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## Promise Cattlemen Big Time.

Roswell is making big preparations for the meeting of the Panhandle cattlemen, commencing next Tuesday. They have raised a purse of \$5,000 which will all be expended in the entertainment of the visitors in various ways that will be unique and worth while. The central figure of this will, of course, be the monster barbecue which always distinguishes the gatherings of the association when it is not held so far north that the uncertainty of the weather prohibits any extensive out-of-door entertainment. Roswell will serve a hundred beeves, seventy-five sheep and all sorts of smaller animals, pigs, lambs and calves, and the arrangements are on a scale to feed 5,000 people. The barbecue will have the usual trimmings, and the ten-barrel coffee pot that attracted so much attention two years ago, will be in active operation under the management of Superintendent W. M. Atkinson, who has an inter-state reputation in affairs of this kind.

There are in Roswell over 100 autos, and the committee will on the afternoon of the second day pull off one of the most remarkable parades ever seen in a country town, heavy prizes being offered for the best decorated machine. It is apparent that there will be at least 150 autos in line, and as the world is open, machine owners from all over west Texas and New Mexico are arranging to journey to Roswell in their machines, a very easy thing to do on account of the open character of the country.

The final report of the program committee will be made in a few days, but the following advance outline has been issued:

Tuesday, April 6—Convention called to order by President G. M. Slaughter; reports of committees; full organization of convention.

Wednesday, April 7—Regular proceedings of convention in morning; afternoon, auto parade, grand parade and fancy drills by the complete cadet corps of the New Mexico Military Institute; Wild West tournament and races at the fair grounds; baseball tourney.

Friday, April 8—Conclusion of convention by choice of next meeting place, election of officers and adjournment; grand barbecue; more races at the fair grounds and baseball. At night there will occur the annual cattlemen's ball at the rink and a night excursion to the great gas well at Dayton, fifty miles south of Roswell.

There will be sales of blooded cattle every day, and from all indications there will be the largest dealing in range stuff, from owner to dealer, ever known at a meeting of the association, whose meetings are famous in this respect.

The Nebraska house Tuesday night passed what is known as the Bryan school of citizenship bill, originating in the senate, and it now goes to the governor for approval. The bill was drafted by W. J. Bryan and it empowers the regents of the State University to establish a chair for instruction on the duties of citizenship and good government.

More than a hundred Comanche Indian children from the Indian school north of Lawton attended the Baptist Sunday school in Lawton Sunday morning. This is the first time in the history of Lawton that Indians have attended church or Sunday school in a group, except at the tribal churches.

West Vernon public school closed last week for the term. The storm wrecked the school building last year and some of the money had to be used in rebuilding, hence a short term.—Call.

## Visit of Legislators Not Worth Cost of Trip to Amarillo.

"As an investment," declared Judge Lon D. Marrs yesterday afternoon, "the Chamber of Commerce through its officers has decided that a visit of the state legislators will not pay. We have recently received a 'slant' to the effect that the legislators would expect us to pay their way and bear their expenses for the trip. This we consider a little steep and hence have declined to issue a direct invitation to them. This is one of the luxuries that we feel we will be able to struggle along without for a short while at least.

"Just at this time Amarillo seems willing to invest in such conventions and other enterprises as seem good and occupying a position rightly to be dominated essential and semi essential, but we do not feel warranted in calling up the people to indulge anything that is strictly in the 'luxury' class, and it is to this latter that we have relegated the erst-while desired visitation of the state legislators.

"The legislators are of course our friends. We esteem that friendship and feel duly complimented, but the proposed visit comes too dear just at this time. In the meantime we will move forward to such state that we can hereafter afford anything desired, be it in the 'necessity' class or 'luxury' class."—Panhandle.

## Herbert Swift Insane.

Chicago, March 29.—Herbert L. Swift aged 33, son of the late Gustavus F. Swift, founder of the packing firm of Swift & Co., has been adjudged insane by a commission of physicians and has been an inmate of the Kenilworth sanitarium since March 8, by an order of the county court. This became public here today through the discovery of the files in the case, which have been hidden.

Swift had threatened to kill himself and members of the family. Excessive use of alcohol was given as the cause. Mr. Swift is married but has no children. He has an annuity of \$8,000 from his father's estate. At the end of fourteen years he will receive 1 million dollars. A conservator is to be appointed.

## Planning a Faster Schedule.

A new passenger schedule will be mapped out at a meeting in Ft. Worth between executive, traffic and operative officials of the Colorado and Southern and the Denver the latter part of this week.

A. D. Parker, vice president of the C. & S., General Superintendent Welch and General Passenger Agent T. E. Fisher will make up the Denver delegation at the conference. Those who will represent the other lines are D. B. Keeler, vice president of the Ft. Worth & Denver; Geo. F. Cotter, general superintendent of the Denver; Joe Munday, superintendent of the Trinity & Brazos Valley; A. A. Glisson, general passenger agent of the Ft. Worth & Denver, and W. C. Connor, general passenger agent of the Trinity & Brazos Valley.

How to operate special summer tourist trains from Galveston to Denver will be discussed. A general rearrangement of the schedule will likely be made.

An Oklahoma boy, as a "joke" on his mother, advertised in her name for a husband. But he won't play any more such jokes, a southern Kansas paper adds, because he now has a stepfather to spank him. The paper adds: "Better not advertise for anything you don't want."

The Baptist parsonage at Graner burned Monday with a loss of about \$1,200. It was occupied by Rev. B. B. Blaylock and family.

## Chilton Appointed R'y Commissioner.

Austin, March 31.—Horace Chilton of Dallas, former United States senator, today accepted the appointment as railroad commissioner to succeed the late L. J. Storey. Senator Chilton is regarded as a conservative on railroad policies. Senator Chilton formerly lived at Tyler and was appointed United States senator by Governor Hogg to succeed the late John H. Reagan, who resigned to take the chairmanship of the commission, when that body was created.

Horace Chilton was reticent when interviewed today regarding his appointment by the governor as railroad commissioner. His friends believe his law practice is too large to permit him to sacrifice it for the office.

## Oil and Coal Find.

El Paso, Texas, March 30.—While digging a ditch 30 miles from Marathon, Tex., Bud Kimball struck a spring from which crude oil flows. Derricks are being erected. Coal also was found at the same section. The find is attracting great attention.

## Negro Convict a Composer.

George O. Osborne, head keeper of the New Jersey state prison, has received a check for \$100 for James Bland, a negro prisoner, the money being due Bland for the renewal of a copyright on a song. Bland has composed many songs that have become famous. The one on which the prisoner realized the \$100 is "In the Evening by the Moonlight."

Bland at one time was a minstrel and Billy Kersand's partner with the Haverley minstrels. Among Bland's compositions are "Take Good Care of Mother," "O, Them Golden Slippers," "The Golden Wedding," "Common Sense," "Suicide and Mr. Coon," "Pork Chops" and "Dear Old Manhattan." He has written fifteen songs since entering prison.

Bland is serving two years for stabbing a man in Camden.

Eight men were killed and eight others were injured as the result of a dynamite explosion on the Norfolk and Western railway at Chillicothe, O., Tuesday. A crew of men was unloading a car of dynamite when it exploded. Some of the bodies were blown 300 yards.

## Two Cent Fare Profitable in Illinois.

Springfield, Ill., March 29.—In view of the fact that the railroads of the state are threatened to test the two cent passenger rate law passed by the preceding assembly, the forthcoming report of the railroad and the warehouse commission is of additional interest in that it gives the basis of the defense which the state will make if the act be attacked.

It shows that the roads have been making more money with a two cent rate than they made with the old three-cent rate. Their revenue from the sale of passenger tickets, according to this report, was nearly 2 million dollars more in 1908 under the two-cent law than it was in 1907 under the three-cent rate.

The earning credited to the passenger service were not more than 3 million dollars greater, this including mails, express charges for excess baggage and miscellaneous items not listed.

In nearly every other department of railroading decreases are shown, and this is explained by the commercial depression which hit the railroads as hard as any other industry.

The gross losses of the railroads in the state amount to 55 million dollars. They were able to reduce operating expenses by 22 million dollars, and their loss in net income from operation expenses by twenty-two million dollars, and their loss in net income from operation was 23 million dollars. Altogether there was a 30 million dollars decrease in net income from all sources. There was a decrease of more than 5 million dollars in freight revenue.

## Crosby County Prairie Fire.

Last Wednesday about 1:20 o'clock a great prairie fire swept on the town of Emma from the northwest, causing destruction of everything in its path. Wind immediately turned direct from the north and struck the town, which burned several houses and barns. There was no loss of life. Citizens left town to meet the fire, but barely saved their lives by lighting the grass as a counter fire. Wind was blowing a gale of at least fifty miles per hour.

Estimated damage in town of houses and barns is from \$20,000 to \$50,000. Cattlemen and ranchmen lost a number of cattle burned besides improvements on the ranch.

While the liquor dealers are circulating their literature throughout California and the West about the "ruin" of Kansas City, Kans., because it drove the saloons out of the city, the people are enjoying the experience of a municipal campaign in which the liquor dealers have no part. Both candidates for Mayor have declared for law enforcement and an intimation for either of them that the old order would be restored would mean his overwhelming defeat. Kansas City, Kas., seems to take the greatest pride in the "ruin" wrought by the adoption of its policy of public decency.—Kansas City Star.

Newspaper men always know more than they write; they always shield more than they expose; they are always more merciful than cruel. The man who trusts a newspaper man may rely on the fact that he will be treated fairly. It is the mean, contemptible, suspicious hypocrite the newspaper men are always after. No manly man was ever hurt by a newspaper. No one is quicker to see the maner of men than the newspaper man who studies men and their actions day unto day.—Vernon Call.

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## STATE NEWS.

The cotton gin at Electra burned last Monday night and about \$10,000 worth of cotton. Both were insured.

Jacksonville orchard and fruit men say there will not be more than a fourth of a crop of peaches this season. Scale and blight are the cause rather than the weather.

Twenty-six head of horses and mules were burned in the barns of the Trinity County Lumber company at Groveton Monday night. Loss is estimated at about \$10,000 to live stock and property.

A small house in south Vernon, belonging to the ladies of the Methodist church, which had been occupied by Mrs. Poe and family, burned last Monday morning. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Dave D. Williams, 30 years of age, shot and instantly killed himself at his home in Sherman Monday. He was one of the best known railroad men in the city, being foreman in the Frisco yards.

Little Harold Byrd, the 2 1/4-year-old son of Sam Byrd, was drowned in a well at his home in Longview Monday. The little fellow was playing on the wooden curbing, and was not missed for about an hour.

George F. Payne, a prominent merchant of China Springs, was perhaps fatally injured Tuesday when he was struck by Will Dawson who was riding a bicycle. Payne's head was cut open and he suffered concussion of the brain.

A press dispatch says one of the worst sandstorms that has visited that section for several years struck Kaufman about 12 o'clock Saturday night doing much damage. The farmers are feeling blue on account of the ground being so dry, although some are beginning to plant cotton.

Fifteen car loads of graders' outfit have arrived in Dalhart to start grading on the Enid, Ochiltree and Western. Work begins this week, and hundreds of men are in readiness to begin active building of the road. Dalhart is the headquarters of the road and all operations of the line will be handled from there east to Enid, Ok.

Recent oil indications near Chillicothe have led to the organization of a large oil and gas company for the purpose of developing the oil fields between there and Red River. A limited number of capitalists have associated themselves together and the preliminaries for developing the fields are being pushed as rapidly as possible.

Judge Meek in federal court at Ft. Worth Tuesday sentenced James Lewis convicted of passing counterfeit money at Mineral Wells to four years imprisonment. Joe Wigham, convicted of embezzling the postoffice funds at Wichita Falls, received a two and a half years sentence. Dan Dawson received a six months sentence and a fine for violating the Chinese exclusion act.

## Heavy Populated Ohio County Votes Dry.

Springfield, Ohio, March 29.—With the heaviest vote in local history, Clark county today voted dry by eleven majority in the local option election. The total vote cast in the county was 17,831. The election affects ninety seven saloons in the county, and three breweries. The result was in doubt until the last precinct was heard from. The city voted wet with a majority of 1,846.

Candy is said to be scheduled for an advance of 1/4c per pound as a result of the increased cost of sugar. The sugar market has advanced stiffly of recent date.

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## Better Beef Wanted.

Ft. Worth beef consumers will doubtless be glad to know that a large per cent of the carcasses of fine beef cattle exhibited at the recent fat stock show were bought by local butchers and are now on sale by a number of local retail meat dealers. In past years Ft. Worth butchers have taken hold of this high grade and high priced beef with more or less timidity, as they have experienced some difficulty in getting the price necessarily asked for beef of this quality. Recently, however, the trade has been handling more good beef, and it is now about as much of a struggle to get it good enough as it once was to get it cheap enough. This should encourage feeders and producers in their efforts to produce the best, as the expansion of the consumptive demand for high class beef will, under the law of supply and demand, make a more stable and higher average market for that kind.—Live Stock Reporter.

It sounds strangely to hear of an Indian war at this period of advanced civilization in the one-time wild and woolly west. In the trouble with the Indians in this instance however, the negroes seem to be at the bottom of it.—San Antonio Express.

## This Country Far Behind in Good Roads.

A Kansas City man just home from Europe has this to say to a Star reporter:

"In the two visits I made to England, Germany, France and Switzerland in recent years, I noticed that the people took great pride in their good roads. It is possible to travel thousands of miles there on roads just as good as the boulevards and driveways in large cities in the United States. I wish everyone could visit those countries and broaden their ideas about good roads. If the farmers could realize how it would increase the values of their farms and how much good roads would be worth to them in other ways they would become more interested in legislation for good roads than in any other one thing."

Arthur Cordell was shot and killed by Will Timms on the W. T. Wilson farm, four miles south west of Sherman Friday. Timms then turned the weapon upon himself and fell lifeless almost within reach of his victim. Both are young farmers and are unmarried. The cause of the tragedy seems to have been a misunderstanding between them nearly a year ago.



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President Taft has declared himself in favor of a tariff bureau, to be created at this session of congress. He believes this bureau would be of great assistance in application of the maximum principle of the Payne bill.

After publication at El Paso for several years, the Evening News suspended Wednesday, announcing it will seek larger territory. The El Paso Herald takes over the business in the evening field. The News plant will be moved to Albuquerque, N. M.

In Illinois the two-cent fare has been found profitable to the railroads, according to the report of the railroad and warehouse commissioners. Evidently the gifted railroad counsel have not been able to convince the board that two and two make three and one-fourth.

Former United States Senator Horace Chilton will not be the new railroad commissioner to succeed the late Judge J. L. Storey. The governor Thursday received a letter from the former senator at Dallas positively declining the appointment. Friends of E. P. Curtis and J. L. Wortham have renewed activity at the capitol, seeking to get the plum.

The prosperity of a town is not gauged by the wealth of its inhabitants, but by the uniformity with which they pull together when any important undertaking is to be accomplished. Grouchy people who complain of everything and ascribe a selfish motive to everything proposed, are a drawback to any town. Why do people live in a town they can see no good in, anyhow?

The most productive country is the country of small farms. As a usual thing the smaller the farm the better it is cultivated and the more it is made to produce per acre. Also the fences and barns are usually better, and there is no arguing the question over a greater volume of business for the thickly settled country, to say nothing of better roads, better school houses and churches. There should be a move made for smaller farms.

Here are some more Missouri statistics that are going around: In this state a trust is busted every three weeks. A train jumps the track every fifty-four minutes. The oldest native of the state dies every five days. A boy leaves the farm every twelve seconds. Somebody buys a gold brick every forty-five seconds. Somebody moves back from Kansas every sixteen minutes.

The marshal in McPherson, Kas., touched a youth who was smoking in the street and inquired if he was 21 years old. The youth, with the anti-tobacco law in mind, stammered that he was. "All right," said the marshal, "I want you to pay your poll tax."

The United States spends more for war in time of peace than any nation on earth. That is because we are so much more 'civilized' than any other nation. Millions for graft to contractors in war material, but not one dollar for useful employment of labor.—Ex.

The average cost of transporting one ton one mile is: by sea-freights 1-10 of 1 cent; by railways, 1 cent; by good wagon roads, 7 cents; by ordinary country roads, 25 cents. And some people won't make a split-log drag. It costs an American farmer three times as much to market a ton of produce as it costs a European farmer. The railroads are not to blame; the difference in cost lies in the difference the wagon roads.—Farm and Ranch.

Some people are always seeing signs in the moon. The Vernon Call says "Easter comes late this year, April 11. The full moon at Easter always brings cold weather."

Lambs of 51 pounds weight sold on the Ft. Worth market Wednesday for \$5.50 per 100-weight.

**Yet Searching for Crazy Snake**

Pierce, Ok., April 1.—Although Chief Crazy Snake is still at large Colonel Hoffman is disbanding his militia and considers the situation well at hand. No trouble is reported.

Muskogee, Ok., April 1.—Fear of clash between government and state troops over the wholesale arrest of Snake outlaws was dispelled by the release of a number of full-bloods today by Col. Hoffman.

Search for Crazy Snake is now going forward in entire harmony. It is believed the Indian chief will quit and surrender at Pierce at today, though his exact whereabouts are not known. Quiet is restored in the negro faction camp near here.

**Want Kidnaping Made Capital Crime.**

Washington, April 1.—Kidnaping is made a capital offense in a bill introduced in congress by Representative Rodenberg of Illinois. The kidnaping of Willie Whitle inspired the bill.

It provides that any person or persons who spirit away any person under the age of 12 years in the District of Columbia or any territory in the United States shall upon conviction be sentenced to life imprisonment. Another section provides that any person or persons who hold another person for ransom shall upon conviction be sentenced to death or life imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

The bill will not be considered until the regular session of congress in December.

**Legislative Lore.**

The following bills have been introduced in the house:

By Mr. Stepter—Providing that saloons shall close at 6 p. m. and open not earlier than 6 a. m. Provides the same price for a beer license as for a whisky license. Provides for the refund of beer licenses, with this becoming effective.

By Mr. Jenkins—Prohibiting the granting of charters to any corporation having among its stockholders, board of directors or executive committee, any person who has been stockholder or member of directors of any concern convicted of violating the anti-trust law.

By Mr. Dotson—Creating an agricultural experiment station in the Seventeenth Representative District.

Senate Committee on educational affairs has reported favorably Senator Perkins' bill appropriating \$25,000 for the establishment of an agricultural experimental station in the Fourth Congressional District to be located at the town of Campbell and providing for the adoption by the state of the Grubbs Self Help Industrial school.

The governor has signed the bill creating a state normal college in west Texas, west of the 98 meridian.

**Oklahomans Fight in Church.**

Tulsa, Ok., April 1.—At the closing of prayer services and calling of a business meeting for declaring the pulpit vacant, a personal encounter between the pastor and the leader of the faction seeking his resignation followed in quick succession last night at the First Baptist church here and resulted in the arrest of Rev. T. J. Slaughter, the pastor, and C. A. Mitchell, the belligerent member. Both cases were dismissed in the police court this morning.

Rev. Slaughter came here from Waco, Tex., two years ago.

A faction of the congregation opposing the pastor collected after the service and benediction last night and police interference was necessary. The pastor has a strong following in the congregation.

Fight competition with printer's ink—it doesn't scatter, but it spreads like a racy rumor in a gossipy neighborhood. There is more truth than poetry in the statement that a dead man doesn't advertise. He can't, but a live one always does. He can—and he causes money and happiness thereby.—Quanah Tribune.

**Concerning Mad Dogs.**

Rabies exists in north Colorado and during the last year has caused considerable loss in horses, cattle and hogs; besides several people have been bitten. Rabies, when affecting human beings, is called hydrophobia. As this disease has caused a considerable consternation may not be amiss.

First, let us see about some of the superstitions associated with this disease. When a person has been bitten by a mad dog, the killing of the dog does not prevent hydrophobia in the person bitten. This is a joke, and strange as it may seem, has been taken seriously by many people who should know better. Better lock the dog up for a few days and see if the disease develops. In case the disease does not develop the person bitten need have no further anxiety. If the disease does develop in the dog, the person will then have plenty of time to go to a Pasteur Institute (in Chicago, or Austin, Tex.) and take treatment, which will positively prevent the disease from developing.

Again, the common belief that a mad dog will run with his tail between his legs, and froth at the mouth is a mistake. The mad dog carries his tail in quite a natural position, and while the mouth may be open from paralysis of the lower jaw, yet he can not truly be said to froth at the mouth. The "mad stone" is a fake, pure and simple. It is nothing but a piece of porous stone (like soap stone), which when dried and then placed on a moist surface will absorb water, or blood, or any thing of a fluid nature. After a person is bitten by a mad dog the germs of the disease are very soon absorbed into the system. The absurdity of going a week later to some remote part of the country and applying the mad stone with a view of its absorbing the poison, is too evident to be worthy of further comment.

About 20 per cent of persons bitten by dogs actually rabid will develop the disease, if they have not received treatment. About 80 per cent of the dogs bitten will develop the disease, if the wounds are not cauterized. All warm blooded animals have this disease, or may take it by inoculation, the bite of a rabid wolf or a coyote is said to be very dangerous.

Without going into a discussion of the subject at this time here are a few things well worth remembering. Rabid dogs are not afraid of water (hydrophobia). Paralysis of the lower jaw and the hind legs gradually develops. Beware of the dog that appear to have a bone in its throat—it may be rabies. The eyes in this disease are very sensitive to light; hence the dog usually crawls under the porch, or some other dark place. Skunks are subject to this disease, and when so affected do not hesitate to enter houses and bite individuals.

If bitten by a suspicious acting dog cauterize the wound at once, but do not kill the dog. If the dog develops rabies within five days, the person bitten should start at once for treatment. Don't get nervous and go into hysterics, even though you are sure you have been bitten by a mad dog. You will have plenty of time to take treatment before the disease develops, if you start at once. Rabies is only transmitted by the bite of a rabid animal. If you go to a Pasteur Institute at Chicago, it will cost you a hundred dollars for treatment, besides other expenses. In Austin, Texas, the treatment is but twenty-five dollars.

If an animal is suspected of being rabid, cut off his head, pack it in ice, and send it to the Agricultural College. A report will be made within a few hours. In case a mad dog is found in the community, all the dogs should be muzzled for sixty days.—B. F. Kaupp, Catholicist, Colorado Agricultural College, Fort Collins.

**Market Report.**

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Thursday:  
 Steers \$3.85 to \$6.00.  
 Cows \$2.30 to \$5.00.  
 Calves \$2.60 to \$6.00.  
 Hogs \$5.00 to \$6.90.

**Tom Crooks Dead.**

A member of the first Texas legislature and a distinguished veteran, Judge T. M. Crooks, aged 60, died Wednesday night at a Sherman hospital. Judge Crooks was a compatriot of Sam Houston. He was a former federal judge in the Indian Territory and one of the best known citizens of north Texas. He was born in Indiana. The remains were buried at Denison, where he lived 20 years. In an early day he ran a paper at Sherman.

**STATE NEWS.**

Haskell has contracted for a new \$20,000 jail.

The corn mill of Sion & Herald at Kyle was burned a few days ago with a large amount of corn. Loss \$5,000, insurance none.

The Brown county commissioners court Wednesday ordered an election for May 8 to authorize the issuance of \$100,000 bonds to macadamize roads in the Brownwood precincts.

Stephen Cox was shot with a charge from a shotgun by R. T. Hill, at Seagoville, Dallas County Wednesday night. Hill surrendered next morning to the police. Domestic troubles are admitted as the cause of the tragedy.

J. W. Bryson of McGregor, Tex., fell from a derrick 40 feet Tuesday while trying to move a smokestack from the old Schow Bros. mill site and was killed instantly. He was an Odd Fellow and Knight of Pythias. His body was taken to McGregor for interment.

What is declared to be the largest fish ever caught out of Elm Fork, near Record crossing in Dallas county, was captured Saturday night by John Ross and Mel Elliott. The fish weighs 103 pounds, is fifty-two inches in length and measures seven inches between the eyes.

For the second time within the past three months the postoffice safe at Kennedale was blown open and robbed Wednesday night. About \$20 in money was secured. The thief secured no stamps and did not touch any of the merchandise in Bud Williamson's store, where the postoffice is located.

While making a fast run for water Thursday morning a freight engine at Childress struck the milk wagon of Turner Smith and carried it on a pilot nearly fifty feet. Smith was unable to jump from the wagon and when taken out was only slightly cut on one hand by broken glass. The wagon was broken into kindling wood.

**Economy.**

Whether people are willing or not to learn the lesson of economy, they must learn it or suffer the consequences. When droughts or floods fail to teach them, then come panics or plagues to emphasize the old adage, "Waste not, want not."

Old people are more inclined to save than young people are. The old are burnt children; they know just how the simoon scorches.

It is not altogether different in Texas. Economy is necessary here as elsewhere, and woe to those who are growing up with views and desires and purposes to the contrary. They will meet their shocking backsets in due time. What a pity they can not be taught and trained to meet them!—Dallas News.

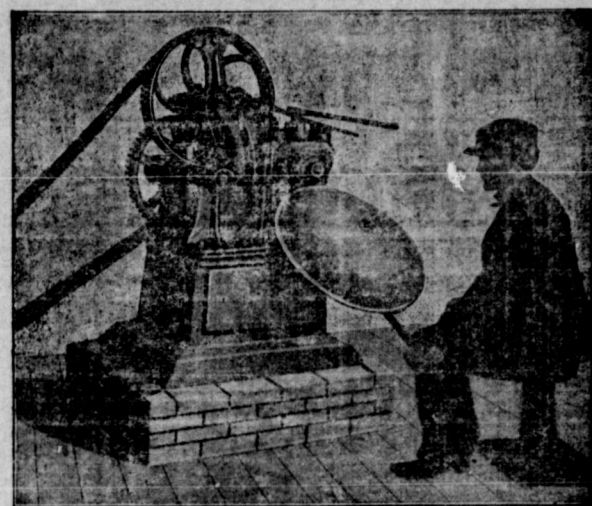
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Pythian Sisters—Panhandle Temple, No. 58. Meets 1st and 3rd Monday nights at Pythian Hall. Mrs. H. B. WHITTS, M. A. O. Mrs. JOHN M. CLOWEN, M. of H. & O. Modern Woodmen of America—Clarendon Camp No. 13,429. Meets every Saturday night at Woodman Hall. R. T. JOHNSON, Clerk.

Royal Neighbors—Victoria 713 Modern Woodmen—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday in each month in Woodmen Hall. Mrs. R. T. JOHNSON, Oracle. Mrs. H. W. KELLY, Recorder.

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**LOCAL AND PERSONAL.**

Rev. E. Dubbs preached at Quana last Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Williams has returned from a visit in Amarillo.

Custus Benson of Brice was in town on business yesterday.

C. M. Lane is somewhat crippled up with rheumatism this week.

Fine time now to set out the trees you have been talking about.

Sheriff Patman is moving into his late acquired residence this week.

Dr. Burkhead will preach tomorrow at the courthouse to the old soldiers.

Automobiles are being shipped in frequently now. Dr. Carroll bought a new one.

J. E. McCombs and Jno. Franklin are spending this week here from Hunt county.

Odus Caraway has bought the place formerly owned by Lucian Carroll, from Mr. Watrus at \$2,100.

T. L. Benedict is moving out to his residence today from the telephone exchange building.

Charley Thornton came over from McLean Thursday night. He says he has a good business over there.

Mrs. Edward Forest, of Leadville, Col., is here visiting her aunt, Mrs. Dan Bell.

Deputy Sheriff W. W. Gammon moved up from Hedley yesterday and will occupy the lower part of the jail.

J. F. Woodward, who has been visiting a daughter in St. Louis for the past two months, returned home Thursday.

Mrs. T. B. Pittman and children arrived this week and Rev. Pittman is now at home at the Baptist parsonage with his family.

Mrs. Harry Brown, of Wichita Falls is spending a few days here visiting her brother, L. L. Cantelou. She spent the first of the week with her sister, Mrs. L. R. Dyer at Goodnight.

T. Jones, the vegetable plant man, is having a lot of circulars and price lists printed this week to send out. He does a large business in this line every year over the Panhandle.

Born—yesterday morning at the residence of P. A. Buntin, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Buntin, who are in the city from Amarillo, a fine boy. Tom says he don't know when he will be able to resume his run on the road.

Nine inches of snow, by the government gauge, has put a fine season in the ground. It commenced Tuesday night, snowed most of Wednesday, much of it melting as it fell. It has since falred up and we are promised pretty weather.

Tom Everson, brother-in-law of the murderer, Miller, now in jail, was here from Acme this week. He says he has no doubt of Miller's guilt, and that it is believed that he blew up a man's dugout near Acme when he left there. He said, also, he had heard nothing before of Miller's insanity, and he attributes his deeds to depraved meanness.

Roy Sparks, who enlisted in the navy two years ago and was with the fleet around the world, arrived home on a furlough to visit his mother, Mrs. H. W. Kelley, yesterday. He was on the battleship Illinois and was at Messina in Sicily just after the big earthquake and helped dig out the American consul and family. He can tell many interesting experiences during his travels.

Eugene Bryan and son, Harry, Wade Willis and a few others went to Amarilla Wednesday to hear Bryan's lecture.

The trustees of Clarendon college, consisting of Dr. Stocking, J. G. Miller, O. P. Kiker, C. N. N. Ferguson, H. W. Taylor, W. F. White and A. M. Smith, of Clarendon, A. L. Moore of Vernon, J. J. Mickle of Memphis, J. T. Hicks of Childress, O. F. Sensibaugh of Amarillo, and G. S. Wyatt of Canadian, met here Thursday adopted plans for a \$55,000 girl's dormitory. It is to be a 3-story brick of 50 rooms, work to begin in about a month.

**A Surprise Birthday Party.**  
John Beverly was tendered a surprise birthday party Friday night, the occasion being his 52nd birthday. Those who took part in making it an evening of enjoyment were Misses Beulah and Fay Dodson, Dorinda Tatum, Ila Boswell, Florence Dial, Adrian Brown, Pearl Stone, Lillie Shepherd, Eunice Greer and Miss Kate Wadsworth, the latter of Bellevue.

The gentlemen present were, Will Patman, Leslie Kelso, Price Baker, Joe Hauk, Courtney Allen, Will Thomas, Earl Ballew, Mr. Wilkerson of Mineral Wells, Chas. Givens, and L. B. and Wayland Thompson of Childress.

Mr. and Mrs. Beverly were the recipients of a number of nice presents and entered into the enjoyment of the evening with as much zest as the rest of the girls and boys.

**Preparing for an Extra Edition.**  
Mr. Strauss, a man who is experienced in writing up the business of towns and cities, has contracted with us for four extra pages of the paper, of which there will be issued 2,000 copies and circulated in Clarendon's trade territory. We have no time for outside work, hence have left it entirely to Mr. Strauss to get up the matter, and when the matter is turned in to complete the four extra pages we will get it out, in a very short time after. Mr. Strauss is having each buyer of space accept the articles written before publication, so there can be no dissatisfaction.

The Mountain, Valley & Plains railroad has begun surveying from Higgins to Dalhart. The president of the road says there will be 100 miles of this road east of Dalhart without a curve. This is the road in which F. E. Harrington of Clarendon and his brother, Del W. Harrington, of Dalhart, are interested and who are its chief promoters.

**Memphis.**  
J. Henry Read and wife spent Sunday in Clarendon.  
Miss Kasa Harvey of Clarendon spent Saturday in Memphis in the guest of friends.  
Mrs. D. H. Arnold left Monday for Denver, Col., to be with her mother who is quite sick.  
Messrs. Fred Dubbs and Simpson were in Memphis three days last week selling county patent rights for a patent tire tightener.  
Dr. Mickle had the misfortune to lose his fine buggy mare Sunday night. A few days ago the animal stuck a nail in her foot, from which she died.

The Daily Panhandle says Amarillo, from a point of postal importance, is now entitled to the same consideration as Dallas, Ft. Worth, San Antonio, Austin, Houston, Waco, El Paso, Galveston and Beaumont. This statement is based upon the fact that the quarter ending March 31 at midnight, which rounded out the postoffice fiscal year, showed a total of receipts aggregating more than the required \$40,000 limit. The change in class becomes effective July 1, this year, and carries with it a salary of \$3,000 for the postmaster and makes possible a raise in clerks' and carriers' salary to the amount of \$1,200 annually.

**FOR SALE**—A car of good broke work mules, horses and mares, at reasonable prices, at Young's Livery Stable S. V. Miles.

**German Millet and Oats Seed** at T. H. Allen's.

**John N. Webb Dead.**  
We were handed the following clipping yesterday telling of the death of J. N. Webb, formerly of Clarendon, afterwards of Dalhart and Tucumcari:

"The news comes from Cusihiuiraic, Chih., that John N. Webb, a well known cattle buyer of El Paso, Tex., died at the former place last Tuesday. As he was a sufferer from Tuberculosis it is supposed that hemorrhage of the lungs was the cause of his death. He was 50 years old, it is said.

Webb, as the representative of A. M. Robinson, of El Paso, passed through here nearly two weeks ago going out into the country about Cusihiuiraic to buy beef cattle. He went to Joe Rogers' ranch at San Francisco de Borjas and bought some cattle there.

"Some months ago Webb figured in a Chinese smuggling case that was brought to trial at Alamogordo. He was acquitted of the charges against him. His son, Elmer, whom he wanted to come to Cusihiuiraic, was talking to Manen Clements when the latter was shot in the back of the head and instantly killed. For this murder Joe Brown, manager of the Coney Island saloon, the resort in which Clements was shot, was indicted by the El Paso grand jury last Monday."—Chilnabua Enterprise.

**Brice Brevities.**  
Reported For THE CHRONICLE  
J. W. Coleman went to Portales, N. M., last week on business.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dixon of Lodge visited their daughter, Mrs. A. E. Benson, last Saturday and Sunday.

Mesdames Wyatt, Hudson and Veazey spent Tuesday with Mrs. W. H. Youngblood at Lakeview. H. M. Stewart, W. R. Dale, W. C. Veazey, N. L. Muff, B. J. Johnson, Geo. Hunter, Claude and Walter Sachse and E. V. Herl went to Clarendon Monday. This does not happen just once in a lifetime; but our citizens spend their money in the right place.

The Brice farmers enjoyed a snow Wednesday.

**Williamson County Roads.**  
The good roads campaign now on in Williamson county will cause the expenditure of about \$100,000 in the building of macadam roads this year. During the last two years 20 miles of roads have been built out of Georgetown, and nearly that many miles will be built this year. Taylor is building about 20 miles of gravel roads in the black land belt. These roads cost from \$1,000 to \$3,000 a mile. Ten miles of road out of Georgetown is pronounced by experts to be among the finest roads in the south. The road is built partly by taxation and partly by private subscriptions.

**First American Financier**—I have no patience with the people who go to Monte Carlo and drop all their money.  
**Second Ditto**—Neither have I. Why can't they patronize home industry and drop it in Wall street?—Philadelphia Record.

**BUSINESS LOCALS.**  
Now is the time to plant onion sets. The best are at Stocking's store.

The best flour always on hand at Allen's—Belle of Wichita and White Crest.

Instant Louse Killer, non-poisonous, kills chicken lice, fleas, bed bugs and all insects. For sale by Cantelou. Try a package. Just the thing.

J. A. Carlisle, the shoe maker, makes a specialty of fine shoe repairing and guarantees his work. He keeps in stock shoe laces and shoe polish. Davis building near bridge.

We are thoroughly prepared to do drug and pharmaceutical work correctly, being a regular graduate in pharmacy with years of experience. We would like to be your druggist. Come in and let us get acquainted. Satisfaction guaranteed in every transaction at Stocking's store. Roy M. Stocking.

An advance shipment of slippers just in at Rathjen's, and more on the road. Call and see them.

**WANTED**—A man to remove mesquite grubs from 20 or 30 acres of land. G. S. Patterson.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements of candidates for city officers will be inserted as follows: Mayor and marshal, \$2.50 each. Aldermen, \$1 each.

For City Marshal:  
J. E. CARROLL.  
T. E. PHILLIPS.  
J. H. HODGES.  
C. W. RYAN.

**Order for an Election**  
To Determine Whether or not Bonds Shall be Issued for the Improvement of the Public Roads of Donley County.

To Whom These Presents May Concern, Greeting:  
Be it remembered that at a session of the Commissioners' Court of Donley County, Texas, held on the 8th day of March, 1909, the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

Monday, March 8th, 1909.—Now at this time comes on to be heard the petition of the citizens of Donley County, for an election to determine whether or not bonds shall be issued for the purpose of building and repairing and maintaining the public roads of Donley County.

After a careful consideration of the same by the Court, all members being present and voting, the said petition was granted by unanimous vote of the entire Court, and an election ordered as prayed.

It is therefore ordered by the Commissioners' Court of said County that an election be held at the several voting boxes in their respective precincts in and for said Donley County, on the 24th day of April, 1909, for the purpose of determining by a vote of the property tax-paying voters of said county whether or not the Commissioners' Court of said County of Donley, Texas, shall cause to be issued bonds as aforesaid—said bonds to be in the sum of \$90,000.00, and to bear interest at the rate of five per cent per annum and payable in forty years after date, with option of redeeming same at any time after five years from date, interest payable annually.

Said election shall be held at the usual places in the several precincts, viz: the school houses thereof, and the following named persons are hereby appointed managers of said election:

Prec. No. 1—Frank Kendall, presiding judge; J. J. Goldston, associate judge. Clerks, Dick Nichelberger and G. H. Whitehead.

Prec. No. 2—W. H. Thompson, presiding judge; W. T. Hayter, I. W. Carhart, Jr., and E. W. Bromley, associate judges. Clerks, J. H. Rutherford, J. Alexander, B. F. Smith and Price Baker.

Prec. No. 3—Phil Jackson, presiding judge; C. H. Ellis, associate judge. Clerks, J. F. McCrary and E. H. Kerbow.

Prec. No. 4—E. H. Watt, presiding judge; J. A. Lemons, associate judge. Clerks, J. I. Reed and Dayton Shelton.

Prec. No. 5—E. R. Clark, presiding judge; John Moreman, A. A. Bedy and S. P. Hamblin, associate judges. Clerks, J. T. McHan, Charles Kinslow, E. E. McGee and J. M. Hedley.

Prec. No. 6—L. F. Gregory, presiding judge; T. L. Naylor, associate judge. Clerks, Tom Renfro and Roy Kendall.

Prec. No. 7—J. H. Altizer, presiding judge; Levi Angel, associate judge. Clerks, O. C. Brown and J. H. Downing.

Prec. No. 8—S. R. Spradlin, presiding judge; P. R. McCracken, associate judge. Clerks, G. B. McKnight and J. S. Stephens.

Prec. No. 9—J. P. Hodges, presiding judge; W. C. Smith, associate judge. Clerks, E. E. Watkins and F. M. Walton.

Prec. No. 10—W. M. Horn, presiding judge; W. R. McCarroll, associate judge. Clerks, O. C. Hill and J. L. Allison.

And it is further ordered by the Court that on the aforesaid day and date and same time and place there shall be submitted to the property tax-paying voters of said Donley County the question as to whether or not a tax of fifteen cents on the One Hundred Dollars valuation of all the taxable property in said county subject to taxation shall be levied for the purpose of providing interest and sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds.

Said election shall be held under the provisions of Chapter 149, acts of the Twenty-sixth Legislature, Laws 1899, and only qualified voters who are property tax-payers of said County shall be allowed to vote and all voters desiring to support the proposition to issue bonds shall have printed on their ballots the words: "For the Issuance of Bonds," and those opposed shall have printed on their ballots the words: "Against the Issuance of Bonds." The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the state governing general elections.

It is further ordered by the Court that notices of said election be published in a newspaper or papers of said Donley County and posted as provided by law.

A copy of this order signed by the County Judge of said County shall serve as proper notice of said election and the County Judge is directed to cause said Notice to be posted up at the place designated for holding said election at least thirty days prior to the date of said election.

Attest: County Judge Donley Co. WADE WILLIS, Ex-Officio Clerk Commissioners' Court, Donley Co., Tex.

**For Sale.**  
Four tons millet hay, 1/2 mile west of town on what is known as the A. T. Cole place, at \$10 per ton. F. W. Saunders.

**Six Milch Cows for Sale.**  
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**550 Trees Yet,**  
150 of which are a large size, all locusts, ranging in price from 15 cents to \$1.50, according to size. Taken up in good order. I will be found at Chamberlain's or my own nursery, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week. Trees are inspected. Cash when trees are delivered. Sample of these trees may be seen at Wesley Knorpp's. Happy Joe.

**Election Notice.**  
Notice is hereby given that on the first Tuesday in April, the same being the 6th day of April, 1909, an election will be held at the Court House in the city of Clarendon, Texas, for the purpose of electing a mayor, five aldermen and a city marshal of said city.

No person shall vote at said election unless he be a qualified voter in said city under the constitution and laws of the State of Texas. D. C. Sullivan is hereby appointed judge and manager of said election which shall be held as nearly as may be possible in conformity with the general election laws of the state.

A. L. JOURNEY,  
Mayor of Clarendon, Tex.

**SAFE CAB SERVICE.**  
In the sale of the livery business I have retained the cab, which will at all times be in hands of a careful driver with a safe team to meet all trains, regardless of the weather. Your patronage solicited.  
J. H. Hodges.

Two work horses for sale—15 and 16 hand, horses in good work shape.  
J. C. Asher.

**Pumpkin Yam Seed Sweet Potatoes**  
for sale. Will deliver in town on notice by card. A. L. Bruce.

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**Rhode Island Red Eggs**  
I have on sale eggs of thoroughbred Rhode Island Red hens at the residence of N. C. Duggins in Clarendon, or at my home near Groom. Price \$1.50 per setting of fifteen.  
**Mrs. Jno. Alexander**  
Good stock, neat work, moderate price, are features of our job work

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(Graduated in University of Tennessee, 1901)  
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**A Woman Wireless Operator.**

"If the vessel on which I was the wireless operator were sinking I would be the last to leave the boat," said Mrs. R. H. Tucker, the only woman wireless operator in the world.

Mrs. Tucker is in charge of the United Wireless instruments aboard the steamship Indianapolis, plying on Puget sound between Seattle and Tacoma. It was with the incident of Jack Binns, the wireless operator on board the Republic, in mind that a Herald correspondent put the question to Mrs. Tucker of what she would do if her ship were rammed and sinking. Because of the fact that Binns is given the credit of saving the lives of 500 persons by his sticking to his post the question arose as to what a woman would do in the same circumstances.

"Of course I have never been placed in such a trying place as Mr. Binns," said Mrs. Tucker, "but it seems to me if the lives of the passengers aboard the boat depended upon my getting aid I would stay to the last. Mr. Binns is a brave man and deserves all the credit he gets. But the fact that he is a man is no reason for believing a woman would not be just as brave under the most trying ordeal."

The way Mrs. Tucker's eyes snapped and by the firm lines that showed about her mouth the newspaper man was convinced she would not be found wanting in time of need. She is a small young woman and has been married only a short time. Her husband is also a wireless telegraph operator. In connection with their marriage there is a wireless romance, but Cupid is discreetly silent about this, and the few friends who know the circumstances are not talking.

The little woman is a wireless enthusiast. She knows the business from start to finish. She is an expert with the Morse and Continental codes, and there is little going on in the air that she doesn't know about. Her husband is in charge of the United Wireless station at Tacoma, and it is in that city they live. Mrs. Tucker makes four trips daily between Seattle and Tacoma, and spends the nights in Tacoma. She has been in charge of several wireless stations on the Pacific coast and has always been found competent to send and transmit aerograms as well as to keep the instruments in good working order.—Los Angeles Herald

**Silver and Skeletons Unearthed.**

El Paso, Tex., March 28.—Development work in the Babacana mine, near Nacozari, has opened upon a body of silver ore, the value of which is estimated at \$5,000,000. The ore was blocked out by miners many years ago, but they were all buried by a cave in, and two skeletons have already been taken out. The mine has not been worked since about eighteen years ago. Fifty men were buried beneath thousands of tons of earth when the walls of the chamber caved in.

**Skeleton Evidence of Murder.**

The remains of a dead man were found near Douro station, in Ector county Monday. The coroner's verdict is that death was caused by a bullet through the back of the head at the hands of an unknown party. Wolves had picked his bones clean and no scrap of paper was found to aid identification. He wore blue ducking overalls over a pair of black trousers, had black hat and woolen underwear. A bunch of keys found nearby may lead to his identification.

The harvester trust of the United States is building factories in France in order to get advantage of cheaper wages there. This will be a good thing for American workmen, and for the unions! Perhaps it may cause further demand for free trade. Internationalism has come.—Appeal to Reason.

That's a real mean, hateful law they are proposing up in Maine. They will pension only such spinners as are willing to affirm that they have never had an actual offer of marriage. Poverty is better than disgrace.—Record.

**KEEPING UP HIGHWAYS**

**Government Bureau's Sound Advice on Road Drainage.**

**REMOVE ALL WATER QUICKLY.**

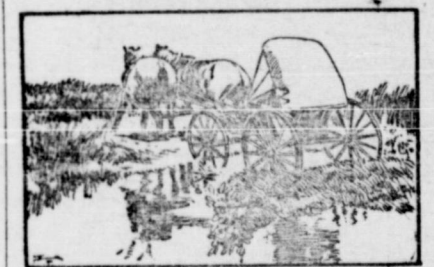
That on Surface and Underground as Well—Center of Highway Should Be Raised—Size of Tiles and Laying Them Matters of Importance.

The United States office of public roads in Washington sent out the following bulletin regarding the proper manner of road drainage:

With an average of 27,000 tons of water falling in the form of rain on each mile of public road in the United States annually, it is scarcely to be marveled at that the ten commandments of the road builder can be summed up succinctly in the word "drainage." The saying has truth for a basis, as good drainage is the primary requisite for all roads. Even in sand roads this holds true, for there "good drainage" means such as will safely remove the storm water without erosion or gullying and still retain the surface moisture.

To obtain good drainage one must take into consideration both the surface water and the underground water. The surface water must be removed quickly and completely and without subjecting the road to excessive scour or erosion. For this reason the center of the road should be raised, and the slope toward the side ditches should be from one-half to one inch to each foot distance, or so that the water will run freely to the side ditches and not flow down the road or remain in puddles on the roadway. The side ditches should be of ample size to care for the severest storms, with a fall of not less than six inches to each hundred feet. Frequent, ample cross drains should be constructed and every opportunity taken to get the water away from the road as quickly as possible. Any road along which you see water standing in the side ditches or on which puddles of water have collected or which has been badly gullied and eroded by the rains has poor drainage and is in need of immediate attention. In fact, earth roads nearly always require a little attention after each rain.

The split log drag is essentially a tool to maintain good drainage on our



A ROAD THAT DRAINAGE WOULD IMPROVE. earth roads and should be used after each rain. On a heavy clay or gumbo soil the drag when properly used tends to puddle the road surface, keep it free from ruts, dense, smooth and hard, thus securing the best surface drainage possible.

But in many places the underground water is too near the surface and must be removed before a good road will be possible. This means that some form of subdrainage must be resorted to, usually tile drains or clay or concrete. Water from whatever source must be got rid of effectively. As water in freezing expands one-eighth its volume, the road heaves out of shape, and when the ice melts the road disappears beneath the rising tide of mud constantly fed by rains, melting snows and underground springs.

In seepy and boggy places the subdrainage in order to be fully effective should lower the water level to not less than three feet below the road surface. If tiles are used they should be carefully laid, true to grade. Most failures in tile drainage can be attributed to carelessness in laying or too flat grade. The less than four inches in diameter should rarely be used, nor should a grade of less than six inches to the hundred feet be used unless absolutely necessary. In a very dense soil it is always advisable to cover the tile to at least a depth of six to twelve inches with a coarse sand or fine gravel. Care should always be taken to procure a free outlet for the drains and to protect the outlet with a concrete bulkhead or catch basin, which can always be kept clean and the outlet free.

The kind of tile to be used depends on local conditions. Concrete tile if properly made is quite as good as clay tile. Which kind to use is entirely a local question of dollars and cents. If concrete tile can be made more cheaply than clay tile can be had, use concrete; if not, use clay tile.

**Convict Labor in Building of Roads.**

At a recent meeting of the national good roads board, held in New York city, Senator C. T. Lasser of Virginia outlined the method of building roads with convicts in the Old Dominion. C. Gordon Neff, the chairman of the board, has decided to make a canvass of the entire United States to find out which states employ convicts in the building of roads. This will be followed up later with an effort to get other states to use convict labor in road building. There is a general movement to abolish convict labor in lines of the industry where it interferes with organized labor, but in no section of the country does organized labor object to the use of convicts in the building of good roads.

**ROAD WORK IN ENGLAND.**

**Method of Maintaining Highways and Filling Up Soft Spots.**

It may interest many to learn how road maintenance is carried out in Great Britain and Ireland. All roads and bridges are under the direct charge of the county surveyor, who is in all cases a qualified civil engineer, with assistants under him to see to the detail work. He divides the roads of the county into sections, as seems best to him, for maintenance purposes. These several sections are advertised locally in the newspapers and by other means, and bids are invited for their maintenance for six or twelve months, says James Johnston of Douglas county, Neb., in the Breeder's Gazette of Chicago. These bids are opened on a certain day by a board of county commissioners, assisted by the county surveyor. The lowest bidder gets the work, but no bid is accepted until the successful bidder puts up a bond signed by two solvent sureties that the work will be performed. Should the contractor fail to do the work the county surveyor can have it done and sue the bondsmen for the work and costs. All bidders for this work have specifications of the work to be done on the several sections of road. How long the section is, how many tons of metal are to be broken and put on, cleaning, keeping the water tables clear and the grass off the road—all these are specified, so that he knows exactly what he has to do. The matter of putting on the metal is looked after very closely indeed. The contractor has to put all the material on the roadside. The surveyor or his assistant comes and measures it and then marks it with slaked lime, so that it cannot be interfered with until it is put on the road. Farmers are always the contractors for this work. The roads everywhere are always in good condition. There are many soft spots over there—bog and low lands, with rain every day and sometimes twenty-four hours at a time—but the heaviest autos can spin along the bog roads and in the rainiest weather with no damage to the road.

They have no difficulty with the soft bottoms in Ireland. They simply throw in rock, and the softer the spot the bigger the rocks, until they make it a hard spot and then put the small stuff on top. A mistake will surely be made if bricks are thrown into soft spots. They are simply no good for the purpose intended.

It is to be hoped that the people of the United States will stop spending time and wasting money in shoveling dirt into the soft spots, but will go to work like men of business and build roads.

**NEW KIND OF ROAD MATERIAL**

**Salt and Alkali Seals From Boilers Used in Parts of Kansas.**

The farmers in central Kansas as well as the people in the towns have been interested in good roads for several years, and in Ellsworth and its vicinity one can see almost any kind of a made road.

At one or two places in Ellsworth county there are short roads where treatment has been given similar to the pavement on Douglas avenue in Ellsworth. Here there are two blocks that fool four-fifths of the visitors to the town. The treatment of this street was commenced about two or three years ago, consisting of coarse and fine cinders in layers, then a covering surface of salt and alkali scale.

The water in this country is very hard, and in all the steam boilers at the salt mills and other factories a sort of alkali form which must be removed frequently, and this, with the salt and alkali scale that forms in the salt pans, is used on Douglas avenue. It forms a hard crust and makes a most excellent street. It is a success on the most busy thoroughfare of Ellsworth, and if the supply was not so limited the farmers would use it for the rural roads and more of the streets of Ellsworth would be paved with it. The salt and alkali crust on Douglas avenue is now about three inches thick, and this lies on three inches of coarse cinders and three inches of fine cinders. It makes a pretty street, in appearance being like an asphalt pavement before it becomes dirty.

**Cost of Oiling Roads.**

A recently published report of the Boston park commission is interesting. In 1906 twelve miles of road were treated with oil to keep down the dust, and the result was so satisfactory that in 1907 the whole extent of more than forty miles was treated in this way. Mr. Putnam, the engineer, has carefully calculated the cost, and he says that the annual cost of sprinkling a thirty foot roadway was \$480 a mile, whereas the cost of oiling the same roadway thirty feet wide was \$375. In addition to laying the dust, the asphaltum in the oil had a binding effect on the surface of the road and very materially lessened the cost for repairs. The oil is put on in an emulsion in which fifteen pounds of soap dissolved in fifty gallons of water are mixed with a hundred gallons of crude oil, the whole being agitated to the proper point of emulsion, and then 150 gallons of this are mixed with 450 gallons of water and sprinkled on the roads. The plan has given the very best satisfaction in Boston and might be tried elsewhere with corresponding satisfactory results.

**A Move For Good Roads.**

Nearly 1,000,000 voters of Pennsylvania have signed petitions asking the state legislature to start the movement which in 1913 will give a bond issue of \$5,000,000 for building good roads. The sum of \$5,000,000 will be asked for to begin immediate work.

**MAMMOTH MINERS.**

**The Experts Who Prospect and Dig For Prehistoric Creatures.**

Mammoth miners are experts who know where to prospect for mammoths and how to dig them out, even as the mining engineer knows where to prospect for silver and how to extract it. In the west, in Alaska and in Siberia mammoth miners are always at work. They are always unearthing creatures that died 100,000 years ago. Siberia was the mammoth's true home. Siberia 100,000 years ago was one luxuriant forest. Here the fur covered beasts, with their ten foot trunks and their fifteen foot stature, swarmed. Then an earthquake removed a barrier range between Siberia and the Arctic ocean, and those low lying forests were inundated. All their animal and vegetable life was killed.

The first of the drowned Siberian mammoths was found in 1799 by an Eskimo villager on the banks of the Lena. It was imbedded in a vast cake of ice. The villagers melted the ice, they feasted on the 100,000-year-old flesh, and then they sold the tusks.

Only the bones remained when Zlotover of the Petersburg Imperial museum reached that outlandish village after a journey of 7,500 miles. He took the bones back to the museum, where you may see them mounted today. He bought the tusks from the ivory traders and fixed them on the skeleton, and the book he wrote about his find is still a text book among the mammoth miners of our day.

**Safeguarding Crime.**

It is inexplicable how those pessimistic carpers who are accustomed to hit all the minor chords with the loud pedal can fail to see all about them the unmistakable signs of progress and the reddening dawn of a new day in the social yeast. And especially is this true in matters pertaining to crime. There is no doubt that the general standards of crime have been immeasurably raised of late. Nowadays a man can do almost anything and get away with it, provided he can arouse the sympathy of the special lady writers and pay the experts. Ah, brothers, who can say that all this does not make for the general uplift? How can we hope to realize the better things of life until crime has been made perfectly safe?—Life.

**Sea Air.**

At a meeting of the French Therapeutic society M. Laumonier showed that the therapeutic effect of sea air on the coast is quite different from that of the open sea—i. e., twenty or thirty miles out. On the coast the effect tends toward excitement and congestion and, moreover, is irregular in its action. Out at sea it is tonic and regulating, and in addition the patient gets quiet, a regular life and a continuous bath of pure air. These advantages are not so patent on board great liners on account of the vibration and the smell from the engines, but on a sailing ship they are evident.

**Chinese Idea of Government.**

Here is a Chinese idea of prosperity in a nation: When the sword is rusty, the plow bright, the prisons empty, the granaries full, the steps of the temple worn down and those of the law courts grass grown, when doctors go afoot, the bakers on horseback and the men of letters drive in their own carriages, then the empire is well governed.

**Getting Ready For Him.**

"Dearest, what did your father say when you told him I loved you?" "He didn't say anything, Harold; simply went over to the gymnasium and arranged for a course of boxing lessons."—Pittsburg Press.

**Great men are they who see that spiritual is stronger than any material force.**—Emerson.

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