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CONVICT ROAD WORK.

Prisoners Building Good Highways In a Georgia County.

Rich county, Ga., is divided into nine militia districts, and there are three road commissioners for each district, selected by the grand jury for a term of four years. The appointments are arranged so that the entire board is not changed at one time, says the New York Tribune. Representative men from the different parts of the district in which they reside are chosen for this position. The commissioners meet once a month and determine upon the disposal of the force for the month and also attend to other routine business in connection with road working.

The roads are worked by the chain gang, composed of the convicts from the city court and from the recorder's court. The commissioners have no en-



GEORGIA CONVICTS BUILDING A ROAD.

gineer, but the force is managed and the method of working is determined by the superintendent. The gang is supplied with a complete outfit of machines for making dirt roads and, in addition to surfacing, does such grading as may be necessary. It is estimated that in five years more all the roads in the county will be of easy grade and properly surfaced. It has been found by experience that a mixture of clay and sand makes a remarkably hard surface, almost impervious to water, while giving a sure foothold for the horses.

The method pursued in working the roads is that, where the foundation is sandy, clay is hauled in, and vice versa; where the foundation is clay, sand is added. The roads are crowned so as to shed the water into the side trenches. No curbing is used, but on the steep inclines half round sewer pipes are sometimes placed to prevent the side drain from washing out. The height of the crown is determined by the superintendent, who is governed by the grade.

There are in the county about 425 miles of public roads. The cost of maintaining the gangs is about \$20,000 a year, which includes \$8,000 paid to the city of Macon for her interest in the convicts.

GOOD ROAD NOTES.

What is Being Done in Various States to Improve the Highways.
The state senate of Florida has passed a resolution memorializing congress to pass the Brownlow bill. In Maine 132 towns have made spe-

cial appropriations for the improvement of state roads with state aid as against 100 towns last year.

Joseph W. Hunter of Jenkintown has been appointed state highway commissioner of Pennsylvania and will therefore have charge of the expenditure of the largest sum ever appropriated at one time by any American state for road improvement.

Schenectady county, N. Y., has successfully tried the experiment of placing the prisoners confined in the county jail upon the roads in working out a contract for road improvement which was awarded to the county. One result of this is the avoidance of Schenectady county by tramps.

That Florida will soon be among the states that lead in the mileage of good roads is indicated by the fact that there is now over \$300,000 available in the internal improvement fund and that there is a reserve of 5,000,000 acres of swamp and overflowed lands, worth from \$1 to \$5 an acre. By a recent act of the legislature this was made available for the building of hard roads.—Good Roads Magazine.

Trunk Lines of Good Roads.

The state aided highways of Massachusetts and Connecticut have been improved with the district idea of making trunk lines of good roads. Thus in Connecticut are fourteen main lines of 1,400 miles nearly completed and touching a majority of the towns. There is a 120 mile line along old Boston turnpike, near the sound shore, and fourteen trunk lines running north across the state and connecting in some instances with similar improved roads in Massachusetts. This is suggested the probability of national trunk lines of good roads, a prospect which grows brighter with the increasing interest in the plan project for national aid and supervision.

Good Roads Needed.

The subject of good roads cannot be much longer kept in the background, says Farm and Ranch. Trolley cars from one town to another, rural telephones and free rural mail delivery are good enough in their way, but paved country roads are necessary to the well being and happiness of the rural districts. When this is accomplished then will the best elements of city life seek country homes for comfort, escape from the evils of city life to evade the heavy taxation necessary to support urban population, and to enjoy the freedom of the country without the smoke and din of the city streets.

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