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THE SPLIT-LOG DRAG.

CHEAPEST, QUICKEST AND EASIEST ROAD-BUILDING.

The Drag will Astonish You. Raise a Rumpus and Make Them Act.

It seems to us that all the county papers in South Carolina are engaged in a contest to see which can preach most effectively the virtues of the split-log drag. The Newberry Herald and News, a pioneer advocate, reports many converts among Newberry County farmers and pledges itself to have something to say on the subject in every issue. The Timmonsville Enterprise says that the drag is being used on the streets of Timmonsville as well as upon Florence County roads, and with good results. The same thing is being done in Sumter. The Greenwood Journal and the Laurens Advertiser tell of farmers in both those counties who have been using the drag on the roads in the vicinity of their homes, and the Journal boasts that in that county every road was dragged before the last rain.

The growing popularity of this simple but highly useful device for keeping the highways in good condition is very gratifying, as is the disposition of the farmers in the matter. But it is just as well to bear in mind that no country in all the history of the world ever built or maintained good highways by a system of voluntary co-operation.—Charleston News and Courier.

How many good citizens have been spending the winter months right here in old Davidson, "cussing" the roads. Some of this "cussing" has been of the profane variety and some of it has not. All of it has been ineffectual, worthless, unavailing. The roads are as bad as they have ever been and no amount of cussing, profane or otherwise, will help them. Now that you have tried the virtues of malediction, anathema, invective, and the different varieties of plain and fancy cussing and proved their futility beyond the shadow of doubt, try a little work. Build a split log drag and as soon as the worst of the mud dries out of the roads, put it to work. You will be astonished at the results.—Davidson Dispatch.

We want to commend the public spirit manifested by people in different sections of the country in regard to working the public roads which have for the past six weeks been so bad. The split log drag is doing the work and the folks are using them, giving their time and their teams to the good work. Out on the Morgan Mill road yesterday C. F. Helms, Fred Chaney and others turned out with a split log drag made by T. J. Bivens, and made a splendid road from the town limits to the forks of the Morgan Mill and Olive Branch roads. On the Lancaster road for six miles or more out of town the folks have used the drag and County Superintendent Nisbet, who went down into Buford township yesterday over that road says that one cannot realize that the Lancaster road, which last week was a continuous mudhole is now a smooth, solid, good road. Down in Buford township Squire Jerry C. Laney and other progressive citizens are getting busy and are using the drags over the roads to good advantage. Blessings on the man who invented the split-log drag and more blessings on those who are using these drags to the betterment of our roads.—Monroe Enquirer.

All of us thought the roads were ruined when the freezes,

Dr. Wiley Resigns.

Dr. Harvey W. Wiley has resigned his position as Chief of the Bureau of Chemistry in the United States Department of Agriculture, giving as his reason the "inhospitable atmosphere" of the Department and the hostility of his superiors to the work he was doing. There are some remarkably good men in the Department of Agriculture, but it would be hard to find one who has made such a hard and consistent fight for a great principle or who has accomplished as much for the American people as has Dr. Wiley. The value of his work is not yet generally realized, for to him more than to any other one man is due the progress made in preventing the selling of unwholesome and misbranded foods, drinks and drugs. His retirement is a loss to the Nation.

It is also one more reason for the farmers' insisting that there be a new Secretary of Agriculture. During the early years of his administration Secretary Wilson did a splendid work for the farmers of the country; but it has become increasingly evident in the last three or four years that the business methods of the Department were wretchedly conducted, and that the Secretary was not in sympathy with those of his subordinates who were doing the best work. Gifford Pinchot went; Dr. Wiley goes. The country could have spared a dozen men like Secretary Wilson better than either of them.

It is time for President Taft to act.—Progressive Farmer.

snow, sleet and rain put in their work recently. Not so Dr. W. Saunders, who lives three miles southeast of Troy, put his mules to a split-log drag and in half a day converted what was an almost impassable road between his place and town into the same admirable triplicate that it was before the bad weather set in. We had begun to despair of good roads, thinking them a failure, but since Mr. Saunders has demonstrated that the most trying weather cannot deprive us of good roads long at a time, we are stronger than ever in favor of good roads.

No dirt road can stand up well under sleet, snow, freezes and constant rain, but since these last only a short time in the year, there can be no reason to oppose good roads because of the few days they are not good. Better have eleven months of good roads than 12 months of bad ones.—Troy Montgomerian.

Line upon line, precept upon precept. It is not too often to preach the gospel of road repairs every day, especially at this season of the year. You who are skeptical about the efficacy of the split log drag, take the testimony from the Troy Montgomerian.

That is the note. Pass it along among the unbelievers. Stick it under the noses of road superintendents who are wasting the people's money hauling dirt and shaping up roads in the summer and then not touching it again, leaving it to be worn down by the fall travel and washed away by the winter rains, with the result that what might easily have been a firm roadbed, is turned into soft mud and almost impassable. If the supervisors can't see it, then let some live, sensible man in the neighborhood raise such a rumpus that others will join him and make the officials take notice. Or what might be better in some instances, let him make a drag and donate a half a day now and then as an object lesson. Every community must have a leader, anyway, or the progress is apt to be backward.—Greensboro News.

RECLAIMING THE BACK SLIDER.

Pierpont Morgan and Others Said to Have Given One Million to Protestantism.

One million dollars are to be spent throughout the country within the next eleven months to revive interest in religion among the masses. J. Pierpont Morgan and a number of his friends in the financial district of New York, have subscribed the money.

In many ways the campaign to reclaim the backsliders, upon which they have embarked is the most significant and momentous in the history of Protestantism in America.

With the stimulus given to Protestantism by such gifts, and the widespread interest awakened among Protestants, a return of the religious fervor that swept the country's generation ago is imminent.

Mr. Morgan and his associates estimate that there are in the United States approximately 65,000,000 affiliated and non-affiliated Protestants. Though the churches are rivals in spiritual matters, they are in accord upon many subjects of mutual interest, notably upon that of socialism, which recent statistics show to be making heavy strides in the body politic.

To big business, socialism stands for disintegration and is incompatible with the precepts of religion. Hence the Morgan religion revival is two fold in its object:

First to check the growth of socialism, which "big business" regards as the most dangerous foe of social and political order; second to bring back into the fold the great mass of the people who of late years have been steadily drifting away from the influence of the churches.

The first condition being considered the direct result of the second, the sponsors of the Morgan movement propose to get to its primary cause. Religion is to be made popular as well as attractive by being made sympathetic. The complaint of the masses that the churches are cold and repellant in their attitude to the poor and lowly is to be remedied. Patrician and proletarian are to be made equally welcome. The warm hand of fellowship, will go out in gladness and joy to all alike. Caste, cliques, and the various divisions and sub-divisions in which congregations are wont to array themselves in friendship and hostility to one another, will be discouraged. Love and cheerfulness will be the order of the day everywhere.

Thus will the great body of people be drafted back into the service of the church. To reach a man's heart first arouse his spiritual emotions. Then he is invulnerable to the exhortations of the socialist or the business baiting muckraker.

Big business believes that the religious man is a builder and not a destroyer and realizes that to have prosperity himself he must help make others prosperous. The idea marks a return to homely first principles and is altruistic in that it seeks through inducement to foster a sense of good will toward our fellow beings and discourage the action so frequently emphasized by the political and business demagogue that "go to the dogs"—Stuff sent out from New York.

Glorious News
comes from Dr. J. T. Curtis, Daight, Kansas. He writes: "I not only have cured bad cases of eczema in my patients with Electric Bitters, but also cured myself by them of the same disease. I feel sure they will benefit any case of eczema." This shows what thousands have proved; that Electric Bitters is a most effective blood purifier. It's an excellent remedy for eczema, better, salt rheum, ulcers, boils and running sores. It stimulates liver, kidneys and bowels, expels poisons, helps digestion, builds up the strength. Price 50 cents. Satisfaction guaranteed by All Druggists.

WILL CELEBRATE 4TH JULY.

PRIZES OFFERED FOR RACES AND FLOATS.

Proceedings of Fourth of July Celebration Committee Last Thursday Night.

The Salisbury Fourth of July celebration committee met in the grand jury room in the court house at 8 o'clock Thursday night, March 21.

President F. E. Smith presided and stated that he had called the meeting thus early to lay plans for the biggest celebration ever held in Salisbury and to bring the largest crowd of people here that has ever attended a fair or public entertainment in Rowan.

Those present were: F. E. Smith, president; M. C. Quinn, 1st vice president; J. H. Ramsay, 2nd vice president; S. W. Harry, treasurer; T. E. Witherspoon, chairman decorating committee; R. L. Avery, chairman racing committee; C. N. Brown, chairman advertising committee; T. D. Brown, member of the arrangement committee.

Treasurer Harry reported a balance of money in hand from last year's celebration of \$325 including interest.

It was decided to offer five cash prizes amounting to \$150 for agricultural floats, divided as follows:

First prize, \$50,
Second prize, \$40,
Third prize, \$30,
Fourth prize, \$20,
Fifth prize, \$10.

Attractions were arranged as follows: There will be held in the afternoon of the 4th of July at Fair Park a tournament for the young men of the county, the number of knights to be limited to four, being one to each township in the county. The 4th of July association will offer as first prize for the queen \$15, for first maid of honor \$10, second maid of honor \$5.

President Smith, who is chairman of the speaking committee, announced that he had invited Col. Robert E. Lee of Washington City, grandson of the immortal Gen. R. E. Lee, to be the orator of the day and had received a reply from him thanking the association for the honor of the invitation and that he accepted.

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY.
A program for the morning of the 4th was arranged as follows:

At 9 o'clock there will be different contests on West Innes Street for prizes, after which the parade will take place.

The parade will end at the speaker's stand, the place to be selected, when the address of Col. Lee will be heard. After the address everybody is expected to go to Fair Park to witness the tournament, horse races and baseball game.

Cash prizes will be awarded for the fastest horses, the amounts to be announced later by the chairman of the racing committee.

REQUEST TO MERCHANTS.
Every merchant in Salisbury is expected to have floats in the parade, the prizes for the handsomest to be given later. The merchants will also be reminded of their promise made after the celebration last year to decorate the front of their stores.

All labor organizations are earnestly requested to participate in the 4th of July celebration. Any communication addressed to the president from any of the different organizations relative to the celebration will be given prompt attention, and inquiries are desired.

The number of judges awarding the prizes for floats will consist of five men to be appointed later by the president.

The committee was assured

Dr. Wiley Resigns.

Damped with faint praise from the nation's chief executive, hampered by a reactionary departmental chief who has long since outlived his usefulness, badged by a pettifogging lawyer of the night-school variety who as a representative of the vicious interests, was able to nullify or render abortive efforts made in the interest of public health, Dr. Wiley has given up the unequal fight and handed in his resignation. Thus shines from the government service one of the most useful officials this country has ever had. An implacable foe of fraud and deceit, Dr. Wiley has for years stood between a more or less helpless public and the vested interests that have developed to a science the business of adulterating foods, sophisticated drugs, thus in many ways threatening public health. On every debatable question regarding the wholesomeness of food-stuffs Dr. Wiley has consistently on the side of the people; his superior officers have been just as persistently on the side of those who have made their millions by substituting cheap and often poisonous drugs for more expensive but wholesome foods. Assailed from without by some of the most powerful, vicious and corrupt organizations, he was also antagonized from within by the political henchmen of the same organizations. To Dr. Wiley more than to any other one man, says The Journal of the American Medical Association, the public owes the Food and Drugs Act and to Dr. Wiley it also owes whatever of good has been accomplished by that act. It is to be hoped that his forced retirement will result in such an upheaval of public indignation that the forces of evil at present in control of the Department of Agriculture will be driven into a political oblivion and the department filled by men who hold decency above dollars, probity above profit and public health above private gain.

Dictograph Reveals Crime.
The dictograph, the sensitive instrument which has lent itself so marvelously to the purpose of securing evidence of crime, is described in an illustrated article in the April Popular Mechanics Magazine. The instrument comprises a most sensitive transmitter, a receiver, a small battery and as much wire as is necessary. The entire outfit can be held in the hand and not cover all the fingers. The transmitter can be placed anywhere in the room where the person whose evidence is desired will be most likely to talk.

In the Ohio bribery case it was put under a sofa in a hotel room; in San Francisco it was placed beneath the bed in a cell of the city jail. At Toronto, Canada, where it was used in a hotel, it was placed on a table under papers. It might be hung on the wall beneath a picture or a calendar, an ordinary pin being strong enough to hold it in place. Silk-covered wire can be run from the transmitter to whatever room the operator desires, and when connected, the person holding the receiver to his ear hears distinctly every word uttered in the room where the transmitter has been placed. Stenographers, if so equipped, can make a verbatim report of such conversations, as has been done in several criminal cases.

Nineteen Miles a Second without a jar, shock or disturbance, is the awful speed of our earth through space. We wonder at such ease of nature's movement, and so do nature's take Dr. King's New Life Pills. No gripping, no distress, just thorough work that brings good health and fine feelings. 25 cents at All Druggists.

GUMPTION ON THE FARM.

Some Pointed Paragraphs of Value To Wise Farmers.

Sow alfalfa by itself; it doesn't need any nurse crop. Have two or three plow-points on hand ready for the time of need. Leave no long nails sticking up out fallen rails or posts in the pasture.

What is finer than an old-fashioned spring after an old-fashioned winter? Despise not the day of the one-horse farmer, for it leads to a two-horse team.

We should not complain when we think the other fellow has a better job than we; rather let us rejoice.

This is the month for the land-roller, if the land is dry enough. Push the roots in good and out more grass to pay for it.

Grandfather's traits often ruin his grandson's grandsons years after he himself is dead. What kind of a grandson do you want?

A good many men who would not put a hole in their trousers' pockets are all too common when regarding the hole in the barn roof.

The ten-cent cotton or canvas gloves that are so largely worn by farmers may be water proofed by dipping them in melted paraffine.

If you don't want things, don't bid on them at an auction. First thing you know they will be yours, and you will have to pay for them whether you want them or not.

Dynamite can be used for very many purposes on the farm, but you should know how to use it. If it explodes, don't blame the dynamite. That's what it's for.

Do you use a spike-tooth harrow? How are the teeth? Worth down blunt? Take them out and have the blacksmith sharpen them. The harrow will do a great deal better work then.

It is not a woman's place to care for the pigs and poultry, to chop wood or milk cows, when there is a strong healthy man around. Keeping a home in good order is enough for any woman.

It is quite a chore to get stove-pipe up every time just right. Tell you how we do it: When we take the pipe down we mark every length with a piece of white chalk. Do it before you take it down and there will be no trouble next time.

"Do you remember me, Mr. Roosevelt?" said the effusive stranger to the Colonel. "No, no, but delighted, I'm sure. When did I have the pleasure?" "Why, when you returned from Africa, and there was that big crowd on the wharf, I was the man in the brown derby hat."

Make your garden plantings smaller and plant more frequently, every week or ten days; this will produce young vegetables that are more tender, juicy and sweeter than where large plantings are made and part of the vegetables are allowed to become big, tough and strong flavored.

A good, balanced feed for a horse is one quart of oats and one of bran twice each day, when idle, and three times a day when at work, substituting corn for oats occasionally; and half a bundle of fodder, or one good forkful of hay three times a day at regular hours. My horse keeps fat on this. He is given plenty of water.

Some farmers wail because the robins and catbirds eat cherries. Now I have noticed that with all their eating the birds only eat a small share. I have several cherry trees, and let the robins eat all they want. If a share of my cherries will coax them to orchard and rear their young in my orchard, acting as bug police meanwhile, I am the winner.—From April Farm Journal.

There has been so much interest in the Republican situation lately that Governor Woodrow Wilson hasn't been detected in any more crimes for two or three weeks.—Ex.

OPPOSE COURT HOUSE STEAL.

TAX-PAYERS SAY ROADS ARE NEEDED MORE.

Number of the Best Farmers and Largest Tax Payers Express Themselves.

Concerning the actions of the Commissioners of Rowan County, it seems they think they have the power to sell the citizens of the County into bondage to build a \$125,000 court house, when the one we have will answer the purpose very well at, least until the public roads of the county are put in a condition that the farmers of said county can get our produce to Salisbury.

Now citizens, tax-payers and voters which do you think would benefit the county the most? We have a court house, but no roads, especially in Litcher Township.

We as citizens have been before said commissioners three times with "petitions and with pleadings," and they have turned a deaf ear. We explained to them that our roads had not been worked in over two years, that the free labor and also our per cent. of road tax had been lost to the roads of said township. We asked that they make the present supervisor work the roads or put in a man that would. We were asked to name the man, so we, not thinking it a political question, named a man that we as taxpayers thought was prepared the best to fill the place, as he has a traction engine and does not give all his time to farming, that he could pull the scraper with ease at a reasonable price agreed upon by commissioners and self. We were then asked, "Can't you find another man?" We began to think why is this question and we had to conclude that it was his politics. Now fellow citizens if this be what they meant, and we fail to see any other meaning, what does this lead us to consider? Citizens in this county, usurpers of power, trampling under foot the wishes of the people. Does it mean they are standing and acting for plutocracy, monopoly and greed fixing a place for some man or men to place their ill-gotten gains at a good interest?

Now, if bonds are needed, we suggest they be used for improving the public roads in the county, but not till the voters say so by ballot at the polls, the same way the court house question should be settled.

Now there is being a great effort made to turn immigration North-Carolinian ward. Do the advocates want them in the cities or in the country? If they are wanted in the city then the court house may be the thing, but if they are wanted in the country, we think the "Public Roads" is the thing we need. Not automobile highways or drive ways, but the old fashioned public wagon roads. No wonder the cities and the towns are crying out high prices when it takes two horses to pull two men in a buggy. How do you expect us to haul wood and farm produce? It is impossible to haul it in quantities that would pay us a seemingly and unreasonable price. We have waded by the hundreds of cords rotting because the roads have been allowed to go unworked. The national highway only accommodates a few people. Do you see why there is such a scarcity of necessities of life in town? We have the produce. Do you want it? Do you need it? If so let us get together and have it. The question arises, how can we do it. By marching to the poles and voting for men of principle, fair minded men who will give us a square deal, men that will not squirm and tremble when the selfish, greedy boss a crack their whip, men who will dare to do right by all the people at all hazards.

Now fellow citizens will we surrender this God-given right of free Americanism that our forefathers bled and died for? Nay verily, but let us acquit ourselves like men, worthy sons of our sires.

Come one, come all from every political creed, and let us see that our proud American eagle be not dragged from its lofty perch upon the mount and its plumage besmirched by the filthy splash of political ringsters. So come on boys, prepare your ballots and let's give old Rowan county a clean and honest government, she deserves it. CITIZENS.

P. S.—We heartily endorse the position of THE CAROLINA WATCHMAN concerning the issuing of bonds for court house.

John T. Wyatt THE FLOWERS COLLECTION