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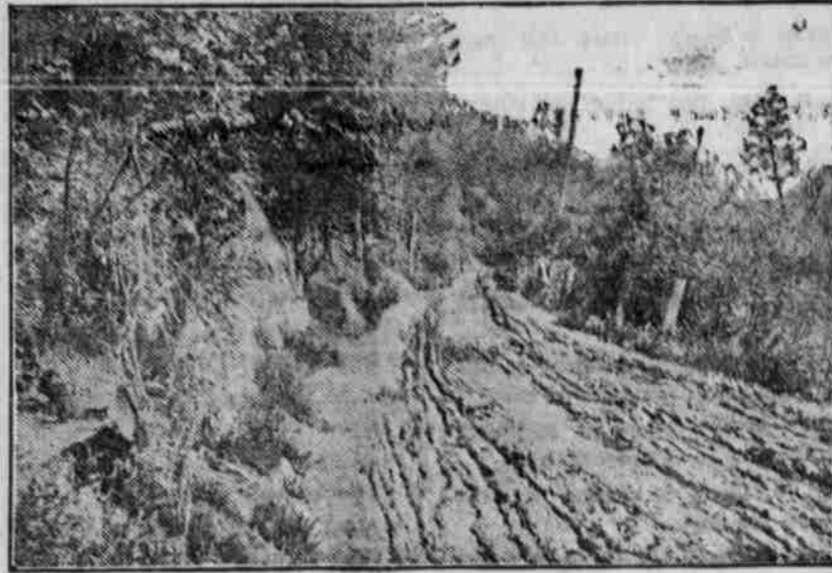


### LET US URGE YOU

to give our meats a fair trial. We have your best interests at heart as well as our own, for we cannot hope to hold you as our customer if we do not please you with our wares and our treatment. We aim to serve each patron alike, whether the orders come large or small. We have one quality—the best; one price—the lowest consistent with such quality. Call or phone. Either way, you'll be treated right.

J. C. YOUNG, Proprietor.

## OLD STYLE ROAD IN PENNSYLVANIA



The illustration shows a strip of highway along the famous "Scogg River Narrows," in Tioga county, Pennsylvania, before it had been macadamized.

## GOOD ROADS



### STATE HELP FOR ROAD WORK

Wisconsin Highway Commission Receive Reports That Large Increase in Fund Has Been Voted.

Full reports have been received by the Wisconsin highway commission of the money voted for state aid, road and bridge construction in 1913. There are 1,195 towns in Wisconsin, of which 865 voted for state aid road construction on 1,267 different pieces of road, asking for state aid to the total amount of \$757,273. Two hundred and five towns voted for the construction of 337 bridges, a total amount of \$107,754, which calls for \$53,877 state aid. In all, 883 different towns in 68 counties voted for state aid, a total amount of \$865,027, calling for the sum of \$811,150 in state aid.

These figures show a very large increase, both in number of towns voting and amounts voted, over last year. Last year 511 towns voted a total of \$422,200 for roads, and 125 towns voted \$65,100 for bridges, in all, 532 towns in 65 counties calling for \$482,800 state aid in 1912.

The state highway fund for 1913 work is \$350,000, to which is added in accordance with law, one-quarter of the net proceeds from the automobile license of \$5 per car, amounting to about \$28,000. This total sum of \$378,000 is \$433,150 less than the full amount of state aid requested. Some few counties will get the full state aid requested, as the votes of the towns were light, but about 60 of the counties will get less than they asked for, many of them getting less than one-fifth of the amount requested.

It is hoped that some method will be devised whereby the state may give each town what it expected to receive when it made its appropriation, says the Wisconsin Agriculturist. The growth of the movement for better roads in Wisconsin has been so rapid that legislation has not kept pace with it. In 1907 permanent road construction was practically nothing; in 1913, if the state could pay its full share, it would be fully \$2,542,000. There has never been in the United States a movement for better roads so statewide, or so generally popular and the results so far secured under the state aid road law promise well for the future development of the roads of Wisconsin.

### AUTOMOBILE AND GOOD ROADS

Farmer Who Bought Machine Immediately Starts to Make Improvements on Nearby Highways.

(By M. A. COVERDELL.)

Some months ago one of our neighbors purchased a good, substantial automobile. He and another neighbor drew an oak saw-log to the mill and had material sawed for two good road drags, the timbers being 11 feet in length, one foot wide and three inches thick.

The edges that moved the dirt were faced with pieces of iron four inches wide and three-eighths of an inch thick.

After constructing this most effective implement for road-making our neighbor hitched three horses to the drag, climbed into it and proceeded to drag the road (he lives at a cross-road), and how he does improve every highway he traverses.

He makes frequent trips with his drag to town, four miles away, and already good effect of his owning an automobile is being observed and felt on our roads, far and near.

### Hints for Pear Growing.

The pear tree grows best and yields the most fruit when planted upon land moderately moist, and yet not cold. To insure this condition there is nothing better than a side hill location, though one more level may do well if underdrained, and then it is better for receiving a wash of sand from the lands above it, which helps to warm it up.

### DIRT ROADS ON THE PRAIRIE

Chief Assistant in Information Department at Washington Says First Cut Down the Hills.

We have had a great deal to say in the last twenty years on the road question. We have believed that, speaking generally, in the prairie country we shall have to be satisfied with dirt roads, having macadam or other hard roads wherever the material is available, which is only here and there. We have maintained that a very good road for most of the year could be made from dirt, provided the road bed had lost its vegetable matter in the course of travel, provided it was properly drained, graded and maintained by the use of the road drag, and provided the culverts and bridges are of concrete or iron and the grades reduced to the minimum.

It affords us some gratification to know that Mr. M. O. Eldridge, the chief assistant in the information department of the roads division of the department of agriculture, at Washington, who is now investigating the roads in Iowa, full endorses all these propositions, says Wallace's Farmer. He is apparently as firm a believer in the dirt road properly managed as he would be if he had been brought up on a drag.

In an interview Mr. Eldridge says that he regards the first thing to do is to cut down the hills, and remarks that Iowa has more steep hills than Switzerland. This is no doubt due to our habit of laying out roads on section lines. This reminds us of our experience in New York and Pennsylvania. From Ithaca to Harrisburg we were never outside of the mountain section, and yet on that whole trip we did not cross as many steep hills as will be found in going from Des Moines to Winterset, or across any of the counties in the southwestern part of Iowa. The roads there are not laid out on section lines, but take the best grades. In Pennsylvania, where the same custom prevails, we used to think they were determined by the springs. The cows who roamed the woods made paths to the spring, and, being excellent engineers, they chose the best grades. The houses were built at the springs. The roads followed the cow paths to the houses; and hence good grades, no matter how far around they had to go. Mr. Eldridge believes that no road should have more than a five per cent. grade. One great difficulty in the hilly parts of Illinois, Iowa, Missouri and adjoining states is that the roads have been laid out on section lines, and the houses built with reference to the roads. We very much fear that they will remain there for all time, as the expense in cutting down the hills would be terrific.

Mr. Eldridge further says: "When once a road is made, it is essential that it should be dragged after every rain of consequence. The only way to do this satisfactorily is to have a supervisor for each township or county, whose duty it is to get out men with drags. No man should have more than three miles of road to take care of. After each storm, then, the supervisor can call upon the men to get to work at the right time. The man in charge must know when the time comes to do the dragging." On this we remark that the county is too large a district. There is frequently a two-inch rain in one part of the county, which would necessitate immediate dragging, and a mere sprinkle over the rest of it, and there is never any good done by dragging a dry road.

Mr. Eldridge next answers the question as to what kind of a road could be made under this system, as follows: "With the right kind of work, a solid roadbed can be made from the soil in this state. It should be rounded, and traffic should be in the center and not one road on each side of a ride, that will soak up the water."

He then adds: "Good roads will come when the farmer realizes the benefits that will accrue to his land from having them. With good roads the farmer can raise products that will pay better profits than those he now raises. It costs more now to transport grain from a farm nine miles from a railroad than it does to transport the same grain from New York to Liverpool." All of which is undoubtedly true.

### Agricultural Wealth.

Official estimates of the department of agriculture are that the total of agricultural wealth to be produced in the United States this year, including the crops, stock raising and dairying, will be \$9,000,000,000, a half billion dollars more than last year.

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