

STATE BRIEFS

North Baltimore.—Henry Constlin, of Springfield, O., was instantly killed and his brother, John, of the same place was injured, when their automobile ran up a telegraph pole south of this city. They were on their way to Grand Rapids, Ohio.

Vanlue.—Twenty earloads are awaiting cars at the Big Four station here. The crop has been a good one in this section.

Columbus.—State School Commissioner Frank Pearson endorsed the suggestion of P. P. Claxton, national educator, that the chambers of commerce and similar organizations should co-operate with night schools for foreign speaking citizens that they may be taught to speak the language of this country and thus become better citizens.

Columbus.—State Highway Commissioner Cowen announced bids would be received November 2, for the construction of 21 miles of state aid roadway in Clinton, Fairfield, Franklin, Guernsey, Harrison, Putnam and Seneca counties. The total estimated cost is \$212,547.83.

Sandusky, O.—John Payne, 88, one of the oldest farmer residents of Margaretta township, is dead. He had lived in the township for 60 years. Survivors are his widow and five sons.

Defiance.—Defiance is to have a mammoth fantastic parade in the night of Halloween if the suggestion of Mayor Bronson is followed. The parade would move in the business section, and there would be band music and much red fire burned. Orders have been issued that store windows must not be soaped.

Tiffin.—Northern Seneca county is faced with a threatened invasion of skunks. The fall drive has started and just about all that farmers along the northern border can do is to contract bad colds or go about with old-fashioned cloths on their noses. In fact the busy tailed animals have become so plentiful that it is hardly safe for a man to walk about in his own barnyard.

Skunks have been so well protected by law that they have increased and multiplied rapidly.

Sandusky.—Invitations have been given to every veterinary in the county to be present when a post mortem operation will be performed upon a horse here. The animal was badly injured when the horns of a fish tore its vital organs.

The fish, a bullhead, had been placed in a watering trough by boys. The horse swallowed it.

Alliance.—After masquerading as a boy and traveling from her home in East Palestine to Mansfield with a boy companion, Mrs. Earl Lembright, 15, a grade of three months, is held here pending attempts to communicate with her parents.

She said she and the youth started for Detroit, riding freight trains, but a Mansfield decided to return home. When they arrived here a brakeman became suspicious and turned her over to police.

Her companion escaped.

Medina.—The Medina County Fish and Game Protective association has, through its president and secretary, made application several times to the state fish and game commission or young bass or re-stocking the streams of the county; some have been sent and placed in the streams here. On Wednesday the Reese lake near Chipewa was drained in the hopes of finding bass there but with little success, though plenty of blue gills were found.

New London.—Mrs. Anna Curtis, of New London, received a check in the sum of \$2,000 from the Post Office Department in payment of her claim for indemnity for the death of her husband, Sydney Curtis, a rural delivery carrier out of the New London office, who was killed while serving the patrons of his route. Favorable action in the claim was secured by Congressman Overmyer in the record time of fifteen days after the former congressman had refused to handle the case.

HELLO, MONEY-MAKING FARMERS

This paper says the big land production show in Toledo the 4th of December to December 16th at Toledo, Ohio, is going to be the best farmer event ever pulled off in this neck of the woods. Tractor problems, silos, hog and poultry raising, demands for farming, fertilizing, fruit culture, home needs for the farm, each and every farm need covered by experts. The live stock show and the bee culture, the growing crops and money making ideas will help you.

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Personal Talks on Ohio Roads

With
State Highway Commissioner Clinton Cowen



V.—Bridges.

There are few who realize the magnitude of the public investment in bridges and culverts on the highways in our State. Their necessity to public travel is such that no one counts their cost in a sense of comparing benefits with expense.

There is often a difference of opinion as to the wisdom of improving roads to facilitate transportation, but no question exists when a bridge is gone as to whether or not another should be supplied. Perhaps the most striking incident reminding us of the importance of these structures was the flood of 1913. Most of us recall having been seriously inconvenienced at that time, though there were but a comparatively few of the total number of structures destroyed or rendered unserviceable. The public bridge loss was estimated to have been something more than \$8,000,000 in the State of Ohio.

Public records have not in the past been sufficiently well kept to make possible an accurate statement as to the cost of existing highway bridges. Estimating the capital represented in bridges and culverts from an appraisal of structures on 800 miles of highways, we have approximately \$1,500 per mile, or say a total of \$125,000,000 in the State of Ohio. This sum amounts to about \$30 per capita, or six times the per capita cost of the Panama Canal. Although this amount appears large, it would seem that the service rendered to the citizens of Ohio by the bridges of the State is easily six times that of the other mentioned expenditures.

Another thought suggests itself when we reflect upon the capital invested in highway bridges, namely, that of having the design, construction and maintenance in charge of able and experienced men.

The sum above mentioned, if divided equally among the 88 counties of the State, would amount to about \$1,400,000 per county, surely quite enough to demand careful attention. The maintenance feature alone affords plenty of opportunity for those in charge to save or lose the county several times their own salary. This is apparent when we remember that one per cent of the total investment amount to \$14,000.

Covered wooden bridges have stood more than eighty years in this State, yet if they are not kept well roofed, they will fall from decay in less than one-fourth of that time. Iron and steel should last indefinitely, yet some structures of those materials, especially of light fabrication, have become unsafe from corrosion in less than ten years. A rusty bridge is an altogether too common spectacle on our country roads. Concrete promises to give good service, but is not fool-proof. Ofttimes seemingly minor details, if not carefully observed, will be a cause for early disintegration of a

structure that would otherwise have been practically permanent. There is one reconciling feature in observing the deterioration of some structures, and that is that they were originally built too light and often too narrow to meet safely the demand of present day traffic, and the public is quite willing that the lives of such structures should be short. To strengthen and widen is impracticable, we must then endure the inconvenience until a renewal becomes necessary to maintain travel.

It is believed that we are entering an era of better and more enduring bridge construction. Public interest has been turned to better highways, which means that the bridges too must keep abreast. If the highways receive their due attention in the way of maintenance, the bridges should come in for their share. When the habit of conscientiously maintaining our public improvements once becomes well established, we will begin to learn the things that point the way to economic administration.

SUBMARINE WARFARE NEAR.

The German war submarines which brought the war to the doorway of the United States is believed to be the U-53 which visited Newport, recently. There is apparently ground for belief, however, that there were two and perhaps three submarines engaged.

LONGEST OF ALL BRIDGES.

San Francisco is planning to build a bridge five and one-half miles long. It will connect that city with Oakland, across San Francisco Bay. The bridge will have two decks, the lower one for electric railways and the upper for horse and motor traffic.

GASOLINE TO BE HIGHER.

A shortage of gasoline, with still higher prices, is predicted for next year, by a convention of engineers meeting in Arizona. The shortage is due to smaller production from oil wells and to greater exports to Europe.

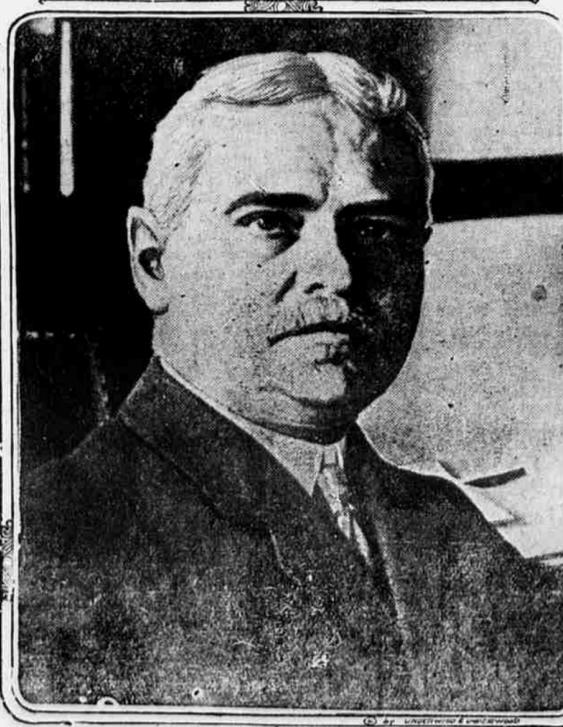
ALL RECORDS WILL BE SMASHED

The greatest exposition ever held, strictly in the interests of rural folks, marvelous exhibits of prize winning produce, dairy displays, poultry and hogs and cattle. The show will be an "eye opener," and this year in addition to a great showing of farm machinery and power for the farm, there will be a brilliant electrical exhibit as a special feature. This exposition is the third annual and is known this year as the "Ohio and Michigan Land Product, Live Stock and Power Machinery Exposition."

The event will be held in the great Terminal Building in Toledo, December 4th to 16th, and every man, woman and child who can possibly do so should make it a point to arrange to attend. The exhibition is being strongly endorsed and boosted by the various farm organizations, transportation companies, Toledo Commerce Club and others.

Don't forget the dates—paste them on your hat and watch for further details.

CANAL BUILDER GETS BIG RAILROAD JOB



MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE W. GOETHALS
Major General George W. Goethals, builder of the Panama Canal, has been designated by President Wilson to be chairman of the commission to investigate the working of the eight hour law for railroads, passed at the last session of Congress.

MARY'S REAL LOVER.



Owen Moore, Famous Players star in Paramount Pictures, who is the husband of Mary Pickford and her real, not "reel," lover.

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AFFECTIONATE ACROBATIC PIG

Tags Owner's Horses, as if He'd Like to Kiss Them.

Perry, Maine.—John MacPhail of Perry has a half-grown pig which breaks all records of friendship. It has bestowed its affections upon the horses on the place and, altho one of them objected to its attentions, it accompanies the team to the field and leaves it not until the three equine workers are recalled from duty.

One of the pig's manifestations takes the form of a caress, which it evidently means, by clasping a horse's foreleg in his legs and shinning up to perch on the wagon thill. Two of the horses bear with its capers, but the third strikes at him, and the owner was about to shut his swine up to preserve him when, of a sudden, he observed Mr. Pig's own stamens.

He now goes around in front of the team and looks up into the horses' faces, to determine which is which, before doing the climbing act. Then he embraces the more amicable steed.

Dinner Stories

The cannibal picked his teeth reflectively. "Of course," he observed, "I have eaten worse specimens than the late governor, but—"



He selected a cigar with a perfect shape. "I can't understand why they always said 'your excellency' when they addressed him."

"Who is the most popular man in your club?"
"I am."
"Isn't it rather conceited of you to say so?"
"Oh, no; it is merely equivalent to saying that I lose more money at poker than any of the other members."

Mrs. Simmons, talking—"No," she said, "I always do my own shopping and always buy the supplies for the kitchen. I can't trust my husband to do anything of that sort. He hasn't a bit of judgment. A dry goods clerk or a grocer can poke any kind of stuff off on him at twice its value."

"That's the way with most men," responded the caller. "By the way, what is your husband's profession?"
"He runs a business college downtown," said Mrs. Simmons.

A certain major in the Philippines managed in some way always to get leave just before trouble with the natives was due. His colonel suspected him of having no stomach for fighting. "Some day," remarked the colonel, "they'll want to give that fellow a decoration, and I'll suggest one. It will be a wreath of leaves of absence."

HOW TO CUT ROSES

There is a right and a wrong way to cut roses. The choice of the latter may seriously injure the blossom-producing properties of the plants, it is pointed out by specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture. This applies particularly, of course, to rose plants chosen and grown especially for cut-flower production. Such roses will be largely of the perpetual blooming sorts.

When a rose is cut from such plants—tea roses or other perpetual bloomers—only two or three eyes of the current season's growth of that branch should be left on the plant. This should give the roses very long stems. Succeeding blossoms should be cut close to the ground. It will seem like destroying the bush to take so much of it, but if the object is the production of roses, the cutting away of the surplus wood will attain the desired end.

If the spring pruning has not been sufficiently severe the plant is likely to have long, naked stalks and short stems to the flowers. With this character of growth only one or two strong leaf buds should be left on the branch when the flower is cut, so as to stimulate as much growth as possible from the base of the plant.

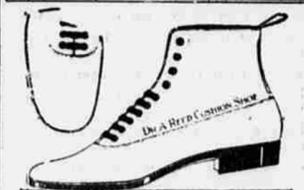
The greatest temptation to leave wood is where there are two or more buds on one branch, some being small when the terminal one is open. This temptation to follow a bad practice can be avoided by pinching off all side shoots after a bud has formed on the end of a branch. This prevents the formation of two or more buds on one stalk. This summer pruning will encourage additional blooms on varieties which bloom more than once a year.

He Was Particular.
The little girl timidly asked the drug clerk for a package of pink dye. "What do you want it for," responded the clerk, "woolen or cotton goods?"
"Neither," said the child. "It's for ma's stomach. The doctor said she'd have to dye it—diet—and so she wants it a pretty color."

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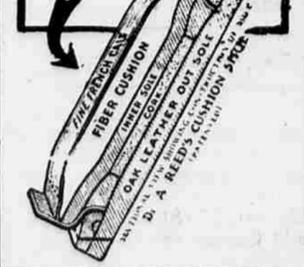


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