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ROAD DRAINAGE.

Our Highway Laws and County Highways.

From the Drainage Journal.

Of all the economic questions affecting the welfare of the farmer and every good citizen, there is none of greater importance than the construction and maintenance of public highways, over which they may pay and from which their commercial and social relations with each other. The world, we are told, is maintained by intercourse, and of all inventions, the alphabet and printing press excepted, those inventions that bridge existence have done most for civilization. Every improvement of the means of locomotion benefits mankind morally and intellectually, as well as materially, and not only facilitates the interchange of the various productions of nature and art, but tends to remove natural and provincial antipathies, and to bind together all branches of the great human family.

How often do we hear farmers deploring the financial situation, claiming loudly against "corners" in the market, denouncing monopolies, or denouncing reform in every branch of our government, seemingly forgetting that they themselves are a part of this government, that they are as much to blame for the shortcomings of our laws, and that right here at home many of them make bad laws worse by shirking their duty in regard to them. Where is the intelligent, thinking farmer who has given the subject proper thought, can deny the fact that the highways are in a deplorable condition, and that there is great need of reform in the manner of collecting and expending our highway taxes.

We are told that our highway laws are patterned after those in vogue in the feudal days, when as one of their various duties the tenants were advised to build and repair the highways. Wherever it originated, our present manner of constructing and maintaining highways is common to a large majority of the States of our Union and is a disgrace to the nineteenth century. Some of the European countries, England and Scotland among the number, are now blessed with fine highways, and of which they are justly proud, but history tells us that England was cursed with roads the counterparts of which are so common in the United States today. It tells us that it was about the year 1760 the people of England began the agitation that eventually forced her to repeal her defective highway laws, and to enact the system which today is her guide.

"The whole science of road making consists in furnishing a solid, dry path on the natural soil, and then keeping it dry by a water proof covering of stone which should form a hardened, smooth surface for transportation;" but our overseers usually manage to build road beds which will soak in and retain about all the water that falls on or near them. The first heavy rain which comes turns these improvements into quagmires, and in the latter part of June the farmer, who is obliged to use the highways, can be seen picking his way slowly along while the wheels of his conveyance go down through the "improvements" until they reach soil that has not been disturbed by the road makers. July's hot sun dries the artificial quagmire and soon deep ruts and high hubs of hummocks are formed, over which it is dangerous to ride in a light vehicle, and exceedingly trying in any kind of conveyance. A railroad company has men constantly on its tracks, keeping them in thorough repair, but the wagon road has no one to take care of it—no manhole is drained, no rut is filled, no hummock leveled, and when another June comes around the road is in a wretched condition.

After a century of failure is it not about time to change? That is what the intelligent men of the country are now thinking, and the question of adopting a better highway system is being agitated all over the Union. New York, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, Ohio, Maryland and Missouri have each made changes in their highway laws during the last year or two; but that the reform may be thorough and permanent, there must be a perfect harmony in legislation and unity in aim and purpose—good uniform system must be adopted by the States.

Before the railroads became so

numerous some of the States built what were known as "State roads." These roads were paid for out of the State funds, and ran from one great market center to another, back and forth across the State, forming a network of highways that were far superior to the other roads, and that were powerful factors in the development of the resources of the commonwealth.

It has been suggested that this system should in a measure be revived; that all highway taxes should be collected in money; that the State should build and maintain the main roads—at least one or two in each county, the work to be done under the direction of a competent civil engineer, who should be a State officer and have control of all the State highways and bridges. Each town should have a commissioner or superintendent of roads, especially fitted for the office, who should have the supervision and control of all highway work ordered by the town board. All bridges costing \$3,000 or more should be built by the State.

Often we find a town through which one or two large streams wind in such a manner as to necessitate the erection of a number of large and expensive bridges. Such bridges are of great benefit to the public in general, and it is unwise and unjust to tax one town for the entire cost of their construction and maintenance.

Congressman Kentucky, of Ohio, turned a tirade of abuse at large in the House Wednesday. He is a Republican and got mad because the force bill had been appropriately shelved in the Senate. In the course of his entertaining remarks he said that Senator Quay was the Judas Iscariot of the party, and then added:

"The Republican party can not afford to follow the lead of a branded criminal. He has failed to justify himself, and though opportunity and ample time have been given him, he remains silent. His silence, under such circumstances, is a confession of guilt. An honorable man does not long delay when his honor is assailed. He has delayed too long to justify the belief in his innocence; and he stands a convicted criminal under such circumstances he should have driven a spike through his own eyes. The Republican party has done enough for its pretended leader. Let him be relegated to the rear. It is no longer a question of his vindication, it is now a question of the life of the party."

The Todd County Enterprise was double number last week—and printed on pink paper—its size, multitude of advertisements, and general write up of Elkton and the county, made it a somewhat "pink of perfection."

The census of the city of London will be taken April 5. Forty thousand enumerators are required to do the work in just one day.



WILLIAM NORTHERN.
THE BOCCIO CANDIDATE FOR GOV.

William J. Northen, whom the farmers of Georgia have selected as their candidate for Governor, was born in Jones county, Ga., July 9, 1835. His father was a successful farmer, and the son was educated at Mercer University, graduating in 1853 with a declared taste for letters which induced him to select teaching as a profession in the famous Mount Zion high school, where he remained, though several college professorships were offered him. The school netted him an income of \$10,000 a year, but in 1875 his failing health forced him to abandon pedagogy for agriculture, in which last pursuit he settled upon a plantation in Hancock county. Finding the letting of his land to negroes for a portion of the crop unprofitable, he began tilling the land himself, and at length discovered that stock farming was the only method of agriculture which was profitable. Mr. Northen was elected to the legislature three times and is now President of the State Agricultural Society. The nomination for Governor was forced upon him, and in the event of his election his past record justifies the conviction that he will make a capable executive.

A BREAK FOR LIBERTY.

Eight Convicts Escaped from the Eddyville Prison.

The Guard Knocked Down.

Eddyville, Ky., Sept. 10.—Eight convicts escaped from the branch penitentiary here this afternoon at about 5 o'clock. Two of the men were engaged at work on a bus on top of the northern bound wall, under the surveillance of a guard. At a concealed signal one of these, Bruce Redmon, a trusty, leaped quickly up behind the guard, knocked him down, seized his gun and pistol and then called to the others who were in waiting to come. Six prisoners quickly appeared at the foot of the ladder as it began to sprang up to the top of the wall and over to the outside and to liberty. Redmon covered the guard on his gun until all were over except his fellow workman and himself, both of whom followed at once, Redmon keeping in the rear of the band still covering the guard.

As quickly as possible the arm was given and a pursuing party was organized, the blood hounds were loosed and put upon the trail, and mounted and armed men followed in hot chase. The escaped prisoners are eight desperate men, and bred partly as they are, they will be costly customers to capture.

The names of the men are: Riley McCoy, of Lawrence county, fifteen years.

Jim Way, Bourbon county, five years.

Frank McDonough, Jefferson county, two years.

William Quinn, Jefferson county, five years.

John Herr, Jefferson county, five years.

Ban Harlan, Letcher county, five years.

Bruce Redmon, Jefferson county, six years.

Thos. Callahan, Pulaski county, three years.

They are all white and all young men except McDonough.

Skipped.

Pete Buckalew, who was shot by Mrs. Beard, has skipped out for parts unknown. There was a charge against him by Constable Bradley, being given suspicious about his standing trial, with a posse went to the house where Pete was supposed to be and found that he was gone. The neighborhood was searched but no Pete was found.

Married.

Thursday Mr Sam Henry, of this place, and Miss Lucy Jennings, daughter of Mr J. R. Jennings, who lives two miles west of Marion, went to Elizabethtown, Ill., and were united in marriage. Their many friends wish them unalloyed happiness.

Married, at the residence of Jas Lowery Sept 3, 1890, Silas F. King to Miss Elizabeth Drennan, Rev B. F. McMillan officiating.

Deeds Recorded.

F M Crane to Wyatt Hunt, 140 acres for \$1200.

H D Baldwin to T S Croft 494 acres for \$450.

M L Daniel to W L Nunn interest in land.

J W Blue to J W S Damron 58 acres for \$150.

J J Bennett to E M Dalton, 180 acres for \$2500.

J S McDowell to D J Brown 70 acres for \$325.

Adams & Crane to A A Daventport interest in land for \$195.

Chapel Nunn to Minnie L Daniel interest in land.

From Monday evening until Tuesday the county was without a coroner; yet there was no clash of worlds. Monday evening Della Flannery, who has made an excellent officer, qualified as assistant assessor and left the office of coroner vacant until Tuesday when his successor, Mr Belmeier, qualified.

On Thursday of last week representatives of nine iron bridge companies, were in town to bid for the construction of an iron bridge across Claylick creek on Salem and Dycusburg road and on the line between Crittenden and Livingston counties. Henry Hodge, commissioner from Livingston county, and J. H. Clifton, commissioner for Crittenden county, met the agents here, and after a comparison of all bids, let the contract to the Wrought Iron Bridge Co., of Canton, O., for \$1200.

For the next 30 days J. H. Morse will sell you the right to sell his patent Kitchen Rack in one State for \$50. He will sell but 30 States this way. Parties wanting to make a few hundred dollar in the patent business will do well to see him at once.

Brevities.

A new tinshop.

Few guests at the springs.

See Rochester & Co's add.

Better public roads needed.

Court of Claims in October.

The county has 16 post offices.

Eggs 10 cts at Dorr's.

School books at the Press office.

More water melons than peaches.

Ohio River Association next week.

Don't let the county's boom slip.

Crider & Co., a new firm at Tolu.

Mrs McGregor will start a bakery.

Dr Cossitt wants to sell his drug store.

Sell the plank walks for kindling wood.

When will the burnt district be rebuilt.

The town tax collector is at the front door.

There is a demand for more business houses.

Wallingford has bought Doss' livery stable.

Flannery's shoe store is ready for business.

H E Fritts has been granted a pension.

The G. A. R. post held a meeting Thursday.

Work on the new church progressing finely.

Supt. Deboe has his office in the court house.

About 2500 people at camp meeting Sunday.

Della Flannery will assess Hurricane precinct.

Buy your boots and shoes of Sam Gugenheim.

The drought didn't curtail the rush of horse swappers.

You should see Mrs. Lovings handsome hats.

Flannery & Son's line of heavy boots must sell.

The K. P.'s will open their hall with a public meeting.

The post office is one door south of Cameron's store.

Sale of the Cooksey goods at Dycusburg Sept 20.

Horse swappers.

Call and examine Flannery & Son's line of white shirts.

The town trustees have been petitioned for an election.

The new jailer has been burnishing the public property.

Call and see the elegant line of limes at Mrs. Lovings.

The wife of old Uncle Artie Clement, col., died Monday.

The O. V. work train has headquarters at Marion now.

Irma is the name of a new post box at Sullinger's store.

The Democrats retained a majority of their old committee.

The G. P. church, colored, will have a barbecue Sept 27th.

Salem charges \$300 for coffee use license. She has one.

Don't forget that Hays will come to with any prices in town.

A big lot of nice country land at 8 1/2 cts.

will sell or trade a nice building on Marion.

See Flannery & Son's line of boots shoes, made expressly for us.

A handsome line of dresses, trimmings, velvets, etc., at Mrs. Lovings.

The colored school opened Monday. Lollie Bigham is the teacher.

has been given up by all that keeps the best coffee in Marion.

lengthy petition prayed Rev J. Smith to hold a meeting in Marion.

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Messrs J. B. Kevil, S. C. Haynes and J. W. Skelton left for Middleboro Tuesday afternoon. That city will entertain members of the Kentucky press Thursday and the gentlemen mentioned will represent the Marion papers.

The contested election case from Belts Mines was called us for trial Monday. On account of the irregularity of the papers, the matter was postponed and will be tried hereafter.

have an elegant line of plushes, velvets and silks for dresses and hats.

Mrs. Lovings.

The New Committee.

Pursuant to the call the newly chosen Democratic county committee convened in Marion, Monday, Sept 8, 1890, for the purpose of organizing. The precincts reported the following committee:

MARION No. 1—A. M. Hearing, chairman, J. T. Elder, L. W. Cruce, J. G. Haynes, Wm Fowler.

MARION No. 2—J. P. Pierce, ch'rs, A Dean, I L Wheeler, R. I. Nunn, H B Williams.

Dycusburg—W T Graves, ch'rs, J. W. Brasher, J. R. Jackson, A B Wicker, Owen Boaz.

Union—E H Taylor, ch'rs, J. N Boston, Jeff Cement, Wm Brown, Leander White.

HURRICANE No 1—W E Weldon, J T Foley, Joe Stallion, Jno Sherer, T E Griffith.

HURRICANE No 2—Judson Bennett, ch'rs, Wm Barnett, L A Weldon, S G Lee, John Rodgers.

FORDS FERRY—E R Williams, ch'rs, H B Phillips, T A Rankin, Henry Wood, Jno Slyger.

BELTS MINES—W D Crowell, ch'rs, E C Moore, J S Newcomb, W H Alton.

PRYOR—Robt Wood, ch'rs, J N Clark, J D McConnell, Murray Travis, E Jones.

J W Blue was re-elected chairman of the county committee, and R C Walker was re-elected secretary.

County Court.

J. S. James allowed \$5.25 for luncheon.

S. S. Woodson qualified as deputy county clerk.

F. J. Imboden allowed \$5 on salary as Supt. of poor house.

B. S. Kennedy qualified as administrator of the estate of C. E. Kennedy, deceased.

Wm. Webb was released from work on public road.

Mrs. P. J. Farley qualified as administrator of the estate of F. M. Farley.

If A. Milligan was authorized to solemnize the rites of matrimony.

Aaron Towery qualified as surveyor with W. J. LaRue as surety.

I. L. Wheeler, L. M. Travis and A. A. Deboe were appointed land possessors.

The will of W. H. Franklin was probated and Mary J. Franklin qualified as executrix. The will placed the estate at something near \$15,000.

J. M. Fritts was appointed constable of Hurricane precinct and qualified with P. G. Moore, B. Marble and W. B. Randall as surties.

W. H. McChesney qualified as administrator of the estate of J. L. McDowell.

Jos. A. Hina was appointed guardian for Bertha Hina.

Personal.

Burl Williams went to Paducah Monday.

Capt High Belt, of Hardin county, Ill., was in town Tuesday.

Mr E. C. Moore has the typhoid fever. He is at his father's, at Stone.

Everett Woods came over from Henderson Sunday and spent the day at home.

Mrs. J. M. McChesney, of Salem, visited her father, Dr. Simpson, of Hopkins county last week.

Mr S. O. Nunn and Norvel Pierce accompanied Judge Nunn to Frankfort. They started Saturday.

Mr R. P. Weaver, of Henderson, came to Marion Sunday to see his brother, Dr A. B. Weaver, who is sick.

Messrs John Grayott and W. R. Bush, two rising young attorneys of Smithland, were in town one day last week.

Miss Alma LaRue and Miss Maud Taylor returned to their home at Salem Monday. Miss Ada Doss accompanied them.

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Now goods! New goods!

At Dorr's.

Mr Ed McFee took a degree in the Knights of Pythias Friday night.

Hays now has a full line of groceries in all its branches. Call and examine.

Before you buy see Flannery & Son's line of fine hats, styles and prices to suit all.

Dorr is receiving his fall and winter stock. Now is the time to get bargains.

Don't take it all you see advertised. But see Hays' goods and get your prices and save money.

We are closing out our huggies, caps, and harness. Come and get a bargain.

Flannery & Son will carry the largest and best assorted line of shoes ever brought to Marion, Ky.

Why don't you bring in your dried apples and get your money while prices are good?

All who buy \$25 worth of groceries for cash at Schwab's will receive a gold pen free of charge.

Mr H. A. Heide, of Salem, was in town Thursday. He has been at his father-in-law's, Capt Northern.

Mr J. P. Sullinger was in town to attend the colt show. His fine colt is certainly a magnificent animal.

Hays has just received a car load of sugar and coffee, more or less, which he intends to sell lower than ever.

The new county attorney had his first case as representative of the county at Dycusburg last week. He got a fine of \$7.

The attendance at school at this place demanded the fourth teacher, and Mr Bart Summerville has been employed.

The grandest line of hat trimmings ever shown in Marion, embracing every design in patterns.

Go and get some of the best calicoes at 5 and 6 cents per yard at Wolff's, as he wants to make room for his fall stock.

Don't be fooled by cheap goods. You'll get full weight and fresh goods.

A. Wolff has gone east to buy an immense stock of goods, and in order to make room for them will sell all best brands of calicoes at 5 and 6 cents per yard.

Rev. J. F. Price preached at the C. P. church Sunday. The subject of his discourse was foreign missions. After the sermon a collection was taken.

A big lot of fall and winter dress goods, cloth, gins, and shoes, hats and caps will be sold low down. Come and see me.

R. B. Dorr.

Salem mill will sell best new wheat flour \$2.50 per cwt; best old wheat flour \$2 per cwt; second rate \$2.00 per cwt; bran 60 cents per cwt; 25c less per bbl in fire bbl lots.

Dr. Jenkins, dentist, remains in Marion next week and is prepared to extract all teeth absolutely painlessly and by the use of a new preparation is enabled to fill teeth without pain in nearly every case.

Dr. Jenkins makes a specialty of filling badly decayed teeth with gold or silver and making tightly fitting artificial teeth for difficult mouths. Office over Clark & Co, where the doctor remains for a few days.

The Camp-meeting.

The camp meeting at Hurricane closed Monday. There were about 140 conversions and sixty odd additions to the church. The entire community was stirred up religiously by the meeting and was the greatest meeting ever held in the community. The management was good, and denominational lines were cast aside, and church people went to work. The closing scenes were impressive, and will long be remembered in that community. Every thing will be arranged for the meeting next year, and it is thought that there will be between 50 and 100 families in camp.

Radam's Microbe Killer Co., Nashville, Tenn.

Gentlemen—I take pleasure in testifying to the remarkable benefit I have recently received from the use of Radam's Microbe Killer. I have been much troubled with chills and night sweats for months, and after trying a great many remedies to no avail, bought a jug of Microbe Killer and was completely cured in ten days. Respectfully, J. J. Smith.

Frankfort, Ky., March 15, 1890.

For sale by Lillyard & Woods.

TOLU DEPARTMENT.

CHAS. A. GRAY, ED. & AGENT.

S C Haynes, of the Monitor, was here Friday, as was Dan Browning also.

Rammoores has a curiosity in the shape of an egg. It resembles a previsions that is distressing to contemplate.

We noticed some Marionites at the camp meeting last week, viz: J. G. Haynes, Bob Moore, H. T. Flannery, etc. etc.

There is a splendid opening at this point for a roller mill. The nearest mill on this side of the river being 12 miles away.

Excuse us this week as we had a three days' twing of the gout.

O those "cowcubers."

News of a local nature left at the business house of Clement & Croft, will be gladly received.

We are teaching "skowl" during this autumnal wannness, at Caney Fork school house. The attendance is very good; that is I have not attempted to whip either of the two scholars yet. The house is of the great men style—logs with mother earth betwixt them. The door was a pretty fair piece of furniture until some thoughtful imbecile used it as a target and perforated it at short range with iron bolts. What in the world the man shot those slugs out of we know not, except it was an ash hopper.

Beard & Belt, the grocers, have added a new line of goods to their stock, consisting of gents furnishing goods, jeans pants, etc.

A J Bennett, the jovial river bottom planter, has some of the finest watermelons we ever beheld. Sir Wallace is the tradesman and drives a good biz, as good melons are in demand. We still live back of Hurricane church, Mr Bennett.

The recent rains have brought the corn out very much.

Some timber men were here last week buying hick