

OUR COUNTRY ROADS

Valuable Treatise By Professor Wm. J. Roberts.

Good Highways Would Result in Inestimable Saving to the Farmers.

The improvement of country roads is a topic clearly and intelligently discussed in bulletin 39 of the Washington State Agricultural College and School of Science at Pullman.

Mr. Roberts quotes from the leading papers of the state to the effect that a saving of 3 cents per bushel in freight on wheat to tide water "would put \$600,000 annually into the pockets of the farmers of Washington."

In discussing the construction of roads, Mr. Roberts refers to the law of the state, which provides that the principal highways shall be sixty feet wide and the traveled or surfaced portion on the average country road should be ten to twelve feet, with convenient "turn-outs" at frequent intervals.

The pamphlet considers in succession the location, alignment, shape of cross section, maintenance and reconstruction of a road, and is full of valuable information. For example, the benefits accruing from reconstructing a road on a shorter line, say reducing a ten mile road to nine miles, will be: (1) Saving the annual maintenance of one mile; (2) reduction in time of traveling; (3) saving in wear and tear of horses, shoes, harness and vehicles; (4) restoring to cultivation one mile of road sixty feet wide, or 7.27 acres, worth, say, \$25 a year.

The average cost for hauling wheat in Whitman county farm to warehouse is 7.5 cents per bushel, or \$2.50 per ton. The average distance hauled is 7.5 miles, making the cost per ton mile 33.3 cents. If the traffic over the ten miles of road is 4,500 tons a year, then the annual saving by reducing the length of the road one mile would be 4,500 tons times 33.3 cents a ton mile, or \$1,500.

It is shown that while the state of Washington is hardly ripe for an extended general system of stone roads as expensive as the macadam and Telford roads, or even the newly tried track road, nevertheless the state is growing in wealth and population and every action for better highways—modern highways—must have a beginning, and it seems best to call the attention of those interested to the advantages of smoother surfaces and lighter traffic for our highway traffic.

"The trusts will, in large measure, work their own ruin, though their condemnation by the people everywhere should not be overlooked. Whenever a trust becomes prosperous and makes money competitive institutions are sure to spring up in their path. If the trust buys one out two or more will bob up, if for no other reason than to force the trust to buy. The more that are bought up the more will step in. The trust will be unable to stand the pressure; nor will it be able to crush out competition and at the same time hold prices above legitimate figures. The linen thread

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FROM FOREIGN LANDS.

The mayor of Rosland, B. C., has ordered the closing of all slot machines and the expulsion of all gamblers, who were given 24 hours to leave the city.

The North China Daily News publishes an edict signed Friday by Emperor Kwangzu, appointing as emperor in his place Pu Sing, the nine-year-old son of Prince Yuano. The new emperor ascended the throne on January 31.

Bubonic plague has broken out at Rosario, Argentine Republic.

Steamer Miowera arrived at Vancouver, B. C., January 25. She reported bubonic plague growing worse at Honolulu and inter-island trade when the ship had been 39 deaths paralyzed.

Miowera left. Thirty-four hundred Japanese are in quarantine and ten blocks of buildings have been burned by the health authorities.

One case of bubonic plague has appeared at Sydney, New South Wales.

A great strike of carpenters employed on the exposition buildings at Paris, involving 5000 men, has been inaugurated. The strikers demand an increase of wages from 18 sous to 1 franc per hour.

War clouds are gathering over Russia and Japan, and the latter seems to be aching for the fight.

A Night of Terror.

"Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Barnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she would die from 'pneumonia before morning'."

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Selected for its purity and superior quality by the government for exclusive use in the U. S. army and navy hospitals. This goods is put up full measure and is recommended for family use.

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Summons for Publication.

In the superior court of the state of Washington, in and for Whitman county, the first National Bank of Colfax, a corporation, plaintiff, vs. Thomas Rowe, Julius Lippitt and Philip Lippitt, co-partners as Lippitt Brothers, doing business as the Colfax National Bank, defendants.

State of Washington, County of Whitman—ss. Rowe, defendant, do hereby certify that the above entitled action was filed in the superior court of Whitman county, Washington, on the 1st day of January, 1900, at which time the plaintiff in said action served a copy of your said answer on the undersigned attorneys for plaintiff, at their office in Colfax, in the county of Whitman, Washington.

There is always a great rush at the treasurer's office during the two or three weeks preceding any date of delinquency and it is usually takes two months to work it off. This cannot be expected to be otherwise, but I desire to suggest that those who intend to have their property made on a list of their taxes before paying send in for said list before February first. Many wait until the treasurer's force is busy with the rush of people paying their taxes in person, and expect a statement by return mail. Some wait until the last day before delinquency, and require but little time to write the treasurer for a statement and a postal card is sufficient. The numbers of the real estate should be given plainly. If country property the section or township and range should be given, and if town property the name of town, number of lot and block and name of addition, if in an addition. Thus if any error is found in descriptions ample time will be had for correction before delinquency.

WINFREY & McCROSKEY, attorneys for plaintiff, postoffice address Colfax, Whitman county, Washington, in favor of the above. First publication, January 25, 1900. Last publication March 9th, 1900.

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In the superior court of the state of Washington, in and for the county of Whitman, Northwestern and Pacific Hypothecbank (Northwestern and Pacific Mortgage Company), a corporation, plaintiff, vs. Wm. J. Stephenson, Sophia V. Stephenson, First National Bank of Colfax, a corporation, The State Insurance Company, a corporation, and the Boston Rubber Shoe Company, a corporation, defendants.

The state of Washington to the said The State Insurance Company, a corporation, and the Boston Rubber Shoe Company, a corporation, defendants, do hereby summoned to appear within sixty days after the date of the first publication of this summons, to-wit, within sixty days after the second day of January, 1900, and defend the above entitled action in the above entitled court, and answer the complaint of the plaintiff, and serve a copy of your answer upon the undersigned attorneys for the plaintiff at their office below stated; and in case of your failure so to do, judgment will be rendered against you according to the demand of the complaint which has been filed with the clerk of said court.

The object of this action is to recover of the defendants, Wm. B. Stephenson and Sophia V. Stephenson, the sum of six thousand nine hundred and seventy and 4/100 dollars, together with interest thereon, and to foreclose the said mortgage securing the payment of the same. The property in said mortgage described is situated in Whitman county, state of Washington, and described as follows, to-wit:

The northwest quarter and the south half of the northeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section thirty-one (31), and the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section thirty-two (32), in township fourteen (14) north, range forty-five (45), East of the Willamette Meridian.

Attorneys for plaintiff, P. O. address, Exchange National Bank Building, Spokane, Spokane Co., Washington.

THE TAX ROLLS

County Treasurer's Notice of Taxes for the Year 1899.

The tax rolls of Whitman county state of Washington, for the year 1899 are now in my hands for the collection of the taxes thereon; said taxes cannot be paid or receipted for, however, before the first Monday in February (February 5, 1900), and will become delinquent June 1st, 1900. Half payment of the real estate taxes may be made on or before May 31, 1900, when the remaining half will not be considered delinquent, nor be subject to interest until after November 30, 1900. Interest at the rate of 15 per cent per annum will be charged from date of delinquency on all taxes.

To all who pay the tax on real property before March 15th, 1900, in full, and in one payment, there will be a rebate of three per cent. It is held that the benefit of a half payment goes only with the descriptions of property on which such payment is noted. For example, A owns two quarter sections of land separately assessed, which are the taxes equal. The payment of one in full, although half the total tax, would not relieve him of interest on the other, as no record of any payment on the one would be made on the other.

It is the duty of the treasurer to issue certificates of delinquency, to any person that may apply therefor, on any real estate that may become delinquent. On tracts that are not fully paid by May 31, 1900, certificates of delinquency may be issued immediately thereafter.

On tracts that are held by May 31st no certificates of delinquency can be issued until after November 30th, 1900. When application is made for a certificate of delinquency interest is figured on the date of application and added to the original tax. The whole amount then bears interest at the rate of 15 per cent per annum. The state attorney holds that the person who redeems a certificate of delinquency is required to reimburse the purchaser of said certificate for the fee of 50c charged him for its issuance.

Real estate upon which a certificate of delinquency is issued may be redeemed at any time before the expiration of three years from date of delinquency of the taxes represented by said certificate, by payment to the county treasurer of the amount for which it was issued, together with accrued interest and amount of fee as above stated.

The same real estate does not come under the same rule as realty. No half payment may be made in the case of the latter. The law governing its collection reads as follows: "On and after the first Monday of February succeeding the levy of taxes the county treasurer shall proceed to collect all personal property taxes."

The 1899 laws require that the treasurer shall notify all personal tax payers, by mail, of the amount of tax due, and interest at three per cent, and give notice, at the rate of 15 per cent, and not after the first day of June, as heretofore held; and if such taxes are not paid on thirty days unless secured by real estate, he shall distraint sufficient goods and chattels belonging to the person charged with such taxes to pay the same, etc., sec. 71, chap. 17, laws '97. It will thus be seen that personal property tax must be paid immediately after the first Monday in February, 1900.

There is an exemption of \$300 on certain specified articles of personal property. Receipts for road property tax worked out during the year 1900 will be taken in payment of the road district or segregated road tax that is upon the tax rolls of 1899, and must be handed to the treasurer either at the time of payment of first half or when full payment is made. It often occurs that the tax payer works out and is receipted for more road tax than is charged against his property, or works out the amount charged against his property and pays the taxes on part of it only. In no case can the treasurer credit such receipt for more than the road tax charged against the property on which payment is made, but, in taking them up must note on them the amount for which they are credited, and in his next quarterly settlement thereafter with the county must turn them over with other vouchers, and at any time after that by applying to the county auditor, the tax payer may obtain a deficiency certificate for the amount not credited which will apply in payment of road tax for any subsequent year. The holder of a deficiency certificate may deduct the amount thereof from the total amount against him on the road district's books and work out the balance when the deficiency certificate and the receipt worked for will cover the amount of his road property tax. As the personal tax must be paid in full at the possible date of delinquency, it becomes due, separate receipts should be given by the road supervisors for the amount of road property tax against personal property. In this way, if the tax payer does not pay his real estate taxes he may pay his personal tax, the necessity for surrendering his whole receipt, and then getting a deficiency certificate from the auditor would be avoided.

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Estray Notice

Taken up by the undersigned, residing one mile east of Endicot, Washington, the following described estrays:

- One bay gelding, about 9 years old, weight about 1100 pounds, no brand visible.
One black mare, about 6 years old, branded on right side, weight about 900 pounds; colt by her side.
One bay mare, about 6 years old, strip in face branded on left side, weight about 1000 lbs. colt by her side.
One gray jenny, 4 years old, no brand visible.
One bay mare, black points, about 6 years old, weight about 1050 pounds, no brand visible; colt by her side.
One black mare, about 8 years old, weight about 800 pounds, no brand visible; colt by her side.
One bay mare about 10 years old, branded on left shoulder, strip on nose, left hind foot white, weight about 800 pounds; sucking colt by her side.
One black mare, about 7 years old, branded on left shoulder, strip, left ear split, weight about 1000 pounds, saddle marks; colt by her side.
Unless claimed by owners and charges paid, said animals will be sold according to the provisions of the estray law.
Dated, January 16, 1900.
P. O. Endicot, Wash. GEORGE MCKAY.

Estray Notice

Taken up by the undersigned, at his place 2 1/2 miles north of Colfax, at Steptoe Butte, December 20, 1899, the following described estrays:

- One black half-face horse, 9 or 10 years old, branded D with bar above and below, on left shoulder, hind feet white, weight about 1000 pounds.
One dark bay mare, 8 or 9 years old, strip in face, branded star on right hip, weight about 1000 pounds.
One bright bay mare, 7 or 8 years old, star in face, weight about 1050 pounds, right fore foot and right hind foot white, no brand visible.
One black mare, 12 or 14 years old, white face and four white feet, branded OO on left jaw, dim brand on left shoulder.
One black yearling, star in face, three white feet, no brand visible.
One light bay yearling, star in face, right ear split, weight about 800 pounds, no brand visible.
One dark roan yearling, weight about 700 pounds. No brand visible.
Owners will please call and pay charges, or said animals will be sold according to law.
Dated January 13, 1900.
WALTER MCGUIRE, P. O. Elberton, Wash.

Estray Notice

Taken up by the undersigned, at his place 5 miles northeast of Colton, Wash., the following described estrays, to-wit:

- One gray gelding, branded 7 on the right shoulder, about twelve years old, weight about 1100 pounds.
One dark bay mare, 7 years old, with roan scar on the right hip, weight about 1000 lbs, no brands or artificial marks.
One bay mare, 8 years old, no brands or artificial marks perceivable, weight about 900 pounds.
One bay mare, 1 year old, no brands or marks perceivable, weight about 700 pounds.
Unless claimed by the owner or owners and charges paid within the time provided by law, said estrays will be sold according to the estray laws of the state of Washington.
Dated, January 22, 1900.
JOSEPH SEMLER, Jr. P. O. Colton, Wash.

Estray Notice

Taken up by the undersigned, residing 13 miles southwest of Pullman, near the head of the Wawawai canyon, the following described estrays:

- One sorrel horse branded K on left shoulder, white strip in face, hind feet white, weight about 700 pounds, about 12 years old.
One gray mare, branded with row lock on left side and on neck, weight about 900 pounds, about 9 years old.
One bay horse branded 3 with bar beneath on left shoulder, weight about 1100 pounds, right hind foot white, spot in forehead, about 4 years old.
Unless owner claims property and pays charges, same will be sold according to law.
Dated, January 24, 1900.
CLAY BAXTER, P. O. Pullman, Wash.

Estray Notice

Taken up by the undersigned, at his place of residence on the McDowell ranch, 5 miles south of Oakesdale, December 20, 1899, the following described estray:

- One dark bay or brown horse, supposed to be 6 years old, branded D D on left shoulder, left ear tipped.
Unless claimed by the owner and charges paid within the time provided by law, said estray will be sold according to law.
Dated December 20, 1899.
ALLEN RAKESTRAW, P. O. Oakesdale, Wash.

Estray Notice

Taken up by the undersigned, 2 1/2 miles northeast of Uniontown, January 1, 1900, the following described estray:

- One black mare, about 8 years old, branded C on right shoulder and hip, shot right hip, weight about 1250 pounds.
Unless claimed by owner and charges paid, said animal will be sold according to law.
Dated January 1, 1900.
HENRY ESSER, P. O. Uniontown, Wash.

Estray Notice

Came to my place, 2 1/2 miles northwest of Oakesdale, about December 1, 1899, one bay horse, star in forehead, both left feet white, about 10 years old, weight about 1000 pounds, indistinguishable brand on left shoulder. Owner may recover same by proving property and paying charges, otherwise said animal will be sold according to law.
Dated, January 27, 1900.
J. L. WALLER, P. O. Oakesdale, Wash.

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