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THE ROAD DRAG DOES FINE WORK.

Less Expensive Than Any Other Efficient System of Upkeep.

Washington, July 18.—The road drag is the simplest and least expensive contrivance yet devised for maintaining earth roads, according to the experts in the United States Department of Agriculture, who are co-operating with the State and county authorities in work for better roads.

Properly used, the drag gives the needed crown of the road, smoothes out ruts and other irregularities, spreads out puddles of water, thereby accelerating the drying of the road, and makes the surface more or less impervious to water by smearing over the so-called pores in the earthy material. The cost of operation depends, of course, upon local conditions and the thoroughness with which the work is done. It is less expensive than any efficient system of upkeep.

Farmers' Bulletin, No. 597, of the Department of Agriculture discusses, under the title of "The Road Drag and How It Is Used," the best methods of maintaining earth roads in good condition by this simple device.

In this bulletin, which has just been published, the department points out that of more than 2,000,000 miles of good public roads in the United States only about 200,000 miles have been given a hard surface. It is true, of course, that a large part of the remaining mileage consists of roads that are suitably unimproved, and that on roads of this class the drag is practically useless.

There is a much larger mileage, however, that has been partially improved, and it is on roads of this character—roads that have been crowded or drained, but have not a hard surface—that the use of the drag is advocated.

In its simplest form the road drag consists of an ordinary log split in half and the two halves connected like the uprights of a ladder by means of cross sticks or rungs set in. The log should be about seven or eight inches in diameter, and from six to eight feet in length. It is better to have it of well seasoned, hard, tough wood. The two semi-cylindrical halves of the log from the runners of the drag, and are usually spaced from thirty to thirty six inches apart. The front runner is always placed with the split surface of the wood facing forward, but the rear runner sometimes has its rounded face in front. This is done in order to increase the smearing action of the drag as it passes over the surface of the road.

The two runners are not placed directly behind each other, but are "offset," as it is called, from twelve to sixteen inches. This is done because the drag is drawn over the road at an angle sufficient to make the runners feel themselves of the material which they scrape. The amount of this angle or skew depends, of course, upon the condition of the road. By offsetting the runners, it is possible to make their ends follow approximately the same line on the road, which they would not do if they were set directly behind each other and the drag drawn at an angle with the road. In order to provide standing room for the man, it is usual to nail two boards down upon the rungs parallel to the runners. Standing upon these, a skilful driver will bear his weight in such a way as to aid materially in the successful operation of the drag.

The drag is drawn by a chain, which should be about eight feet long. This can be fastened by eye bolts to each end of the front runner, or one end of the chain passes through a hole at the discharge end of the front runner, and the other end is looped over the wrung at the cutting end of the runner. It is important that the hitching link should be so designed that its point can be changed readily. It is also desirable to provide a metal cutting edge for the front runner. This can be made from a strip of iron or steel, and old wagon tires have frequently proved satisfactory.

The cost of such a drag varies from \$2 to perhaps \$10 or \$12. This practically insignificant outlay will secure an implement that will be of great service to the community for at least three or four years. The fact cannot be overlooked, however, that skill in the use of the drag is indispensable. The angle that the runners make with the center line of the road, the skew angle as it might be called, is an important factor. For example, if the dragging is done to increase the crown of the road, the drag should be sufficiently skewed to discharge all

FARMERS WILL MEET AT THURSDAY

A Fine Program Arranged and a Pleasant and Profitable Day Is Expected.

The following very interesting program has been arranged for the county meeting of the Rowan branch of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union of America which is to be held at Trading Ford on Friday and Saturday, August 7th and 8th.

FRIDAY MORNING, AUGUST 7.

10 a. m. meeting called to order by president, M. G. M. Fisher. Devotional exercises by chaplain, Prof. F. B. Brown. Address of welcome by B. P. Cornelison. Response by F. D. Patterson. Reading of minutes of previous meeting. Report of locals, seating of delegates. Reports from secretary, treasurer, or, and business agents.

Topic No. 1: To Progress, of Necessity we must improve our Soil, by Demonstrator, R. W. Freeman. Dinner.

Afternoon session begins at 2 o'clock. Reports from executive committee.

Topic No. 2: What Methods to Pursue to Build up the Locals, by J. H. Frick and others.

SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 8.

Meeting called to order by president at 10 a. m. Devotional, by Prof. F. B. Brown.

At 10:30, Address by Dr. H. Q. Alexander, State President F. E. and C. U. of A.

Dinner. Adjournment.

The public is cordially invited to attend the Saturday meeting. Bring the ladies and children.

J. H. FRICK, chairman, G. W. PARK, F. D. PATTERSON, J. R. PALMER, ARTHUR L. KLUTZ, Sec. Executive committee.

Rowan Historical Society Re-organized.

As a well attended meeting held at the new court house last Friday night the Rowan Historical Society was re-organized, with the following officers: President, Capt. W. C. O'Nighan, treasurer and custodian, Joseph C. Kessler, secretary, E. H. Bean, Theo. Baerbaum, who was formerly connected with this society turned over all papers and records in his possession to the same and a committee was named to secure the return of all the papers borrowed by the State thirty years ago from the Secretary of State. The society will maintain a room in the old court house after it is remodeled and have the use of a vault in which to keep valuable papers. After September 1st the society will have regular stated meetings.

You're Bilious and Costive

Sick Headache, and Bad Breath, Sour Stomach, Furred Tongue and Indigestion, Mean Liver and Bowels clogged. Clean up tonight. Get a 25c. bottle of Dr. King's New Life Pills to-day and empty the stomach and bowels of fermenting, gassy foods and waste. A full bowel movement gives a satisfied, thankful feeling—makes you feel fine. Effective, yet mild Don't gripe. 25c., at your Druggist.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve for Burns.

material as rapidly as it is collected on the runners. On the other hand the conditions may be such that it is desirable to carry along this material in order to deposit it where there are depression in the road's surface. An intelligent operator will soon learn many ways of controlling the action of the drag. The length of the hitching chain, the disposition of the operator's weight, the time when the dragging is done, all these exert a marked influence upon the results. As to the time for dragging, a safe rule to follow is to drag the road when the material composing the surface containing sufficient moisture to compact readily, but is not sufficiently wet for traffic to produce mud. Since the weather plays so important a part in the matter, it is not usually possible to arrange continuous employment for teams on the road. It is therefore desirable, whenever possible, to have the dragging done by persons interested in the road, who will do it in the intervals of other occupations.

Best Diarrhoea Remedy

If you have ever used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy you know that it is a success. Sam F. Guin, Whitley Ala., writes, "I had measles and got caught out in the rain, and it settled in my stomach and bowels I had an awful time, and had it not been for Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy I could not possibly have lived but a few hours longer, but thanks to this remedy, I am now well and strong." For Sale by For Sale by All Dealers.

MONEY FOR THE WAR SETTLED

Decision Expected in October as to Southern War Claims on Captured Cotton

Washington, D. C., July 18.—That the Court of Claims will pass judgment on several Southern war claims cases which will serve as tests for many similar claims is now believed certain, and the decisions are expected in October. The claims have dragging along for years. A fund of \$5,000,000 is available for the payments of the claims if they are found tenable. This fund is the remainder of nearly seven million dollars by the sale of captured cotton and other effects. More than 1,000 cases are pending, and scores of letters received at the Treasury Department indicate that several thousand more cases have been decided. It appears from the tone of the letters that there is a general misunderstanding as to the amount of money held by the Treasury Department for the settlement of these claims. Some persons have the idea that \$100,000,000 is the vault ready for distribution when the rightful owners are found. The Treasury officials say they are holding in round figures \$4,990,000 for distribution when the validity of the claims has been established.

One official went into detail as to how the Treasury came into possession of the fund. Congress he said, in 1868 authorized the Secretary of the Treasury to appoint special agents to collect captured and abandoned property in the States where rebellion existed. All the property collected by them and not returned to the owners was sold and the funds sent to the Treasury. A fund of \$26,887,684 \$9 was accumulated. After the civil war ended, on August 20, 1866, two years were allowed for the presentation and payment of claims, in which time payments amounting to \$9,864,800.75 were made. Additional payments have been made from time to time under special and private acts of Congress. At various times hundreds of claims have been disallowed because the Confederacy records in the possession of the Treasury Department show that the goods were sold to the Confederacy before their capture. The total amount represented by the pending claims greatly exceeds the amount held. As a result the Treasury Department is actively engaged in searching records and preparing data to insure a proper distribution.

Big Drainage Work

The job of draining Grant's creek is now open to bids, so announce the drainage commissioners of Rowan county, through engineer C. M. Miller. The creek is to be drained for about fourteen and a half miles and about 491,886 cubic feet of material will be moved. The work will be completed within 16 months from August 1st of this year.

Cured of Indigestion

Mrs. Sadie P. Clawson, Indiana, Pa., was bothered with indigestion. "My stomach pained me night and day," she writes. "I would feel bloated and have headache and belching after eating. I also suffered from constipation. My daughter had used Chamberlain's Tablets and they did her so much good that they helped me as nothing else has done. For Sale by All Dealers.

Triumphal Arch at Valley Forge Dedicated.

The arch of triumph for which Congress appropriated \$100,000 in 1910 has been built and dedicated to the American soldiers who endured such terrible privations while in winter quarters at Valley Forge in 1777. A handsome page view of the arch appears in the August Popular Mechanics Magazine. In 1898 the state of Pennsylvania bought 475 acres of land covering the site of the camp and formed it into "Valley Forge Park."

Master Sweetman Arrives at Spencer

E. E. Sweetman, who succeeds E. O. Sasser, former Master Mechanic of the Southern Railway shops at Spencer, arrived in Spencer last Thursday and entered upon active duties Wednesday. Mr. Sweetman comes from Princeton, Md., and was Master Mechanic of the Southern Railway shops at that place. He is a young man but has a great deal of experience in this work and those who have met him all speak of him and think he will make a fine boss. His wife and family will arrive in Spencer in a few days and they will locate there.

Suckering Corn

A reader wishes to know if we "think it necessary to pull suckers off corn?" If we could tell about the future rainfall or knew just how much plant food is going to be available to feed the corn we could possibly give useful advice on this subject; but as no one knows these things and experiment seems to indicate that, taking one year with another it does not pay to pull off the suckers, we advise our readers that he leave the suckers also.—The Progressive Farmer.

Has Your Child Worms?

Most children do. A Coated, Furred Tongue; Strong Breath; Stomach Pains; Circles under eyes; Pale Sallow Complexion; Nervous, Fretful; Grinding of Teeth; Tossing in Sleep; Peculiar Dreams—any one of these indicate Child has Worms. Get a box of Katakoo Worm Killer at once. It kills the Worms—the cause of your child's condition. Is Laxative and aids Nature to expel the Worms. Supplied in candy form. Easy for children

CEPEDA HAS AUTHORITY TO GO

Boots to Carranza from Carballo, ex-Minister

Washington, July 28.—Reginaldo Cepeda, Senator from the State of Coahuila, and intimate friend of General Carranza, has been selected by Provisional President Carballo to negotiate the transfer of the Government at Mexico City to the Constitutionalists.

Mr. Cepeda, who was in hiding in Mexico City during the Huerta dictatorship, left Vera Cruz today for Tampico to meet Carranza. He has full instructions to arrange for the transfer of Government. Jose Castellote, personal representative of Mr. Carranza, today conveyed this information to Secretary Bryan, Mangel Norvalo and Utrera, whom it had been supposed would constitute the Carranza Government merely as negotiators of the agreement and have no credentials from Carranza.

As soon as Dr. Cepeda is received by General Carranza an armistice will be formally signed as the first step in the negotiation. General Carranza has indicated his willingness to declare a truce during the negotiations, and the Carrallos Government is anxious to do likewise. Mr. Cepeda has been instructed to ask for only two things, a complete amnesty for political offenders and guarantees of the Mexican people.

While local agents of Carranza have said he was disinclined to grant an amnesty, his speech today at Victoria, Mexico, and other reliable advice show he will declare an amnesty though reserving the right to punish the execution of Madero and Suarez. Most those implicated, however, have left Mexico City.

Protestantism Taking Cuba.

There are eight Protestant denominations at work in Cuba, with one hundred and thirty pastors constantly preaching the gospel in over three hundred pulpits. These pastors have nearly two hundred assistant lay preachers to help them, and seven hundred teachers in Sunday schools give weekly Bible instruction to twelve thousand pupils. Young people's societies flourish in many congregations. In about fifty boarding and day schools of our Protestant denominations, one hundred and sixty teachers come in girls and boys. Some of the young men graduates from our schools are now filling responsible positions in public and business life; others are preachers or teachers. The American Bible Society has circulated nearly three thousand copies of the Scriptures in Cuba. Millions of tracts and prophecies, and tens of thousands of good books have been distributed, sold and read. Five Church papers filled with evangelical reading matter reach several thousand readers every issue. It is conceivable that all of these agencies pouring in their contributions to Cuban life labor in vain?—Lutheran Visitor.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH GURE.

There's a Reason

Mexico City, June 26.—Most Rev. Francisco Plancarter Navarrete Archbishop of Linares, and Most Rev. Francisco Orozco Jimenez, Archbishop of Guadalajara, accompanied by the French Charge d'Affaires, called at the Brazilian legation here today and held a long conference with Minister Cardozo de Oliveira regarding what they termed the hostile attitude of the Constitutionalists towards the Catholic church. Many instances were cited by the prelates in confirmation of the charges.

Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December, A. D. 1896.

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RELIC OF COL. YARBOROUGH

Certificate of Membership in Society of Cincinnati Presented.

Edward Marshall Yarborough, of Raleigh, has placed in the North Carolina Hall of History, as a relic, the original certificate of membership of his great-grandfather, Col. Edward Yarborough, as a member of the Society of the Cincinnati, the most striking of all the national societies in the United States.

The certificate is in the original frame. It is dated September 1st, 1787, and is signed by George Washington, who was president of the society from the time it was formed in 1783 until his death in 1799, and by Maj. Gen. Henry Knox, as secretary, the latter serving in that capacity from 1788 to 1790.

The certificate descends to Edward Marshall Yarborough, the oldest son of Col. Yarborough, the Marshall in his name being that of the famous chief Justice John Marshall. Then it passed to Edward M. Yarborough the third, it was this member of the family who built and named the Yarborough House at Raleigh, long famous as the real political headquarters in North Carolina. From him it passed to the present owner, who makes the loan.

To the Society of Cincinnati officers of the continental army or Navy American and French, who had served with honor for at least three years, was eligible as members, the membership descending to the eldest lineal male descendant. There are 18 State societies, one in each of the original States of the Union, and one society in France, numbers of the officers of the French army and navy were included with the members, and some of the officers were holding this much prized honor.

Capt. Edward Yarborough, who was resident of Salisbury and lived where the Washington building now stands on North Main Street. The Yarborough burying ground where a number of the family and other early prominent citizens of the town were interred, is situated on Hogan's Alley, where Sowers' blacksmith shop now stands.

Edward Yarborough, Jr., son of Capt. Yarborough of Salisbury, was the proprietor of the Yarborough house in Raleigh and gave it its name.

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HOW THE PATRIOTS WALK IN PITTSBURGH

Remains in Memory of the League as Usual, but Want to Form Nationality.

From The Menace.
Otis L. Spurgeon delivered a series of lectures in the Carnegie Music Hall (Oakland) Pittsburgh, Pa., during the week of June 26 to July 5.

It was the good fortune of your correspondent to be present at two of the lectures, and the importance of the series together with the plan under which they were held convinced me that an account of them should be published in THE MENACE for the benefit of patriots in other cities.

The lectures were held under the auspices of the "American Patriotic Joint Lecture Committee." This committee composed of representatives from the Local Orange Lodge, the Knights of Luther, Knights of Malta, True Americans, Indians F. L., Jr. O. U. A. M. and Ladies' Loyal Orange Association, these seven patriotic fraternities have associated together for the purpose of educating the people in matters patriotic. It is a most commendable plan and should be imitated by the fraternities in other cities. Since these orders have federated they have really transformed the city of Pittsburgh and the county in the matter of civil government.

For years Rome has been completely dominating Greater Pittsburgh because Rome worked as a unit, but in the campaign last fall these societies banded together, endorsed certain candidates, nominated others and the result of the election was that but one lone some Roman Catholic was elected to office in the entire county. The city government and state representatives are all true Americans, and Rome is setting away back in the bleachers.

This joint lecture committee is composed of 21 members who constitute an executive committee and reports are made to the various orders at stated times; the result is that practically every loyal American knows what is going on and is working in harmony with every other patriot in this great modern reformation. They not only provide lectures, but also conduct a patriotic paper, The Keystone American which is published weekly and goes into the homes of every member of these patriotic societies and is gaining a national circulation.

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Constitutionalists Allowed to

Organize in Mexico City

Did they not supply him the money with which to crush the Constitutionalists as long as he had the least chance to succeed? How can they expect consideration or kindly treatment from a people they have oppressed for centuries and whose enemies they have aided and abetted from Cortez to Huerta?

The Mexican people are fighting for freedom and the land of their fathers. If they take their lives in hand to oust the murderer, Huerta, and are successful in the undertaking, they would certainly be champs to leave his allies in possession of the power they have used for centuries to oppress the Mexican people.

It is keeping wide Roman tactics for the archbishops to appeal to Washington. Intervention has always been their long suit. Huerta, their tool, tried to offset the same by insulting the flag. His scheme didn't work for the simple reason that a President was on the job at Washington who had no use for the murderer of Madero. It remains to be seen whether he will be as firm when it comes to dealing with Huerta's ecclesiastical pals.

Newspaper Hypocrisy.

The average daily newspaper is a lying, hypocritical fraud, taking the people's money and playing to the galleries with the thing that will bring in the greatest amount of advertising patronage. That they are two-faced and continually try to carry water on both shoulders can be discovered by any reader who is willing to pursue any one of them closely for as long as a week and note the incongruities that appear. Hearst's desire are fair samples. For instance, in the Chicago American of July 26th we read an article written by Rev. Thomas B. Gregory, in which the American editor allows the correspondent to use this language when dealing with the public school question and the separation of church and state.

The men who made this nation and established its institutions were wise. They knew history, and they did not need to be told that to mix up church and state is to commit national suicide. So they decided that the people should have no official copartnership with the churches, and that the people's schools, like all the other public institutions, should be secular—purely and simply secular, rather than half secular and half ecclesiastical.

And in this they did well. To have done less would have been in the end disastrous. If the day ever comes when the people's money is appropriated for sectarian purposes, and the sectarian shibboleths are permitted to invade the precincts of our public school system, the great experiment in democratic government on this continent will have failed and the curtain will have fallen upon the attempt at free and progressive government in our beloved country.

What's the matter with that? Nothing—absolutely nothing. It is the sentiment The Menace has been trying to disseminate all these years. You might search the files of The Menace from the time and you wouldn't find a clearer, more pungent or timely statement on the separation of church and state.

The point is simply this: Probably in less than thirty days the American will come out in a whole front page with pictures of priests and other prelates and an eulogy on the Roman Catholic as long as Jacob's ladder.

The American is exactly like the great majority of other daily papers. It has no policy. It has no principal, and it has no other object than to make money. It preaches patriotism one day and lauds the enemies of patriotism the next. It plays for suckers and catches them in every stream. The only hope for the people is for the people to make plain to the daily papers where they stand on these great questions. When they print something worth while, write them and tell them about it, and then when they print the Roman slush tell them about that, too, and tell them about that unmistakable truth. They'll soon get wise.

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