

will in any way disparage what I have said in relation to the condition to be met with here, that is our late frosts. Yet these, old settlers tell us, are seemingly growing less blighting as the country settles up. This, in fact, appears to be a peculiarity experienced in almost all newly settled localities and is attributable by many to the clearing off and plowing the ground, combined with the freed alluvial gases that commingle with and modify the electrical conditions that obtained at earlier periods. Be this as it may, I do not assume to reason on these lines—I only know the climate is growing less rigorous and it is only once in a great while that frosts seriously injure our fruit crops.

Fish—Lake Trout will weigh from 1/2 to 7 lbs. and are a fine fish. Mountain Trout grow from 4 to 12 inches long and are as palatable and game as the epicure or sportsman could wish. Salmon Trout average about nine pounds, and sometimes weigh as much as fifty pounds, and are plentiful in the tributaries of Klamath Lake.

Stock Feeding—Commences about the first of January and stock are turned out to skirnish for themselves about the 15th of March.

Housing Stock—No stock is housed during the winter except it be milch cows, team horses and young stock of small farmers, and much of that never gets inside a barn or shelter.

Cold Weather—Generally speaking we have one cold spell during the winter, when the mercury drops from one to five degrees below zero,—this may be for one only or it may last as many as four or five days—this does not occur every winter. Correctly speaking, we have about two months of winter weather.

Warm Weather—In July the mercury will run up as high as 95 or 96 degrees for one or two days, but when night comes you will require the usual number of blankets on your bed.

Destructive Storms or winds—We have neither cyclones, hurricanes or destructive wind storms, but just enough wind to be healthful and invigorating. We have occasionally what is called a thunder shower, and yet we can say it is a very rare thing to hear distinct thunder or see sharp lightning, consequently you will not find a lightning rod in this county. Neither do we know of a single case of any person being struck by lightning in this county.

Ice—The thickest forms in large pools of still water, sometimes as much as 14 inches thick (so we are told, but the writer has never seen it) the usual thickness put up here for summer use is from six to eight inches, and some winters it does not form thick enough to put up for summer use.

Saloons—Some correspondents have asked us how it is possible for us to make claim to as high-toned and well regulated a condition of society as we do, and at the same time support the number of saloons we do? In answering this question satisfactorily, it is necessary that the questioner should be somewhat acquainted with the ways of the people of the Pacific coast, in order that they comprehend the situation as it exists. The fact is, saloons with us and the Eastern people are two different institutions and society treats these here in a different light, for here, the business man be he church member or not, does not lose caste if he takes him into a saloon, so long as he does not patronize the gambling or club rooms, as they are called, he deems his conduct as free from reproach as was that of Caesar's wife and society deems him so and treats him as being superior to and above contamination by such surroundings. This being a great stock growing country, many cow punchers, herders, camp tenders, etc. are employed the year round, and they belong of all nationalities and transients to a great extent, contribute largely to the support of the saloons, and with all our floating population it is a rare thing to see a drunken man on our streets.

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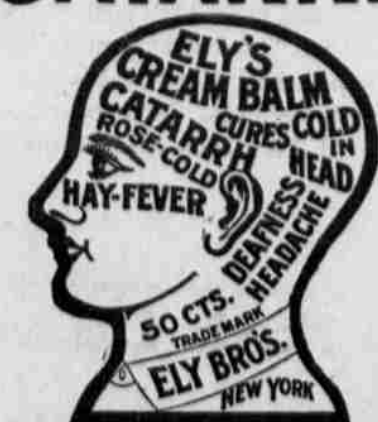
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GRADERS FOR ROADS

POINTS ON MAKING GOOD USE OF THE MACHINES.

Season's Work Should Be Planned in Advance—Value of Having Graders in Use as Soon as the Ground is Dry—Best Way to Work the Horses.

The grading machine is unquestionably the most generally useful of modern roadmaking implements on roads of the class being built in Ontario, says the commissioner of highways in Ontario, Canada, in his ninth annual report. A road grader is a necessity in every township where good roads are being constructed. By their use the cost of grading the roads is greatly reduced and a great improvement in the making and repair of roads is effected. They are of greatest value in townships where gravel and broken stone are not to be had and dependence must be placed on earth roads. At the same time they are none the less a necessity in the construction and repair of gravel and broken stone roads, and even among stumps and stones when properly handled they work in a most surprising manner. It is not their use which it now seems necessary to urge, but rather there is need of guarding against their misuse.

A matter of first importance in making good use of a grader is to plan the season's work in advance. The township road commissioners, councilors or a committee of the council, according to the local system of road management, should go over the roads early in the year and determine what grading is required. This work should be staked out according to the definite width and dimensions of roads as required by township regulations. The grader when it commences in the spring should proceed to each place of work consecutively and should be in use continuously until the grading is done for that year. In some townships it is customary for the grading machines to go here and there over the township without method—one day on one side of the township, next day on the opposite side, then to another distant part, backward and forward, wasting a considerable part of the wages of men and teams in moving from one part of the township to another. By following a well considered schedule the cost of moving the machine between different places of work is reduced to a minimum.

Arrangements should be made every spring to have the grader in use as soon as the ground is sufficiently dry. The soil is then in its best condition for manipulation, having been mellowed by frost. The roads are rough and most in need of treatment. Roads which are properly graded early in spring are at once compacted by traffic, and they will remain in their best condition all summer. If the work is left until late in the season clay soils become baked and hardened, difficult to handle and rough when finished. Sandy soils if loosened up late in the year will be much more dusty than if treated early in the spring, when they are damp and readily compacted by traffic.

One of the first essentials in providing that the roads will be properly graded is to select the right man to operate the grader. He should be active and energetic, with some mechanical experience, one who will take an interest in his work, who will make a study of roadmaking and who will be willing to follow the instructions given him by the township road commissioner or councilor having supervision of the work. When such a man is found he should be engaged from year to year, so that his growing experience will render him more efficient.

The same horses should be used in operating the grader for an entire season at least. "Green" horses are very awkward, will not pull together, waste much time, and even a reliable man as operator cannot under such circumstances perform good work. Horses used continuously become accustomed to the work, to each other, to the driver and will produce much better results.

Some townships instead of horses use a traction engine for certain work. Where one can be rented from a local thrasher it can usually be obtained very cheaply in the early part of the year. Where a considerable stretch has to be graded without turning, as in cutting off the shoulders of old gravel roads, a traction engine is much preferable to horses. It is more steady.

The township regulations as to the width and dimensions of the road should be closely followed in grading. These generally provide for a width of twenty-four feet between the inside edges of the open drains on roads of greatest travel, twenty feet on roads of moderate travel and eighteen feet on roads of least travel. A rise of from one-half an inch to one inch to the foot from the inside edge of the drain to the center of the road is ample crown for a new road after the gravel or stone has been placed on it. More than this is unnecessary and an injury. There is a tendency in the use of graders to crown roads excessively, and this should be guarded against.

Where gravel or stone is regularly used for surfacing roads only such an extent of new road should be graded as can be metalled and otherwise completed in the one summer. If this is not done the work of grading has practically to be done over many cases before gravel can be applied, as the road will be so much cut by traffic and washed out by rains and freshets of the ensuing wet seasons. In addition the road is left in a very soft condition, readily turning it into a deep slough of mud. The ideal method for making a good road for traffic and for conserving the road metal is to roll down and consolidate the grade as left by the grader. On this should be placed a layer of broken stone and this is then rolled down for traffic.

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