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### WANT THE ROAD LAW CHANGED.

#### The County Grand Jury Suggest Some Amendments.

The county grand jury, under the direction of the court, investigated the working of the county roads and made the following presentation: To the Hon. Lyman Chalkley, Judge of the County Court of Augusta County:

In view of the charge given by your honor to the grand jury, we, the grand jury, respectfully state and present that we have carefully considered the existing statutes in regard to the working and management of the public county roads, and in our judgment in view of the defects in the existing statute difficulties in regard to their meaning and construction, and the in-adequacy in regard to their actual requirements, there is little hope of any improvement in our public roads under these statutes; and in our opinion the said statutes should be so modified or changed as to provide for an efficient and economical administration of the road law. In our view the present law is wasteful and expensive, it does not sufficiently provide for the responsibility on the part of the road officials, does not definitely define their duties, or provide remedies for failure of duty.

Under the present law there are too many officials, subject to no responsibility. The present law provides for settlements before the board of supervisors, and these settlements are so tedious and vouchers so numerous, that it is practically impossible for the board of supervisors to give proper and efficient attention to the so numerous vouchers. We are further of opinion that an examination of the large outlays expended for years past in working the roads, and an examination of the present condition of the roads, fully demonstrate the inefficiency of our present road laws. In our opinion, the present road law should be so modified and amended as to provide:

First—For the appointment of an officer charged with the supervision of all of the roads in the county, and auditor of all accounts connected with the road administration. This should be a general superintendent and auditor. The general superintendent and auditor for the county shall be appointed by a board, consisting of the county court clerk and president of the board of supervisors.

Second—Each district shall have one or more overseers of roads, to be appointed by a board, consisting of the auditor, or general manager, supervisor and road director of each district; and shall work them by a regular set of hands, whose exclusive business shall be to work on the public roads during the entire year, or during such period as shall be designated by the board; and by reason of this training shall become skilled laborers. Also that each magisterial district shall own the team and road implements required to do the necessary work of the district.

Third—To require such a system in the working of the roads as to insure that the money and means be expended with a view to the permanent improvement of the roads.

Many other improvements in the present road law are required in our opinion, but those above specified are leading matters in regard to which changes in our opinion, should be made.

We are further of the opinion that it would be to the interest of the cities of this State to bear a portion of the taxes necessary to permanently improve the roads of this State.

We recommend that a suitable road code for Augusta county be drafted and that the Legislature be urged to pass it.

Very respectfully submitted,  
MARCH 8, 1901.  
W. W. SERLOTT, Foreman.

### Are There Too Many Holidays?

The Philadelphia Press is convinced that there are too many holidays in the United States and that reform in holiday-making is urgently needed.

"We have now in Pennsylvania," declares the Press, "besides the 52 Sundays and 52 Saturday half holidays, 11 full legal holidays, viz.: New Year's Day, Lincoln's Birthday, February election day, Washington's Birthday, Good Friday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, November election day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas. Many believe that these 11 holidays are far too many, and that they interfere with business without returning any adequate benefit to the people.

"Our legal holidays at present are distributed through the year as follows: One in January, three in February, one in March or April, one in May, one in July, one in September, two in November and one in December. Seven of the 11 holidays come between November 1 and March 1. The leafy months of June, the lazy, languorous August and the mild October, genuine holiday months all of them, have been overlooked in the distribution of holidays by our legislators. It is well to observe anniversaries of great events in fitting manner, but it is not necessary to close the banks and public offices every time a great man's birthday comes around and banquets to his memory are in order for the evening."

Mr. Sophie—Well, Willie, your sister has given herself to me for a Christmas present. What do you think of that?

Willie—Hub! That's what she did for Mr. Brown last year, and he gave her back before Easter. I bet you'll do the same.

### Philadelphia After Southern Trade.

Philadelphia is making strong and persistent efforts to extend its trade relations with the south. A delegation of Southern business men is now in the Quaker City in the interest of the South Carolina, West Indian and Interstate Exposition. The visitors speak in cordial approval of projected steamship lines now in contemplation between Philadelphia and Southern ports. Vice-President Tilden, of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad system, and other South Carolinians declare that a project which would receive general support in Charleston would be a steamship line plying between Philadelphia, Charleston and the West Indies. In their opinion, Cuba and the other islands of the West Indies are about to enter upon an era of great prosperity. The Philadelphia Record of yesterday states that a telegram has been received at the Trades League in that city from the secretary of the Southern Industrial Association announcing that the New Orleans Board of Trade will give its hearty support to a steamship line between Philadelphia and New Orleans, and that enough business has been pledged in the Southern city to justify the establishment of the line. Recently a steamship line has been established between Savannah and Philadelphia. The Record also states that preparations are being made for the Southern Industrial Convention, which will meet in Philadelphia in June. The Governors of many of the Southern States have promised to attend and the leaders in all the manufacturing and commercial enterprises of that section have been invited to be present. Altogether Philadelphia is making a systematic and vigorous effort to get a share of the Southern trade, and if energy and intelligence will bring success the Quaker City may attract some of the business which now goes to New York. Baltimore has long enjoyed intimate and profitable trade relations with the South, and in view of the superior advantages it offers to Southern merchants, will continue to command the bulk of the trade from that section. At the same time Baltimoreans should make use of every opportunity to advance their trade interests in the South. Commercial rivalry was never keener or more aggressive than at present, especially in respect to Southern trade.—Baltimore Sun.

### Refused the Crown of Spain.

The remarkable romance of Elise Hensler, the Boston girl, who married King Ferdinand of Portugal, is recalled by Mabel Perry Haskell, in the March Ladies' Home Journal. At her marriage Miss Hensler was created the Countess of Edla, and with her royal husband took up her home in the beautiful Palace of Cintra. "Had she wished it the Countess of Edla might have been Queen of Spain, for King Ferdinand declined the crown of Spain in 1889, soon after his marriage to the beautiful American girl. It was offered to him by General Prim and General Serrano, and both the King and his lovely wife decided that their quiet life so free from cares of state was infinitely to be preferred to the worry and fret of a great European Court. Ferdinand died in 1885, and since then the Countess has lived in retirement in the Palace of Cintra. She is visited by members of the present royal family and is greatly beloved by them, for they never can forget how fine and good was her gentle influence over the King, and they shared his admiration for her. She is treated as if she had been born to the purple instead of far across the sea."

### "Let Us Quarrel To-morrow."

My wife is one of the sweetest little women in the world, and I am not considered particularly cranky, but sometimes differences would arise, beginning with the most trivial things, which, however, being duly nursed, became of monumental proportions and often threatened the peace of the family. Of course, I was commonly the one to blame; in fact, as I look back on it now, I am sure I was always to blame, for I should have had the wisdom to give way on the non-essentials and by a little restraint and gentle talk win my little wife over to my way of thinking. But instead of that, I feared I should sacrifice my dignity (I), as head of the family, by yielding. So sometimes I went to business without my goodby kiss, and two people were miserable all day.

But my little wife had an inspiration (most women have when things come to the breaking point), and the next time our argument was drifting near the danger line, she turned aside the collision by this womanly suggestion, "Howard, dear, let's quarrel to-morrow!" This was a proposal for an armistice. What husband could refuse? "All right," I said, "we will put it off till to-morrow," and we laughed and talked of other things. But to-morrow did not come. Indeed, to-morrow never comes; it's always a day ahead; and if we can only keep our quarrels till then there will be no more heart broken little wives at home and fewer "blue" husbands at the office. "Let's quarrel to-morrow!"

### Ninety-eight Per Cent.

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"But, ma, Uncle John eats with his knife."  
"Hush, dear. Uncle John is rich enough to eat with a fire shovel if he prefers it."

### WE WILL NEVER SEE IT.

#### It is said that at the Present Rate of Decrease the Sun Will Disappear in 40,000 Years.

The usual Christmas course of lectures was begun at the Royal Institution by Sir Robert Ball. The sun, he pointed out, was the source of all the heat received by this earth. Now, it was a well-known fact that most things in cooling become smaller; a poker, for example, was shorter when it was cold than when it was red hot. The sun, too, must obey this fundamental law and must, therefore, be getting smaller. If we could measure its diameter on two successive days we should find it had decreased nine inches—that is to say, it was shrinking at the rate of roughly, five feet a week, or a mile in every twenty years.

In view of this shrinking some of the younger members of his audience might feel anxious lest the sun should not last their time. Such anxiety, however, was groundless; he was 880,000 miles in diameter, so it would take 40,000 years for him to be reduced by 2,000 miles to 878,000, and the lecturer was sure that if there were two suns in the sky, one of 860,000 miles in diameter and the other of 853,000, no one would be able to tell by looking at them which of the two was the smaller. But as the sun was shrinking nine inches every day and had been doing so for ages, it followed that in the past he was very much greater than he was now. But he always had the same amount of material in him and weighed no heavier than at present; hence the inference was that he was once a huge mass of rarified gas—a great, glowing nebula.—London Times.

### From Covington.

Mr. Wm. Bailey spent last Sunday in Staunton. Miss Jessie Hamilton left Tuesday for her home near Staunton, to attend the marriage of her sister. Mrs. F. H. Rinehart left this morning for Staunton to spend some days, after which she will go to Washington for a short time.—Sentinel.

### Could See the Mansions.

"Can you read your title clear to mansions in the skies?" asked the exhorter.  
"Huh!" exclaimed the boy in the back row; "we can do better'n that."  
"What do you mean?" patiently asked the good man.  
"From our flat on a clear night we can see the mansions."—Chicago Evening Post.

### Bridgewater and Vicinity.

Dr. Geo. T. Robson, of Mossy Creek, has been on the sick list this week. Mrs. Fairburn died at the residence of Mr. Spitzer, in Spring Creek, on Sunday at 11 o'clock, aged 35 years. Mrs. R. H. Webb and her two little boys returned home Tuesday from a two weeks' visit to relatives in Staunton.

Miss Jennie Eavey and Charlie Miller, of the Sangerville neighborhood, were married at Mossy Creek parsonage on Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. Cora Robson Sillings, of Charleston, W. Va., a niece of Dr. Geo. T. Robson, has been visiting her relatives on Mossy Creek this week.—Herald.

### From Highland.

Capt. S. W. Sterrett has gone to Rockbridge on business. Messrs. Wm. S. Chew and A. J. Colwell will start for the west about the first of April. Miss Josephine Stephenson is spending some time with friends in Staunton.

Mrs. Nellie Rexrode after a few weeks illness, died at the home of her brother-in-law, W. W. Hevener, last Friday morning. She was the mother of J. G. Rexrode, of Monterey, and was about 63 years old.—Recorder.

### Waynesboro Personal.

Misses Addie Dalhousie and Ida Keiser are Baltimore visitors this week. Miss Bernice Koerner left on Tuesday to visit friends in Norfolk and Newport News.

Mr. R. C. Smith, of Welch, W. Va., spent several days here last week, the guest of his brother, Dr. J. H. Smith. Mr. Howard Bush contemplates leaving on this week or the first next for Victor, Colorado.—Valley Virginian.

The old man rolled up his sleeves, "Gentlemen, I got this scar at Gettysburg. Can't you help me?" After a silver coin had been dropped in his palm he elucidated: "Yes, gentlemen; I was cutting corn up there, and the blade slipped."

### An Address On Matrimony.

At the recent wedding in London of Maj.-Gen. R. Pole-Carew, who won distinction in South Africa, to Lady Beatrice Butler, elder daughter of the Marquess and Marchioness of Ormonde, the Bishop of Ossory performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Canon Fleming and Rev. C. H. Murphy, chaplain of the forces. The nave was lined with non-commissioned officers and men of the Coldstream Guards, in which regiment the bridegroom formerly commanded a battalion.

"The Rev. Canon Fleming," says the London Standard in its account of the wedding, "addressed the bride and bridegroom as follows: "Beatrice and Reginald, with mutual pledges and trusting hearts, you have today entered on the most solemn and sacred compact that can bind man and woman together, for marriage is the very sacrament of love. It is often said that marriage is a lottery, but if it is founded, as I believe in your case, on true affection, there is no lottery in it. Two hearts that have hitherto dwelt apart are today made one, two lives that have hitherto been divided run today, like kieselguiser, into one. In joy and sorrow, from this hour, there are two to share or divide it. Beatrice, remember you are the wife, or, as the word implies, the "woof" of the home, weaving the threads of love out of your own gentle heart, to envelop him against the cold winds of life. This is a rough world outside. Let your husband return from it to be always greeted with the sunshine of unfailing gentleness, for gentleness is the loveliest robe you will ever wear. If I venture to speak thus to you, it is because I have known you so long, because I speak to you as an old friend, because I believe you have formed the highest ideal of the new relation into which you enter today, and will seek help from God to fulfill it. And for you (the bridegroom), to whose sheltering care she is henceforth intrusted, who can doubt for a moment but that a soldier, so distinguished for his fidelity to his late Queen, and now to his King, so foremost in devotion to his country, will cherish the young life you take to your heart today, as a flower given by God into your tender care, shielding her from every rude breath and guarding her always with a pure and manly love. Duty is the watchword of the brave soldier, and the same traits of character which have always found you where danger was to be met or duty was to be done will hold you ever faithful and true to her, as her Irish heart will ever beat faithful and true to you. And may this auspicious day be crowned by Heaven with life-long happiness and blessing!"

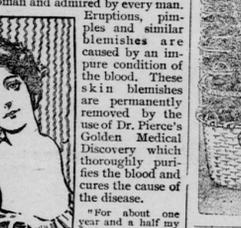
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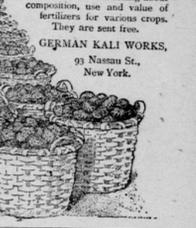
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