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As the Government Sees It.

The cost of hauling over country roads is largely determined by the size of the load that can be hauled, the number of trips that can be made in a day, and the wear and tear on teams and equipment, according to the Office of Public Roads. Steep grades, as well as ruts and mudholes, serve to decrease the speed and the load. On the principle that a chain is no stronger than its weakest link, the maximum load that a team can draw is the load that it can draw up the steepest hill or through the deepest mudhole on that road.

Wherever possible roads should be located on straight lines between terminal points. In hilly or mountainous country, however, the attempts to keep roads straight between terminals often leads to the serious error of heavy grades. Straightness and grade must, therefore, be handled together. The best location is one which is straight in general direction, is free from steep grades, is located on solid ground, and serves the largest possible number of people. Roads should be located for the benefit of the public, as well as the private landowner.

The elimination of one or two steep hills on a line of road will frequently enable horses to draw three or four times as much as they could draw on the old road. It takes approximately four times as much power to draw loads up 10 per cent. grades (10 feet vertical in 100 feet horizontal) as on a level; but on a 4 per cent. or 5 per cent. grade a horse can usually draw (for a short time) as much as he can draw on a level. A 4 per cent. grade is, therefore, considered the maximum on roads subject to heavy hauling. Many steep grades may be avoided by locating the road around or over the hill—the handle of the bucket is no longer when held in a horizontal position than in a vertical. By going around we avoid two steep hills.

If the road must pass up a steep hill or mountain sides, the steepness of the grade may be decreased by increasing the length of the road. In other words, eliminate steep grades by locating the road on curved or zigzag lines, and not in a straight line from the bottom to the top of the hill. These curves should be carefully plotted and the straight stretches located with an instrument. This improves the looks of the road and does not add materially to its cost.

In studying the relation of grade to distance the following calculation is interesting: To lift a ton 1 foot high requires 2,000 foot-pounds of energy; on a road the surface of which offers 100 pounds of tractive resistance per ton the same energy would roll the ton a horizontal distance of 20 feet.

Roads should never be located so close to stream beds as to be subject to overflow, or on ground which is constantly damp and marshy.

The earth road should have at least six hours of sunshine each

Stanley Vs. Beckham.

The Hon. Owsley Stanley continues in his occasional speech-making, which is identical with vote making, in different parts of the State. Governor Beckham will open his campaign March 16—next Monday. The Times would not detract one laurel from the Governor's store of fame, but we do not consider him the equal of Mr. Stanley when it comes to championing the cause of the people against the trusts, the arbitrary and defiatory railroads, which, together, are trying to own the Government as well as Kentucky. We are proud to see them getting some serious setbacks both in the State and Nation.

But what has Governor Beckham done to produce these setbacks? Owsley Stanley has proved what he is for by doing things with the steel trust, and tells you where he stands with the railroads, while Governor Beckham must blushing admit, that, as an attorney for the L. & N. railroad since he vacated the Governor's chair the railroad company has commanded his influence and talent to thwart the will of the people and the best interests of the State if such happened to displease the managers of his road.

Justus Goebel said the corporations, including the L. & N. railroad, conspired in the killing of his brother Governor Goebel. Goebel was Beckham's running mate, and Beckham as Lieut. Governor succeeded Governor Goebel after his death, and this connection led later to his election and re-election as Governor of the State. These conditions, coupled with the fact that as soon as Governor Beckham was defeated for the U. S. Senate, he entered into the employ of the accused railroad company, do not look good to us, and we are anxious to see how the Governor is going to explain away the mist.

It is not fair to censure an attorney for representing a railroad as a lawyer, but the extreme circumstances preceding Governor Beckham's employment by the railroad company makes it very unbecoming in this case.

This can be secured either by locating the road with southern or western exposure, or by having such brush and trees as impede the drying action of the sun and wind removed. With gravel and stone roads this is not so necessary, as a certain amount of moisture is needed on such roads, especially in the summer time.

Relocating roads is not an engineering problem alone. One must also consider the effect of the road on those who now live upon it. Many farmers dislike to have the road placed back of their house or out of sight of it. It requires tact and good judgment to secure a suitable location without arousing harsh antagonism.

I now have my dressmaking shop open next door to Central Hotel. Call and give me a trial. Satisfaction guaranteed, both in fitting and the price. Miss Nora Mays.

Strange Things Will Happen.

Strange things will happen in this old world of ours, and even so at Frankfort. Several days ago Representative Walton, of Lexington, waxed warm in his support of the Finn railroad bill, and towered in eloquence in speech making for the bill, in which some serious charges were made against a member of the Railroad Commission (but is was not our honored member) for conspiring with the railroads to defeat the bill, a part of which remarks the Times reproduced and favorably commented upon. Yet this same Representative Walton Monday voted against the 2 cent bill.

Verily, Kentucky, while a land of milk and honey, every two years has a Legislature full of surprises, and deceptions.

Mr. Walton, however, voted for the 2½ cent bill which passed. And, by the way, it occurs to us that this is the rate fixed last week by the L. & N. railroad of its own accord.

The Bank Statement.

The statement of the condition of the Clay City National Bank which appears in this issue of the Times is a showing worthy to be proud of. The deposits are past the one hundred thousand mark while the loans are greater than usual. The reserve is held up at the same time insuring every safety to depositors the national banking laws require. There is not a bank anywhere in the State that makes a better showing one time with another than does the Clay City National. It is also a great money maker for the stockholders.

Kentuckians in Texas.

Mr. A. C. Barnes who returned from Miami, Texas last week, reports that part of the Lone Star State as being very healthful. He says Judge Fletcher has built up wonderfully in flesh as has all other lean Kentuckians locating there. Mr. Barnes, however, thinks that when it comes to making a living, Kentucky cannot be excelled and he himself will continue to remain a citizen of the good Commonwealth of Kentucky.

Back to Clay City.

H. D. Curry, who moved to Nicholas county some ten or twelve years ago, has moved back into one of his houses in Clay City. Mr. Curry is a citizen of whom we may justly feel proud, he being so loyal to his native town and county. Every year since he has lived in Nicholas county, he has not failed to come back to Clay City to vote, and to all who know him, it is needless to say, in every instance, he has voted the straight Democratic ticket.

2½-Cent Bill Passes House.

The lower branch of the Legislature Monday passed the 2½ cent car fare bill after defeating the 2 cent bill. The L. & N. did not make a fight on the 2½ cent bill as this road had already reduced its rate to this amount, having been virtually forced to do so by other state laws.

STANTON NEWS.

Mr. Jesse Crowe made a business trip to Winchester recently. Mrs. Tom Hall and daughter, of Rosayn, were visitors to our town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Williams visited in Lexington last week returning home Sunday.

Misses Lillie and Maude Boone are visiting their sister on Hardwick's creek this week.

Mrs. Frank Atchison, of Lexington, has been visiting with Mrs. Effie Smith this week.

Mr. John Hardwick, of Winchester, is in town this week looking after his business interests.

Mr. Hugh Johnson, of Hatcher's Creek, has moved to Mrs. Van Martin's place for the coming year.

Rev. J. T. Adams and wife, of Hatcher's Creek, have returned from a visit to friends and relatives in the Bluegrass.

Rev. J. C. Hanley was in Lexington last week and called upon Prof. Buck who is in the hospital and found him doing quite well.

Miss Mary Easton, of West Bend, visited her many friends in our town last week and then went to Fincastle to the home of her uncle.

Mr. S. J. Miller and family, of Morristown, Indiana, were visiting at the home of Burnam Skidmore last week. Mrs. Miller is a sister of Mrs. Skidmore.

Mrs. Fred Blackburn visited the home folks in Clark county while her husband attended a meeting of the Agriculture Board at Frankford a few days ago.

Mr. George Sewell, of Ford, visited his sister, Mrs. James Patrick, this past week. George Patrick, of Jackson, also visited with his brother, Mr. Patrick.

Mr. Tom Conlee left Monday for Walnut Hills to visit with his son, Irvie, and to look over the land in that section of Fayette county.

Mr. Ide Boone was called to Schollsville Sunday where his uncle, Mr. Isaiah Scholl had died. The funeral was held on Sunday.

Mrs. Mollie Law, of Puncheon Camp, where she is matron of Highland College in Breathitt county, is visiting her relative here this week.

Mrs. Frank Yocum, of Hatcher's creek, is visiting for a month among her many friends and kin folks in Wolfe county, in the Caliboose section of the county.

Mr. D. R. Clark returned Tuesday from a several days visit to his daughter, Mrs. Irvie Conlee, of Walnut Hills. He reports her as some better though not well yet.

There was a home coming of the children at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Milton this past week. Those returning were Mr. and Mrs. Charley Johnica, Misses Myrtle and Pearl Milton, all of Winchester. Pearl will remain at home for awhile.

Mr. George Anderson, of Morris Creek, was bitten in the thumb by a dog, last week. With Mr. Luther Stephens they went to Richmond to find the mad stone that has been there but it had been taken to Bowling Green and so they returned home. It is not thought the dog was mad and the bite is not a serious one.

Mr. J. B. Treadway, of Bentlyville Junction, and a splendid young man, knew where to come to find a helpmeet for his life's work. Going to the home of Mr. Jim Williams he selected one of his charming girls, Miss Pearl, and they were married at the home of the writer on Friday.

Mr. Treadway met his bride while foreman of the concrete worker at the bridge near her home.

Mrs. Sis Hall visited her aged mother in Clay City last Sunday. Her mother is 86 years of age and is believed to be the oldest woman in the county. If there are any older we would be glad to know it.

Mr. Romulus Jackson who has been very sick for several days is recovering and will soon be out again. He is able to sit up and get to the table. It looks rather bad but Uncle Romulus was taken sick almost immediately after partaking of the sumptuous dinner which Mrs. Phillips gave and the men's banquet that night. The dinner at Mrs. Phillips was so good that Uncle Romulus thought he was a little boy again and what he ate was simply marvelous.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Norton entertained delightfully Saturday evening at their home with a birthday party in honor of their daughter, Margarete. Miss Mayme Derickson was the reigning belle of the evening. Ice cream and cake was served and games were enjoyed by all. The young hostess is quite charming and popular and the party gave a great deal of pleasure to about twenty-five of her friends. The guests were: Misses Myrtle Williams, Lenora Johnson, Mayme Derickson, Della Norton, Sarah Hardwick, Ethel Martin, Regent Snowden, Minnie Conlee, Labe Knox and Nora Martin. Messrs. Richard Atkinson, Clay Conlee, Richard Crowe, Earl Williams, Gother, Troy and Louis Martin, Bert Crowe, Claude Williams, Charley Stephens, Elmer Grabelle and George Derickson.

Mr. D. W. Stone, a Sunday school worker of the Big Sandy Valley, will be in Stanton on Saturday, and on Saturday night will hold an Institute at the Christian church on Sunday school work. He will continue this the following morning at the Presbyterian church and will occupy Rev. J. C. Hanley's hour of service and at night will hold again at the Christian church. Mr. Stone gives his whole time to this work and it is desired of every person in Stanton that they attend these meetings. The aim is to build up the Sunday school work for both churches in Stanton. Prof. Hanley has kindly consented to let Mr. Stone have his day as Mr. Stone had already planned this trip before he knew the arrangements of our Sunday services.

Children and grandchildren, friends and neighbors, to the number of a score, gathered at the home of Mr. John W. Williams, on Wednesday, the 11th, to help our honored, venerable citizen celebrate the 77th anniversary of his birth. After expressions of congratulations, the company enjoyed themselves in social converse until dinner was announced, when they sat down to a most delicious and bountiful feast of good things such as Mrs. Williams knows so well how to plan and prepare. Seventy-seven years are more than the Scriptural allotment of the age of man, yet Mr. Williams carries their weight gracefully, and looks good for many more years of activity, and we sincerely hope he may be spared to celebrate several other birth anniversaries. Among those present were: Mr. Henry Williams, Mrs. Mattie Baird and daughter, Georgia, of Gordonton; Dr. and Mrs. Lyons, of Winchester; Mrs. Rayburn, of L. & E. Junction; Mr. James Ewen, Rev. and Mrs. J. C. Hanley, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Welch, Miss Helen Welch, of Stanton.