

LITERATURE ON MAKING GOOD ROADS

Some Doctrine that Should be Generally Accepted in all Communities, Especially in the West.

The East Oregonian prints the following anent the building of good roads, coming from the American Road Machine Company, and treating the matter in general manner:

As a nation of intelligent and industrious people, leading the world in march of progress, we are compelled to admit that we are many years behind the ancients in that particular branch of our internal improvements which is generally conceded to be an important factor in the advancement of any nation's prosperity, namely our public highways.

The evidences of our commercial prosperity are at every hand, but the very agencies which have contributed most largely to the development of our country, have been most detrimental to the improvement of our traveled thoroughfares. In the early part of the present century when the primitive stage coach was almost the only means of transportation, good public highways in all the more thickly populated portions of the country were by no means a remote possibility. But the question of improved roads received its first setback when Fulton solved the problem of steam-driven boats, and a few years later, when Cooper built the first American locomotive, it was indefinitely relegated to the rear.

The need for better transportation facilities was met at the constant development in our steamships lines and railways, but the common roads, the feeders of these great systems of transportation and travel, over which every pound of our agricultural productions must pass before they can be marketed, have been neglected to such an extent that in the closing decade of this, the greatest century in commercial prosperity the world has ever known, we find ourselves with a system of highways inferior to that of any other civilized country in the world.

Transition Period.

But the work of American road-making is passing through a transition period. The constant agitation of the question in recent years by the press and through other channels, has at least partially awakened the people to the fact that there is something radically wrong with our system of road-making. They are beginning to understand that much of the money yearly expended on our roads is being wasted, because the work is generally conducted in a careless and unsystematic manner. While enough has been written on this subject to show the cause of poor roads to fill many volumes, we believe that one of the most important causes can be summed up in three words, viz., lack of knowledge. By this statement we must not be construed to mean that the large majority of our roadmakers are ignorant men, with no natural capacity for the work they have been called upon to perform; on the contrary, we believe that road officers in the main represent as intelligent and sensible men as can be found in a community. But the fault lies deeper, with our system of roadmaking, which calls men from one pursuit to an entirely different one, without that knowledge and experience which is so essential to success in any calling. Prof. Shaler in the October, 1892, Atlantic rightly says: "The art (of road-making) demands a wide and well-founded training." The intelligent roadmakers of the country are beginning to grasp the fact, and are asking for information as to the best methods of road making and maintenance, and, with the spread of this information is certain to come a better condition of public thoroughfares.

It will be well to remember in this connection, that the history of this country is one of mechanical progression, and we have always contended that as improved mechanical appliances are so largely responsible for the many social, economical and commercial advantages which we enjoy, improved appliances must necessarily be a very important factor in this work of bringing about a better condition of highways. But no one will contend that improved machinery is in itself sufficient to bring about this result; it must be supplemented by intelligent methods and honest work and we shall aim in offering this work to give to the roadmakers of this country some information concerning the care and construction of roads which our long experience with roads and road-makers has enabled us to acquire.

OLD WAR CLAIM.

Indian Raid of 1866 Remembered in Case in Baker City.

A damage suit growing out of an Indian raid in 1866 is claiming the attention today of W. G. Palmer, deputy United States attorney, who arrived from Washington, D. C., yesterday to take the depositions of witnesses in the case, says the Baker City Republican.

The plaintiff is a man by the name of Gleason, no wa resident of Iowa. In 1866 Indians of Harney county run off 13 head of stock belonging to him. William Chambers and John Hibbard, of Union, trailed the Indians and are

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She will christen the kaiser's yacht. Prince Henry comes as the German emperor's personal representative at the launching.

the principal witnesses. Both men are in the city today to give their depositions to the United States attorney.

The present case is but one of many similar claims known as "Indian deprecation claims." Only one out of the large number ever actually received damages, owing to the difficulty in proving their claims. The Indians made a practice of running off stock, but they were seldom caught in the act. As white men also ran stock off the range it is necessary to prove beyond a shadow of a doubt that the Indians were the ones who committed the depredations before a good case can be made out.

BAKER COUNTY'S YEARLY ASSESSMENT ROLL.

No Mines Appear in the Property That Will Pay the Taxes.

It will be noticed that no mention is made of mines in the following appraised value of property in Baker county, as shown on the assessment roll just filed in the county clerk's office, which is as follows:

Tillable land, 79,608 acres	590,338
Non-tillable land, 189,190 acres	378,671
Impvt. on deeded and patented land	253,635
Town and city lots	456,240
Impvt. town and city lots	501,675
Impvt. on land not deeded or patented	44,250
Miles of railroad, 67 miles standard gauge and 42 narrow gauge	309,800
Miles telephone and telegraph 139 and 69	13,830
Miles of street railway, two	500
Rolling stock	46,525
Steamboats, engines, Mfg. machinery, etc.	138,495
Merchandise and stock in trade	237,430
Farming implements	44,870
Money	28,115
Notes and accounts	94,630
Shares of stock	52,020
Household goods, watches and jewelry	44,020
Horses and mules	61,100
Cattle	27,726
Sheep	93,908
Goats	3,902
Gross valuation	\$3,658,680
Exemptions	125,340
Net valuation	3,523,346

Number of Stock.

Horses and mules	4,782
Cattle	20,687
Sheep	75,078
Goats	1,932

HARD WORDS FOR HIS CONTEMPORARIES.

Baker City Republican Says Something About Other Papers.

Judge Lowell must be a stumbling, short-sighted fellow to question any announcement by the papers of this city of the position he occupies in the gubernatorial race, says the Baker City Republican. He plainly is not in touch with the sole power in this part of the world, the power that makes a river, when needed, moves mountains, makes thousands in cash out of nothing but jaw-bone. There is no reason why this omnipotence should not enter the political arena with the same giant stride, and depose or elevate candidates at will, even dispensing with the vote of the people. If Judge Lowell is declared out of the race by

Baker City papers, he must cease effort there. His record for honesty, knowledge, refinement and public spirit will avail nothing. Should he persist in his audacious pretensions, the next time he is declared out, it will be written in red. That will end it.

HE GOT A SPECIAL PRICE.

General Fitz Hugh Lee Will Not Come to Pendleton.

A short time ago a young man of this place noticed that Major-General Fitz Hugh Lee was to deliver a number of lectures on the Spanish-American war and was open to engagements through the Southern Lyceum Bureau. He wrote to the bureau asking for the figures at which the distinguished military commander could be secured for a lecture in Pendleton.

He received a reply neatly written and saying: "Yours of the 12th inst. is here, receipt of which we acknowledge with thanks. Regarding the engagement of General Fitz Hugh Lee for a lecture in Pendleton for the benefit of the Pendleton academy, we hope to make him a date there, and will quote you a special price of \$500 for one night. Hoping to hear from you at once, we are," etc.

The special low price of \$500 staggered the young man, and when he has sufficiently recovered, he will write declining that splendid offer.

The bureau's letter goes on to say that the demand for General Lee is tremendous. Applications are pouring in from all over the United States and it is found that the simple announcement that General Lee will lecture has sufficed to create a desire to hear him everywhere. The general, according to the letter, will be unable to visit all the places from which applications have come.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

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GOOD WORDS FOR HUFFMAN.

Athena Press Compliments the Kamela Fireman Writer.

One of the brightest newspaper writers in the state is a young man named Burt Huffman, says the Athena Press. His home is at Kamela on the summit of the Blue mountains, the point where the main line of the O. R. & N. crosses the divide. Huffman is a son of toil, and is employed by the O. R. & N. as fireman on one of the big helper engines that assist trains over the heavy mountain grades. The work which he performs is of the most arduous kind, yet this fireman finds time between the pulsations of his big machine to give thought to literature, with the result that from his pen come articles as well constructed and as deep in thought as come from the big, easy editorial chair of the metropolitan paper. It matters not whether it be editorial, verse or story, Huffman's writings have a peculiarity that at once stamp them with interest and value. Some of his brightest articles are now appearing in the East Oregonian.

It Will Surprise You—Try It.

It is the medicine above all others for catarrh and is worth its weight in gold. Ely's Cream Balm does all that is claimed for it.—B. W. Sperry, Hartford, Conn.

My son was afflicted with catarrh. He used Ely's Cream Balm and the disagreeable catarrh left him.—J. C. Olmstead, Arcola, Ill.

The Balm does not irritate or cause sneezing. Sold by druggists at 50 cents, or mailed by Ely Bros., 56 Warren street, New York.

President Roosevelt and the members of the cabinet today visited the Corcoran Gallery of Art and inspected the drawing prepared by the committee appointed to devise plans for beautifying the national capitol. The president expressed himself delighted with the drawing, and said the views of the committee should be carried out.

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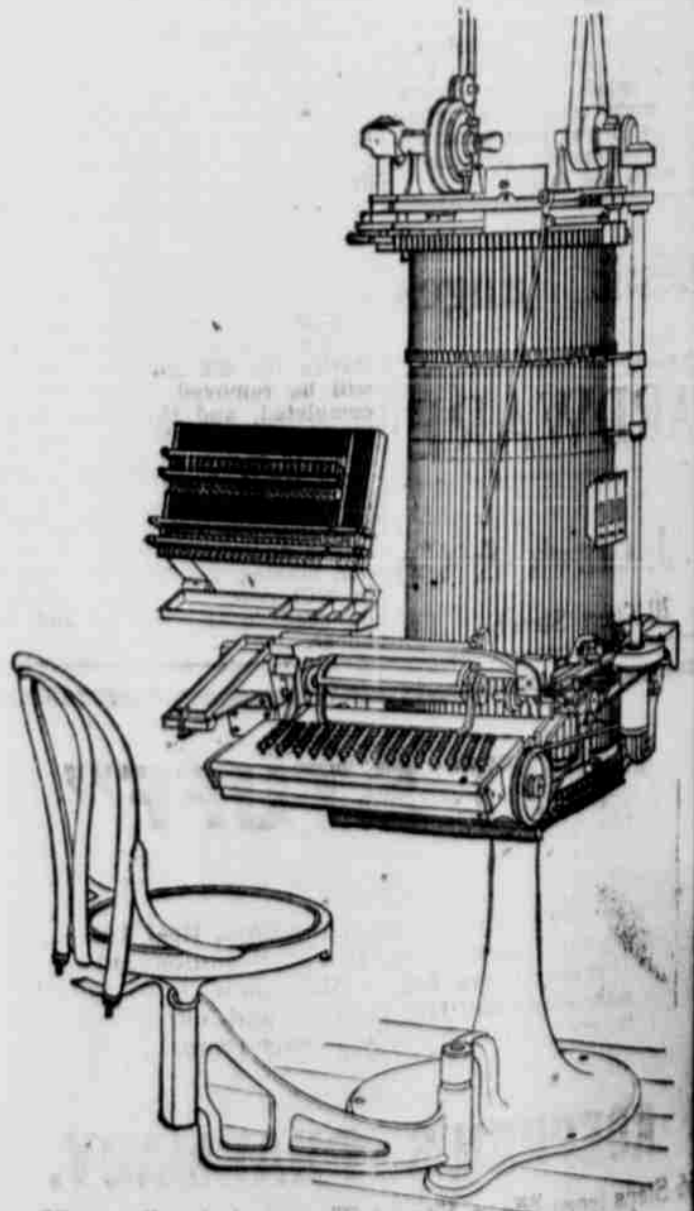
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