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IMPORTANCE OF DRAINAGE.

Ridding Roads of Storm and Under-ground Water the Subject of a Thoughtful Paper Sent Out by the United States Office of Public Roads.

With an average of 27,000 tons of water falling in the form of rain on each mile of public road in the United States annually, it is scarcely to be marvelled at that the ten commandments of the road builder can be summed up succinctly in the word "drainage."

The saying has truth for a basis, as good drainage is the primary requisite for all roads. Even in sand roads this holds true, for there "good drainage" means such as will safely remove the storm water without erosion or gullying and still retain the surface moisture.

To secure good drainage one must take into consideration both the surface water and the under-ground water. The surface water must be removed quickly and completely and without subjecting the road to excessive scour or erosion. For this reason, the center of the road should be raised and the slope towards the side ditches should be from 1/2 to 1 inch to each foot distance, or so that the water will run freely to the side ditches and not flow down the road or remain in puddles on the roadway. The side ditches should be of ample size to care for the severest storms with a fall of not less than 6 inches to each 100 feet. Frequent and ample cross drains should be constructed and every opportunity taken to get the water away from the road as quickly as possible. Any road along which you see water standing in the side ditches or on which puddles of water have collected or which has been badly gullied and eroded by the rains has poor drainage and is in need of immediate attention. In fact, earth roads nearly always require a little attention after each rain.

The split-log drag is essentially a tool to maintain good drainage on our earth roads, and should be used after each rain. On a heavy clay or gumbo soil the drag when properly used tends to puddle the road surface, keep it free from ruts, dense, smooth and hard, thus securing the best surface drainage possible.

But in many places the under-ground water is too near the surface and must be removed before a good road will be possible. This means that some form of sub-drainage must be resorted to, usually tile drains, of clay or concrete. Water from whatever source must be gotten rid of effectively, for water plus clay or gumbo invariably equals mud when mixed in spring and summer. Water becomes ice in winter and as water in freezing expands one eighth its volume, the road heaves out of shape, and when the ice melts the road disappears beneath the rising tide of mud constantly fed by rains, melting snows and underground springs.

DeWitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Salve is recommended as the best thing to use for piles. It is, of course, good for anything where a salve is needed. Beware of imitations. Sold by English Drug Company.

There Will be No Abnormal Crop This Year.

Southern Cotton Journal.
The cotton planter will remember how the land was flooded a year ago with "bear dope." That New York circulars and letters from speculators to the press of the land told of the 134 million bale crop and the 8 cent cotton. We should all remember these stories. Instead of making a 134 million bale crop, we produced less than 11 million bales fit for spinning, and, in spite of the panic, which was very fierce in the very midst of the marketing season, the price ranged around 11 cents.

The "bear dope" is being poured into the South again, and men, women and small boys in New York are telling the people living in the cotton belt how much their crop will amount to this year and what the price will be. Funny, ain't it? The most peculiar thing, however, about the whole matter, there are a whole lot of people in the South knowing more about it than the fellow in New York, and yet they take for granted that the "bear dope" is sound advice.

Don't be fooled by such arguments. No one can tell what the crop will be. And, again, the people must wear clothes. And the people have not purchased much clothing during the past season, hence there is certain to be a demand for all the cotton grown during 1908, and at good prices. Cotton will not spoil, no other country can furnish the desired quantity nor quality; the world needs it; therefore hold it for fair prices. If we produce a crop that averages with the past eleven years, 'twill be less than 12 million bales of mill supplies. What right have we to think more than average crop will be grown? Remember this average includes the great bumper crop of 1906 and 1907; also, remember this, the acreage of 1906 was greater than in 1907 or 1908, and the acreage in 1904 was but slightly less.

Figures intended to convey the impression that an abnormal crop will be grown this season are "fool figures." Great acreage does not mean big crops, for during that period between 1879 and 1907 the harvested acreage increased 116 per cent., but the production of cotton increased only 97 per cent. Many vicissitudes have confronted the 1908 crop, and there is yet time for climatic conditions and insect life to work great damage.

Not Popular in Richmond.
Richmond Special to News and Observer.
The Republican ticket nominated in Charlotte is not being very enthusiastically received here, Mr. Cox being particularly disapproved of. The Anglo-Saxon, edited by ex-Sheriff John M. Smith, a Republican, in its last issue says: "If headed by a popular man that ticket would be a strong one. Mr. Cox, the candidate for Governor, has but one element of strength, and that is money. He cannot poll the Republican vote of this section."

Quick Relief for Asthma Sufferers.
Foley's Honey and Tar affords immediate relief to asthma sufferers in the worst stages and if taken in time will effect a cure. English Drug Co.

AERONAUT DASHED TO DEATH

Dirigible Balloon Comes to Grief and the Aviator Falls 500 Feet.
Waterville, Maine, Dispatch, 2nd.
In full view of 25,000 horrified spectators, assembled on the Central Maine fair grounds here late today, Charles Oliver Jones of Hammondspoint, N. Y., aeronaut, fell a distance of 500 feet to his death. Among the witnesses of the frightful plunge were Mrs. Jones and child, and they were almost the first to reach the side of the dying man. Jones died an hour and a half after the accident.

Jones had been at the fair ground with his dirigible balloon "Boomerang," known as a Strobel airship, since Monday. Today he arranged to make a flight between 3 and 4 o'clock, but such a high wind prevailed that a delay was necessary. At 4:30 conditions had modified and he gave the word to have the machine released.

When the aeronaut reached a height of more than 500 feet the spectators were amazed to see small tongues of flames issuing from under the gas bag in front of the motor. At this time the balloon had passed out of the fair grounds. Many persons in the great crowd endeavored to apprise Jones of his danger, but several minutes elapsed before he noticed the fire. Then he grasped the rip cord and by letting out gas, endeavored to reach the earth. The machine had descended but a short distance when a sudden burst of flame enveloped the gas bag and the frame work, immediately separating it from the bag.

Jones fell with the frame of his motor, and when the spectators reached him he was lying under it. The gas bag was completely destroyed. The physicians who were in the crowd found that Jones had no chance to survive as he was injured internally, and his spine was broken.

Automobile Meet at Ellerbe Springs
The big Ellerbe Springs "Automobile Meet," first planned for September 9th and 10th, has been postponed until September 23rd and 24th. This delay has been necessitated on account of the excessive rains and high water, and the damage to roads and destruction of bridges in the adjoining counties, which would make it difficult for people to reach Ellerbe right now. Everything will be ready for the big "meet" on September 23rd and 24th, and the original plans, which were very attractive indeed, will be made even better. All automobilists of both North and South Carolina are expected to be present. A barbecue and banquet will be served and a big time had generally. The Rockingham "Home Coming" celebration will be had on the same day.

The Catawba in 1901.
Mr. J. M. Sloan of Belmont was in the city Friday afternoon. He has records of the height of South Fork river at that point. He says that Mr. Russell Wells marked the river for many years. In 1876 it was the highest it had been known to have been, and marks had been kept for many years previous to that. It was thirteen inches higher than any previous record in 1876. On May 23, 1901, the water reached a point 6 feet 8 1/2 inches higher than in 1876. This time the mark was 3 1/2 inches lower than 1901. In 1901 was when the South-ern trestle over the Catawba washed away. It was not at this time but later when the Mt. Holly bridge went down. The river was not so very high when the Mt. Holly bridge went. Mr. Sloan makes the river 2 1/2 feet high this time. Mr. Sloan's ferry over the river was not washed away. Underwood Tate was in the city with a couple of loads of melons from Mr. Sloan's plantation. The largest was a 96-pounder and went to J. L. Johnson. Underwood lost about a hundred dollars' worth of melons in the freshet.

Will We Do It?

Weathering Cotton Journal.
What is termed a character sketch of C. W. Maccara has been published in a British magazine, and the story from A to Z tells of success in defeating efforts tending toward higher prices. The author tells how Lancashire mills were curtailed at great loss from 55 1/2 hours to 40 hours the week, how the wages of the operatives were reduced under the mandate of this man of iron will and grim determination, in an effort to break the Sully movement, and of the gratitude in which this man is held by the cotton world for depressing the price of lint in America and bringing desolation to thousands of homes far removed from the scenes of his concerted actions. The article says in closing this particular chapter:

"If Mr. Maccara had done nothing else, he will always be remembered with gratitude in Lancashire as the man who beat Sully." He, too, perhaps, is the man who beat Livermore, for he claims to have embraced in his organization the International Federation of Master Cotton Spinners' and Manufacturers' Association, 110,000,000 of the 123,000,000 spindles of the world. The author says this is the largest alliance the world has ever seen, and all has not been done yet. Mr. Maccara intends to do, the article says. He is called the conqueror of King Cotton.

Will our American mills, our planters and spinners permit this boastful man, working hand and glove with the bear element, to defeat honest prices, honest methods and dictate the terms of American existence in the cotton belt? We are masters and can apply drastic rules which will cause Maccara and his hordes of federated interests to become meek and lowly, willing and anxious to pay an honest price for material he must have or starve. With such power in our hands will we permit him to force the issue and compel want and deprivation to mark the daily walk of the cotton grower?

THE AUTO KILLS.
Record of Fatalities in New York Calls Forth Comparisons.
New York World.
The Brooklyn Eagle says sixty people were last year killed by automobiles in Nassau county. The population of Nassau county was 55,000 in 1900. Calling it now 60,000 for convenience, its automobile death rate was one per thousand.

In the whole "registration area" of the United States pneumonia and consumption together kill yearly but four per thousand. The auto in Nassau county is one quarter as deadly as these two great scourges of humanity combined. Apoplexy and cancer together kill proportionally no more persons in the nation than the auto in Nassau county. Less than half as many peacefully pass away in old age as the auto hustles into eternity untimely and unprepared. Railroad road accidents, an appalling total, are yet but one-sixth this rate. Appendicitis kills less than one-tenth as many. Typhoid fever or meningitis or diphtheria is far less deadly.

For the sordid sake of its saloon keepers' tills, and to gratify its "sporty" residents, Nassau county welcomed the Vanderbilt cup race, illegally withdrawing its highways from public use. It looked with lenient eye upon the speed-maniac. It is reaping the whirlwind.

Leprosy One of the Least Contagious Diseases.
Cotton's Weekly.
Few things are more utterly unfounded than the popular dread of leprosy. Leprosy is one of the least contagious of all diseases known to be due to a bacillus. Ten cases of leprosy at large would be a lesser source of danger to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts than one case of ordinary consumption. In the great European hospitals cases of leprosy are kept for months and even years in the open wards, with thirty or forty other patients, to be exhibited to students and visiting physicians, without the slightest fear of contagion. White men living upon civilized diet seldom contract the disease even in the tropics, but when they do, and return home with it, they almost invariably recover, and never have been known in a single instance to communicate the disease to others, not even to members of their own family. Osler relates the case of an eminent clergyman who was a leper for thirty years without it ever interfering with his work, or any one save his physician suspecting the fact. A civilized community, properly fed and housed, is in no more danger from a case of imported leprosy than it would be from one of beriberi, or scurvy, or cancer, or clubfoot. The leper house or colony is a survivor of barbarism and medical ignorance pure and simple, and as unnecessary as it is cruel.

Instead of leprosy being hopelessly incurable, cases in Europeans, which are recognized early and given prompt change of climate and food, usually get well or come to a standstill.

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Young Woman Killed on Trestle.

Washington Star.
On account of the confusion incident to the recent floods, particulars of a distressing accident that occurred last Friday on the W. C. and A. division of the Atlantic Coast Line, near Bolton, Columbus county, resulting in the killing of Miss Mary Millican, about 18 years of age, reached the city only yesterday.

Accompanied by her mother and several boarders at her home, including two young men, Miss Millican had started from Bolton to Wamash to visit an uncle of the young lady. They expected to go on the train but having missed the cars they started to walk the distance and were run down on a trestle between the points named by an Atlantic Coast Line extra train for which they were not looking. After having passed over the trestle about half way the party realized that it would be impossible for them to get off the structure and they adopted the best expedient of lying down on the ends of the long ties between the iron and the guard rails of the trestle, allowing the train to pass over them. Unfortunately Miss Millican lifted her head for just a moment before the last coach had passed and the entire back of her head was taken off by a step on the train. When the train had passed other members of the party were horrified to find the girl so fearfully mangled and dead in their midst. The remains were taken to Bolton and after being prepared for burial were sent to her home near the plant of the Waccamaw Lumber Company, where it is stated that her father is employed.

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