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We favor D. Ward King Plan for good roads. Hear him Saturday, May 2nd.

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GIVING UP TOBACCO.

Having the choice between smoking and living, Jacob Riis has given up the use of tobacco. Since the age of twenty-one he has used it moderately, he is now sixty-three, but finds it easy to quit by simply resolving that he will do so. He has a weak heart

and wants it to beat some years longer. Says he:

I used the cigar as a sedative, before writing. Often my head would be filled with ideas, too many for use. If I smoked half of a good cigar all but one idea was driven out of my head and I could think on that without straying from the subject. I have decided that the pleasure of smoking is largely imaginative—yet I like to get in the wake of a workman with a pipe, just to get the smell of it.

Like other mild narcotics, tobacco has been recognized by scientists as having beneficial effects at times on persons of certain temperament, when taken in moderation. For the nervous man it shatters his thoughts and compels him to let down on thinking while his dinner digests. Socially it is a temptation and relaxation similar to the cup of tea or coffee and the glass of beer or wine. If the use of these articles were limited to those who are thus merely refreshed or benefited, nine-tenths of the arguments against them might vanish.

The trouble with the taut, high-keyed Americans is they don't know the meaning of temperance. A slight indulgence becomes a fixed habit,

harmful to the whole man. While a little may be good for some, excess is bad for all. The nervous man or woman only becomes more nervous by excess and soon is bound by a habit that mars self-respect and encourages disease.

"It makes men selfish" is another count in the indictment of tobacco. No gentleman will indulge himself to the discomfort of others. The street car smoking nuisance goes with the lawless saloon; both result in public demand for prohibition.

Now a suffraget has been arrested for demolishing valuable porcelains in the British museum. Experience gained in smashing dishes at home is likely to prove valuable at any moment nowadays.

PARENTS HOLD MEETING.

Important Meeting to Be Held May 14 in Rivera.

The Parent-Teachers' association of the Rivera schools held a meeting last Friday afternoon. A short business meeting preceded the program for the afternoon. It was decided at this meeting to hold another on the 14th of May. Plans are in progress to make this the best meeting of the year, and every member is requested to be present. Many new names have been added and the membership in this association has almost reached the hundred mark.

The following program was prepared by the committee: Solo—Mrs. Dr. Graham; Care of the teeth—Dr. Lincoln; Talk—C. Ball; "An Honest Critic," dramatized by pupils of the sixth grade in charge of Miss Morrison.

COVE ROADS BETTERED.

State Road Day Results in Big Improvements About Grove.

Cove, April 28.—(Special)—The state road day promulgated by the governor of the state, resulted in some meritorious work in this section of the county. About a half mile of good road resulted from the combined efforts of 12 men and more would have been made better had all men come to the roadmaking as agreed. Electric Avenue is now a good thoroughfare owing to this effort and a part of Cherry Lane is smooth and well graded as a result of the efforts of Stackland Bros. The following participated in the work: Link Prillmann, Roy Baxter, E. Edwards, Clyde Howard, Ross Gairns, G. Golay, A. A. Antles, Roy Com-

stock, W. Murphy, Joel Thomas, C. M. and G. G. Stackland.

LOW TEMPERATURE HERE.

Thermometer Goes Down to 30 Degrees During Last Night.

The government thermometer showed a minimum drop of 30 degrees last night, according to bulletins posted by observer Benham today. It is reported that some fruit was frozen in the neighborhood of Summerville, but it is admitted to be a little early to predict the percentage of damage done, if any.

Round Up Defended.

Pendleton, April 28.—(To the Editor)—In your issue of April 13 you make the statement that Bert Kelly, a famous buckaroo of Pendleton Round-up fame, has just died from injuries received while performing at the Round-up last summer.

This is entirely wrong. Bert Kelly has not taken part in the Round-up since the first year, 1910, when he won the championship. Further, his death was not caused by injuries received while taking part in the Pendleton Round-up or any other round-up.

We ask you to make this correction for you not only do us injury but Mr. Kelly also.

Very truly yours,
The Round-up.
C. M. MARSH, Secy.

Card of Thanks.

The undersigned wish to thank all who assisted us in our recent bereavement for kind words spoken, and kind deeds done.

MR. and MRS. JOHN SHEA.
MR. and MRS. GEO. JENKINS.

Rate Hearing Set.

Washington, April 27.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today began hearing arguments in the Eastern railroad case for five per cent increase in freight rates. This will close proceedings except for inclusion in the record of data sought previously under time limit arrangements, by the Commission.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh That Contain Mercury
as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold to the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury, and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimonials free.
Sold by Druggists. Price 75c per bottle. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation. Adv.

Harp Inventor at White House. Washington, April 27.—Melville A. Clark inventor of the modern harp, is slated to play at the White House today.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS.

King the road drag man, will be here May 2nd and make a road. Be sure and see how it is done.—Adv. 4-23-tf.

E. J. A. E. and C. J. Morris, the latter of Boise, and the former two of this city, are going to take over the ice cream and candy stand in the Newlin Drug store for the summer and make this an important part of the business. They announce that they will make their own candy and

ice cream, and that they will cater largely to parties and picnic trips, etc. They are now conducting a candy making establishment in the city and hope to make this a first class industry. The Boise brother of the firm is a practical candy maker, having served his apprenticeship in a large candy factory of Boise where he learned the intricacies of the making of the candy. In a statement this morning, E. J. Morris who is now connected with the dispensing department of the Newlin Store, asserts that they would strive to get the highest rating in the state for cleanliness and proficiency, as well as good ingredients of which they intend to make their products.—Adv.

See our Hardware windows for a leading special on roller skates, steel wheel roller skates, 85c values, special sale price 58c; \$1.15 roller skates better quality, special sale price 73c.—Golden Rule Co.—Adv.

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