

Good Roads Notes

No Earth Roads For Illinois.

It is not difficult to understand why the movement for good roads does not make greater headway in Illinois than a "road expert" at the head of the department of civil engineering of the State university declares in a bulletin that "earth roads" are best for farmers.

Professor Baker, who issues this bulletin from the State university, vigorously opposes "hard roads, maintaining that the earth roads can be greatly improved with proper care. Even though the State enters upon an elaborate system of hard roads, he contends that the majority of farmers will still be compelled to use earth roads.

While there is no objection to the improvement of earth roads, the dissemination of such doctrine as the professor embodies in his bulletin is calculated to aid in regarding the good roads movement in this State. There is only one kind of a "good road" for Illinois, and that is a hard road.

The "earth road" bulletin of Professor Baker, while giving valuable suggestions for the improvement of existing earth roads, should not deter the legislature from favorably considering the Curtis road bill.

Care of Side Ditches. The side ditches should be examined in the fall to see that they are free from dead weeds and grass, and later in the winter they should be examined again to see that they are not clogged with corals, brush, etc.

It is hoped that the day is not far distant when in each community the roadside will be cared for so as to secure a coating of grass instead of unsightly and noxious weeds.

God roads are desirable for the same reason that a man buys a carriage or builds a fine house, i. e., because they are a comfort and a pleasure.

The average cost of hauling farm produce for the whole United States is twenty-five cents per ton mile.

COLONEL CARR TALKS.

Enlarges and Explains His New York Interview.

General J. S. Carr having returned home a correspondent of the News and Observer called at his office to inform him that the people of the State were much interested in his recent interview in the New York Times, and to ask if he had anything further to say.

"My only desire is to see the Democratic party pull itself together, and judge itself of its Populistic ideas and tendencies and again become a great national party. I am the same straight-faced Democrat I have always been, and propose to remain so. I profess to be just as loyal to the Democratic organization, and as much devoted to the true principles of the party.

"I have no desire or expectation of becoming the McLaurin of North Carolina. All such insinuations are wholly gratuitous, and I have the courage to speak my convictions. They may weigh but little and they may go far while they are worth.

"I smile at the thought that I am preparing to jump the fence or kick out of the traces. Rather I'm striving to serve my State and the Democratic party, as I have in the past, with zeal and fidelity, making the best interest on each the paramount interest of both.

"The political situation in North Carolina in recent years has been an anomaly. The Populist party fused with the Democrats nationally and with the Republicans in State affairs—one head and two bodies joined together.

"I certainly do favor the building of the Nicaragua Canal and expansion upon reasonable lines. Mr. Jefferson is my authority for expansion. The decision of the Supreme court of the United States has made expansion an assured fact, and whether we like it or not we must accept it and our party must act accordingly.

"I had no ulterior motive or design in giving out the New York interview. It was not a change in our party policy. My position is one that can be loyal to party principle, but in entirely good faith I dissent from party policy.

THE SABBATH SCHOOL.

INTERNATIONAL LESSON COMMENTS FOR JULY 21.

Subject: Noah Saved in the Ark. Gen. viii. 1-22. Golden Text, Gen. viii. 21. Memory Verse: Genesis—Commentary on the Day's Lesson.

Connecting Links.—According to the commonly accepted chronology, more than 1500 years have passed since our last lesson. During that time the Old Testament world became densely populated, and the race had grown exceedingly wicked, so that God decided to destroy them from the face of the earth.

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CURRENT NOTES.

A Small Frigate Sinks.

On some of the foreign steamship lines the captain and several officers, and in case of war would retain their commands. On the German steamers the officers must first serve a year or so in the Naval Reserve.

Prof. W. H. Lynch, of Mountain Grove Academy, at Mountain Grove, Mo., is credited with reading more paid-for newspapers than any other man in the United States.

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NOTES AND COMMENT.

Lord Kinnaird, now in this country attending the Young Men's Christian Association celebration in Boston, has extreme repugnance to notoriety and for that reason has hardly appeared in connection with the exercises.

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