

DOG IS "CO" IN CORPORATION

Franky Michel Weller's Partner at Newark, N. J., Opens Business By Kneeling As In Prayers.

NEW YORK, August 3.—It came to light in Newark, N. J., that the "Co." of the F. M. Weller & Co., a real estate and insurance house, is "Tassels," a fox terrier dog, the constant companion of Frank Michel Weller.

The incorporation papers, on file with the Essex county clerk, and duly certified on oath before Notary George Warren, contain Weller's declaration that his only partner in the business is his pet dog, residing with him at No. 568 Warren street.

The business of F. M. Weller, in the incorporation papers: "Daily opening of our office with prayer and toasting all the fish that come into our nets during the day." Weller said last night that "Tassels" regularly knelt in the office, as if in prayer, every day as soon as it was opened. The dog, he said, always got its share of the profits.

COULDN'T LOSE CAT.

At 4 P. M. "Pretzel," the boss' cat, walked proudly back into Otto Knabe's restaurant at Grand and Common streets. With a hoarse cry of horror from his side of the range Schweitzer, the new cook, paid \$25 to Dick, the dishwasher.

For months Knabe has been trying to lose the cat, which had a bad habit of stealing broiled steaks. Once the cat was dropped from High Bridge, but it swam down the Harlem river to Port Morris, and thence walked back to Grand street. Last Thursday Schweitzer bet Dick the dishwasher, \$25 he could lose Pretzel. So he took the cat over to Blackwell's island and put it up a tree. The money was to go to the cook if the cat didn't show up by 4:30 p. m. Sunday.

It was 4 p. m. to the minute when Pretzel appeared at Knabe's.

GOOSE DEFENDS HER YOUNG.

"Peggy," an old lame goose belonging to Terence H. Farley, of Valley road, Montclair, cornered a red fox in her coop at daybreak, that had come down from the Orange Mountains. For two hours Miss Goose successfully protected herself and her eleven goslings from M. Reynard. Farley was awakened by his daughter, who told him she had been lying awake for hours listening to a commotion in the big coop. Farley got his trusty gun (all guns are trusty, in stories of this kind) and sallied forth to investigate. In one corner of the coop was the red fox, while standing between the hungry and irrecolent animal and the brood of goslings was the undaunted Peggy, her neck stretched to the limit, hissing defiance. She seemed much relieved when Farley shot the fox.

ESCAPING FISH MAY COST LIFE.

In consequence of an adventure with a fish hook, Thomas Finerty, Jr., of Bloomfield, N. J., is suffering from blood poisoning. The boy went fishing in the pond of the Oakes Woolen Mills and had rare luck in landing many good sized bullheads or catfish.

In taking one of the fish off the hook the struggling fish struck one of its defensive spines into Finerty's right hand. He was compelled to release the fish and it leaped back into the water and escaped. The boy's hand and arm are badly swollen.

BUILD BIG BRIDGE.

Construction of 84-Foot Structure Near Myrtle Point Begun.

The contract work of Stemmler and Minard up the Middle Fork has been completed and the force of men is now at work under the direction of George Hermann on the South Fork contract. They have an 84-foot span bridge to build over one of the creeks and when this is completed will get at the road work and hurry it to completion. Supervisor R. P. Carman is building a fine piece of road around a piece of bottom land that is very bad in the winter time and will greatly improve the conditions for travel in that section.—Myrtle Point Enterprise.

THE FINNISH COOPERATIVE Society have removed their store from the old stand on Front street into elegant new quarters in the First Trust and Savings Bank building on Broadway. Call and see them in their new home.

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ROAD DRAGGING.

How the Inventor of the King Drag Discovered His Method.

D. Ward King of Maitland, Mo., inventor of the King method of road dragging, has a theory which practice has demonstrated to be correct. It is that all clay and gumbo roads should be dragged with a light drag after each rain or wet spell. The drag smooths down the rough places and fills up the ruts. When the sun dries up the road it leaves a roadbed as smooth and perfect as a city street.

The discovery of this method and the more important discovery of Mr. King were largely accidental. Years ago he lived on a small but well improved farm near Maitland. He was not particularly interested in the good road movement as a national or state issue, but the four miles of road from his farm to Maitland were of great interest to him, says the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. The road was of that soft, sticky red clay that in wet weather clings to the wagon wheels in great lumps and dry weather is as hard as a rock and almost as injurious to wagon tires. Passing wagons in wet weather would dig deep ruts, and when the road dried up the ruts would remain. At best the road was very poor. Many times when wheat was selling at a good price and Mr. King had many bushels of it the road would be so bad that he could not haul it to the market, and when the road finally became passable the market would be low again.

After many experiments he constructed a small, light drag, using two old timbers connected with light strips, and began to drag the road in front of his residence. After each rain he would run the drag over it, and when the sun came out and the road dried up it was in perfect condition. When he began to drag the road many of his neighbors told other neighbors that King was crazy. Others told King himself that he was crazy. Others who did not say anything believed he was crazy. But the experiments proved that King's method was successful, and he extended his operations until he was dragging all the road in front of his farm. His neighbors took it up, and in a few months the road from his farm to Maitland was as good as any in Missouri.

George B. Ellis, secretary of the state board of agriculture, heard of Mr. King's good road methods and invited him to speak at the farmers' institute in his neighborhood. He accepted, and, being an enthusiast on the subject, he made several converts. He was engaged for a series of lectures and has turned over his farm to others and is devoting all of his time to preaching the gospel of good roads. Good roads meetings have been held in various parts of Missouri and hundreds of converts have been made. After every rain in Missouri hundreds of farmers drag the roads in front of their farms, and the number of these volunteer road workers is increasing every week.

Odorless and Dustless Roads.

Counsel T. H. Norton, writing to the state department from Chemnitz, Germany, says that a Saxon firm has introduced a road binding composition which has been tried on the macadamized streets of Leipzig and other places with much success. The material is thus described:

It is a mixture of the heavier residual oils obtained in the distillation of coal tar with high boiling hydrocarbons. The method of mixing apparently involves a certain degree of chemical combination, in which phenol and similar constituents play a role. The manufactured material is prepared for use by heating in iron cauldrons, identical with those used for asphalt, to temperatures ranging from 212 to 248 degrees F. (100 to 120 C.). It is then sprayed evenly over the surface of a roadway with a special form of apparatus and under such high pressure that the fluid mass penetrates to a certain distance into the upper layer of dust or dirt. The result is the formation of a compact lustrous black coating which meets the demands of heavy traffic and is not disintegrated into dust particles. A marked advantage of the new process over the methods hitherto employed for the same purpose and based upon the use of ordinary tar is the total absence of odor after the application.

A Great Undertaking.

To promote the building of improved roads in Colorado, Wyoming, Utah, Montana, Idaho, New Mexico and Arizona and make accessible the wonderful natural scenery throughout the territory along the eastern base of the Rocky mountains the Rocky Mountain Highway association has been incorporated at Denver by Gerald Hughes, Harold Kuntz and Charles A. Johnson. Membership in the organization is open to any one interested in the good roads movement, and it is reported that already a large number of prominent Colorado citizens have signified their intention of joining. The money for carrying out the plans of the association will be derived through private subscriptions and through state and municipal aid. It is hoped that through the efforts of this association there will eventually be constructed a chain of good roads joining all points of interest throughout this section.

Public Ownership of Roads.

The idea of public ownership of the highways seems to be coming to the front. It has been proposed that the city of Philadelphia purchase the right of way and the property abutting the proposed new parkway leading from the central part of the city to Fairmount park. In Milwaukee county, Wis., the board of supervisors is discussing the advisability of acquiring the title to roads in various townships to the number of twenty and improving and maintaining them by taxation.

FINE COLLEGE TOWN.

Effective Improvement Methods Adopted by Wellesley, Mass.

MANY STREET TREES PLANTED

Three Village Improvement Societies Are Always Working to Beautify the Town—Their Activities Quite Diversified—Patient, but Wide Awake.

Nature and man have joined effort to make Wellesley, Mass., one of the most beautiful suburban towns in the United States. Abrupt hills, flowing brooks, placid ponds and a charming lake, with many a noble tree and a wealth of the green things of earth, are the contributions of nature which man has molded and directed to make of all a harmonious whole in which the modern house of wood or the vine clad stone looks at home.

It is an important item in the daily concerns of the Wellesley inhabitant, this thought of the beauty of his town. There is no intention on his part to wake up some day and find that unsightly buildings have replaced the elms and pines that now adorn the wide streets and cover the hill slopes where pretty homes nestle. There is a passion for the good things of nature among the dwellers in this college town, and they let slip no opportunity to get another chance at the open air of heaven or to direct the energies of those who would build a "real practical store or office" where nature has hitherto had her way unhampered.

There are three village improvement societies in Wellesley, with its 6,186 inhabitants, of whom 1,000 are college students. These societies have not expected to make the town perfect all at once along all lines or any lines. They are patient, but always wide awake and pushing some new improvement, says the Boston Herald. The latest step has been the campaign of the Falls and Hills Village Improvement society to secure the purchase of the Elm Park hotel property, so that the square at Wellesley Hills may be made of a beauty that will accord with the rest of the town.

The activities of these societies are quite diversified. They have secured the adoption of an attractive street sign, of which many have already been set up, and have planted and secured the planting of hundreds of street trees. They provided free of charge plans for a new telephone building at Wellesley Hills square. Many small improvements have been secured by them in the lighting and care of railroad stations and grounds and the handling of carriages at the stations. They have issued a pamphlet on the planting and care of trees. The tree warden of Wellesley is a man of means, who does the work for love of it. These militant societies preach in general and in particular in the local paper. They have started a system of removing ashes and rubbish.

Wellesley's real estate and personal property have a taxed value of \$18,352,080.22, which sum includes exempted property to the amount of \$3,455,140.22, of which the larger part is the college property.

Of the improvements in the town is Hunnewell park, of eleven acres. On the top of the hill in this park is the beautiful stone building for town hall and library. This park and the building were the gift of H. H. Hunnewell, who also gave the books for the library and \$21,000 for a library fund and also a playground of eighteen acres. This playground is over the stone fence just off Washington street. Wellesley's principal artery of commerce. It is laid out in ball fields, tennis courts and gridirons, the whole being a striking example of good caretaking.

The town itself has taken many acres of land along Fuller brook, between Wellesley Hills and Wellesley, which in course of time will be developed into a parkway. This parkway will extend from Wellesley Hills square to the Charles river, at the southwesterly part of the town, a distance of three miles. It borders on the Hunnewell playground and when completed will be a very beautiful feature of the town.

The four railroad stations in Wellesley from the trestle of the late H. F. Richardson are tastefully laid out and planted with trees and shrubs. They form a fitting introduction to the visitor who is to see the greater beauties beyond. Recently there has been co-operation between the railroad and the town in the leasing, through the suggestion of the Village Improvement society, to the town by the road for a long term of years of a piece of its unused land in the vicinity of the Wellesley station. This piece is being developed by planting bushes and shrubs of decorative value.

The three Wellesley improvement societies are distributed through the villages of the town. The Wellesley Village society is at the Wellesley end in the village known as Wellesley, the Hills and Fells society at the Hills and the eastern part of the town and the Fells society at the Fells in the southwesterly part of the town. The Wellesley club, organized "to consider and discuss questions relating to the welfare of Wellesley," was organized in 1889 and meets seven times during the year at some hotel in Boston. It has a membership of 110, with a long waiting list. At its meetings it usually discusses some live question intimately related to the municipal and social life of the town.

Berlin's Good Move.

It is announced that the Berlin police are taking steps to prevent the defacement of streets by electric signs.

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