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PREACH GOOD ROADS

Prof. King Spends Entire Day in Denison Last Thursday.

BIG PRIZES FOR GOOD ROADS

Offered by Denison Commercial Club as Result of Interest Taken in the Meetings.

D. Ward King, the Good Roads Apostle, visited Denison on Thursday, spending the entire day preaching the gospel for which he is famous and showing the farmers and business men a practical test of what can be accomplished by the simple methods he advocates.

The forenoon meeting was held in the opera house and the attendance was large for a forenoon meeting. Not only was the attendance good but those present were not there from idle curiosity, but to learn something, if possible, for the ad-

object of the drag is to spread this natural cement evenly over the surface of the road-way. When it dries it hardens and in a short time the road becomes hard, the water will run off quickly and while roads that are not dragged are almost impassable the dragged road will be in good condition. Mr. King explained the making of the drag and how it was to be operated, he also offered the encouraging statement that the worse the mud and clay the more quickly it responded to the good effects of the drag and the better road it would make. Through the kindness of the Northwestern road we are enabled to give our readers two views. These views were taken on the same road on the same day and the scene of the boulevard and the scene of the mired buggy are within a mile of each other. Certainly if such fine results can be obtained by so simple and inexpensive a method, it would seem almost criminal for any farmer to neglect to use them.

At the conclusion of Mr. King's talks twenty-five farmers held up their hands promising to make a drag and use it dur-

best work to be shown. Mr. King, nevertheless, improved the road greatly in the half hour which he employed in dragging the block just south of the Shaw residence.

Those who spent the day with Mr. King, attending the meetings and seeing the actual working of the drag expressed themselves as entirely satisfied with the practicability of Mr. King's ideas and the simple implement he uses for his road work. Mr. King has done more to improve the roads of this county than any road supervisor has done in a dozen years or could do in a half dozen more. He has set people to thinking and has started public opinion in the right way. Our people should certainly be grateful not only to Mr. King but to the Northwestern railway, which made his coming possible.

The Review will be pleased to publish any letters of communication relative to this question of good roads and to receive for publication any reports as to the operation of the drag and its effectiveness.

WILL WAS SUSTAINED

Hard Fought Contest in the District Court.

KLINKEFUS DECLARED SANE

Court Adjourns After Close of This Long Drawn Fight Over Klinkefus Will.

The March term of the District Court adjourned on last Saturday morning at the close of the Klinkefus will contest case, in which the jury returned a verdict sustaining the will, and admitting it to probate. The case was vigorously contested, the probate of the will being objected to by Mrs. Cottrell, a daughter of the testator. The objection on her part to the probate of the will was that it gave a grandchild of the decedent one hundred and sixty acres of land, a valuable farm in Dallas county, and gave to the daughters of the decedent only four hundred dollars each. The contention of the contestant was that the decedent was of extreme age and of unsound mind when he made the will, and that it discriminated unfairly in favor of his grandchild and against his own children.

The evidence showed that the testator was eighty-six years of age at the time of his death, on July 4th, 1904. He had made the original will a number of years prior to his death, and had added on two different occasions codicils to his will. It was claimed by members of the family that he had a delusion that a Mr. Wetzel, an uncle of his grandchild, was pursuing him with a view to doing him bodily injury, and that the old gentleman manifested his apprehension of bodily harm from Mr. Wetzel by barring his windows at night and barricading his house against what he regarded as a threatened assault from Mr. Wetzel.

It was further testified to by members of the family that he frequently said that he had made his will and given to his grandchild the property in order to appease the wrath of Mr. Wetzel, the uncle of the grandchild, and that if he gave the property to the child Mr. Wetzel could not have the heart to do him any injury.

The neighbors of the decedent, many of them, testified that they knew the decedent intimately for many years before his death, that he was a man of more than ordinary mental capacity, and was a great reader; that his memory was extraordinary, and that during their acquaintance with him for many years they had never discovered any evidence of a delusion or insanity of any kind. Many of them testified that they met him daily and talked with them on various topics, and never discovered any symptoms of mental derangement. Some of the most prominent people in the neighborhood were included in the witnesses in support of the will.

The case was submitted to the jury on Friday evening, and during the night the jury returned a verdict sustaining the will and ending the contest. We are not advised as to whether another appeal will be taken to the Supreme Court or not.

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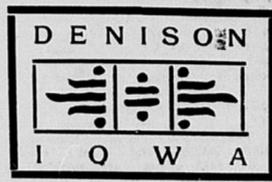
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This is a photo of a clay hill south of D. Ward King's house that has been dragged since 1896. The hats were placed in the road to bring out the curvature of the surface. This road is 25 feet wide between the ditches and 40 feet between the fences in the day when the second picture was taken this road was firm, smooth and dry.

vantage of the community and themselves. At this session Prof. King devoted himself largely to the theory of road building the spirit that keeps the roads in poor condition and the spirit that must prevail before good roads can be obtained. He spoke in no uncertain terms of the work of many road bosses and the way many tax-payers loafed when they were supposed to be "working" out their poll tax. He defended the new road law in Iowa and urged that it was well that the property road tax was payable in money and not in work. There was some discussion on this point and on several others showing the intelligent interest taken in what Mr. King had to say.

Afternoon Session. The afternoon meeting commenced promptly at one o'clock and adjourned soon after two o'clock in order to let the farmers attend the Seed Corn Special at the Illinois Central. After dinner Mr.



This is a picture of the cross roads 3/4 of a mile from the scene of the first picture. The horse was down in 20 seconds after he stopped. The first impression here is that the other horse is under the mud, but Mr. Carson declares he saved the horse. Mr. King says: "Everybody herabouts admits that these places would not have become impassible if they had been properly dragged."

King got down to business and told the farmers how to work the roads. He showed a model of the road drag that has been used so successfully on many roads and explained both the practice and the theory of its use.

The drag is an implement of simple and cheap construction and with this Mr. King says the roads should be dragged after each rain or wet season. He said he was surprised to learn how effective this process was when he first commenced to use it. After a rain the soil is plastic and almost impervious to water where it is subject to constant travel. In other words, it forms a kind of cement, and the

well worth working for, leaving out the question of improved roads that the farmer himself will enjoy. We hope to see a large field of competitors and that not twenty-five but five times that number of drags will be used in the county this year.

Immediately after the Corn Special pulled out at the Illinois Central station, Mr. King was driven to Locust street, where he gave a practical test of the drag, using one which had been built here during the day according to Mr. King's specifications. Perhaps five hundred people witnessed Mr. King at work with his drag. The road was much too hard and dry to present the conditions necessary for the

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