

STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS.

Recommendations Made by the Highway Commissioners.

Results of Their Investigations and Inspection of Roads in the Several Counties.

The State Highway Commissioners have completed their first report to the Governor, of which the following is a synopsis:

From data secured by the board it is shown that the expenditures on roads throughout the State for 1894 and 1895 was \$1,789,259 64, and for the period from 1885 to 1895 inclusive, the amount was \$17,919,324 26.

The natural conditions, climatic, geological and topographical are all favorable to the construction of roads, though at the present time there are scarcely any permanently constructed highways in the State.

The chief points and suggestions contained in the report are classified as follows:

Classification of Roads—Division of roads into three distinct classes: State highways, county thoroughfares and district roads. State highways constructed and maintained by the State, main arteries of the road system, and other roads which branch out from the main highways.

Decadence of Road Construction—Road building neglected during the period of great railroad construction.

Utility of and Demand for Good Roads—They are necessary to the further industrial development of our State and will promote prosperity.

Duties of the Bureau of Highways—The study of the laws and other matters of physical features of the State and their relation to a system of roads; of the economic and legal status of highway conditions in each county.

Trips of Inspection—Travels by the commissioners over the roads in and every county of the State.

Difficulty of Securing Accurate Data—Owing to a lack of system of general book and record keeping in the various counties of the State.

Rock Crushing Plant—There have been cash orders for nearly 50,000 tons of rock received in the few months the plant has been in operation.

Revision of Road Laws—There should be harmonizing of conflicting sections; changes and prescription of penalties for non-compliance with statutory regulations.

Road Laws of Other States—Extracts are made from the road laws of Massachusetts, New Jersey, Rhode Island and Connecticut, where State highway construction is in vogue.

Extent of Highway Expenditures in California—The figures given do not include numerous payments for bridges out of funds other than those set apart for highway purposes, nor descriptions of cash, labor and material by private individuals.

Reforms Recommended—The reduction of the limit of taxation for highway purposes in each county, now fixed by law at 40 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation of outside property, from 40 cents to 35 cents.

The Proposed State Highways and the Principles of State Highway Location—First: They should be laid out along those lines which the physical features of the State favor as the easiest lines of communication.

Construction and Maintenance of State Highways—There should be about 4,500 miles of road, varying in cost from \$500 to \$4,500 per mile.

County Thoroughfares—The main roads of each county to serve the general interests of the county, constructed under the direction of the Supervisors, and to serve as feeders to the State highways.

District Roads—Constructed by people of particular localities to serve their immediate necessities. The people to organize themselves into road districts, after the manner of the organization of school districts, and to construct such roads as they desire.

Wide Tires—Three inches should be the minimum width of tires for the ordinary farm and road wagon; four inches for wagons intended for loads between four and six tons; five inches for loads more than six and less than eight tons. The law not to go into effect immediately. After January 1, 1899, there should be a fine for having wagons on sale not in conformity with the wide tire law.

Road Structures—The substitution of bridges and culverts made of stone, concrete or brick for wooden bridges. Where wooden, steel or combination bridges are necessary, the floors should be protected by pavement of asphaltum or bituminous rock. Wooden bridges should be roofed over, the iron and steel parts to be kept free of rust and painted regularly.

Duties of County Surveyors—The Surveyor should be the highway adviser of the Supervisors, and be placed under a definite salary; he should advise the Supervisors on all matters of local highway construction, and supervise the location and construction of important roads.

Faulty Location of Roads—In valleys and rolling country, roads should generally be located along subdivision lines. In the mountains, along old Indian trails. They should be located along the best grade and alignments which the nature of the country will permit.

Planting of Trees—Different kinds of trees should be planted along the roadways, in accordance with the requirements of the locality.

Rail Franchises—Rails should be laid in such a position as would least interfere with traffic, and be of such a pattern as to permit the easy passage of wheels over and upon rails and ties.

Resume of the Report—The sentiment for good roads is at the present time such that the movement must result in the early adoption of a definite system, or no improvement will be made for several decades. A definite system must be substituted for the present haphazard methods. The plan recommended is based on the experience of other States and other countries, modified by the conditions peculiar to California.

AN IMPORTANT CONVENTION.

Fruit-Growers of the State Will Meet at the Capitol.

Distribution of Fruit, Opening of New Markets and Other Subjects to be Discussed.

There are many problems that confront the orchardist every year, and they meet in general convention every winter to counsel over the difficulties they have to encounter. The convention will be held this year in the State Capitol, at Sacramento, commencing on December 1st and continuing to the 4th, under the auspices of the State Board of Horticulture.

At this session, among other matters of great importance to the producers that will be considered, are the marketing and distribution of California fruits to the East, the opening of new markets, and the feasibility of establishing stores in all large cities. President Cooper, in the call for the convention, says: "There is no apparent overproduction of fruit, but an apparent underproduction of effort on the part of the producers to distribute their fruits. Therefore the great and all-absorbing question of distribution will claim the attention of this convention, and all those interested should not fail to attend."

Other subjects on the programme are: "Should tree planting be encouraged or discouraged; if so, what kinds, varieties, etc.?" "How to improve our orchards—should not unprofitable trees be worked over or cut out?" "Protecting orchards from frost"; "Review of the year's fruit shipments"; "The feasibility of establishing a free public market in San Francisco"; "Transportation and freight rates on green and dried fruit"; "Marketing dried fruits abroad and advertising fruit products in the Eastern markets"; "Processes and packages for transporting fruit—selection, grading and care of fruit—cultivating, fertilizers, irrigation, and irrigating to develop size and quality of deciduous fruits"; "Pruning, thinning, gathering and grading fruit"; "Fruit diseases and remedies therefor"; "Parasitic and predaceous insects"; "Budding and grafting—new processes to be illustrated."

The convention will also consider Congressional legislation affecting the fruit industry. P. B. Armstrong, of the Hatch-Armstrong Fruit and Nut Company of Acampo and Senator B. F. Langford have called a convention of almond growers to meet also at Sacramento, December 1st, for the purpose of taking action on the tariff so as to make the growing of almonds fairly profitable. Regarding this question Mr. Armstrong says: "A high protective tariff on almonds is an absolute necessity to enable the growers to live. The present tariff does not formulate a basis on which to make their claim. The almond growers are strong enough in this State to go before Congress with their claim and secure measures of relief, because there is scarcely any other great industry in the United States so dependent on protection. Growers should not fail to attend this convention, because by proper presentation of the case we can get the tariff adjusted so as to make our business a profitable one, instead of losing it year in and year out at a loss."

The convention will be addressed by many able speakers. President Elwood Cooper will present an address, reviewing the work of the year in all the branches of trade, etc., affecting fruit industry, and will have many recommendations to make to correct existing evils. Senator B. F. Langford will present the argument on Congressional legislation. W. H. Hammon, Forecaster of San Francisco, will read a paper on "How to Protect Our Orchards From Frost." General N. P. Chipman will address the convention on the "Encouraging or Discouraging of Tree Planting"; Leonard Coates of Napa on "Marketing Dried Fruits Abroad"; Wm. B. Gester of Newcastle on "Transportation and Freight Rates on Green and Dried Fruit"; James E. Gordon of San Jose on "Growing Prunes From a Commercial Standpoint"; Colonel Philo Hersey of San Jose on "Co-operative Unions"; Professor S. M. Woodbridge, a noted chemist of Los Angeles, will make an address on the requirements of the soil, to be illustrated. Other papers on important subjects will be presented by Mrs. Elwood Cooper, Edward Brewster, of Berkeley, Alexander Craw, of the State Quarantine Office, B. N. Rowley of the "California Fruit Grower"; W. Egbert Smith of Napa, C. J. Berry of Visalia, Edward F. Adams of Wrights, Alfred M. Lynes of Santa Barbara, B. F. Walton of Yuba City, C. F. Loop of Colusa and others.

New methods of budding the olive and walnut will be illustrated by B. M. LeLong, Secretary of the State Board of Horticulture. By the new method discovered a tree is at once transformed into another sort of from six to twelve inches high or more.

From the numerous letters received the attendance from throughout the State will be quite large, and fruit growers should make an effort to attend, as matters of great importance to their business will be discussed.

The Chamber of Commerce at its last meeting appointed a committee consisting of R. D. Stephens, J. A. Woodson and J. O. Coleman on Reception and Entertainment. Frank H. Buck is Chairman of the Committee on Programme, and it is safe to say that a rare treat awaits those who attend.

AMUSEMENTS.

At the Clunio Opera-house this evening for the last time the wonderful child, Gertie Cochran, whose memorizing is so amazing for one of such tender years. Her twenty-five minutes' entertainment is followed by the rattling, cleanly and adroit comedy by Byron, "The Crushed Tragedian." Tonight there will be distributed sixteen orders for fine crayon portraits.

Miss Ella Beach Yaw, the phenomenal California songstress, will favor Sacramentoans with an opportunity of hearing those wonderful notes in the upper register that have made her famous, as she will sing here in concert at the Metropolitan Theater on December 17th.

In relation to her recent concert in Los Angeles, the "Herald" says: "Her first selection was Dell Acqua's 'Villanelle,' a dainty but elaborate example of the French school, admirably calculated to illustrate the marvelous range of the California singer's voice. The phenomenal compass of her voice was already an accepted fact, but critics were eager to listen to its quality. They were not disappointed; her voice may be rarer than its rich, but it is exquisitely melodious, especially in mezza voce, when she truly outvies the nightingale; her notes are always perfectly true, and her method, admirably graceful and easy, affords proof of the highest cultivation. Yet those marvelous high notes, which surpass all record in history, are purely and perfectly natural, such as could never have been developed by any master's art or pupil's effort. Her first number was rewarded with an enthusiastic encore, to which she responded with the beloved old ballad, 'Twasa in a Mile of Edinboro' Town.' 'Verdi's great aria, 'Ah, Force e Lui,' from 'La Traviata,' taxed the strength and method of Miss Yaw's vocalization and led her to distribute the most to the utmost, but she proved fully equal to the task, disposing of the four cadenzas with perfect ease and admirable expression. The graceful songstress was not allowed to leave until she had responded to a double encore, first giving that delightful little French chanson with a laughing refrain that completely captivated her audience, and then giving her versatility by singing 'The Old Kentucky Home.' Her other selections were Verdi's variations, 'Op. 104,' and '—Swiss Echo Song,' both of which again provided many examples of the marvelous range of her voice."

CHURCH SERVICES TO-DAY.

(At 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m., except otherwise stated.)

Presbyterian, Westminster, Sixth and L streets.

Episcopalian—Fourteenth, O and P; Sunday-school, 12:15.

Methodist (South)—Seventh, J and K; Sunday-school, 12:30.

Methodist (A. M. E.)—Seventh, G and H. (Revival).

Methodist—Sixth, K and L streets.

Methodist—Central, Eleventh, H and I; Sunday-school, 12:15.

Scandinavian, Methodist—Pythian Castle, Ninth and I.

United Brethren—Fourteenth and K; Sunday-school, 9:45.

Baptist, First—Ninth, L and M; Sunday-school, 12:15.

Baptist, Calvary—I, Twelfth and Thirteenth; Sunday-school, 9:45.

Baptist, Emmanuel—Twenty-fifth and K; Sunday-school, 12:15.

Baptist, Mount Zion—Sixth and P; Sunday-school, 12:30.

Baptist, Oak Park—Cypress and Thirtieth, 11 and 8.

Christian, First—Sixteenth and L; Sunday-school, 10.

Christian, Evangelical—Tenth, O and P; Sunday-school, 10.

Lutheran, English—Sixteenth, J and K; Sunday-school, 9:45 a. m.

Lutheran, German—Twelfth and K; Episcopal, St. Paul's—Eighth, I and J; Sunday-school, 9:45.

Congregational—Sixth, I and J; Catholic, St. Francis—Twenty-sixth and K; St. Mary's—Twenty-fifth and K; St. Joseph's—Twenty-fifth and K; St. Ann's—Twenty-fifth and K; St. Elizabeth—Eleventh and Ninth streets; surveys 279 and 784.

F. D. Myers et ux. to Peter Haedick—Lot 7, block K, Highland Park.

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George S. Brown et ux. to Lavina Gray—West half of lot 7, P and Q, Tenth and Eleventh streets.

New Whist Club.

Friday evening the Daphne Whist Club organized and were entertained by Misses Mamie Erlwin and Edith Bross at the residence of O. W. Erlwin, 1225 Fifteenth street.

The members are: Misses Mamie Erlwin, Edith Bross, Kittie Withington, Lulu Sherburn, Ethel Martin, Lulu Jones, Mamie De Puy, Maud Wood, Frank Coyle, B. W. Busick, J. Williams, H. Reigert, S. Cottrell, E. W. Brown and Al Lages. The prize winners were Miss K. Withington and Frank Coyne.

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Call and get our prices on stoves. M. Hirsch, 1013 and 1015 J street.

Dr. Weidon, 806 J street, extracts teeth without pain; local anesthetic.

Removed—Dr. Mary M. Cronemiller, to 628 1/2 J and Res. 1117 F. See card.

Have your hot-air furnaces overhauled by Miller Bros., 1116 J street.

BORN.

ELWORTHY—In this city, November 5th, to the wife of F. W. Elworthy, Jr., a son.

DIED.

HUNTINGTON—At Eureka, Cal., Nov. 14, 1896, Mrs. Lucetta A. Huntington, aged 79 years and 8 months.

ZIMMELMANN—In this city, November 20, 1896, Mrs. S. M. Zimmermann, mother of Dr. K. Zimmermann of Visalia, Mrs. D. R. Hunt and Mrs. L. A. Hawk of this city, J. H. Zimmermann and Mrs. S. M. Shoemaker of Santa Clara, a native of Ohio, aged 88 years, 5 months and 8 days.

Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend the funeral to-day (Sunday), at 1:30 p. m., from the residence of Dr. Zimmermann, Mrs. L. A. Hawk, No. 1116 Ninth street.

REID—In Washington, Yolo County, Nov. 18, 1896, Mrs. Mary Reid, widow of the late C. W. Reid, a native of New York, aged 71 years.

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