JOSH. COSDEN AGAIN IN OIL

The New York Times says that Joshua S. Cosden, for many years a leading figure in Wall Street and the oil industry, has recouped his fortunes and is re-entering the oil business on an extensive scale.

He is organizing a new company with the backing of Wall Street bankers to be known as Cosden and Company with an initial capital of $5,000,000, the Times says.

The control of his old company now the Mid-Continent Petroleum Corporation, says the Times, was wrested from him in the hectic markets of 1920-21. He later sold his home in Long Island at which he entertained the Prince of Wales and later sold his villa at Palm Beach. The Times says that for the last year or so he has been successful in investments in oil properties in the southwest.

The new company will be incorporated in Delaware, but will have its headquarters in Fort Worth, Texas.

FLORIDA BOOM NOW GONE

Under date of January 30th, J. S. Lapham writes from Lakeland, Fla., to Caroline Sun:

On the road to Lake Alfred there was a good sized church. There was nothing unusual about this church from its outside appearance. But inside the seats were all rocking chairs, with room to rock. I was told this church belonged to no particular denomination, but could be leased by any tourist preacher who thought he saw a chance for missionary work.

We passed occasionally through what were now abandoned sub-divisions and dream city sites; and one place we saw where two corner lots were sold to victims from Ohio for $20,000, each cash. The promoter of this prospect is now under heavy bail for appearance before a Federal Court, as a result of this same sale.

The park benches, when its warm enough, are full of boom victims, who have come down to lament and tell other people about it.

The contrast between the crowds and excitement of 1925 and the quiet of 1928 is surely very great. Board and hotel rates are cheap comparatively, and rents are practically nothing when the question of taxes and depreciation is considered. Beautiful bungalows and Spanish villas, costing eight to twelve thousand dollars, can be rented for $20 a month, and often for much less.

Joy in Books

Except a living man there is nothing more wonderful than a book! A message to us from the dead—from human souls we never saw, who lived perhaps, thousands of miles away. And yet these, in those little sheets of paper, speak to us, arouse us, terrify us, teach us, comfort us, open their hearts to us as brothers.—Charles Kingsley.

THE DODGE CAR THRU MEXICO

Mexico's First Trans - Continental Automobile Trip Is Made In Dodge Cars Over Rough Mountain Trails Without Engine Stop.

The first trans-continental trip across Mexico by automobile was recently accompanied in two American built motors—a Dodge cabriolet roadster and a Dodge touring car. The road, a large part of the way, led over rough trails which make no pretense of being roads. Despite these difficult conditions the two Dodge cars traveled from Acapulco, on the Pacific Coast, to Vera Cruz, on the Atlantic, driving from sea level to about 6,000 feet in the mountains, and down to sea level again, all in 82 hours. The motors were not stopped in the entire trip which was designed as an endurance test rather than a speed trial.

Mexicans throughout the country were interested in the event which, because of its official recognition, became national. Crowds in all cities and towns on the route turned out in large numbers to greet the automobile party which was heralded as a trail blazer over what, all Mexicans hope, will be a national trans-continental highway in the near future.

There is a good highway, recently opened, between Acapulco and Mexico City. From Mexico City to Puebla which is the third largest city in the Republic of Mexico the road is rather good, but from Puebla to Vera Cruz there are no roads other than trails. A fair idea of road conditions prevailing between Puebla and Vera Cruz can be gathered from the illustrations published herewith.

Interest in this trans-Mexico trip was heighthened by the fact that the cars were not especially designed and built for the ordeal, but were two standard four cylinder cars taken from the floor of Cia. Unida de Ventas, S. A., dealer in Mexico City for Dodge Brothers, Inc.

So great was the interest taken by the citizens of Acapulco in this trans-continental trip, that they sent the Municipal Treasurer along with the party as a personal representative of the Mayor. It was hoped that this trip would stimulate federal action immediately in completing the highway from Puebla through to Vera Cruz, thus linking Acapulco, on the Pacific, with Vera Cruz, on the Atlantic.

TO MAKE PUPILS THINK

An interesting educational experiment under the supervision of E. Clarke Fontaine, State supervisor of high schools for the Eastern Shore, is being conducted in the high schools of Queen Anne's county in the study of contemporary American problems. The Idea was suggested by Prof. J. Montgomery Gambrill of the Teachers' College, Columbia University, who outlined a course in "Problems of American Democracy."

The old methods of studying civics in the senior scholastic year have been abandoned in connection with the experiments. The text books, hitherto used have been relegated to the third year classes. The seniors are now taking up a completely new theory of study of American problems. Instead of one text book being used, a variety of material consisting of varied texts, pamphlets, organizations have been substituted. Memory work, as in the old days of dry-as-dust civics studies, has been abandoned, in that the student is trained to think for simself; to do his own reasoning; to form his own opinions; and to solve, for himself, the problems presented in the course of study.

"He is being trained," says Mr. Fontaine, "to look upon events and phenomena around him with scientific eye and not with the emotional bias typical of students pursuing older methods of study in this field."

Conclusions are worked out by students, themselves, and the classroom is turned into a place of discussion rather than a quiz room, under the new methods now being used.

The teachers in Queen Anne's county have organized the course and have collected material for study. Results of the experiment will shortly be reported in pamphlet form by the State board and circulated throughout the State.

Willard J. Davis, principal of the Centreville High School, is chairman of the teacher group conducting the county high school courses in this manner. He is teaching the class in his own school. Other members of the county committee, also teaching the course, are Mrs. Mary S. Cooper, history teacher in the Tri-County High School at Queen Anne; J Fred Stevens, principal of the Stevensville High School; Miss Esther Brown, history teacher in Church Hill High and Miss Fannie B. Merrick, teacher in Sudlersville High.

The advisory board having control over the county experimental course is composed of the following: Prof. J. M. Gambrill, of Columbia University; T. Gordon Bennett, superintendent of schools of Queen Anne's county, and E. Clark Fontaine.

WOMEN OF MIDDLE AGE

Praise Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound

Mrs. Annie Kwinski of 526 1st Avenue, Milwaukee, Wis., writes that she became so weak and run-down that she was not able to do her housework. She saw the name Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound in the paper and said to her husband, "I will try that medicine and see if it will help me." She says she took six bottles and is feeling much better.

Mrs. Mattie Adams, who lives in Downing Street, Brewton, Ala., writes as follows: "A friend recommended Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and since taking it I feel like a different woman."

With her children grown up, the middle-aged woman finds time to do the things she never had time to do before—read the new books, see the new plays, enjoy her grand-children, take an active part in church and civic affairs. Far from being pushed aside by the younger set, she finds a full, rich life of her own. That is, if her health is good.

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GRANGE VERY ACTIVE ON U. OF M. CAMPUS

Plays Big Part In Developing Students For Community Leadership

The Student Grange of the University of Maryland is one of the most active organizations on the Campus and also one of the most helpful to the State, for it brings home to students the great value of rural community life. It gives training in organization work and develops ability to become leaders in communities in which students may live after graduation. Many prominent men throughout the State, men well known because of their work and interest in rural betterment are alumni of this organization. In fact, many positions of importance in the counties are filled by these men.

The Student Grange and National Grange are linked closely by joint meetings where the young folk are given a chance to take parts in the programs. They aid in initiation ceremonies or give entire programs which are both entertaining and instructive.

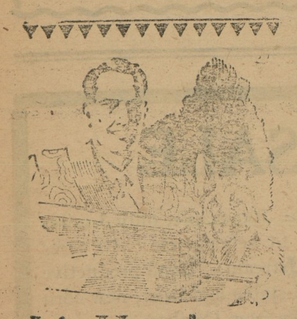
At a banquet given Saturday night for the alumni and new officers the students were addressed by the National Master, Louis L. Tabor, who, making his first appearance in this State, chose for his subject "The Cornerstone of Prosperity," and gave an excellent talk to them. In conclusion National Master Tabor asked the students to cooperate with him in helping to make the National Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., next year a great success.

Also present among the alumni was A. G. Ensor, State Master, and the entire Executive Committee. Homer Remsburg, recently elected a member of the Executive Committee, was a former member of the student grange and was a most welcome guest.

The officers recently elected are as follows: Grand Master, Stanley Stabler, of Sand Springs; Overseer, Merrick Wilson, of Ingleside; Lecturer, Joseph Long, of Denton; Steward, Will Cockerill, of Leesburg, Va.; Treasurer, Robert Gray, of Washington; Assistant Treasurer, Edna Burnside, of College Park; Assistant Lecturer, Anne Mathews, of Worton; Secretary, Anna Price, of Queenstown; Assistant Steward, Henry Whiteford, of Baltimore; Lady Assistant Steward, Grace Maxwell, of Luxe; Ceries, Mena Edmonds, of Hyattsville; Pomona, Grace Lighter, of Middletown; Flora, Edith Burnside, of College Park, and Gatekeeper, Herbert Hoopes, of Belair.

Living Relic of the Past

The iguana, huge South seas lizards, doesn't belong in this age, being the only remaining species of the reptiles that descended from the dinosaurs, which have been extinct, according to geologists, for millions of



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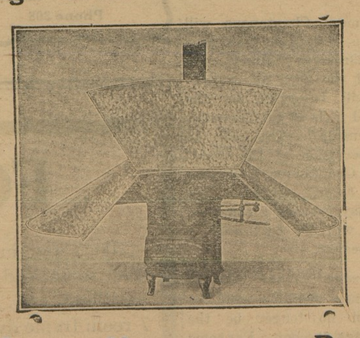

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