

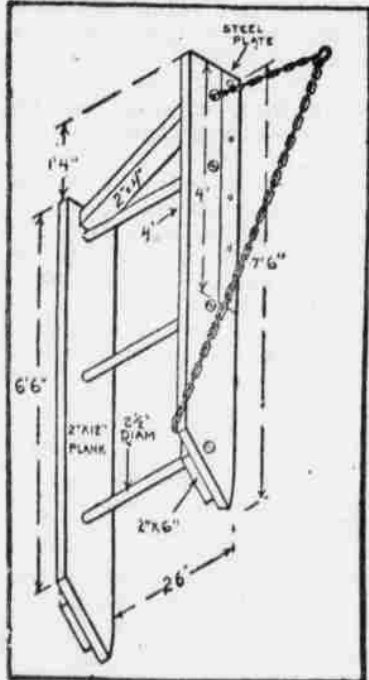


**DRAGGING ROADS IN SPRING**

By Taking Advantage of Proper Moment Many of Ruts and Bumps Can Be Smoothed Out.

Most earth and gravel roads are in bad shape during the entire winter, largely because of the heavy fall hauling of harvested crops, and the rush of necessary farm work, which takes precedence over any kind of road work. The cold weather strikes them in this condition and makes each rut and bump almost as solid as rock, and in the spring these break down into mud.

Traveling over these ruts is a very tacking, uncomfortable, and sometimes painful, operation. The rough joints require a reduction in speed, cause an added strain on all classes of hauling



Plan of Plank Road Drag.

equipment, and frequently force the automobile owner to abandon the use of his car for the entire spring rather than risk a breakdown.

Most of the unpleasantness and difficulty may be remedied in many localities even in the worst weather, for there are times when the worst cut-up surface is in fairly good condition for dragging. By taking advantage of the proper moment, the ruts and bumps can be smoothed out and the next freeze will result in a smooth hard-surfaced pike that can be favorably compared to a concrete highway.

Owing to the fact that the road surface will be rather wet and sticky when dragged, greater care must be exercised in handling the drag. If the blades of the drag are set vertically, there will be a tendency to scrape up too much earth, or, in the language of the road man, "Ball up in front." Also, if the hitch to the team is set too near the center, the angle of the drag with the road will be too nearly a right angle, or straight across, to shed or crown the wet earth.

Dragging under these conditions should be more an "ironing out the wrinkles" process; hence the blades of the drag should be given a forward or flatter inclination than when working a dry road. The hitch should be so arranged that the angle of the drag is more nearly parallel to the road than ordinary, thus causing the earth to shed better and prevent trouble. For extremely bad conditions, the use of the road machine ahead of the drag will be found effective. In all cases, the road should be freed of all stumps, snags, and bowlders, as these seriously retard good dragging.

A little practice will enable the operator to do a fairly creditable job, and after a subsequent freeze the road will present a smoother and much more comfortable surface. Then, when the spring rains come, the road will quickly shed the water that formerly collected in the deep ruts, and be dry and hard long before similar roads not dragged.

The present difficulties encountered in getting large amounts of crushed stone for road repairs necessitates the greatest care in maintaining all road surfaces in the best possible way without the use of additional materials.

**A Hoe and a Sponge.**

A thick cultivated soil mulch is one of the best possible ways of saving moisture for growing crops. He that most frequently stirs his soil, especially in times of drought, reaps, other things being equal, more abundant harvest than if tillage were neglected.

**Character of Community.**

Roads index the character of any community. They determine its importance. They either limit its advance or aid it. If it isn't worth a good road, it isn't worth living in and land isn't worth what it sells for.

**Corn in Laying Ration.**

Poultrymen who have it will find it advantageous to use a larger proportion of corn in their poultry rations than has generally been recommended.

**SUPPORT DRAINAGE AND IRRIGATION BOND MEASURE**

J. H. Upton president of the Oregon Irrigation Congress, is sending out the following appeal to the voters to support the Drainage and Irrigation measure at the June election:

On the ballot on June 3, there is an amendment to the Constitution authorizing the state to guarantee the interest on drainage or irrigation bonds for five years.

The drainage and irrigation districts are simply local farmers' organizations with the right to levy taxes and other municipal powers. They are formed to drain the wet lands or irrigate the dry lands of which there are seven million acres in the state of Oregon.

When these lands are made available for efficient production, it will add a hundred thousand farmers to the population and wealth producers of Oregon.

The state is not asked to pay or guarantee the bonds. The bonds are secured by the local land and are paid by the local districts. During the period of construction, and in the preparing of his land for maximum production, the farmer is hard pressed for ready money, and the state of Oregon, by extending its credit to aid in the development of his lands, without paying a cent out of the taxpayers' money, makes it possible to develop all of these millions of acres of good farm land.

The interest, which the state is asked to guarantee, will be paid by the districts and the state of Oregon simply acts as the banker and financial agent for the districts. It is extending the results of the rural credit act to organizations of farmers.

It will mean fifty million dollars of outside capital spent in construction work within the next ten years. It will add over a hundred million dollars to the assessed valuation of the state of Oregon. It will mean that discharged soldiers and sailors of all our wars, will have a first chance to secure any of the farms which will be divided for sale. It will be our chance to show our appreciation for the sacrifice they have made.

Vote YES, No. 394, on the ballot. Get your friends to vote YES, No. 394.

As one of the public spirited citizens of Oregon, interested in its development and proud of her record, you are earnestly urged to give this measure your active and earnest support.

To help the soldiers—this is your chance. Vote for the measure to give him a ranch.

Vote 394 YES, on June 3rd. When he comes back from the army and asks what his country has done for him, give him this opportunity.

He will have a first right over every one else to buy a farm.

There are seven million acres of wonderfully rich farming land in Oregon requiring drainage or irrigation and when reclaimed it will make the best farms in the west.

These lands can be reclaimed without expense to the state of Oregon by the state lending its credit to guarantee the interest for the first five years on the bonds of drainage and irrigation districts formed to develop them.

In doing so the state of Oregon fixes the price of sale and gives to the soldier, sailor or Red Cross nurse a preferred right to buy this land.

The cost to you is infinitesimal yet it will add millions to the assessed valuation of the state of Oregon and will reduce your taxes.

It gives a reward to your soldier son and his comrades who have risked their lives on the altar of the liberty of the world.

It is your answer.

Vote 394. Vote YES.

Let us do our duty as well as he did his.

**WARNING**

Depravations to our flume and interference with the screens and water pipes of consumers must cease. This waterway is not a play ground and parents will be held responsible for all damages and costs because of the acts of their children. If your children have been in the habit of sailing their boats in this flume, keep them away, as we have personally warned them for the last time.

HEPPNER FARMERS' ELEVATOR COMPANY. 2-4

**PARTNERSHIP AND PERSONAL SERVICE INCOME TAX RETURNS**

Income Revenue Collector Milton A. Miller has received from Washington a full supply of income tax returns for distribution to partnerships and personal service corporations throughout the state of Oregon, and they will now be furnished upon request. Every partnership and personal service corporation engaged in business during any part of the calendar year 1918 must make and file a return with the collector on or before June 15, 1919, regardless of the amount of its gross or net

**70 Boys and One Dog in Home**



They are "Buddies." And a "Buddy" is the fellow you would share your last bite with. They have only each other left. The rest of the family perished in the great war.

With lots of other folks they had to get out of a town at night that was being heavily shelled by the Huns, and for days and days they wandered along with the other refugees. Finally they were sent to the orphanage at Charvieu, near Lyons, France.

The church bought a fine old French estate of 300 acres which is now a home for 70 small boys and one dog. Already plans are being perfected by the Methodist Episcopal church, as a part of its \$105,000,000 Methodist centenary programme, to increase the capacity of this home to care for 200 to 250 future citizens of France.

**income.**

While the tax upon income of partnerships and personal service corporations is payable by the individual members thereof, a return must be filed showing the result of their activities during the calendar year 1918.

Heavy penalties are imposed by statute for failure on the part of any taxpayer to file required returns within the time prescribed by law.

**"See here," says the Good Judge**

I want to remind you about that small chew of this good tobacco.

It tastes better because it's good tobacco. Its quality saves you part of your tobacco money. It goes further and lasts longer.



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Talk it from the standpoint of business—and with a man who knows the game thoroughly from the builder's side.

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Let us hang some of these doors for you and be ready to meet Mr. Fly when he gets here.

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