

GOOD COUNTRY ROADS.

They are Essential to the Development of the County.

An Observant Traveler Tells How Other Countries Manage Their Systems of Public Roads.

EDS. RECORD-UNION: With the old road died out the race of Road Overseers in this State. Peace to their ashes, and may they never have official resurrection. Bitter memories of their inaptitude will long survive. The new road law came in with the new year, but it seems to be still-born. Twelve days after it appeared the Board of Supervisors in solemn assembly declared the law impracticable and should be spunged out. All's well that ends well. The new members of the Board of Supervisors and the Legislature now in session have a grand opportunity to render themselves immortal by relegating to the past the present mode of road-making and road repairing, and substituting the rational mode of road construction followed by the most advanced nations.

Roads reflect much of the civilization of a country; roads are essential to the development of a country's resources; roads are primary elements for the advancement of an agricultural district. These statements are nowadays axiomatic. Judged by them, the State of California in general and the county of Sacramento in particular are in a deplorable condition. Sectional and longitudinal models, or photographs of our great arteries of communication, put on the side with the specimens of natural resources in the World's Fair, would surely reflect on the practical intelligence of our people.

A pile of money has been spent to make the roads, and to keep them in so-called repair the long suffering property-holders are heavily taxed. But these sums have been entrusted to and manipulated by those who, with few exceptions, knew nothing whatever about road making. No provision has been made for pedestrians; the sidewalk of drainage has been ignored; the little knowledge about rounding up has been singularly dangerous; and the bridges are of the most flimsy and temporary character. It is impossible to find a single point worthy of commendation.

The greatest of ancient republics presents us with the most perfect and enduring road construction. These level-headed, practical Romans realized that for the conservation of their empire good roads were above all things essential. Hence, to the military posts on the furthestmost boundaries solid highways were constructed. The famed "Appian Way" measured 110 miles in length, and was 30 miles in width, and it had its sidewalks, about eight feet wide; it paved way for least of burden, fifteen miles in width; its milestones, and, at varying distances, high blocks of stone for the convenience of mounting on horseback. It was paved with the most solid blocks of heavy hardstone fitted to each other with great exactitude and nicety. Where there was not already a base of hard rock, an artificial foundation of stone, bricks, and cement was built. This queen of roads, 800 years after its commencement, is mentioned by historians as being in perfect repair throughout. The road was part trodden by St. Peter and St. Paul, after two thousand years' service, is perfect. On this model were the Roman roads constructed. (The thousands of them are to be found wherever Roman rule existed.)

While it is not expected that California will construct roads of solid, still, yet inexhaustible sources of granite and hard, tough stone on every side, why cannot the State—and more especially our own county—design a road system, plan of road for man and beast, and then construct on the Macadam or Telford system? The existing roads are of the very nature contained in this section, and are benefactors of mankind.

The greatest of modern European republics, France, has a thorough system for keeping the highways in repair, and is worthy of the study of our people. In no country of the world are there such excellent and well-kept roads. They run for miles perfectly straight. They have a slightly convex center part for beasts of burden; there are always one, and sometimes two, sidewalks for pedestrians, and on both sides of the road are ditches, in which there is drainage under the sidewalks, there are ditches to carry off surplus water. An hour after the heaviest rainfall the roads are perfectly dry and clean.

widely separated objects and persons, in art and architecture. His diction is scholarly, his style is easy, his manner graceful, and his descriptions clear and very interesting. The views shown were unquestionably the most clearly-defined and best-illustrated and best-illustrated ever shown here. The stereopticon plays so large a part in these days in illustration, that it is yearly approaching more nearly to perfection, and the art of producing pictures by photography for enlargement by the lantern has become an important one in scientific literature, and at a recent Campbell pleased his audience and held it for over an hour and a half, not more by the splendid pictures thrown upon the great screen than by his discourse. Tonight the final lecture will be on our navy and our coast defenses. A graphic description of the battle between the Monitor and the Merrimack will be a feature, and pictures and clear explanations of ironclads, built, building, interior and exterior, armament, various parts and their uses, and their uses, searchlight, sea, dirigible and auto-motive torpedoes, disappearing guns, armor plate before and after tests, etc., etc. Eighteen modern models will be illustrated, and twenty views of the first battle of the ironclads. Captain Campbell has not only the finest stereopticon ever brought to this city, but also a complete set of the views in existence. He entered the army on the outbreak of the rebellion and fought through the war on the Union side and has made implements of war much of a study. At his request, that youths may have full opportunity to hear the naval descriptions and see the beautiful views of the new navy and our coast defenses in a lecture that the State Geographical Society pronounces "captivating," children under 15 will be admitted to-night for 15 cents. Seats for the lecture will be secured at Parnell's to-day free of reserve charge. The audience last night was not full, but the lecture was so well-attended that the Museum Association Committee in charge. In fact, the receipts did not half meet the expenses. It is hoped that the public will respond to the efforts of the committee to-night liberally enough to save the association loss. It certainly provides an entertainment up to every representation made. The committee desires it stated that it will insure sufficient warmth in the theater, as the furnaces will be fired early and the thermometer kept at a proper indication of warmth the evening through.

At the Clunie Opera-house to-night "Falsely Accused," the exciting melodrama, will be again played by Mr. Dailey's company for the fourth time. The house last night was packed, and the timely and timely character of the play, which pleased the audience.

The play of "The Hunchback," to be given at the Metropolitan Theater on the night of February 7th, under the management of E. S. Lattie, for the benefit of the Froelich Kindergarten schools, promises to be a very attractive affair. Mr. Lattie has secured excellent local talent for the occasion.

The diamond party by the Catholic Ladies Relief Society at Turner Hall on Friday evening, February 10th, will be an enjoyable affair.

Professor O'Malley's weekly social at Smith's Hall to-night.

THE FOOTBALL CRAZE. The Athletic Club Team is Getting Into Fine Condition.

What the Oakland Crack Team is Composed of—The Amicos Working Hard, too. The Sacramento Athletic Club's football team has adopted a uniform to be worn during the numerous contests it proposes to engage in. The suits will be of white duck, with blue stockings, sleeves and caps, and the club emblem—a flying "S"—will be worn on the left breast in black and gold. An effort is being made to have regular Saturday-afternoon games, and, judging from the number of challenges that have been sent out and received from other clubs, the season will extend well into spring. The Amicos team looks with favor upon this plan, too, and between them both, Sacramento can be represented in every contest that takes place here.

The game that is to take place here February 4th between the Athletics and the Oakland eleven is looked forward to with great interest among the enthusiasts, and it is expected that there will be a large attendance. The Athletic boys are working hard and will, no doubt, give a good account of themselves. They practice with the Oakland team at 3 o'clock and with the Amicos Sunday morning, at Snowflake Park. The public may witness these games free of charge. The expected line-up for the Athletics is: Pringle; right tackle—W. H. Fine; right end—C. S. Myrick; quarter back—H. P. Conner; center—left half—C. Beck; right half—W. Ransome; full back—Jas. Tobin. Substitutes—M. Fine, E. B. Beck and B. Miller.

J. J. Archibald, the manager of the Oaklandites. This club color is Yale blue. The team will come on Saturday morning, February 4th, and meet at the stadium. The suits made up of the latest styles used in the intercollegiate games and when the park is decorated the sight promises to be a grand one.

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