

## A RAILROAD'S AID

In the Construction of Roads Along Its Line.

County Judge Rochester Wants the "Good Roads" Train.

County Judge Rochester, always awake to the best interests of the county, has been interesting himself in the "good roads" train to be run by the L. C. railroad from New Orleans to Chicago. With the hope of getting this train to come to this county, he last week addressed the following letter to an official of the road:

MARION, Ky., March 23, 1901.  
Mr. J. T. Harraban, V. P., Chicago, Ill.

Dear Sir: From newspaper accounts I see the Illinois Central plans to run a "Good Roads" train from New Orleans to Chicago, stopping at various county seats along the line to give practical illustrations of modern railroad building.

I doubt if there is a county on the line where improved roads will be of more benefit to the Illinois Central than in this, Crittenden county. Large quantities of fluor spar and other minerals are hauled from two to twelve miles to Marion for shipment from various parts of the county, but for the five winter months, on account of the bad condition of the roads, this business is almost suspended. I think an examination of the reports from your office at this place will verify these statements and show that these mineral shipments pay your road handsomely.

As county judge I would like to co-operate with you in this work, and lend all reasonable assistance, and urge that the train stop at Marion. Will you please refer this to the proper authorities, with instructions to inform me as to the conditions to be complied with by county officials and business men along the line, and the probabilities of getting the train to stop here and give an exhibition of road making.

Awaiting a prompt response, I am, respectfully,

J. G. Rochester,  
Judge Crittenden County.

It has been demonstrated that no other method of arousing interest in good roads is so effecting as the building of short model roads. The farmers and others interested not only have an object lesson in the completed road, but they are taught the most approved system of road construction. The National Good Roads Association has completed arrangements with the Illinois Central Railroad Company for running a "good roads train" between Chicago and New Orleans, for the purpose of constructing model roads, as object lessons at convenient commercial centers in the several states traversed. The Office of Public Road Inquiries under the Secretary of Agriculture, is co-operating with the association by furnishing engineers and road experts to instruct the farmers, road officials, and people of the states in the most improved methods of road construction. The great manufacturers of road machinery are contributing machinery and competent men to operate the same, to show the necessity and economy of utilizing road machinery in constructing earth, gravel and macadam roads.

This is a novel project and the first attempt of any great railroad system to spend time and money in assisting and stimulating communities to improve the common roads. The officials of railroad companies occupy the same position as managers of enterprises or corporate interests, for they must give an account of all expenses and results to the stockholders and share in proportion the general prosperity and improvement. There should be a comity of inter-

est existing among all agricultural, mining, manufacturing and transportation pursuits. The Illinois Central railway passes through the great agricultural, commercial and mining states of the Mississippi Valley. These states, owing to the great rainfall and the rich alluvial soil, have to contend with almost impassable mud roads nearly five months of the year. Frequent mud blockades occur, paralyzing transportation and commerce.

This train will leave Chicago this month or next and the work of road building will commence at or near New Orleans, then working Northward as the weather will permit. It will have a Pullman with commissary to accommodate two engineers, and roads experts, a representative of the National Good Roads Association, press representatives, six competent men for operating machinery, and laborers. At each place selected to build a piece of sample road the officials, commercial organizations and farmers will be expected to furnish all necessary material, additional help, teams, etc. Special attention will be given to the construction of the best earth roads, giving instructions in proper grading, surfacing and drainage, as many of the Southern states are without stone or gravel available for road purposes. Conventions will be held and organizations perfected to stimulate and advance the movement in the several States.

It is to be hoped that Judge Rochester's efforts will meet with the hearty approval of the people of this county, and that our farmers, business men, and miners will join in an effort to convince the road officials that this county is a splendid field for an exhibition of the great work the road has undertaken. With vast quantities of the material necessary in building roads diffused over every section of the county, with good interest already aroused in the matter of good roads, and with the rapidly developing mineral interests referred to in Judge Rochester's letter, this, it seems, is one of the points along the line where the very best results would spring almost immediately from a visit of the already famous train.

## Of Interest to Sunday Schools.

The state, county and district officers of the Kentucky Sunday School Association, hold a conference at Marion April 17, 18, 19. The object is to promote the Sunday school interests of the State.

The State Association is interdenominational in character, being an organization of the denominations, by the denominations, for the denominations. Its plan of work is to organize every county in the State by calling the Sunday school workers together in convention annually, and by the election of a president, a secretary, and an executive committee, who look after the Sunday school interests of the county, under the direction of the State Executive Committee, and the General Secretary. The magisterial districts are organized in the same way. This meeting at Marion is a meeting of these officers for the purpose of improvement in their work.

It is not confined, however, to these officers. All persons interested in Sunday school work are invited, and especially pastors and superintendents. The two evening sessions and the afternoon of the last day are devoted exclusively to the work of the individual Sunday school.

This meeting is not in lieu of the Annual State Convention. It meets at Danville, August 20, 21, and 22.

Any one who contemplates going to Marion should send his name at once to Rev. James F. Price, Marion, and entertainment will be provided. This is an important meeting and some of the best speakers of the State will appear on the platform.

## SALEM INTERESTED.

A Railroad Proposition Has the Right of Way in Discussion.

Saturday the Salem Commercial Club sent out through the mail five hundred postal cards bearing this important news and call: "There will be important R. R. meeting at Salem next Wednesday March 27th. You are earnestly requested to attend. If you will give this matter your immediate attention Salem will have a R R in the year 1901. Come and help the project along."

SALEM COM. CLUB.

According to trustworthy information the Press has gathered from the commercial club, as well as the general talk of the community, a number of Cleveland, Ohio, capitalists who are interested in the mining industries of Crittenden and Livingston counties, have made a proposition to the people of Salem, to construct a railroad from the I. C. at Mexico station to Salem and on to Carroville, provided they are given the right of way and a subscription of \$2,500. The promoters of the enterprise propose to use the \$2500 in making the preliminary survey, but will execute bond for its return to the donors, if the road is not built. This very liberal offer has naturally aroused great interest in Salem and along the proposed route, and the meeting last night was called for the purpose of raising the subscription and organizing for the purpose of securing the right of way. We go to press too early to report the result of the meeting, but it may be safely stated that the money will be forthcoming, and the other requirements complied with.

The people of Salem are enthusiastic over the outlook and will leave no stone unturned to secure the road. If the projectors do not want to build the road, they will have to give Salem a much harder nut to crack than they have placed under the trip-hammer of enterprise.

## Candidates for Legislature Speak

Monday afternoon Messrs. John W. Skelton, P. C. Stephens, A. J. Bennett and J. A. Graves, four of the six candidates for the Democratic nomination for Representatives, addressed a good sized crowd in the court house. Mr. Skelton had announced that he would speak and invited the other candidates to participate. The speeches were forceful, of a friendly nature and each gentleman clearly defined his position, on all questions and asked for the support of the people.

## Large Congregations.

Mrs. Woosley, the lady evangelist, arrived in the city Saturday and is now conducting the revival services at the Cumberland Presbyterian church. Large congregations gather at every service. Mrs. Woosley is an able expounder. Much interest is being manifested and there has been several conversions. The services will continue through the week.

## Stole a March.

Tuesday evening, March 19th at 7 o'clock, Mr. Clarence Crittenden and Miss Cora Gardner, of the Shady Grove neighborhood, were quietly married by Rev. Conway at this place. Miss Gardner with a friend came to town shopping, stopping over with friends for the night. Mr. Crittenden appeared in town as if by accident, remaining over for the night. The parties returned the next day as they came. So sly were they about the affair that it was several days before their friends suspected the truth.

## HORSES AND MULES WANTED

100 mules from 3 to 7 years old, 15 to 16 hands high, in good flesh for which I will pay the highest market price. Also will buy fat horses. Will be at Pierce's livery stable, Marion, Friday and Saturday, March 29 and 30.  
W. Wheeler.

Tuesday Mr. John T. Foley found a note belonging to Mr. F. M. Clement for \$135.00 and he promptly turned it over to the proper parties and was rewarded.

## PRIMARY ELECTION.

Is the Plan the Crittenden County Democratic Committee Prefers.

Pursuant to the call of Chairman Maxwell, the Democratic county committee held a meeting in Marion Monday for the purpose of determining some plan of making a nominee for the Legislature. The matter was fully and freely discussed, and the committee instructed Mr. Maxwell, in his conference with the chairman of the Livingston county committee, to vote for a primary election to be held on the first or second Saturday in May.

All of the candidates were present, and while some of them expressed a preference for a delegate precinct convention, all acquiesced in the action of the committee.

## CIRCUIT COURT.

Ira Guess Fined \$100 for Cutting in Sudden Heat.

Circuit court commenced Monday with Judge Nunn on the bench. The following cases have been disposed of:

Everett Bebout, breach of peace plea guilty and fined \$5.

Wayne Phillips, forfeited bail bond of Charles Tannehill. Judgment for \$75.

Ira Guess, malicious cutting; entered plea of guilty to charge of cutting in sudden heat and passion, and fined \$75.

Mack White, malicious cutting; dismissed by commonwealth at conclusion of proof.

Tom and Dink Todd, charged with malicious shooting of Lee Rhodes, clerk on steamer Joe Fowler, continued by defence.

The public officials reported public funds on hand as follows:

D. Woods, county clerk, \$273 98

H. A. Haynes, circuit clerk, 26 13

T. S. McKinley, J. P., 19 00

J. F. Conger, J. P., 2 01

T. J. Hamilton, J. P., 35 00

John Pickens, sheriff, 20 90

W. R. Vaughn, constable, 1 01

L. A. LaRue is foreman of the grand jury.

H. M. Walker was appointed committee for John Finny Aarons

## School Roll of Honor.

First Grade—Dixie Trisler, Virginia Blue, Carrie Morse, Susie Boston, Lafe Alexander, Mabel Butler, Willie Chandler, Homer Moore, Fannie Blue.

Fourth Grade—Celeste Stone, Menard Woods, Lee Morse, Jones Gill, Nellie Sutherland, Gwendoline Haynes, Camilla Dupuy, Ruby Hard, Mabel Yandell.

Fourth and Fifth Grades—Menard Woods, Willie Watkins, Nellie Sutherland, Alice Schwab, Annie Dean, Janie Ingram, Sylvan Price, Annie Dean, Ruth Morse, Massie Champion.

Fifth Grade—Sylvan Price, Alice Schwab, Ruth Morse, Mary Deboe, Allie Willborn, May Henderson, Elzie Wring, Jack Fleming, Clara Pogue, Lida Kuykendall.

## Maine Women.

The monthly article that tells of Woman's Clubs of the Delineator is devoted in the April number to the woman's clubs of the State of Maine. It shows that they are doing splendid work in many progressive lines, and are taking a strong point in all local and state improvements.

## Our Roll of Honor.

The following have paid up or renewed their subscriptions to the Press since our last issue:

V. B. Phillips, Tolu.

J. B. Chapman, Galena, Kan.

J. M. Canada, Dekoven.

John Green, Salem.

R. C. Hill, Salem.

W. H. Brown, Salem.

J. H. Davis, Sheridan.

J. A. Lewis, Frances.

Jas Cruce, Emit, Oklahoma.

Delia Farmer, Marion.

Charles Walker, Marion.

E. R. Williams, Fords Ferry.

J. S. McMurphy, Repton.

New Corn Whiskey at C. E. Doss & Co's; \$2 per gallon, 50c per quart.

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