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In France where they have the best roads of any country in the world, the highways are divided into several classes but all of them are supervised by the national government which maintains a bureau of roads and bridges, and supports a school for the education of the engineers and inspectors who are employed in the bureau. This method of building and maintaining roads in France was started by the first Napoleon, who appears to have been the earliest European statesman who clearly saw the economic advantage of proper highways and who at the same time had the power to carry out what he wished. The effect of these good roads in France has been wonderful. They have brought all of the various parts of the country nearer together; they have made country life less lonesome, and they have reduced the cost of transportation of country produce to a minimum. France is the only country in Europe where the agricultural classes are not dissatisfied, and where they do

not feel that they have a harder time than those who labor in other fields.

Civilized nations have good roads—savage and unenlightened countries do not. The highways of travel are a gauge of the progress a people have made from barbarism to civilization.

The price at which a farm will sell for is regulated by its nearness to market and the quality of its neighborhood roads. To increase the selling price of your farm, work for good roads. Good roads will benefit the farmer more than he ever dreams of.

On an average the farm products of this country must be hauled miles to market by wagon and there is more room for saving in this wagon haul than in a railroad haul of one thousand miles. The railroads of the country only charge eight-tenths of a cent for hauling a ton a mile.

HOW TO KILL YOUR TOWN

Buy from peddlers as much and as often as possible.

Denounce your merchant because they make a profit on their goods.

Glory in the downfall of a man who has done much to build up your town.

Make your town out a bad place and stab it every chance you get.

Refuse to unite in any scheme for the betterment of the material interests of the people.

Tell your merchants that you can buy goods a great deal cheaper in some other town and charge them with extortion.

If a stranger comes to your town, tell him everything is overdone and predict a general crash in the near future.

Patronize outside newspapers to the exclusion of your own and then denounce yours for not being as large and as cheap as the city papers.

If you are a merchant, don't advertiss in the home paper, but

compel the editor to go elsewhere for advertisements and howl like a sore head because he does so. Buy a rubber stamp and use it. It may save you a few dimes and make your letter heads and wrappers look as though you were doing business in a one horse town.

If you are a farmer, curse the place where you trade as the meanest on earth. Talk this over with your neighbors and tell them the men are robbers and thieves. It will make your property much less valuable, but you don't care.

Your home paper is really a tireless letter if nothing more. Week after week we prepare this printed letter for those living here and for those who have moved to some other locality, telling of marriages, births, deaths, the coming and going of people, business efforts and progress, accidents, crops, improvements, meetings, etc., in fact everything of importance and interest. If you should undertake to write a letter to an absent friend every week telling him all the news, you would get a faint idea of the task in preparing a newspaper. Many of our townspeople recognize this and take pleasure in giving items of news. It helps us and is appreciated.

Some people seem to be obliged to talk mean of others. That seems to be their only subject of interest on which to spend an hour in neighborly conversation. Soon you will hear what they said and naturally you get as mad as a hornet, unless you are an angel. Since that is seldom the case, we would advise you to be wise and cool off. Remember that gossipers have very little judgment and common sense.

Try the News for fine job printing
Prices reasonable.

DO YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

Where your orders go when they are given to the salesman. This is an all important matter, both from a standpoint of service as well as quality and grade, as you can see for yourself. We are especially well equipped to look after your wants.

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