

## THE COOPERATION FOR GOOD ROADS

In further explanation of our plan for cooperation between the Government and the press in an educational campaign for road improvement, I invite your attention to the following tentative outline.

1. Practical articles on road building, maintenance, and administration with a question column, as suggested in our first letter.

2. Following the press articles, the judicious distribution of Government publications on various phases of road work.

3. The organization on the part of the local communities of associations designed to bring about an improvement of the public roads in the respective counties and townships, these associations to have a definite aim and to have sections or committees somewhat along the following lines:

(a) Committee on road administration: This committee should ascertain the revenue for road purposes, how derived, how expended, what accounting system is followed, under what laws the work is being carried on, what organization exists, make recommendations for reform in road laws, organization, systems of accounting, etc.

(b) Committee on road materials: This committee should ascertain the location, character, quantity and availability of all road materials in the county, cost of transportation, and make recommendations as to whether the source of supply should be secured by the county, and any other pertinent information and suggestions bearing upon the subject of road materials.

(c) Committees on road construction and maintenance: This committee should ascertain mileage of all public roads; classify them according to amount of traffic and importance; ascertain what improvement is necessary; the probable cost; draw up a general plan for the gradual improvement of all the county roads along definite, intelligent lines according to the means available. It should obtain data bearing upon all phases of road construction and should cooperate closely with the committee on road materials in drawing up its recommendations as to the kind and amount of road construction to be undertaken. It should make a close study of road maintenance with a view to introduce the best and most economical methods in the treatment of common roads and should familiarize itself with all classes of road equipment and recommend such as are best adapted to the local road conditions.

(d) Committee on ways and means: The aim of this committee should be to uphold and further and work of the other committees by devising plans for financing the association and for carrying out the various lines of work indicated.

4. The office of Public Roads, after the proper organization has been inaugurated as above described or when requested by the local authorities, will so far as its limited appropriation and personnel will permit, assign lecturers in such manner as will best meet the requirements of the local situation and will further the efforts of the various committees of the association by assigning experts on road administration and accounting, road materials, and road construction, who will, under the direction of the county association, make a

thorough investigation along the respective lines above set forth.

The part of the office of Public Roads in this general plan may be said to conform to the following sequence: (a) Newspaper campaign, (b) Government publications, (c) lectures, (d) expert investigations, reports and advice, (e) where a plan of road improvement has been decided upon, a practical demonstration of road building and temporary road school to instruct the local men in the principles and methods of road building.

The plan of cooperation on the part of newspapers is (a) the publication of articles prepared by Government experts, (b) question column, (c) vigorous campaign editorially and otherwise to obtain definite results.

The plan of cooperation of the local authorities and citizens is (a) organization, (b) working committees, (c) the adoption of a definite system and the inauguration of definite reforms as the logical result.

Very respectfully,  
Director.

## POCAHONTAS ITEMS BY PHENIX

News is scarce at this writing.

We are having some hot weather at present.

T. J. Schoen went to St. Louis Sunday.

Elberthart Ruehling went to the Cape Monday to work at the carpenter trade.

Theo. Leimer, the young blacksmith working for H. C. Kieninger, has quit here and gone to Frohna to work in a shop at that place.

Prof. Theo. Geissendorfer departed for Iowa City, Iowa where he expects a position as teacher in a state University.

Landgraf Bros. moved their plaining mill to Egypt Mills.

Born to B. F. Sides and wife, a nice baby girl, and also to Gus Koenig a big baby boy.

Thompson & Co., received a car load of fencing wire last week.

Several boys from here attended the ball game at Jackson Sunday. Phenix.

## COUNTY COURT

Met in adjourned session September 16, 1907.

Contract for constructing eight main columns for the new court house for \$741.50 let to John W. Hood.

Road Commissioners of road district No. 18 appear before the court and show that the work ordered done in a washout on the Benton road near Ed Averbek's farm cannot be accomplished. The court allowed \$50 to be used by said commissioner to repair the washout.

Court appropriates \$110 for repairing bridge on Jackson and Fredericktown road.

A. Jaeger ordered to increase boiler for court house from 4600 to 5600 feet.

Accounts allowed:

F. C. Vasterling coffin for pauper \$4.00.

Cape Girardeau Progress printing Docket Common Pleas court \$10.00.

Henry Gockel team to poor farm \$1.50.

T. E. McNeely Supt. Pub. Schools \$40.00.

J. R. Wolter Trias Hospital No. 3 boarding patients, \$48.30.

Report of D. M. Scivally constable of Cape Girardeau township approved.

Jacob Stoll granted a loan of \$2500 from school fund by complying with the law.

Court adjourned till October 7, 1907.

## COCAINE, BEER, RUM AND DRUG STORES

The British consul at Baltimore has written to an important paper in England that within the past five years the excessive indulgence in cocaine by the poorer people, and especially by the Negroes, has increased enormously, bringing with it its usual demoralization and degradation, and increase in the death rate among the Negro population. The Health Commissioner, however, is not of that opinion. He attributes the high mortality in that race to consumption, principally; but the British consul says that the evil became so apparent, especially in the police courts, where it was estimated that seventy per cent of the prisoners were users of the drug, that the Maryland Legislature passed a law in 1906 prohibiting the sale of it in any quantity, either in the pure state or combined with other articles, unless prescribed by a medical man. The penalty is a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 for the first offense; for the second, from \$50 to \$100; while the third may be fined from \$100 to \$200, with the addition of sixty days imprisonment; and should the offender be a druggist, sixty days imprisonment and the forfeiture of his license. The British consul also claims that the police declare that the law has had little effect in breaking up the traffic because of the inadequate punishment imposed by it, and that to make it operative the first offense should be punished by imprisonment. The profits on the sale of the drug are so enormous that the imposition of a fine is thought little of in the way of punishment by the dealer.

When cocaine was first introduced the Christian Advocate declared that it would be the most diabolical destroyer of mind, body and morals known, surpassing opium and chloral. Dr. William A. Hammond took up the statement and said there was no danger of a cocaine habit. It is now used by boys and by a large majority of criminals; it makes criminals. Yet there are thousands of drug stores that will sell it as well as the patent medicines containing it which deal with catarrh and other prevalent affections. Drug stores should be watched. The good will gain reputation by the watching, the bad will be detected by it, and in no other way. We recommend to the Society of the Prevention of Vice the taking up of this matter, also the Society for the Prevention of Crime, and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children.

Wherever it is made difficult to sell ardent spirits to be drunk on the premises in saloons, a considerable proportion of druggists lend themselves to the subtle sale of liquor.

The drug business is a necessity. Many of the best men in the land are engaged in it; they will bear out our statement concerning many law violators. Those who will deny that such base druggists exist and in large numbers are the ones that should first be looked after. Not a few drug stores in rural places where there is only one or two debauch the community. We have positive and direct knowledge of a town where if any asks how many saloons are there, the invariable answer is, "— saloons" and "— drug stores," and in that town the people of the place are uniformly of the

opinion that the drug stores are doing more harm than the open saloons, and that they train up patrons for the saloons.

## REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Fritz Schlimme and wife to F. J. Sander, lots 17 and 18, block 2, Whitewater, \$225.

Fritz Schlimme and wife to J. F. Sander, lot 4 in block 1, Whitewater, \$125.

Painters Realty Co., to Anton Geringer, lot 3, Block 19, West End Place, Cape Girardeau, \$450.

Almos G. Pickens to J. M. Temple, lot 5, block 4, Russell and Whitner addition to Cape Girardeau, \$800.

Herman J. Davidson and wife to Joe Alford, lot 13, block 12, West End Place, Cape Girardeau, \$1,000.

J. M. Sterns and wife to J. J. Buchanan, lot in Millerville, \$775.

James W. Russell and wife to L. M. Shaner, 69.97 acres in Sec. 20 to 29, Tp. 32, R. 13, \$2,447.

C. H. Wolters and wife to Fred Kurre, 96.003 acres in survey 2205, Tp. 31, near Jackson, \$4,000.

Garner Knuckles to J. R. Shell and Annie E. Shell, 35 acres in Secs. 14 and 23, Tp. 32, R. 11, \$4000.

James W. Russell and wife to Elam Russell, 30 acres in Secs. 20 and 27, Tp. 32, R. 13, \$9050.

Susan C. Wiss et al., to Myrtle Webb, 57.80 acres in Sec. 19, Tp. 32, R. 12, \$1152.

Lewis Schlimme and wife to Martin Schlimme, 59 acres in survey 2215, Tp. 30, R. 11, \$1900.

Henry H. Vogelsang and wife to August Brunkhorst, lot 8 in block 19, West End Place, Cape Girardeau, \$1,000.

Aug. Voglesang and wife to A. J. Ulrich and wife lots 20 and 23 in block 4 Cape Girardeau, \$500.

## TALLEY—COTNER

Married, in this city last Monday evening, John Talley and Bessie Cotner. The groom is one of Jackson's hard working, industrious young men, left without a father or mother at a young and tender age. John took care of his little brothers and sisters till they arrived at the age of young manhood and womanhood. He is at present clerking in the Hoffmeister & Heinberg store and singular to relate his erstwhile sweetheart worked at the same place. They became acquainted, wooed, loved and wedded. Miss Cotner is respected by all who know her. No one has anything but praise for this happy couple and the Herald wishes to contribute its share of congratulations to them.

## SPLENDID RECITAL AT J. M. A.

The recital given by Misses Graham and Hoos at the J. M. A. last week was good. The reading by Miss Julia McGuire of this city was excellent and could not be beat. The entertainment was a success in every way except financially. It should have been better attended and if all who staid away had known what they missed, the house would have been crowded.

## A RECITAL TONIGHT

Miss Jessie L. Hudson is a singer and elocutionist and comes to us highly recommended from many towns in Missouri. Miss Hudson recites both humorous and pathetic selections with good effect. Her songs and pantomimic poses have charmed and entertained audiences wherever she has appeared. Hear her at the J. M. A. Hall of this city tonight at 8 o'clock p. m.

## SHAWNEETOWN ITEMS BY CORRESPONDENT

The cool weather that we have been having the past few days caused many people to take cold.

Mrs. Izzabelle Schmidt's little girl has been very sick for the past few days but is getting along nicely at this writing.

Mrs. Wm. Cotner and daughter went to Uniontown last week.

Barrett Cotner and Martin Rudert passed through town last Friday evening on their way to Neelys Landing. We was told that they furnished the music for the dance and ice cream supper at that place.

Charley Scheriner of near Appleton was in town on business last Thursday.

The following persons attended the dance at Neelys Landing, Friday night last: Arthur Adams, Roy Cotner, Ferdinand Wunderlick, August Schattauer, Other Cotner and the little boy Ben Litzenfeler.

Tola Bess threshed clover last Thursday evening. It is reported that he made over ten bushels.

Dr. Morgan and Tom Cotner went to the shooting match at Appleton last Saturday.

Amos and Logan Boren are doing some carpenter work for Ernest Vogel.

All that attended the dance at Neelys Landing on last Friday night say that they had a fine time.

Joseph Saupé is talking of going to the Sedalia State Fair in October.

Our school has already begun, we have seven months of school again this winter.

Our blacksmith, Ernest Vogel, sold a new buggy the other day.

A. D. Cotner and wife went to Uniontown on business last week.

Minnie Ruppel from St. Louis is visiting friends and relatives in this neighborhood.

Miss Hannah Schumacher and Ester Gerhardt from Appleton were in town last Friday.

Martin Rudert went to Jackson on business last week.

Doc Whitledge and wife went to Appleton on business last Thursday.

## W. C. T. U. COLUMN THE LITTLE WHITE RIBBON

On a train coming from the city of St. Louis recently was a mother with a sick babe in her arms hurrying home because of its rapid decline. When near this city the little one became suddenly worse and with a gasp or two was gone. The heartbroken mother looked in despair into its face. A W. C. T. U. Jackson lady sprang to her feet to go to her assistance. Looking around she spied a strange lady with a small white ribbon over her shoulder. She said, "Come on, here is work for us." Others held aloof, looking askance. The two ladies comforted the poor mother, laid the little form out, ministering in every possible way for relief of the distracted woman. After awhile some of the reluctant passengers said "Why did you rush up there; wasn't you afraid of some contagious disease?" Our sister said, "Oh, we never gave that a thought; only thought of the heartbroken mother." That is the true W. C. T. U. spirit. Unselfishness. On bended knees sisters of Jackson W. C. T. U. pray for the spirit of unselfishness, to do good for others in every way. It may be in their power and also as in this case to re-

member, "For in as much as you did it unto one of the least of these, ye done it unto me." "True worth is in being — not seeming". In doing each day that goes by some good—not in the dreaming of great things to do by and by. Do it now.

The poem of J. G. Holland comes to our mind when reading the following from an Indiana paper:

## THE PEOPLES PRAYER.

God give us Men a time like this demands  
Strong minds, great hearts, true faith and ready hands;  
Men whom the lust of office does not kill,  
Men whom the spoils of office can not buy,  
Men who possess opinions and a will,  
Men who have honor, who will not lie.  
Men who can stand before a demagogue and dam his treacherous flatteries without winking.  
Tall men, sun crowned, who live above the fog  
In public duty and in private thinking;  
For while the rabble with their thumb worn creeds,  
The large profession and their little deeds,  
Mingle in selfish strife, to freedom weeps,  
Wrong rules the land and waiting justice sleeps.

## PROSECUTORS MUST APPEAR.

Governor Hanly has instructed prosecutors throughout the state to appear for the people in all cases where applications are made for liquor license, whether or not a remonstrance has been filed or any opposition is apparent in the granting of the license. He says, in explanation of the act, that where there is no contest on the part of the people the questioning of applicants is merely perfunctory and there is no cross examination.

He argues that unfit men thus secure license and that it is the duty of the state to see that license are issued only to men who are legally capacitate to sell intoxicants.

All over this land men are being raised up like Gov. Hanly of Indiana, Gov. Folk of Missouri, Judge J. W. Bollinger of Scott county, Iowa, and the Governor of Georgia and numbers of other fearless men who are coming to the front.

## DROUGHT SPREADS.

From the Birmingham Age-Herald.  
When the year came in there were only three "dry" states—Kansas in the far West, Maine in the far East and North Dakota in the far North. To this number has been added Georgia in the far South. Local option has rendered Tennessee and a dozen other states largely "dry" so that there are today fully 15,000,000 people living in communities in which they cannot buy a drink lawfully.

Heartbroken wives and mothers and helpless children are looking to the Christian people—the praying people and the fighting people of this land for help, and the prayers and battles for temperance are resulting in such laws as the foregoing. Are you helping? Is it any of your work that has accomplished this for Christ and humanity?

Should Mark Twain accept the invitation to be present at the waterways convention in Memphis next month he may man the pilot wheel of the steamer that will bear President Roosevelt down the river. Captain Bixby, a noted antebellum river pilot under whom Mark Twain "cubbed," has promised to be in the pilot house when Mark Twain shall take the pilot wheel.