

MANCHESTER CITIZEN'S VIEWS
ON "PERMANENT" ROAD
QUESTION.

It goes without saying that everybody wants good roads, and permanent, if possible, and the question is how we can obtain them, and how we can get the money. There is one way, and only one, by which we can obtain them, and that is by having a law which permits us to bond our county for the purpose of borrowing money to be the way in which good roads are built in every state where they have them, so far as I can learn, and we can get the money in that way. We can be got to an extent to satisfy our people. Of course, some people object to this method and say that the county would not be bonded for any purpose, and if a majority of the voters of a county should so vote, then I can not see that that county can ever get good roads. I think that if a majority of the county would cause everybody in that county to pay for such roads and that a portion of the expense should be taxed to the land owner, the owner. This proposition, I claim, is faulty. The land owners should not pay any more than the same tax that the other people pay. If we have a piece of road, say, ten miles long, leading out from a market town, the owner living nearest this town should not pay more than the owner living farthest from the town. The road is used it and as he uses only one-twentieth as much as is used by the abutting land owners it would not be fair to tax to the land owner. The owner living farthest from the town. Add to that the persons coming in from a half mile to a mile to use the road, and the persons coming from other places that use the road, and the persons coming from a hundred who travel that road, and it would be right for him to pay for more than the ordinary tax when his land is not more than one-hundredth of the road. The owner of the road is not his—does not in any manner belong to the abutting land owners, but is for the people, and the proposition has been followed ever since we commenced making roads. Our constitution provides that private property is not to be taken for public use without just compensation to the owner, and this idea has been followed all along from the establishment of the first road, and the perfected road as we now have. Not even the improvements of roads, but even the building of bridges, is supposed to be the abutting land owners. The proposition is to be taken for the people, the benefits to the owners never taken into account. Our supreme Court says they should not take the line be drawn when we reach the point when we want permanent roads and then tax a portion of the expense to the abutting land owners. The building of good roads in states where they are now doing it is never done and I think it never will be done.

Another objection is that we are not prepared for permanent roads, but when can we be better prepared? They can be built only by the issue of bonds, and the bonds will be paid in five years or more and will be no better prepared than we are now, for we will then have to issue bonds; and we will not get the roads until we have the use of the roads for that period?

Another objection is that the annual interest charge on the bonds will be great, but the interest is not so much as we are now paying for the repair of roads, and a half per cent. on twenty per cent. of the cost of the road, or twenty-five years of interest at a half per cent. interest on the four

Another objection urged was that these bonds have got to be paid when they mature. This is not necessary. These bonds can be sold at a discount, and will sell them to parties who have money to loan and expect to live on the interest of their money. They greatly prefer to be running for a long time at less interest than it can be loaned for on short time, because they do not have to take the chance of a rise in interest rates and then put it out again—even at a larger rate of interest, and often some time elapses before they can make the sale. The market for these bonds is running a long time at a smaller rate of interest than they might get if they should loan it out themselves. The market for these bonds mature, the bond holders are generally the last to ask for their pay. They prefer that they run longer and that the market price will rise. These bonds are compelled to provide for calling them in in order to pay them and usually do so by providing a tax sufficient to pay the bonds in a year. But suppose these bonds should all be called for when matured. The tax payers would not be disturbed, if they paid the value of the bonds in value of property is advancing every year on an average of three per cent. so that in twenty years the value of their property would be increased 60 per cent. and this value has not been earned by the owners. It is simply an increase caused by the settling of a country and improving it, and the value of the land would be paid for by a person would not be disturbed, if they paid.

Further, permanent roads enable a person to haul heavier loads to market than they could on dirt roads. Three tons can be hauled as easily on permanent roads as a ton and a half on dirt roads. I saw a man in the western states haul a load of mule manure on a permanent road, and he could haul four loads a day to market, at 100 bushels to a load, while on dirt roads he could haul but one. He could haul 400 bushels of manure a day, while on dirt roads it cost him to haul his entire crop to market in seven days, while on a dirt road it would take fourteen days. Calling the price of manure \$20 a ton, one day he would thus save \$21 on that potato crop alone, less the amount of his share of the tax on the building of the road. On a dirt road, which was \$1.80 a year. Thus he saved \$19 a year on this one crop alone. This saving would amount to \$190 a year on 10 years, the length of the bond issue.

Some say that the payment of these bonds might fall upon heirs of estates. If so, no wrong can be done. The bonds will be paid by the heirs in the world with little, and by hard work, economy and good judgment have amassed what to them is sufficient fortune to carry out the wishes of their fathers. While these fortunes will go to heirs who have never earned any of that inheritance, yet they ought not to complain, for they are the heirs of the bonds.

Easy comes, easy goes." Many will not use their inheritance with much judgment and so far as they are concerned, no hardship can be visited upon them.

Now, it seems to me that what we want is to have our legislature pass a law authorizing counties to issue bonds for the purpose of building good roads in the counties and also to provide how those roads shall be built. In Michigan, whose laws for good road making are the best in the country, more than that of any other state, the law provides that the road bed (that is the traveled portion) shall be twenty feet wide and that the shoulders be four feet wide, sufficient to carry off all of the water. The road bed to be rounded up and the ascending grade not to exceed six per centum; and when made and finished the surface shall be made and finished to a depth of six inches deep, upon and crushed over the same width and seven

inches deep, and of gravel eight inches deep. These roads are made under the supervision of road commissioners. The cost of these roads is let to road builders who have all of the necessary machinery and appliances and are experts in the business and can make roads easier to travel than the ones that are possibly made by the counties themselves. I think we are as well prepared today for the making of permanent roads as we were twenty or forty years hence. I think our legislature should be urged to pass a law at the present session to give authority to each county the opportunity to say in their vote whether they wish good roads or not. Some counties may turn it down and others may issue bonds. Take two of these counties and let them try to do the best possible. In those that vote to bond the county and build permanent roads and in the other they turn it down and build dirt roads. The roads prepared for good roads. After waiting and using the dirt roads for twenty years, they are where they were and the others are where they were and the others have built permanent roads and the other county has had the use of the good roads all that time, and it has cost them no more annually for the good roads than it cost for the dirt roads, which is usin' nothing but dirt roads.

The cost of building good roads, of course, depends upon the kind, and the quality of material to be used. It can be built of gravel, or stone, or it can be the cheapest of any material that can be used. If no gravel and plenty of stone is near, then crushed stone is the best. If gravel is scarce, and good roads are preferred, crushed stone and asphalt will have to be used. In some places, where neither stone nor gravel is found, a cement road may be built. Perhaps a greater expense than a macadamized road, if built but nine feet wide, in some counties of this state, particularly on the coast, is the expense of packing in material for permanent roads, but the time may come when they will find something, which, united with the bluff deposit, will give them a road. Perhaps cement will do, but if the law is passed, authorizing the bonding of counties, no county is obliged to take a vote on the matter. If the legislature decides the material is at hand could take a vote at once and by mid-session could begin on the building of permanent roads, and we would have the best of both worlds. I have just discovered that they could get material at a reasonable cost they could then take a vote on it and would not have to wait for the next session of the legislature to pass a law.

I have seen a bill for the making of good dirt roads, which, I understand, has been agreed upon by a committee of the legislature, and that most houses of this legislature, and will probably be passed soon after the present recess. This is, undoubtedly the best of all roads, and if a dirt road, and will be the only one which will probably be necessary to a great many of the western counties of the state for many years to come. I am not endorsing the bill, but I am for that purpose; but that fact ought not to prevent the many counties in the most parts of the state from having the right to pass upon the question of building a county, where there is plenty of good material at hand for such purposes.

On July next the collect-on-delivery feature will be added to the parcel post department of the postal service of the country. An order putting this into effect was yesterday signed by Postmaster General Hitchcock.

Under the approved regulations a parcel bearing the required amount of parcel post stamps may be sent anywhere in the country and the amount due from the purchaser collected and remitted by the postoffice department.

The regulations provide that the parcel must bear the amount due from the addressee and the collection will be made, provided the amount is not in excess of \$100.

HOPKINTON.
E. F. Main was an over Sunday visitor with his son, Cliff, in Monticello. The neighbors of Mrs. H. B. Smith took their usual and spent a short time with her Saturday afternoon, before she moved away from the neighborhood.
Mrs. Carrie Brooks went to Edgewood Tuesday to visit her sister.
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Porter visited their daughter in Monticello on Tuesday.
Mrs. Connolly was a Delhi visitor on Wednesday.
E. M. Loop made a business trip to Arlington Monday.
Mrs. B. M. Gaffney has moved, owing to their farm west of town.
Miss Eva Keith visited her mother, Clay at Delhi last week.
Mrs. Main was a Monticello visitor on Tuesday.
Mrs. Irish and Mrs. King visited Wednesday in Greeley.
The Hopkinton High school played basketball here at Arlington Saturday and won, 37 to 35.
Miss Jennie Strane, who was visiting here, was called back to Dunbar by sickness in her brother's family.
W. A. Hardy came from Monticello last week. He wishes to ship some stock if he can get it.
Mrs. M. M. Gaffney is in Monticello.

Mr. B. E. Smith Friday.

Charles Wilson has engaged to work for the Farmers' Supply company, where he formerly worked.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McDonald arrived home on Tuesday from Shenandoah, where they have been for a little more than two months with Dr. McDonald, father of the deceased.

The Hopkinton Military band reorganized last week, with A. C. Martin again as leader, A. N. Trevarthan, manager, and A. W. McDonald, treasurer.

The remains of Maurice Davis, who died in Sand Springs on Wednesday, were brought to Hopkinton for burial, and his parents expect to remove to this place. He was the only son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Davis, who, with one sister, survive him.

John E. C. Perkins was in town a few days, and will be here again and adjourned for a few days' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wheelock entertained a dinner party of old people, all of whom were over eighty, on Wednesday. The guests were: Mr. Cook of Hazel Hill, 90; Peter Guthrie, 90; William Danford, 87; A. B. Wheelock, 87; David Gearhart, 85; Mrs. Gehardt, 80; H. E. Gulton, 83; and Mrs. Gulton, 84. The oldest man on average age being 85 years, 4 months and 17 days. No doubt the old-time stories related would fill a book.

One of the best of women in the congregation gave Mr. and Mrs. Robert Guthrie a house-warming in their new country home last Saturday, taking their dinner with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie arrived on Sunday visitor in Cedar Rapids.

A sad accident occurred near town Friday afternoon, when Curtis Blanchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Blanchard, was killed. He was climbing the weeds and the tree he had just cut fell, striking a large stick of cord wood, which flew and struck him on the head. He was killed instantly. He was about 16 years of age and became unconscious and remained so until his death. His parents had just moved to town and he was brought to town for burial.

and 30 years of age. The funeral was held Monday afternoon at the Presbyterian church, Rev. S. T. Foster having charge of the services. Many came to show sympathy to the bereaved community in their bereavement.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Orr came Saturday from Savannah, Illinois, not hearing of the death of their nephew until they arrived.

The friends and neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Brooks gave them a surprise party last evening with them a present of a rocking chair.

The ladies of the Methodist church held their social afternoon Wednesday at the home of Mrs. E. M. taking with them a present of a rocking chair.

The family of Mr. Schuster moved his office from the Schuster building to the basement room under Doan Bros. drug store.

Kehrl of Ryan has come here from Ryan to engage in the automobile business.

An illustration of a road sign that says "ECONOMY" and a banner that says "PROSPERITY". The sign is a large, rectangular structure with the word "ECONOMY" in bold, capital letters. Below the sign, a banner with the word "PROSPERITY" in a stylized, cursive font is draped across a rocky, uneven terrain. The background shows a road leading towards the sign, with some foliage and a small building visible in the distance. The overall style is that of a vintage advertisement.

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ment in Fair View cemetery.

Harry Johnson, a New York city spent Thursday at the home of his brother, Arthur Johnson, of this city.

Mrs. Abbie Kehl and daughter Lillian returned Thursday from a visit at Cedar Rapids and Waterloo.

Miss Hester Hamblin is the professor of a Fuehr and Sterner piano, which arrived this week.

Miss Orta Larson departed Saturday on an extended visit in the states of Washington and California.

Prof. and Mrs. Ozears entertained the members of the Senior class of the High school at the home on Friday evening. Elaborate refreshments were served at a late hour and a most enjoyable time is reported by all present.

Wedding bells will soon be ringing.

The Frauen Verein of the Lutheran church was entertained on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Julius Schwantes.

of Immanuel Lutheran

church, on Wednesday, February 26
children Gienapp, daughter of Mr. and
Mrs. Fred Gienapp, living east of
Lawson, and George Glantz, son of Mr.
and Mrs. Louis Glantz. Both par-
ties are well known here and their
many friends extend congratulations.
They will make their home in this
city.

The ladies of the E. W. C. were
pleasantly entertained by the gentle-
man contingent of the club at the
banquet given at the Frank Lloyd
club on Wednesday evening, February 26.
A three-course six o'clock dinner was
served and the evening was spent in
playing games.

DELHI.

Mr. and Mrs. Mobley of Indiana
were visiting at J. D. Keith's. Mrs.
Mobley was formerly Miss
Keith.

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Advisor—O. A. Holdridge.
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Escort—J. P. Reed.
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Men's tan high cut dress shoe	-	-	-	\$4.50
Men's patent leather shoes	-	-	-	\$4.50
Men's Vici Kid shoes	-	-	-	\$3.50 to \$3.75
Men's West Point Gun Metal shoes	-	-	-	\$3.25
Ladies' high cut tan shoes	-	-	-	\$3.50 to \$3.00
Ladies' gun metal shoes	-	-	-	\$2.50 to \$3.50
Ladies' Vici Kid shoes	-	-	-	\$1.50 to \$2.50
Ladies' walking boot	-	-	-	\$2.50
Misses' common sense heel, gun metal	-	-	-	\$2.00 to \$2.25
Misses' common sense heel, vici kid	-	-	-	\$2.50 to \$1.85
Misses' tan vici kid	-	-	-	\$2.00 to \$1.85
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Wednesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Livingston. Leader, Mrs. S. T. Foster. An address will be given by Misses May and Helen, who have been a medical missioners in Ceylon and China.

LENOX COLLEGE.

The Lenox boys came out victorious in the game with the Coe City boys last night. The score was 36 to 17. The team expects to play a game with the Coe college boys on Tuesday evening, and a special train has been arranged to leave here at 4 o'clock and return after the game.

Norman Landers and Dean Morgan entertained the other members of the orchestra at a six o'clock dinner on Sunday afternoon at the Landers home. The evening was devoted to music.

Vesper services were held on Sunday afternoon at the association rooms, led by Ellery Reed.

Jessie Greenup was in Ottumwa last week, attending the state association of the Y. M. C. A.

EARLVILLE.

Died at Marshalltown on Thursday, February 27, aged 90 years, Martha A. Delly, widow of J. D. Delly, a former resident of this place. The remains were brought to Earlville on Saturday morning and were buried in Fair View cemetery. Those who accompanied the remains here were Wm. Vandever, with whom she had made her home for several years past, and her son, Frank J. Koser. Deceased was well known among the older residents of this vicinity and instrumental in organizing the M. E. church of this place.

Mr. and Mrs. Kragenbrink are the parents of a son, born Monday, February 24.

Gula Schaller was a Waterloo visitor today.

R. H. Lowe visited in Des Moines the fore part of the week.

Mrs. S. S. Douglass and daughter Gladys were Dubuque passengers Saturday.

Miss Lizzie Millen was a Dubuque visitor Saturday.

Mrs. Arthur Murley and children of Mt. Pleasant, Saturday, for a visit with home folks.

Mrs. Jake Billmeyer and daughter Ethel were Key City visitors Saturday.

Miss Emma Meritz returned to her home in Dubuque Saturday, after a two weeks' visit at the Werkmeister home.

Miss Laura Werkmeister spent Saturday in Earlville.

Died, at Delhi, Iowa, on Monday evening, February 24, Harry Scott, aged 35 years. He leaves to mourn his death one sister, Mrs. Jay Long of Doland, South Dakota, and one son, brother, Frank, of this place, besides numerous other relatives. His brother, John, died in the same manner, but two weeks ago. The funeral was held on Wednesday afternoon. Inter-

The friends and neighbors of Ed Johnson helped him celebrate his birthday last Thursday.

Fazel Erisman, a son out of Adam's store, came back with an injured knee, as a result of a fall on cement walk.

Mrs. Nellie Stone was in Delaware Wednesday.

Dr. E. J. Wittenberg and O. A. Holdridge were in Dubuque Thursday.

James Norris of Nebraska is visiting relatives at this place.

Mrs. C. Brucke is visiting with friends in Waterloo.

Word has been received of the death of Charles Doolittle in Idaho.

Mr. J. H. Doolittle, for many years a resident of Delhi and the body will be brought to this place for burial this week.

John White of Dakota is here for a visit with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Swinburne entertained a company of friends Friday evening.

W. C. Perkins was here from Des Moines Thursday.

Arthur Wilson had business in Cedar Rapids last week.

Fred Harder visited his brother Will at Waterloo last week. He goes this week to Montana to make his home.

Roy White is moving into the Harmon place.

Will Barker of Edgewood visited at the John Wheeler home last week.

Fred Fulver has bought the restaurant business of Bert Sulver. Bert will leave this spring.

Will Toomer was a recent Dubuque visitor.

Royal Furman of Troy, Mo. is visiting at the Harmon place last week.

Miss Gladys Adams entertained a company of her friends Friday evening. It was her fifth birthday.

Mrs. George Long was a recent visitor at the Harmon place or the Harmon place.

Misses Jessie Moody and Josephine were Dubuque visitors Saturday.

Mrs. John Downs visited relatives at Waterloo last week.

Mrs. Perry Haight of Oneida visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Neal, last week.

Clara Dudley is home from Dixon, Ill., for a few days.

George Davis was down from Manchester Saturday.

Miss Edith, of near Hartwick, and Miss Emma Lewis were married at the M. E. parsonage in Masonville one day last week by Rev. D. C. Terry.

M. E. M. E. ad society meets on Wednesday afternoon of this week with Mrs. S. S. Skinner.

S. F. Crabb was in West Union Saturday.

Saturday was pay day for Silver Spring Creamery company. They paid 33 cents per pound for butter.

The following officers of Delhi camp, No. 7709, M. W. A. were recently installed:

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