

WORKING FOR GOOD ROADS.

The State Highway Commissioners Address Citizens.

Last Night's Meeting Held Under the Auspices of the Local Wheelmen.

A representative meeting of good roads enthusiasts, composed of wheelmen, farmers, business men and officials to meet the members of the State Bureau of Highways, was held last night in Smith's Hall under the auspices of the Capital City Wheelmen, and was well attended.

Commissioner Irvine said that he appeared, not in his official capacity, but as a citizen of Sacramento, having lived more than half of his life in this city; that for the past few years he had been agitating the good roads question, and felt as though he was one of the pioneers of the movement, for it was at the little office of the Sacramento Humane Society, while he was President of that organization, that the first step toward calling a road convention in the State of California was taken.

"On the eve of the opening of the State rock quarry at Folsom," Mr. Irvine continued, "whereby not only the material but the very best of road material in the United States is available to us, the question is shall we go ahead and improve our streets, or shall we let Stockton, Marysville, Woodland and other neighboring cities reap the entire benefit? There is a field in this country for great, good and glorious work; and there is no reason why Sacramento should not stand at the head of any city in California, or even in the United States, for good, clean, wide and smooth streets and roads."

The speaker said that he regretted he was not a wheelman, but nature had done so much for him in the way of corpulence that he was afraid he should never enjoy what seemed to him one of the greatest pleasures imaginable—to glide along good, smooth streets on a wheel. The Commissioner, he said, had just returned from Folsom where they found the rock-crushing plant working to perfection; the machinery is all in place, and is now in operation crushing rock for the concrete foundations of the bunkers, which alone remain to complete the plant; that by the middle of April or the 1st of May rock will be available, and he hopes to see Sacramento put in the first order for road metal.

The other cities which he had mentioned had all been eagerly waiting the completion of the plant, and Stockton had signified her intention of taking 100,000 tons. The cost of crushed rock, laid down in Sacramento, will be but fifty cents a ton, or seventy-five cents a cubic yard, as against the prevailing price of nearly \$3. Sacramento has about 160 miles of streets and alleys, of which about forty miles are improved; but system in the manner of improving is sadly lacking.

Mr. Irvine referred to the work of the old Improvement Association, and appealed to the citizens to form another such organization. He said that there was no place in the State where a road can be built so easily or so cheaply as from Sacramento to Folsom. It parallels the railroad, and rock will therefore be available at any point on the line; a road can be constructed there which will be shown to visitors with pride, and the valuation of property on its line will be greatly increased.

Where system in the matter of road-building prevails, in such States as New Jersey, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, property has in many cases doubled in value, simply because it is a pleasure for people to live in the country with the city stores accessible to them by good roads.

The Commissioner said he wished to educate the people up to building roads of a reasonable width. The width that should be allowed for one wagon is eight feet, and the road should therefore be governed by multiples of eight. Do not construct roads ten or twenty feet wide; make them sixteen, twenty-four or thirty-two feet in width. If but one first-class piece of road be constructed it will be the means of the improvement of many more miles. If

the amount of money paid annually in patching worthless roads were expended in the construction of good highways the people would be astonished at the mileage of good roads they would have in ten years.

He said that the bicycle is condemned by many because, it is alleged, it has been the means of depreciating the value of horses. Such, he had found, is not the case. San Jose is the best wheeling town in the State, and it is also the best livery town in the State, and good roads had made it such.

Mr. Irvine touched on the subject of sprinkling. He condemned the popular method of waiting till June or July before sprinkling is commenced, whereby cut-up roads remain bad; roads should be sprinkled whenever they need it.

When the City Trustees had ordered the construction of new sprinkling wagons he had written to them from Riverside telling them what he had learned from personal observation on his travels through the State, and described to them an ideal sprinkling cart, holding twelve to fifteen hundred gallons of water, with wheels non-tracking and with eight-inch tires, so that every time a wheel is turned thirty-two inches of road bed are rolled, instead of being cut to pieces by narrow tires. But the reply was the wagons would pull too hard and overturn. The truth is nothing of the kind will happen.

"The wide tire is the road preserver; the narrow tire is the road destroyer. We allow six or seven-ton trucks to come on our streets with a three-inch tire, when they should not be less than six or eight inches wide."

Commissioner Marsden Manson was then called upon. He said he should have been very much pleased to have spoken at some length, but on account of a very severe cold he was unable to deliver an address. He complimented the young men present on their interest in the road question. He laid down as the fundamental principles of road construction, first, a proper firm, drainable surface on which to put the road; and, second, good material, well rolled and well put down on that surface.

On motion of Frank M. Woodson, the following Committee on Resolutions was then appointed by the Chair: Messrs. Daniel Flint, C. A. Luhrs and Frank M. Woodson, and the committee retired.

Commissioner J. L. Maude then followed with a very interesting address. He posed as the "bicycle fiend" of the bureau. He illustrated many of the points brought up by him by what he had seen on the trips of the bureau in road inspection through the State, covering some 4,000 miles. As to tire width, he had seen a vehicle composed of two wagons hauling logs on a county road; the estimated weight was thirty-two tons, on eight wheels, with two-inch tires, or sixteen inches bearing surface. Compare this with a \$4,000 ten-ton roller, with five feet bearing surface, needed on roads. Legislation must be had to prevent such abuse of public roads. Such legislation exists in France, in which country everything weighing over five tons must be hauled on rollers.

To illustrate the saving effected by good roads, Mr. Maude recited the case of a farmer in Sonoma County who told him he found it necessary to use four horses to haul one cord of wood a day to market over a poor road, while under the improved condition of affairs he can now haul, under a horse expended on permanent roads, three cords of wood a day with but two horses.

He outlined what he considered the solution of the road problem in California, namely, the division of roads into three classes, State, county and district roads. There should be three State roads running north and south through the State, one on the east side, one through the valley country and the third along the coast, with several lateral roads from east and west, in all, six or seven State roads. One cent on an assessed valuation of \$100 will give 250 miles of such road every year, and this tax on a home of average value would be but a few cents. The second class of roads, the county roads, will serve as branches to the State roads, and will be maintained at the county expense.

The district roads should be formed in a manner similar to the formation of school districts, and maintain roads as exits from the various farms on their lines to the county and State roads. Such will probably be the idea of districting the State that the Bureau of Highways will present to the next Legislature, but modifications may be made and new ideas developed.

Mr. Maude advocated the employment of convict labor on bridges and roads and in the preparation of road material, especially to get out stone for bridges, and showed that it is economy to employ free labor by keeping money at home now sent away for steel plates, and by employing masons to lay the stone. He favored the use of stone as a material for bridge construction all the time, and cited figures to substantiate his views. The stone bridge across the Napa River at St. Helena, which will last for ages, cost but \$14,500, as against a higher sum bid for the construction of a steel bridge whose life is but forty or fifty years.

He dwelt at some length on the State quarry and rock-crusher at Folsom, and said that General Roy Stone, Chief of the Office of Road Inquiry of the United States, had declared the rock superior to any road metal in the United States. The cost of seventy-five cents per cubic yard will put good roads within easy reach of Sacramento and neighboring counties.

To support his argument in favor of sprinkling, he said that the part of Magnolia avenue lying within the limits of the city of Riverside, which is sprinkled daily, is in perfect condition at all times of the year, while that part outside, which is not sprinkled, is many times almost impassable.

Mr. Maude narrated an amusing incident of his travels through neighboring County. There the roads are "strawed" annually at a cost of some \$200 a mile. The Supervisors had a stretch of road newly "strawed," and a few days after the improvement a band of cattle came along and ate up the road.

The Committee on Resolutions then submitted the following report, which was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this meeting of citizens is due, and they are hereby extended, to the members of the State Bureau of Highways for their attendance, their advice and for the information they have given.

Resolved, That it is the judgment of this meeting that true economy dictates to Sacramento County the construction of permanent highways only. That where temporary ones are necessary to maintain communication, they should be replaced only until it is possible to replace them with permanent roads, without oppression to taxpayers.

Resolved, That Sacramento should avail to the largest possible extent of the opportunity offered by the establishment of the State rock-crushing plant at Folsom, and that hereafter stone street roads alone should be constructed, and that gravel and dirt roads should be abandoned in all future construction, where it is possible with economy to place broken stone.

Resolved, That it is the opinion of this meeting that it is by far cheaper and wiser and more beneficial for taxpayers to construct permanent roads at an early day than to await the slow process of time for gradual extension of permanent roads; by which we mean that it is better to expend much at one time in building a good road that will shorten distance, save time, increase the capacity of haul, quicken communication between town and country, and make rural sections more desirable for residence than to spend a little each year for many years in the effort to secure good roads in the course of time.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the press with request to publish the same in the public interest, and that the Chairman of this meeting be requested to respectfully communicate them to the County Board of Supervisors.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this meeting that the city and county should at an early date purchase a suitable road roller, to be used jointly in future street and road construction.

Resolved, That a general State road law is imperatively necessary to the construction of good highways, and that we approve of a system of longitudinal and lateral State roads constructed and maintained by the State aid.

Resolved, That action be taken at once to form an organization to urge before the coming Legislature the necessities of the enactments of a general State road law.

Respectfully submitted, CHARLES A. LUHRS, DANIEL FLINT, F. M. WOODSON.

Chairman Morrison of the Board of Supervisors followed. He expressed his opinion as being an advocate of good roads. He said Sacramento had gone ahead in this direction to a considerable extent during the past three or four years. He was in favor of permanent improvements, and condemned the patching system so much in vogue. He thought road matters should be under the supervision of a city engineer, and felt sure that the Bureau of Highways, if called upon, will be glad to furnish all data, details and working plans.

C. A. Luhrs said he considered the matter of road improvement nothing more nor less than a business investment. He said that not only are our homes made pleasanter, but they increase in value by the expenditure of money on roads. Roads should not only be built, but taken care of when built. The sprinkling wagon should be put upon the roads when sprinkling is necessary instead of waiting till the middle of summer when the roads are ground up to dust. To the young men he said "This good roads movement is a good thing. Push it along. Make your city as attractive as you can."

He praised the work of the late Improvement Association. Frank Miller briefly addressed the meeting, and expressed his sympathy with the agitation, both as a citizen and as a wheelman. J. O. Coleman suggested the appointment of a committee to do what may be to further the building of a good road to Folsom, and the following gentlemen were named by the speaker: Messrs. Coleman, Miller and Bennett. The meeting then adjourned. It was one of much interest and the attention given the speakers was flattering to them and the good roads cause.

BRIDGE NOTES.

The river has risen considerably, and yesterday noon touched the 19 feet 1 inch mark.

Governor Budd has approved the bond of Frank H. Dixon as Harbor Commissioner of the Bay of San Diego.

Captain F. de L. Carrington, U. S. A., and Colonel J. C. Currier, Inspector on staff of Major-General W. H. Dimond, are carrying on the work of inspecting the National Guard. To-day the inspectors will be at San Jose, having completed their work in the San Joaquin Valley.

Hotel Arrivals. Arrivals at the Golden Eagle Hotel yesterday: H. Hart, San Jose; Anna Eva Fay, D. H. Pogue and wife, Boston; E. E. Bliss, New York; W. D. Gelette, Oakland; George Clement, Nevada City; W. Clark and wife, Santa Rosa; E. Corrigan, Chicago; Mrs. R. Salzer and maid, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph L. Cavan, Philadelphia; E. Westerman, L. C. Iuen, James Swift, J. M. Johnson, Fred. H. Green, Syd. Weinschen, H. Elless, George B. Crawford, San Francisco.

Where is M. S. Enos? Joseph S. Enos, whose address is "Engine Company, S. Salem street, Boston," writes to Chief of Police Drew to try and locate his father, M. S. Enos, from whom he has not heard for upward of a year.

The letter states that at last accounts Enos was living at 412 J street. His son is very anxious to know whether he is dead or alive.

Successful Operation. A couple of weeks ago Master Charles Overly fell from a swing, striking his head on a scantling beneath. In a few days it appeared that he had sustained an indentation of the skull, which would necessitate the operation of trepanning. This was successfully performed by two surgeons, and the lad is now doing remarkably well.

Election Board Cases. The arguments on the motion to set aside the indictments against the members of the First Precinct Election Board in the First Ward will be heard by Judge Hinkson to-day.

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A PLEASANT OCCASION.

Grand Officers Visit the Independent Foresters' Home.

The members of Court Sutter and Court Sierra of the Independent Order of Foresters entertained their friends last evening at Odd Fellows' Temple. The meeting was a very pleasant gathering, filling the hall to its full seating capacity.

The programme was well received, with the following numbers: piano solo, by Mr. Hyman; opening address, by J. R. Price, High Vice-Chief Ranger; vocal duet, the Misses Gore; recitation, Miss Bessie Jackson; harmonica, Ben. Whittier; piano solo, Mr. Hyman; address, by G. H. McElfresh, High Chief Ranger of the State; piano and violin, Misses Johnson; song, Mr. Gardner.

The address by High Chief Ranger McElfresh was well received, eliciting prolonged applause. After partaking of candies and other delicacies the audience was dismissed by a few well-timed remarks from E. A. Mack, D. S. C. R. Knights of Pythias.

Sacramento Lodge, No. 11, Knights of Pythias, had their weekly convocation of the ranks last evening. The occasion was an important one and attracted a number of prominent members of the fraternity. Among them were District Deputy Grand Chancellor Chris. Wilke, Chancellor Commander Pepper, Grand Representatives F. J. Dietrich, L. Pizer and N. Wilcox, Master of Finance Rupert Miller, Keeper of Records and Seal William Hale and Captain William E. Oldfield of the Uniform Rank.

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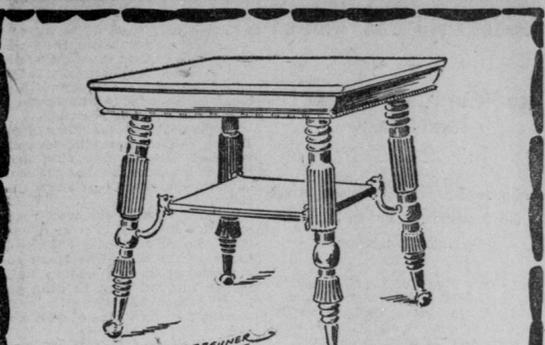
PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF A certain deed of trust, executed by JOEL GILFILLAN of the county of Alameda, State of California, to WM. BECKMAN and J. L. HUNTON of the city of Sacramento, county of Sacramento, State of California, as trustees, dated April 15, 1891, and recorded April 18, 1891, in the County of the County of Sacramento, in Book 26 of Deeds, at page 233 and following, notice is hereby given to the holder and owner of the promissory note secured by said deed of trust, and because default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust, the undersigned trustees will sell the public auction, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in United States gold coin, at the front of the southwest quarter of section 3, in township 22 north, range 3 west, Mount Diablo base and meridian.

J. L. HUNTON, Trustee. J. W. BECKMAN, Trustee. mr24-25-26-31 April 2-7-8-9

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, in and for the County of Sacramento. In the matter of the estate of THEODORE DEMING, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that FRIDAY, the 23 day of April, 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m. of said day, and the Courtroom of said county, at the County of Sacramento, State of California, has been appointed and is hereby given to the holder and owner of the promissory note secured by said deed of trust, and because default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by said deed of trust, the undersigned trustees will sell the public auction, to the highest and best bidder for cash, in United States gold coin, at the front of the southwest quarter of section 3, in township 22 north, range 3 west, Mount Diablo base and meridian.

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Notice is hereby given that on THURSDAY, the 16th day of April, A. D., 1896, at 10 o'clock a. m., in front of the Court-house door, in the city of Sacramento, in said county of Sacramento, State of California, I will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the above described real estate, or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said decree. Dated, March 21, A. D., 1896.

C. C. HOLL, Commissioner. Holl & Dunn, Attorneys for Commissioner. mr24-31

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MAJOR T. C. RYAN, The Celebrated Lecturer, Will appear at PYTHIAN CASTLE, WEDNESDAY EVENING, March 25th, and at the Congregational Church Thursday and Friday evenings, March 26th and 27th. Tickets for course of three lectures, 30c. mr23-24 MW

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