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## COUNTRY HIGHWAYS

### SOME POINTS ON CONSTRUCTING AND IMPROVING THEM.

#### It Properly Built, Dirt Roads May Be Kept in Reasonable Condition in All Seasons—Drainage the Secret of Success—Watchfulness Needed.

There is a growing disposition among road officers, engendered no doubt by the constant agitation for stone highways, to permit the earth roads to go by default or at least to give them scant attention. This would be all well enough if it were possible within the next few years to transform all of the main earth roads into permanent stone highways, but every one understands, of course, that this is entirely out of the question, says a writer in Good Roads Magazine. At least in the rural roads, the variety commonly known as dirt, and it will not only be years, but probably several generations, before even the main roads connecting the principal towns can be converted into macadamized thoroughfares. The dirt road has its limitations; it is at best but a weak link in the chain of transportation, but it is here to stay during the lifetime of every one who reads this article, and it is highly important from the standpoint of both economy and convenience that it should be maintained at its highest state of efficiency.

If it were impossible for many people to believe to keep the dirt roads in good, passable shape, there would be some excuse for giving it up to the mercies of the elements, but experience has shown that any dirt road that is reasonably well located can be kept in passable condition during the entire two months of the year and can be made a first class highway for the greater part of that time. There are few people accustomed to traveling by wagon, bicycle or automobile who have not noticed the difference between a good and a poor dirt road. The first is smooth, while the latter is rough. The one is free from hollows and bumps, while the other is filled with ruts and stones. The one shows evidence of care, while the other has neglect written all over it in letters that can be both seen and felt.

The fact that there are some good dirt roads in existence shows clearly that it is possible under proper conditions to build them, and it may be out of place, therefore, to study some of the elements that enter into the construction and maintenance of a good earth highway. The secret of success in the building of a dirt road, or of any other road, for that matter, is drainage. Water has no more place in a road than it is supposed to have in a Kentuckian's list of beverages. It is the roadmaker's worst enemy, and unless he can find some way to get it off and away from the road as soon as it falls he may expect to have trouble.

It will be admitted by all practical roadmakers that it is possible by the judicious use of the modern road grader to put any dirt road in good shape. They will agree, however, that the main difficulty is to keep the road in this condition. As long as there is a proper slope, extending each way from the crown of the road, with no impediments, such as bumps, ruts or depressions, the major portion of the surface water will run off, and the highway will remain in good condition. Any soft material, like sand, clay or loam, however, is susceptible to the action of traffic and the elements. Wagon tires and horse's hoofs will cut up the roadbed, and water will work into those depressions and thus destroy the shape and solidity of the road. The ditches or the channels through which the water must be carried away will, unless closely looked after, become clogged with dirt and trash and eventually will refuse to perform the duty for which they are intended. The question naturally arises, therefore, how is it possible to keep a dirt road in such shape that it will shed water readily and thus remain smooth and solid?

The answer to this question may be stated in a single sentence: Constant watchfulness is the price of a good road.

Care, intelligence and machinery are the three elements that enter most largely into the maintenance of a dirt road. The usual practice in many sections is to run the road grader over the roads in the spring and then give them little further attention until the following year. How well this plan works is evidenced by the ruts and holes that abound in most country roads, especially during the winter months. If a well-roaded company should send its section grader over a line of dirt roads once a year it would undoubtedly see the results in heavy damage, but by keeping men busily engaged in watching the roadbed and track its line is kept in excellent condition. The same system of care and watchfulness should be exercised on a smaller scale in the maintenance of the public roads. After the road has been graded and tamped up in the spring a heavy roller should be run over it to pack and harden the surface. It should then be the business of a man or of a set of men to watch the road closely.

There is nothing that responds better to frequent inspection and to small and seemingly insignificant repairs than a dirt road, and when all roadmakers come to fully understand this fact there will be a decided improvement in the quality of the dirt highways of this country.

#### Farmers Improve Highways.

The good roads movement in Indiana is going forward in a satisfactory manner. The farmers are rapidly learning the value of good roads, for they realize that the market is brought closer to the farm by them.

Each of the rural routes in operation means a monthly deficit of \$25, that being the average loss to the government on the operation of a single route. This causes a total annual deficit of about \$7,000,000 on account of rural service. There are pending 4,048 petitions for additional routes. Since the service was established there have been filed 44,194 petitions for rural routes, of which 10,128 have been rejected on March 1 there were 25,066 rural free delivery routes in operation.

## Success In Stock Raising

### The breeding principles adopted by L. H. Kerrick of Illinois, the world renowned cattle feeder, in establishing a type of steer for the most economical beef production should be adopted by the breeder of other kinds of live stock, says National Stockman, and then continues:

Mr. Kerrick said in relating the story of his success at the Iowa state institute that when he commenced the feeding business he could not find a steer of cattle that produced a type of beef exactly to his liking, but he could see all of the best points in two breeds, viz., the Shorthorn and the Angus. So he procured a lot of the best grade Shorthorn cows that he could pick up. Then he got an Angus bull as near his ideal type as could be had. From this stock he procured his feeding steers, keeping the best heifers for breeding stock. In all his after breeding he used the bull that was nearest his ideal beef type. Every one who has kept in touch with the great cattle feeders of the country knows of Mr. Kerrick's success. He commenced about twenty years ago and was successful from the start.

Was not his plan a shorter and better route to success than to have tried to get his type of beef steer from some breed that did not have the type desired except in very rare and remote instances? The fundamental principles of breeding are the same wherever applied. Rightly applied they mean progress, but if not they mean regression or at best little progress.

#### Breeding Polled Calves.

Answering the query, "Are double standard Polled Durham bulls as sure to get polled calves from horned cows as are Angus bulls?" F. S. Hines says in Breeder's Gazette:

Without question as to the percentage of polled calves got by Angus bulls used on horned cows it would naturally seem that the Angus bulls would be the surer dehorners, as they have been bred hornless for many generations, while Polled Durhams are not many removes from horns. However, there are many Polled Durham bulls that have made excellent records as dehorners, some having as high as 90 per cent of polled calves from horned cows.

If your correspondent wishes to breed polled calves his best course would be to buy an aged Polled Durham bull with a good record as a dehorner. There is a great deal of the lottery about this "breeding of the horns," just as there is in breeding in general, and some bulls with many polled calves are not as sure dehorners as those with only one cross of polled blood. Therefore I should advise your correspondent not to try a young bull, but to get one that is known by his works.

#### Feasting of the Long Horns.

One of the signs of the times illustrating the change of methods in raising beef cattle is the pasturing of the lanky, long horned steer that once roamed the Texas ranges. He is rapidly giving way to an animal much better fitted for the purpose of beef production and soon will be only a memory. The picture herewith shows of the fast disappearing Texas long horn is reproduced from Breeder's Gazette.



TEXAS LONG HORN.

It seems strange that while the supply of cattle and hogs is on the increase in this country the number of sheep is decreasing, says Shepherd's Criterion. This seems more strange when one stops to consider how profitable sheep are and how quickly the supply in the United States might be doubled if stockmen would turn their attention to it. It is strange still when you see how few sheep are on the most profitable farms. The farmer can raise a year in and year out there is positively more money in sheep than anything else the farmer can produce. Mr. Farmer, if you don't raise sheep you are overlooking an opportunity.

#### New North Pig.

In the fall when we wish to cut out breeding sows we do not know whether they are from sows that we wish to reproduce or from inferior animals, writes H. E. Cook in National Stockman. Oftentimes a sow may have only three or four pigs, and they become full grown on account of plenty of sows. Now, I would much rather have young sows from sows giving full litters even if they are a little less than those that are bred from good sows. Just what we want to reproduce. I therefore cut short the pigs in the spring as soon as they are strong and record the numbers, making a good class selection possible.

#### New Boy Hoop.

A soaking tub may be made by cutting off about one foot from the end of a stout, tight barrel. The short end is filled with water and placed in the stall so that the forehead will come in the tub. An hour or two of soaking daily is good for dry, hard hooves.

#### His Lawyer's Bill.

Client—This bill of yours is exorbitant. There are several items in it that I don't understand at all. Lawyer—I am perfectly willing to explain them, but what we want to reproduce. I therefore cut short the pigs in the spring as soon as they are strong and record the numbers, making a good class selection possible.

## Simple Life in Iceland.

### The Pilgrim.

There are no factories in the country. Each home is a factory and every member of the family a hand.

Shoes are made from goat skins. The long stockings worn over these in wading through the snow are knitted by the women and children, and the beautiful broadcloth comes smooth and perfect from the hand loom found in every home.

The sweet simplicity of their national costumes does away with the necessity of fashion books. Young girls who are about to be married need take no thought as to "where-with shall they be clothed." When they array themselves in the wedding garments of their ancestor, two or even three generations remote, they are perfectly up-to-date in the matter of attire.

This simple life is conducive to a state of high morals, higher probably than in any other part of the world. There is not a drop of liquor manufactured on the island for the 78,000 population there is but one policeman. There is neither a jail nor any place of incarceration for criminals; nor yet is there a court in which a high crime could be tried.

The percentage of crime is so small that it does not warrant the expense of keeping up a court. When a criminal trial becomes necessary, the offender is taken to Denmark to answer to the law for his misdeeds.

The women are among the most advanced in the world. Their Woman's Political League has a membership of 7,000, and they enjoy more civil rights than the women of almost any other country, having a voice in all elections have that for members of their legislative body.

## Good Spirits.

Good spirits don't all come from Kentucky. The main source is the liver—and all the fine spirits ever made in the Blue Grass State could not remedy a bad liver or the hundred-and-one ills it effects it produces. You can't have good spirits and a bad liver at the same time. Your liver must be in fine condition if you would feel buoyant, happy and hopeful, bright of eye, light of step, vigorous and successful in your pursuit. You can put your liver in finest condition by using Green's August Flower—the greatest of all medicines for the liver and stomach and a certain cure for dyspepsia or indigestion. It has been a favorite household remedy for over thirty-five years. August Flower will make your liver healthy and active and thus insure you a liberal supply of "good spirits." Trial size, 25c.; regular bottles, 75c. At all druggists.

At Washington Monday night the weather bureau announced that there was no prospect for several days at least of a let up of the extreme heat which has extended over the country from the Mississippi valley eastward to northern New England and the Florida Coast is in the midst of a well marked midsummer hot spell.

## Do It To-day.

The time-worn injunction, "Never put off 'til to-morrow what you can do to-day," is now generally presented in this form: "Do it to-day!" That is the terse advice we want to give you about that hacking cough or demoralizing cold with which you have been struggling for several days, perhaps weeks. Take some reliable remedy for it to-day—and let that remedy be Dr. Boecher's German Syrup, which has been in use for over thirty-five years. A few doses of it will undoubtedly relieve your cough or cold, and its continued use for a few days will cure you completely. No matter how deep-seated cough, even if dread consumption has attacked your lungs, German Syrup will surely effect a cure—as it has done before in the thousands of apparently hopeless cases of lung trouble. New trial bottles, 25c.; regular size, 75c. At all druggists.

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Dr. R. H. Spight, who some time ago tendered his resignation as one of the physicians at the State Hospital at Morganton, to take up private practice at Rocky Mount, has reconsidered and decided to remain with the hospital.

#### The Only Way to Cure.

To cure a cold when you have no cough—to cure a cough when you have no cold—to cure yourself when you have both—take Kennedy's Lavender Honey and Tar. Acts on the bowels. Best for coughs, colds, croup, whooping cough, etc. Kennedy's Lavender Honey and Tar is the original Lavender Honey and Tar. It is made from the finest honey, purified by straining through the lungs, throat and chest, expelling all impurities from the system by gently moving the bowels, and an ideal remedy for young and old. Once a cure will be recommended as a sure cure. Sold by The J. C. Simmons Drug Co.

## A Worthy Colored Woman.

Greenboro Record, 8th.

Colored people who think they have no showing in this country can learn something from the career of Marinda Mitchell, one of their race whose remains were brought back here for burial today. She was an ordinary servant and received ordinary wages, but she saved something and invested it in real estate and was worth several thousand dollars. When she took service with a family she made herself indispensable and she always had a place at an increased salary. She was never known to quit one place to accept another, a habit too prevalent with her race. It fact, the average servant is heard to say she would not live with one family longer than a few months. This class is usually in want, if not in life, then in death, and half the time the public has to bury them.

## Opposed to Receiving Interest.

Philadelphia Bulletin.

A swarthy man drew \$500 out of the saving fund, and the cashier said on his departure: "If all our depositors were like that gentleman our concern would soon become rich. Murad Ali is an Indian, native of Calcutta, and his religion forbids him to take interest on money. He has had a savings account with us for twelve years. His interest altogether has amounted to \$700! But he has never accepted a cent of it. It has all flowed back into our coffers again. All Mohammedans are like Murad Ali. They won't take interest on their money. Hence India, I think, must be a grand country for the banking business, and how glad our bankers would be if Mohammedanism were to spread a little."

## Extremely Low Rates Announced Via Southern Railway.

Extremely low rates are announced via the Southern Railway from points on its lines for the following special occasions:

Athens, Ga.—Summer School, June 17 to July 28, 1905.

Atlanta, Ga.—National Association of Manufacturers, May 16-18, 1905.

Bristol, Tenn.—Annual Meeting German Baptist Brethren, June 6, 1905.

Charlottesville, Va.—Virginia Summer School of Methods, June 26-Aug. 4, 1905.

Fort Worth, Tex.—General Assembly Southern Presbyterian Church, May 18-26, 1905.

Hot Springs, Va.—Southern Hardware Jobbers Association and American Hardware Manufacturers' Association, June 6-9, 1905.

Kansas City, Mo.—Southern Baptist Convention, May 10-17, 1905.

Knoxville, Tenn.—Summer School, June 20-July 28, 1905.

Monteagle, Tenn.—Monteagle Bible Training School, July 3-Aug. 15, 1905.

Monteagle, Tenn.—Monteagle Sunday School Institute, July 17-Aug. 5, 1905.

Monteagle, Tenn.—Woman's Congress, Aug. 1-15, 1905.

Nashville, Tenn.—Peabody College, Summer Schools; Vanderbilt Biblical Institute, June 14-Aug. 9, 1905.

Oxford Miss.—Summer School, University of Mississippi, June 14-22, 1905.

Richmond, Va.—Farmers' National Congress, Sept. 12-22, 1905.

Savannah, Ga.—National Travelers' Protective Association of America, May 16-23, 1905.

Savannah, Ga.—Southern Golf Association, May 9-13, 1905.

St. Louis, Mo.—National Baptist Anniversary, May 16-24, 1905.

Tuscaloosa, Ala.—Summer School for Teachers, June 16-July 28, 1905.

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## Original Observations.

If some people could do as they please they wouldn't do at all. In choosing between two evils some people compromise by taking both.

Some people are curious to hear the truth told just to know how it sounds.

There is a class of men who would like information on how to appear to be working though idle.

Little bunch of flowerets smell as sweet as honey, moistened by the showerlets and warmed by raylets sunny.

When you hire a servant in Mexico it is with the understanding that her entire family reside with you. Hiring a servant in Mexico is as bad as getting married in this country.—Orange (Va.) Observer.

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Salisbury Post.

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