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HINTS ON ROAD WORK

PRACTICAL ILLUSTRATIONS.

U. S. Office of Public Roads Tells
How to Make and Maintain
a Model Earth Road.

While American road builders are as capable of constructing good roads as these of any country of the old world, they have not been as loyally supported as the men of those countries in maintaining the highways after completion, and the deplorable state of many hundred thousand miles of road is thus accounted for. County and township officials may at the outset stand the expense of having a road built, but they strenuously object when asked to provide funds to rebuild the road that has been allowed to go to ruin.

It is important that farmers learn of the benefits to be derived from good earth roads; that county boards be impressed with the need of a proper maintenance of the same, and that road builders and overseers learn how best to care for the roads in their charge.

The persistent and powerful enemies of earth roads are water and narrow tires, and the constant effort of the men in charge of the roads should be to guard against their destructive effects and remedy all damage as quickly as possible. The simple implements which have been found to be of greatest assistance in this work are the plow, the drag scraper, the well scraper, the road grader and the split log drag.

With a sandy soil and a subsoil of clay, or clay and gravel, deep plowing so as to raise and mix the clay with the surface soil will prove beneficial. The combination forms a sand-clay road at a trifling expense. On the other hand, if the road be entirely of sand a mistake will be made if it is plowed unless clay can be added. Such plowing would merely deepen the sand, and at the same time break up the small amount of hard surface material which may have formed. If the subsoil is clay and the surface scant in sand or gravel, plowing should not be resorted to, as it would result in a clay surface rather than one of sand or gravel. A road foreman must know not only what to plow and what not to plow, but how and when to plow. If the road is of the kind which according to the above instructions should be plowed over its whole width, the best method is to run out to the sides, thus forming a crown. Results from such plowing are greatest in the spring or early summer.

In ditches a plow can be used to good advantage, but should be followed by a scraper or grader. To make wide, deep ditches nothing is better than the ordinary drag scraper has yet been devised. For hauls under 100 feet, or in making "fills" it is especially serviceable. It is a mistake however, to attempt to handle long haul material with this scraper, as the wheel scraper is better adapted to such work. For hauls of more than 800 feet, a wagon should be used.

The machine most generally used in road work is the grader, or road machine. This machine is especially useful in smoothing and crowning the road and opening ditches. A clay subsoil under a thin coating of soil should not be disturbed with a grader. It is also a mistake to use a grader indiscriminately and to pull material from ditches upon a sand-clay road. Not infrequently turf, soil and silt from ditch bottoms are piled in the middle

of the road in a ridge, making mudholes a certainty. It is important in using a grader to avoid building up the road too much at one time. A road gradually built up by frequent use of the grader will last better than if completed at one operation. The foreman frequently thinks his road must be high in the first instance. He piles up material from 10 inches to a foot in depth only to learn, with the arrival of the first rain, that he has furnished the material for as many inches of mud. All material should be brought up in thin layers, each layer well puddled and firmly packed by roller or traffic before the next is added. A common mistake is to crown too high with the road machine on a narrow road.

The split log drag should be used to fill in ruts and smooth the road when not too badly washed. The drag possesses great merit and is so simple in construction and operation that every farmer should have one. A special article will be published later telling how to make and use the drag.

Auction Sale.

I will sell at Public Auction on my farm 2 1/2 miles southwest of Beaverton, on Tuesday, April 14, 1908, at 10 o'clock sharp, my stock and implements, as follows:

1 good span of work mares, 1 good work horse, 1 No. 1 riding pony, 1 1-year-old colt, 1 good stallion; 7 good milk cows, 1 good bull; 88 choice sheep, 87 good goats, 70 head of hogs; 25 tons good hay, 100 bushels oats, 250 sacks potatoes, 4 sacks land plaster, 1 Queen binder, 1 McCormick binder, 2 McCormick mowers, 1 McCormick rake, 1 potato planter, 1 potato digger, 2 disc harrows, 1 drag harrow, 1 spring tooth harrow, 1 double disc plow, 1 sulky plow, 2 walking plows, 1 stump puller, 1 R. R. dump cart, 1 Mormon scraper, 2 iron wood racks; 2 hay racks, 2 common wagons, 1 buggy, 1 hack and cart, 1 iron kettle, 1 scalding vat, 2 sets double harness, 1 W. F. C. & N. Cultivator, 1 tether, 1 hay rake, 1 4-horse rigging, 1 emery wheel, chains, hay hooks, etc., 2 iron wheelbarrows, 1 platform scale, 1 3-horse shaft, 1 lawn mower, 1 grind stone, 1 iron roller, 1 seed driller, 1 sulky, 2 wagons, 1 set buggy harness, 1 set single harness, 1 seeder, 2 hand seeders, 40 reels wire, 80 feet galv. iron pipe, 1000 feet fuse, 2 steelyards, 2 pruning knives, 1 hay fork and a large quantity of other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms of Sale: All sums of \$10 and under cash, over that amount, 6 months' time, with note and approved security, at 7 per cent. 5 per cent off for cash.

J. FRANK WATSON,
Trustee.

W. A. Shaw, Auctioneer.

Auction Sale.

Saturday, April 11, commencing at 1 p. m., corner of Fir and Eighth streets, Hillsboro, the undersigned will offer for sale household and kitchen furniture and utensils, consisting of walnut bedsteads, bedsprings, dressers and commodes, oak sideboard, bookcase, hall tree, ladies writing desk, sofa, rosewood center table, walnut table, two walnut stands, parlor and dining chairs, rocking chairs, sewing machine, pictures and frames, Born steel range, gasoline stove, rugs, dishes, tinware, garden tools and many other things that go to make up household goods.

This is good furniture, not a lot of cheap stuff. Come and take a look at it and judge for yourself.

Terms: All sums of ten dollars or under will be cash, over that amount six months time will be given on good bankable paper drawing eight per cent.

March 24th, 1908.
O. P. SHELDON,
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LETTER FROM MISS SIMPSON

IN HER OLD HOME AGAIN.

Arrives Safely and is Greeted by Many of Her Old Friends and Relatives at Liverpool.

YORKSHIRE, Eng., March 17.—Editor Independent: Am very glad to say that I arrived in Liverpool Friday, March 13, at 1 p. m., after a very pleasant voyage. We would have landed at 8 in the morning, but was delayed by a dense fog about twenty miles from Liverpool, the captain not daring to attempt to take the vessel to her dock in such a fog. We were unable to see the length of the boat. I was not at all seasick and stood the whole journey splendidly, with the exception that I contracted a severe cold, which is not much improved at this writing, otherwise I am in my usual good health.

On reaching the Mauretania's dock in Liverpool, I recognized three cousins who came to meet me and whom I had never seen in my life, only in photographs; in fact the recognition was mutual. Oh! the thousands that were on the dock to see the incoming Mauretania, and the mighty cheers and waving of kerchiefs and flags would have done your heart good to hear and see. One poor old man in the crowd I noticed vigorously waving a tiny flag of Stars and Stripes. All of first cabin passengers' baggage was taken on deck, off the ship, examined and then allowed to depart whithersoever they would. I got off very easily, only my smaller trunk was opened; and by the way, I never saw my baggage after leaving Hillsboro until I saw it on the dock in Liverpool. I'll say a grateful "thank you" for such a perfect system of caring for passengers' baggage.

My relatives had an automobile in readiness and soon I was being whirled through the streets of Liverpool to their home, where I found more than a passing welcome. There was no mistaking the heartiness of it. I came to my old home place on Saturday. On Sunday I went twice to church and visited my father's and mother's graves. Everyone seems to recognize me instantly. I do not recognize people whom I ought to know so readily.

I am trying to rest a while before doing much more traveling, but no, it is go here, go there to teas, and so forth, until I fear I cannot accept all the invitations I receive. I would like to describe the grand ship Mauretania to you. It is beyond me. Words fail. I'll send a descriptive catalogue as it will tell far more than I can. I'll also send a morning paper printed on board. In it you will note a concert was given on Wednesday evening. Four ladies were asked to pass the collection plates. Your humble servant was one of the four, wasn't that an honor? I received several congratulations on the way in which I performed the duty. You see it is not the easiest thing in the world to walk gracefully on board a rocking vessel. At the close of the concert the American and English national anthems were sung. Divine service was held on Sunday. Rev. Russell Conwell, a passenger, conducting it. I was pleased to notice the reading desk was draped with the Stars and Stripes. I wish you church-going people could have heard with what vigor and vim they sang. I believe it would have inspired you to do likewise. The attendance, too, was very good, all employees who could be spared from their duties

are required to attend every Sabbath morning. I begin to think I am telling more than you will care to read. Grateful remembrances to all.

MARY A. SIMPSON.

Committee Meets Today.
The republican state central committee is summoned to meet in Portland today to call a state convention and to name the number of delegates that every county in the state may send to that convention.

The republican state convention will choose four delegates-at-large for the national convention; also four candidates for presidential electors. The state central committee also will provide for conventions in the two congressional districts, each district naming two delegates, which gives Oregon, altogether, a total of eight delegates in the national convention. Eight alternates will be named to take the place of delegates who cannot be in Chicago on June 16.

Every republican who takes part in the county primaries and convention will have a voice in naming Roosevelt's successor. Without waiting for the call of the state central committee, several counties of Oregon already have held their conventions and elected delegates to attend the state convention. These delegates no doubt will be accepted at the state convention, as the county committeemen assented to the call of these conventions.

The Marion county convention refused to pass a resolution instructing for Taft. So far no convention in Oregon has instructed for either Taft or Hughes. Many delegates are known to be in favor of the re-nomination of Roosevelt or of the nomination of La Follette; and the Oregon state convention is likely to instruct accordingly.

La Follette's recent speech in the senate on the currency bill have multiplied his constituency over the entire country. He is a favorite in the west. Every republican in Oregon should attend his county convention and should see that the right kind of men are sent to the state convention. The responsibility rests upon every voter. Not much time remains to act and to organize.

School Report.

Following is the report of the Hillsboro schools, District No. 7, for the month of March: No. pupils registered, 440; No. pupils attending this month, 313; No. days absent, 565; No. times late, 90; No. pupils neither absent nor tardy, 114.

A CLASS OF 100

FRATERNAL BROTHERHOOD.

Big Campaign Now Being Conducted in Hillsboro--Class of 100 to Be Installed Soon.

One of the main objects of interest in Hillsboro just now is the big campaign being conducted by the Fraternal Brotherhood, and the intention is to reach one hundred candidates in this city.

M. I. Chappell, deputy supreme president of the order, who is one of their permanent campaign men, is here in the interest of the order supervising the work. The Fraternal Brotherhood has been organized here for several years and some of our prominent citizens are members. Portland members of the order are also very much interested in the present campaign and are preparing to be present in a body on the night of the initiation with at least 200 members. State Manager F. E. Taylor, Hon. John and Jeffrey have expressed their intention to be here, and many more of the Rose Cities prominent business men will take part in the series of entertainments arranged for. In order to secure the class, the initiation fee will not be charged and anyone can become members at this time for the medical examiner's fee of \$2.

Those desiring information regarding the order can call upon Dr. Linklater, or J. M. Brown of the Wells-Fargo Express Co.

A Plea for Equal Rights.

Gentlemen, voters, sons, brothers: I am growing old. But I can not rest until you have given us the victory. Every hour I spend in this service is a labor of love. Every dollar I donate is a personal sacrifice. Have the faithful mothers of Oregon not earned your affirmative votes for their full and free enfranchisement? You ought not to be afraid of us. You are equipped with ballots. We are not. We are depending upon you to honor our flag of truth by voting YES in our behalf in this unequal contest. You know you would only compel us to repeat this struggle in 1910 if you should fail us now. But we believe you will not fail. You have only to unlock the door to the closed citadel of liberty, leaving us free to choose for ourselves.

exactly as you do, as to whether to vote or not to vote, at every succeeding election. Thus only can you acquit yourselves as free-men and relieve us from further effort to secure equality with our sons before the law.

ABIGAIL SCOTT DUNIWAY, Mother of Native Sons and President Oregon State Equal Suffrage Association.

Think it Laughable.
Editor Independent:—When one reads the candidates announcements... it is positively laughable—every one of them is going in for a square deal—it makes one think there is not an honest one among them, by the professions they are making as to their election, and that they have been in the habit of doing just the contrary all their lives. The fact is it does not speak well for the republican party to have their candidates make such announcements, for they ought to know that it is for that very purpose they are supposed to be elected. A man's every day life and actions ought to be sufficient merit as to whether he is fit to act for the public and the honor of the position ought to be sufficient to warrant its fulfillment. Extravagance of the public funds affects every one in one way or another, and the merit of doing as one would be done by, besides the financial part of it ought to be sufficient to warrant its well doing. Extravagance is ripe in this whole country and those that study economics and apply them are the ones that will be appreciated and command the will of the people.

ALBERT O. YATES.

For Joint Senator.
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