

ROAD MANAGEMENT.

Where a county builds a good road and soon lets it become rutty, washed out, or uneven, who or what is principally to blame? As a result of a study of conditions in a number of counties, road specialists of the department are inclined to place the responsibility upon the following defects in road management, some or all of which are found in all counties where good roads are not properly repaired and maintained:

1. County boards, although having full administrative authority, appear not to attach to their official action in road matters the importance or legal effect which it should have.

2. County boards do not generally have sufficient accounting control of road funds to know what is available for any particular project, where funds have been or where existing balances are to be expended.

3. Lack of any systematic practice in handling road funds among most counties makes it very difficult to carry out over even a single year any persistent maintenance policy, because funds officially obligated for maintenance purposes are not protected against sporadic and irregular drafts for miscellaneous purposes. The greatest likelihood consequently exists everywhere that there will be no balance in the maintenance fund in the last half or third of the year, although only a part of the fund allotted may have been spent.

4. Local labor available for maintenance work is made dissatisfied by the constant, unintelligent, and unfavorable criticism of those using the road.

5. Maintenance continuing over a period of years—the ultimate indispensable condition of effective maintenance—is jeopardized by the lack of accounting control that will prevent spending next year's current income in this year.

6. The lack of skilled supervision in construction and the effect of this in increasing the cost of making effective maintenance impossible expensive is everywhere seen.

7. The county authorities are commonly opposed to following suggestions for maintenance that involve tying up road funds in any way, such as purchasing material in

advance to store along the road for making repairs or maintaining the road surface.

WEEKLY WEATHER REPORT.

The first three days of the week ending Saturday, Sept. 4th, were unusually warm and were followed by showers and cooler weather the remainder of the week. There was an excess in the daily mean temperature as compared with the normal of 4 degrees. The highest temperature was 93 degrees on Monday, August 30th, and the lowest was 44 on Sunday, August 29th, making a weekly range in temperature of 49 degrees.

Generally the rain fall in this section becomes appreciably less with the advent of autumn, but the total rain fall the week was 0.86 inches, which is twice the average amount for this period. All this rain fell during the night of September 1st and 2nd and was accompanied by a thunder storm. There were three clear days, one partly cloudy and three cloudy days. The wind force was light to gentle from the west.

The harvesting of some late ripening grain continues especially in the Bear Paw mountain district where all grains were somewhat late in maturing. Plowing and threshing are progressing. The weather was very favorable for corn and potatoes and all classes of garden truck.

Ernest B. Clark, a forest ranger, was shot and instantly killed near Thompson Falls, Saturday. Two men gave themselves up for doing the shooting, both claiming they mistook Clark's dark khaki clothes for a bear in the bushes. The deceased had been in the forestry service for seven years.

S. A. Colgrove, an aged rancher living near Belfry, was trampled to death by a young bull Saturday morning. Colgrove tried several times to stab the enraged animal with a pocket knife, but finally the blade in the knife broke and as he was helpless and alone he was soon killed.

The Park county fair was called off last week on account of rain. It was to have been held at Livingston.

HURT BY SAVAGE HORSE.

Dr. A. N. Currie was summoned 25 miles south of the Missouri on Sunday, to attend a rather peculiar case. Mr. Wayne McKee, a young homesteader of that vicinity was engaged in "breaking bronchs" and in riding an exceptionally vicious one he was thrown in such a manner that he fell on his head, being rendered unconscious. Believing him merely stunned, his friends picked him up and carried him to the house. Here he lay unconscious for over a day before medical aid was summoned. Dr. Currie hurried to the scene of the accident and after an examination of McKee, ordered him taken to the hospital at Glasgow. Here Dr. Currie reports, a thorough examination was given in an attempt to locate the cause of his condition. Up until Friday morning he has been unconscious all the time with the exception of a few minutes, Thursday morning, in which he was feeling very ill. It is thought that his present condition is caused by brain trouble and small hopes are held for his recovery.—Nashua Independent.

ADMIRABLE LITERARY GEM

To the Editor of the Dispatch: The other day a well-meaning friend handed me an anti-liquor tract entitled "The Two Crowns." As a lack-logic prohibition skit it is a gem. Its theme is the marriage of Adolphus Busch, wherein he presents his wife with a golden crown said to cost \$100,000. Among the presents were those from ex-Presidents Taft and Roosevelt.

The rest of the tract is a shriek. What has the brewer's wife done, more than poorer women, to deserve a crown? rasps the writer. Answer: For one thing she has shown superior judgment to theirs by picking out a better "provider."

He quotes a prison warden to the effect that from 75 to 80 per cent enter the pen on account of the saloon. Not one per cent do! If these officeholders would judge their inmates with minds open to sociological truths instead of with an eye to their own political standing they would find that defective parentage, bad reading and miserable home environment are the factors which forced the delinquents behind prison bars. Not only has the saloon never put a person in the pen, but it has never sent one to the insane asylum, as the writer asserts. The above factors, plus domestic, affectional and financial troubles, sent them there. Truly many will miss the saloon should it be abolished; it is the ever handy scapegoat.

Alcoholics "responsible for nearly all of poverty," wails the writer. Nonsense. Turkey, the only anti-liquor land in Europe, has been alcohol-free for over a millennium and is the most poverty stricken, ignorant and degenerate nation in the world.

The tenor of the whole scurrilous screed is to show that the brewer and distiller are at fault for the crime and vice of the country, instead of the criminals and vicious themselves. Simple decency should prompt the perception that Brewer Busch is no more to blame for the misery entailed by the excessive

intake of alcoholic drinks than is any wholesale grocer in this town for the hell of dyspepsia entailed by the injudicious or excessive consumption of his groceries.

However, his palsied reason and atrophied sense of justice will not allow the prohibitionist to see that the dyspeptic and debauchee are to blame, and not the vendors of the misused wares.

BEN CHILDS.

FIRST NATIONAL CORN SHOW.

The First National Corn Show to be held at St. Paul, December 1 to 31, 1915, under the auspices of the First National Bank and Northwestern Trust Company of St. Paul, and bankers of the Northwest, has a clear field to attract the undivided attention of growers of corn, the nation's greatest crop, from coast to coast this year. While competition at the show will be limited to entries from the Northwestern states, interest in the project will be national, due to the fact that no other large corn show will be staged during 1915. In past years, the National Corn Shows, open to all states, have been the biggest agricultural events of the year.

The promoters of the First National Corn Show have prepared to take every advantage of this fact, realizing the exceptional opportunity of directing the attention of corn growers throughout the United States to the splendid resources of the Northwest for the production of this and kindred crops in connection with the growing of livestock.

The First National Corn Show for which entries will be received up to December 1st, will be open competition for Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, Washington, Oregon and Idaho. There will be no competition between states, each state being divided into districts in such a manner that corn growers may compete with associates on an equal basis, so far as soil climatic conditions, etc., are concerned. One hundred and twenty-eight silver and "Goldwyn Bronze" loving cups valued at \$5000.00 will be awarded as prizes at the show.

A distinctive feature of the First National Corn Show will be the "Boy's Corn Contest" open to entries by boy corn growers throughout the Northwest, eighteen years of age or under. Boys submitting prize winning corn will be awarded the same attractive trophies as are offered the adult exhibitor.

Farmers and farmers' sons in the corn contest territory are urged to enter exhibits, not only from a standpoint of competing for the intrinsic value of the prizes offered, and the honors that go to winners but also in a spirit of co-operation with the management, thus enabling them to prepare a display which will demonstrate to the entire United States the fact that corn can be, and is being successfully produced in every county of the entire Northwest.

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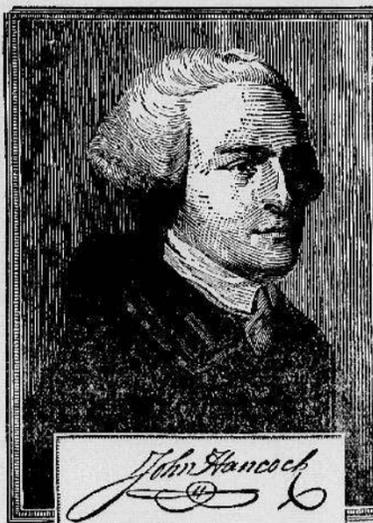
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John Hancock—"Father of the Revolution"

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