



PLAN TO MAKE A ROAD DRAG

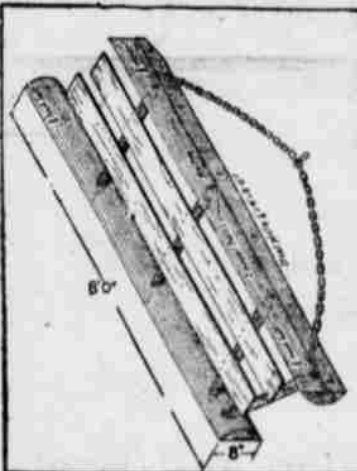
Illustration Shows an Implement Which is Simple and Inexpensive—Tough Wood Best.

Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture. The accompanying illustration shows a typical design for a road drag, which is very simple and inexpensive. The design contemplates the use of an ordinary log of timber, such as may be readily obtained in almost every locality. The log should be about 7 or 8 inches in diameter and from 6 to 8 feet long, and should preferably be of hard, tough wood which will not decay very rapidly when exposed to the weather. White oak, burr oak, chestnut, cedar, hickory, walnut, or any similar wood may be satisfactorily used, provided that it is well seasoned before the drag is put into use. Railroad ties have been frequently used for this purpose and possess the advantage that they are already cut to about the right length. In selecting the tie, however, care should be exercised to see that it is of sound wood and of the proper size.

The drag is made by splitting or sawing the log into two equal semi-cylinders, which are then framed together in the manner shown in the illustration. The better of the two pieces should form the front runner of the drag, because it is the one subjected to the greater wear. Moreover, while the front runner should always be placed with the face forward, it is claimed by many that better results may be obtained by having the round part of the back runner go forward in order to increase the smearing action of the drag. The two runners are usually spaced from about 30 inches to 36 inches apart, and are connected in ladder fashion by means of cross stakes or rungs.

The ends of the rungs are ordinarily fitted into 2-inch auger holes, bored in the runners, and are securely held in place by means of end wedges. The auger holes are so arranged that the runners, when framed together, will be displaced in a longitudinal direction with respect to each other. The object of this displacement, or offset as it is usually termed, is to make the ends of the front and back runners follow approximately the same line on the road while the drag is in operation. The amount of displacement, therefore, should depend on the amount of skew necessary to make the drag empty itself. But since this skew varies with the condition of the road surface, the proper offset to be given to runners cannot be definitely fixed. Under ordinary conditions an offset of from about 12 inches to about 15 inches will prove satisfactory.

In order to make it easy for a man to stand upon the drag and to shift his weight properly when dragging over a hard surface, the drag should be provided with two 1-inch boards parallel to the runners and nailed down to



Typical Design of Split-Log Drag.

The rungs. These boards should be about 8 inches wide and their length should be slightly less than that of the runners of the drag.

The chain by means of which the drag is drawn should be about 8 feet long and its links should be made of three-eighths-inch steel. On light drags two trace chains may be used for this purpose.

Many road drags constructed as above described, without metal-cutting edges or other modifications, have been very satisfactorily used where the conditions were favorable. It is evident, however, that such drags are effective only on comparatively soft road surfaces, and to diminish this limitation and also to increase the life of the drag it is very desirable to provide a metal-cutting edge for the front runner. An excellent edge of this kind may be made from a strip of iron or steel about one-fourth inch thick and about four inches wide, and even old wagon tires or worn-out grader blades have been very satisfactory.

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Good roads will add to the joy and comfort of country life and city life. They are a public necessity. The problem is a township problem, a county problem, a state problem, a national problem for men and women of all business and industrial life. It deserves united co-operation.

PLANS FOR HOTEL ACCEPTED

The building committee of the Heppner Hotel Association definitely accepted the tentative plans submitted by John V. Bennes, architect of Portland, last Saturday and according to a statement made by Mr. Bennes to the Herald, bids for construction will be asked for as soon as the working plans and specifications can be completed. This, Mr. Bennes thinks will be about the middle of July.

The new hostelry will be 61x126 feet, three stories high and of pressed white brick construction.

A commodious lobby 27x38 feet is provided for on the ground floor back of which will be the dining room 38x55 feet. A roomy kitchen with cold storage in connection adjoins the kitchen and at the extreme rear several sample rooms are provided. A cosy ladies parlor opens off the main lobby.

The second and third floors will be occupied entirely by guest chambers of which there will be about 50, 20 of which will have private baths. The building is so arranged that every room will be an outside room.

The construction will be first class throughout and the appointments will be strictly modern.

The estimated cost of the building exclusive of furnishings is \$80,000.

SURPRISE PARTY FOR MISS O'ROURKE

About 30 friends and admirers of Miss Peggy O'Rourke gave her a farewell party Monday evening on the eve of her departure for her old home in Ireland. The affair was a pleasant surprise to Miss O'Rourke and will furnish many a pleasant memory of Heppner and Heppner friends after reaching her old home in the Emerald Isle.

Miss Peggy O'Rourke expects to leave tomorrow morning for New York from whence she will sail, on July 19th for her old home in Ireland. Miss O'Rourke has been a resident of Heppner for several years at the home of her uncle, Rev. Father P. J. O'Rourke, and in that time she has endeavored herself to a wide circle of friends. Miss O'Rourke is a vocalist of marked ability and a particular favorite with the Heppner public. Her plans for the future are not definite but she may return to Heppner after a year's visit at her old home.

A TIP ON COOKING PEAS

Instead of shelling peas by hand, throw them, pods and all, into a kettle of boiling water, after washing and discarding any spoiled ones. When they are done the pods will slip off the peas while the peas will stay at the bottom of the kettle. Peas cooked this way have a fine flavor and can be drained and creamed afterward if wished.

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FATHER O'ROURKE'S ADDRESS AT IRISH CONVENTION

Following is the address delivered at the recent Irish convention in Portland by Rev. Father P. J. O'Rourke, of this city, as taken by a stenographer as delivered and published in the Catholic Sentinel:

Mr. Chairman, Reverend Fathers, friends and well-wishers of Ireland: For the past five months a number of experts have gathered together in Paris engaged in a very delicate and very difficult operation—the patching up of the world. There is an astute and philanthropic gentleman, by the name of John Bull (laughter) who is indeed an expert at adding

territory (laughter) and who seems to dominate the Peace Conference. The League of Nations was drawn up under John's supervision, and we are assured by the most veracious authority, the Northcliffe press and its American satellites, that the League of Nations is going to stop all war. In fact, ladies and gentlemen, it looks as if we are going to have a blessed millennium when the lion will lie down with the lamb—but God help the lamb—(laughter and applause.)

Now there is about one-fifth of the world's territory in the possession of that philanthropic gentleman, John, and Article Ten has been put in the League of Nations so that that territory may be preserved to that most beneficent institution, that veritable Lady Bountiful, the English Empire; and they want us Americans to stand up for the sake of humanity and guarantee that to John. They have freed the Arabians and Roumanians and I won't talk about the Slavs, because Tom Mannix talked enough about them (laughter); and they have freed nearly every nation on earth that wasn't under English domination; don't forget that But never a word was said of Ireland in the Peace Conference; never a word. In fact, one might say the sign was over the door of the Peace Conference, "No Irish need apply." (Laughter and applause.)

We have gathered here this evening from different sections of the state, from the bunch grass as well as the valley, and we are going to see that Ireland will apply; and not alone will she apply but she will be heard. Our claims will be heard. And we are going to give sympathy. But we are not going to stop at sympathy, though. (Applause) No, no. We are going to put our hands right down in our pockets and dig up for the cause of Ireland, because sympathy never won anything. You want something back of it; you want the dollars back of it; and we are going to do that ladies and gentlemen—put the dollars back of the sympathy. And we do that for three purposes; one is to defeat the damnable propaganda of the English press in this country; the second is to assure our representatives in congress and the senate that we have interest in seeing that self-determination is given Ireland. (Applause) And the third is to put guns in the hands of men in Ireland if necessary. (Applause and cheers.)

Talk is all right but talk never got anywhere. We want action. And, mind you, men and women, brothers and sisters in the Irish cause, America owes a great deal to Ireland, and I am not ashamed to say tonight standing here before you. When America needed men to fight her battles never were the Irish slackers. The Irishman loves to fight; you know that (laughter and applause); and especially if it is against England. And when the war of the Revolution was fought a large part of Washington's men were Irish; and it was saucy Jack Barry, from Wexford, the adjoining county from where I came that told the English where to get off. And then in 1812 we know what MacDonough did to them; and we know what Jackson did down in New Orleans. That is something to look back to. And when the call went out to fight against Mexico, the Irish were there again—Kelly, Burk and Shea. And when the civil war came, and that fraternal fight, Irishmen fought against Irishmen in those days and the hills of Fredericksburg were covered with Irish blood. America found that she needed them then and they responded nobly to her call. And then when the Spanish war came, again they volunteered. And in the last war I need not tell you—you know it too well—what Irishmen did. (Applause.) And yet ladies and gentlemen, the President of the

United States has not a good word to say for Ireland nor the delegation in Paris has not a good word to say for Ireland after that. Where is the gratitude? Where is the love of liberty? If there is love of liberty in the hearts of any man or woman, if there is good, red blood flowing in your veins, you want to see justice done to all small nations, Ireland included. (Applause) And my friends, with the help of God, and the other aid, which will be the hands of Irishmen, we will see that justice will be done. We will see it. The Irish people themselves have determined what they want. Seventyfive per cent of the people of Ireland say they want independence, absolute independence. No home rule—none of that kind of thing. That is dead and buried, thank God for it. (Laughter and applause) I will say a good requiem over that. That is dead and buried. We don't want anything of that kind at all; we want independence. We want what Lincoln said was the government: "The government of the people," he said, "for the people, and by the people." (Applause) And President Wilson on Decoration Day in Paris said the same thing, but clothed in different words when he said, "The people are in the saddle." There is Ireland's case in a nutshell. The people are going to be in the saddle and we are going to pull old John off of that horse that he has been riding on so long. (Applause and laughter.)

Old John Bull has been trying to ride us to death. We will pull him down and sink him. (Applause and laughter) We will pull him off the horse and we are going to take the saddle. That is what we are going to do. You have heard of that Missouri farmer that went to ride his horse, didn't you? He had a rather spirited animal and he got up on his back—I don't believe that fellow ever appeared in Pendleton though—and the horse kicked around, and in kicking around he finally got one of his hind feet up in the saddle; so the farmer looked around and he said, "Well, I guess if you are going to get up I will get down." (Laughter) You see what is going to happen. John is going to get down (laughter), and Ireland is going to get up in that saddle and ride. That is what you men and women are going to do, put Ireland in the saddle, and verify the words of President Wilson, put them into action in regard to Ireland. (I thank you. (Applause.)

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