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Reasoning in a Circle, or Do Good Wagon Roads Pay?

"You are reasoning in a circle, my friend, when you ought to cut cross lots."

Thus, did S. Hawkins, a plain, untutored, but hard-headed farmer, puncture the labored philosophy of a high-browed exponent of domestic economics, who had just climaxed an address to a gathering of farmers with the statement "that the cause of high prices and the high cost of living is freight rates, and the cure is a reduction in rates."

"I am only a plain farmer," continued Hawkins, "but I, too, have given the high cost of living some thought; not, however, in a rocking chair in a richly furnished study, but in a lumber wagon up to the hubs in mud, and while walking between the handles of a plow. That is the college in which I matriculated and learned what I know of economics."

"Before this, I, too, had formed some opinions from garnished sophistry which I found in books and speeches by theorists and office-seeking politicians, but it was hauling half a load of hogs to market the other day over a road knee-deep in mud that made me realize there were other things than freight rates involved in the high cost of living. I had a case of eggs at my feet on one side and a tub of butter on the other, both bringing such good prices that mother—bless her dear heart, she looks better in calico than other women in silks—cautioned me against reckless driving."

"A new idea came to me. It was that by giving the consumer the benefit of the waste that attaches to existing methods and conditions, we could by this alone greatly reduce the cost of living."

"That set me to figuring. It took me a whole day with a team and wagon to haul 1500 lbs. of hogs the ten miles I had to go. At the rate of \$3.50 per day for team and driver, I easily ascertained that the wagon haul, without allowing for repairs or keeping of myself and team, was costing 46 cents a ton per mile. Great Heavens! that was over sixty-one times more than the average charge a ton per mile by the railroads, as shown by the reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission, and yet everybody seeking to reduce the high cost of living was bitterly inveighing against railroad rates and blindly marching behind blind leaders to that end. When roads were not muddy, I hauled 2500 lbs. to a load and yet that was 28 cents a ton per mile, or over thirty-seven times more than the average charge by the railroads. The reports of the Interstate Commerce Commission showed that the average cost by railroad was $\frac{1}{4}$ of one cent a ton per mile."

"In a pamphlet issued by the Department of Agriculture, I read that the farmers of several states, particularly the farmers of Pennsylvania, by the construction of good roads had doubled their wagon loads and thereby decreased the cost of wagon transportation 50 per cent. That meant on poor roads a saving of 23 cents a ton per mile, and on the dry roads basis a saving of 14 cents a ton per mile."

"When I realized that this enormous waste applied to all the great farm crops of this great country—for every pound or ton of surplus farm products must be moved by wagon to the cars or elevators at the railway stations—I was staggered, first, at the enormous waste, and second, at the stupidity of so-called economic philosophy. It cost me \$3.50 to haul 1500 lbs., whereas with good roads I could haul 6000 lbs. at the same cost, showing very clearly to

me that on that wagon haul I had a clean waste and loss of 75 per cent. The average amount I would have to pay the railroad for hauling the same load the same distance is less than 6 cents. In other words, for what it cost me \$3.50, the railroads cost it for less than 6 cents, and the average amount the railroad charges me is actually less than 3 per cent of the amount that is wasted in the wagon haul."

"I got 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ cents a pound for my hogs that day, 28 cents for the butter, and 25 cents a dozen for the eggs. When I computed the cost of wagon haul on my hogs and ascertained that it was 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents a lb., and when just before going home I stopped at the meat market and paid the butcher 52 cents for two pounds of the pork, which, but a few hours before I had sold him for 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ cents, I easily concluded that the primary cause in respect to the high cost of living was clearly one of great waste and large profits."

"There may be other elements of waste I have failed to mention, but unlike the corbstone philosopher I do not pretend to know it all and I simply want to remind my high-browed friend that if he desires to effect a practical solution of this problem, he may well set aside academically garnished sophistry and turn to the more practical effect of muddy roads, expensive wagon transportation, middle men's profits, extravagant and unsystematic methods of distribution, and other kindred causes. These may be new phases of the real cause of high prices, as viewed by the economic expert, who plows, sows and reaps in rocking chairs within four walls, but they are hard realities to the farmer."

Loss of Time Means Loss of Pay

Kidney trouble and the ills it breeds means lost time and lost pay to many a working man. M. Balent, 1214 Little Penna St., Streator, Ill., was so bad from kidney and bladder trouble that he could not work, but he says: "I took Foley Kidney Pills for only a short time and got entirely well and was soon able to go back to work, and am feeling well and healthier than before." Foley Kidney Pills are good in action, quick in results—a tonic friend to the working man or woman who suffers from kidney ills.—Bandon Drug Co.

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A Biblical Mathematician.

An interesting problem in mathematics assumes the form of a tradition connecting itself with the name of Josephus, the Jewish historian. After the Romans had captured Ptolemais, so the story runs, Josephus and forty others sought shelter in a cave. So afraid were they of falling into the hands of the Romans that all of them excepting Josephus and one other man resolved to kill themselves. The wit of the historian began to work, devising a scheme to save himself and this other man who was like minded with himself. He therefore proposed that they put all stand in a semicircle, that they put each other to death, killing every third man in regular order and that the last surviving man should then commit suicide. This agreed upon, he was careful to place his like minded comrade in the sixteenth place in the line and himself in place thirty-one, with the result that the two were the last that were left and by this means escaped death. It is a true problem, and the question was to know before the killing began which numbers in line the two friends should assume.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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