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SOME MORE ABOUT ROADS.

The Broad-Axe does not wish to be misunderstood on the "good roads" subject by what it has said hitherto on that subject.

We think that public money cannot be expended to a better purpose than in building good roads. Not do we disapprove even going in debt for that purpose and issuing county warrants in payment so long as the money is laid out judiciously and economically, in as much as those warrants are cashed, which serves the purpose of putting money circulation that otherwise would lie idle. And therefore we favor building roads, even if we have to go in debt to build them. We object to allowing Tom, Dick and Harry who may be a road supervisor or the engineer on a rock crusher, who gives no bonds for a faithful performance of his duty to employ laborers and pay them off, without a proper observance of business methods on the part of the commissioner's court in allowing claims of this kind. When one considers that the money expended last year on roads and bridges in the county amounted to \$13,286.87 and that it will amount this year to fully that much, he will see there is room for a waste of many dollars by careless methods, if not great opportunity for "graft" in numerous directions.

But let us have roads, and support and encourage every effort put forth legitimately to improve and build them up. Let this be done with due respect to the wants of each locality or of any particular individual.

THE KENTUCKY MURDER.

The election in Kentucky results in a middle which in all probability will absorb most of the time of the next session of the legislature in a contest for governor. All manner of charges of irregularities and fraud are said to have been perpetrated at the polls, especially in several of the mountain counties in the 11 congressional district the republican stronghold of the state. It does not require a great stretch of the imagination to believe almost any allegation of outlawry uttered against a people like those in the mountain counties of Kentucky, who for years have been killing one another, in a manner that would hardly be practiced by the Indians of the present day in America.

ation to believe almost any allegation of outlawry uttered against a people like those in the mountain counties of Kentucky, who for years have been killing one another, in a manner that would hardly be practiced by the Indians of the present day in America. This state of affairs, in that part of Kentucky, seems to contradict by undisputed demonstration the ancient boast that the republican party exclusively contained all the virtue and intelligence of the masses; for it is a well known fact, the people of the mountain counties of Kentucky, where nearly two-thirds of them are republicans, are the most illiterate, and less advanced people in civilization, in any known locality in the United States. Superstition and stolid stupidity, have a fast hold upon the majority of the people. True there are many exceptions to this assertion, as the mountains of Kentucky have produced some of the brightest men, who constitute a galaxy of orators statesmen and lawyers equal to many of Kentucky's great men. Among those that had their birth in this land of feds, and republicanism, may be mentioned: John White, Judge Love, Pitt Ballinger, Jim Hayes, Silas Woodson, Judge E. V. John M. Ellis, Green Adams, Gen. T. T. Garrard and many others who have national fame. And while we speak of these things, we do so more with sorrow than otherwise; because, there we first opened our eyes upon the light of day; and there we spent the vigor of manhood, and that land we love though scourged by the agony of blood and broken social relations.

COME TO OCCUPY HIS CLAIM.

The recent death of G. W. Roberts recalls an incident that took place a few years since at the bed side of a dying man, in which Mr. Roberts was a participant, that we think will bear committing to paper.

Most people in Eugene, will remember Isaac Sheets, for years a resident of Eugene, who died on 7th street some three years since. Mr. Sheets was a very pronounced skeptic, and yet a man of honor and truth, beyond the shadow of a doubt, as every one who knew him will verify. At an early age Mr. Sheets was drowned in the Missouri river. He said to the writer several years ago that he had 15 minutes on the bottom of the river after he had rose to the surface, and sank again several times, and that after the agony of death had ceased, he laid at perfect ease in a passive state, conscious of his death, and began to reason with himself as to what would become of him. He said that his whole past life, and every act thereof, seemed to pass before him; and he felt no remorse at the same present, when all of a sudden he seemed to be as it were, transported to another world—a world not dissimilar to this one, only more beautiful, and perfect in all respects. Fine farms, farm houses, green pastures, meadows and landscapes, running brooks, springs, and song birds were all presented to his view, and he was in a state of ecstasy, until he was resuscitated by those who fished him out of the water, after hours of work.

Now the writer and Mr. Roberts (who by the way was a sepharim, in-law to Mr. Sheets,) were at the bed side of Mr. Sheets the night we think it was, that he died, and he said to him "how do you feel Isaac?" He answered, "It is a general break down, and I have not long to stay." We asked him "if he feared to go?" He said "no." We then said "Isaac, you will soon be in that country you went to when you were drowned in the Missouri river." "When you get there, take me up a claim for I shall soon follow you." Mr. Sheets said "well." Mr. Roberts who was sitting by and hearing all, said, "take me up a claim too Isaac, for I am coming soon."

Mr. Roberts has gone to occupy his claim. When the writer will go is happily hidden from him, and this is known only to him who gave him life, but one of 72 years of age must soon occupy another sphere. But it occurs to us that here embraces a subject worthy the investigation of scientists, including, biologists, physicians, and theologians, and the editor of this paper invites a word for publication from any one or all who may feel disposed to favor the public with his or her views.

THE STAR SHOWER OF 1833.

A great deal has been said through the papers about the falling stars of 1833, and many very vivid descriptions of that event have been published. This occurrence was witnessed by us and we remember it well although we were only five years of age at the time. We were residing with our parent in the southeastern part of Kentucky. It was witnessed by us at about 2 o'clock in the morning, and presented to our youthful mind a most sublime phenomenon. The heavens were literally full of bright moving meteors, shooting to the earth, and sometimes reaching the ground and rolling along for a short distance and bursting with a kind of subdued report like that of an half charged shotgun. And again others would dart along horizontally through the air with a hissing tail several inches long making a sound as that of a blazing torch or rocket moving quickly through the air. The air felt oppressive and smelt of sulphur. It is our recollection that every one thought the end of time had come, and our mother fell upon her knees exclaiming upon the children all to do the same, and implored the mercy of God. This scroll is written before the time set by our astronomers for the repetition of the meteoric shower November 15, the time for going to press. But, if the phenomenon comes as predicted and this edit is spared to witness it our readers shall be informed of that fact.

The Rossburg Plaindealer prints what we said last week about a "Successful Farmer of Lane County," with following remarks: "The Pop. Eugene Broad-axe publishes the following article and vouches for the truth of it. If this article is true we submit that it is about time for the Broad-Axe man to quit howling about the poor, down-trodden farmer." While the Broad-Axe gave the case of Mr. Young as an instance to show what stock farming may do, intelligently handled, we did not expect anyone, excepting people of the caliber of a Plaindealer man to construe we published as meaning a farmer who can get only 20 cents per bushel for his wheat, 20 cents for his oats and 20 cents for his hops with corresponding figures for other farm products, were successful farmers.

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