By GOV. ALBERT C. RITCHIE, of Maryland.

STATE rights is a phrase to which the battle fields of the Civil war attached the label of a lost cause. It involved two things: First, the right of the state to nullify an act of congress which it declared unconstitutional; and, secondly, the right of a state to secede from the Union.

Nullification and secession are now happily disposed of forever. But in other respects the issue of state rights is as fundamental, and a clear apprehension of its meaning and a clear perception of its application to the political questions of today are as vital as ever before in our history. I am not discussing the rights of the states historically or as an academic phase of political science. I am concerned only with their practical bearing upon some of the problems and difficulties and some of the dangers and pitfalls of modern government.

The business of framing laws and administering them through upwards of four million tax-supported public officials is of itself intricate and difficult. How to make public opinion function and how to translate it into effective government in this chaos of official activity is even more difficult. The key is to build up and maintain the political vitality and integrity of the local political unit.

Centralization increases by leaps and bounds. The war helped this. But unfortunately centralization grows by what it feeds upon. Philosophers have long recognized that means which at first serve a necessary purpose may in time become more important than the end itself. This is what happens in the growth of centralization. The objects of government become lost in the mechanics of government. Laws become more important than men. Power more important than liberty. Business more important than human rights.

New York Made Record in State Road Building

State road building for the past year set a new high record of highway construction accomplished and authorized according to a report made public by Arthur W. Brandt, state highway commissioner of New York.

According to the report, 1925 contracts calling for the construction of 551.99 miles of pavement 18 feet or more in width were awarded, as compared with about 520.47 miles for the entire season of 1924. Contracts were awarded for 110.28 miles of grading, as compared with 29.82 miles for 1924, or a total increase of 112 miles.

A letting is now advertised for 59 miles of pavement and three miles of grading, the award of which will give a total of 721 miles for the season of 1925, as compared with about 550 miles for 1924.

Fast Freight Highways as Great National Need

Major Church, traffic engineer of the port of New York, is authority for the statement that this country will soon be gridironed by a great system of motor trunk line highways, which will revolutionize present methods of transportation. He predicts that it is only a question of time when special roads must be built for the exclusive use of food and freight carriers.

Since this condition seems inevitable, engineers urge that a system of special motor truck highways be planned at once.

Major Church also points out that such highways, when properly built, will shorten the distance between cities and hills leveled so that a speed of 20 miles an hour or more can be maintained for long distances.

Good Roads Facts

The United States is now credited with building the finest highways in the world.

The joint board on interstate highways has designated 75,884 miles of road as United States highways.

According to the commissioner of public works of Massachusetts the state pays the federal government from \$5 to \$10 for every dollar Massachusetts receives in federal road aid.

It looks as if the most necessary things in this country are lower taxes and better roads, and the problem is

GOOD ROADS

ELEVATED FREIGHT HIGHWAYS NEEDED

Trains of tractors and trailers controlled by air brakes and operating on a regular dispatching service over special trunk highways built above the tracks on railroad rights of way were pictured as a development of the future by Maj. Ellihu Church, transportation engineer of the port of New York, in an address which he delivered at a meeting of the Metropolitan section of the Society of Automotive Engineers in New York city recently.

These trunk highways will be toll roads, he said, and will be laid out with the same care as to grades and curves as the railroads. They will be lighted, will be provided with telephones, at frequent intervals, and there will be a regular wrecking and repair service. Trailer trains and convoys of trucks will be dispatched on regular schedules, largely as the army transport was handled in France during the war. Except where the roads enter cities on a second level above main railroads, they will pass around cities and towns as belt roads, so that the traffic on them will not pass through dense local traffic, and they will be carried over or under transverse roads.

The necessity for such roads will grow out of the increasing traffic congestion on the present highways and the inadequacy of the present highways to accommodate the light, fast passenger vehicles and the slow, cumbersome motor trucks at the same time.

Congestion on Manhattan Island is causing a loss of \$500,000 a day, and the horse is coming back, said Major Church. Seventy-three out of every hundred trucks in West street are horse drawn, because waits to load and unload at steamship and rail terminals are too long. A motor truck costs six cents a minute, whether it is moving or standing, and a trucking company charges by the hour and not by the miles traveled. Owing to congestion, the average speed of motor trucks on the island is only four miles an hour, and the average running time in an eight-hour day is only three hours, the other five being spent in waiting, loading and unloading.

GOOD ADVICE ON CARING FOR CAR

Preventive for Every Ill That Cold Weather Brings to Driver.

There is a preventive for every ill that cold weather brings to automobiles. Unfortunately, many owners do not realize that by taking ordinary care of their cars, they can save much trouble and expense.

One of the greatest inconveniences is found in battery failure due to cold. This is caused by failure to prepare the battery for the extra load that zero weather is bound to put on it. The battery should be kept fully charged and filled with water. After filling, the engine should be run for an hour or so before being left out in the cold to insure the acid and water becoming thoroughly mixed. Otherwise there is a chance of the fresh water remaining on top and freezing. A weekly inspection of the battery in winter is not too much. The charging rate should be increased slightly to compensate for the extra load.

Lightens Battery Work.

The work of the battery can be lightened by using any of the winter gasoline, marketed by most oil companies. These fuels start easier than the ordinary gas used in the summer. The oil should be changed more frequently than in warm weather, to prevent crankcase dilution. This evil is caused by the sweating of a cold engine, which allows moisture to gather inside the cylinders and drain into the oil. Dilution is caused also by too free use of the choke, which shoots raw gasoline into the cylinders. This gasoline finds its way into the crankcase and further thins the oil. If too much water forms in the oil reservoir, it remains at the bottom of the crankcase where the pump is located, and may freeze, stalling the oiling system and resulting in serious damage to the engine.

Anti-Freeze Mixtures.

The anti-freeze mixture in the radiator should be kept at the proper proportions to prevent freezing. The solution drains away or is lost from various causes, and must be renewed at regular intervals.

The experience of the service station should be utilized by every owner in preparing his car for cold weather driving. The lubrication in the transmission should be lightened, the carburetor should be adjusted, the engine oil should be changed and possibly a lighter grade used. These few precautions will keep the car operating at its highest efficiency during cold weather. The wise motorist will attend to these things.

Cracks Permit Current Leakage in Spark Plug

The most common trouble with spark plugs is caused by cracked insulators, which then allow of current leakage, causing a poor spark or none at all at the gap. Often one cannot tell by examining the outside whether the insulator is cracked, because the trouble may be in the hidden portion. The only safe way is either to dismantle the plug if it is not of the one-piece type, or test it by laying it on the cylinder head with the plug cable attached. Then by cranking the engine, the gap may be watched for a good spark. Cracks, except hidden ones, may at once be noticed if the engine is operating in a dark area; sparks will be seen on the outside of the insulator.

MAKES NEW INSULIN



Dr. John Jacob Abel of the Johns Hopkins Medical school, Baltimore, who has just perfected the development of insulin in a pure crystalline form after years of experimental work.

Paris Press Pokes Fun at American Women

Paris—American women are the subject of many sarcastic comments in the French press. Here are two from daily papers:

"An American woman enters a grocery and orders a well known pick-me-up of high alcoholic strength. 'Yes, madame, a bottle?' 'No, twenty-five bottles!' 'Ah, then, it is for a bar!' 'Oh, no! For myself. I am going away for twenty-five days this month.'"

The scene of the second was a cabaret in which was a matinee idol with some woman friends, when an American woman thrust a 500-franc bill at the young actor because he refused to dance with her. This annoyed the girls with him, the story goes, and it was not merely the bill that was thrown into the undiscerning American's face.

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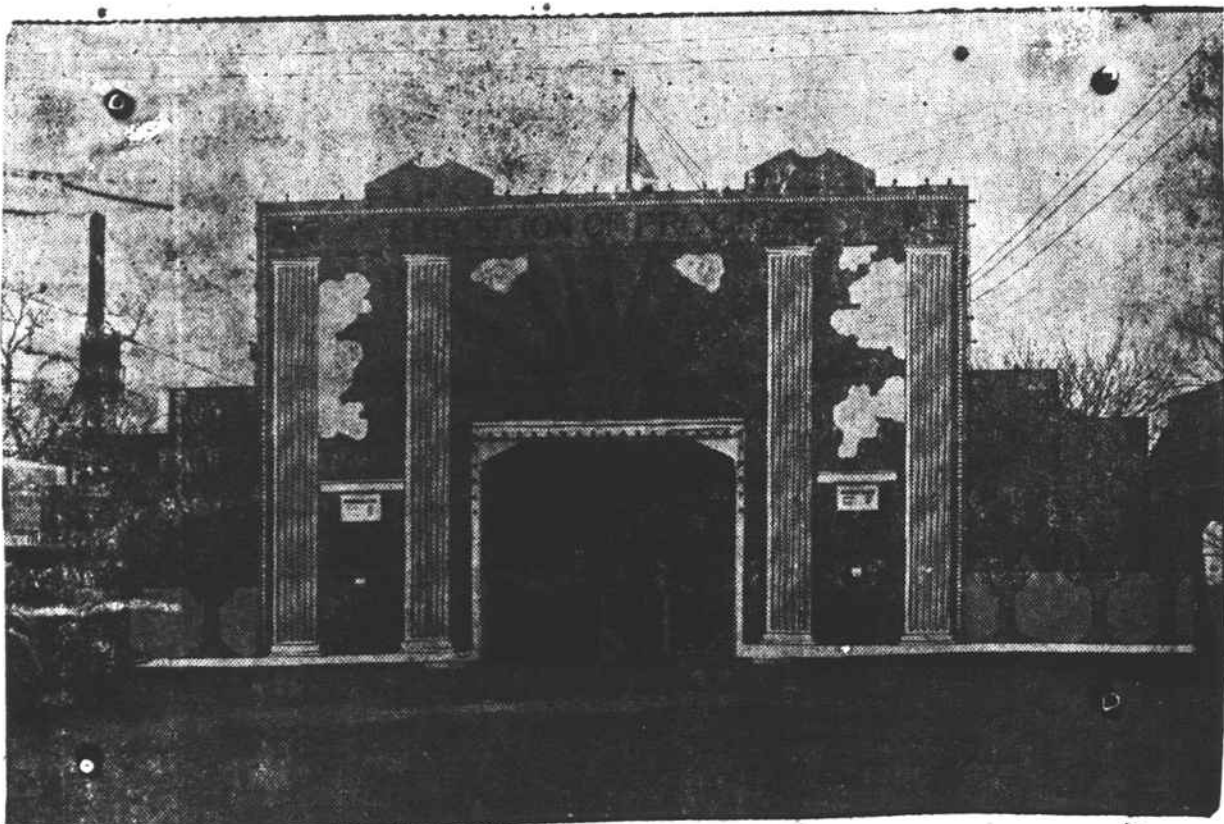
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