

**GOOD ROADS MEETING.**

**HELD AT LAMAR SATURDAY AFTERNOON.**

**Many Farmers Talk On The Road Situation And Plans Will Be Formulated.**

Henry File, of this city attended the good roads meeting held at Lamar last Saturday and reports it a great success. The Lamar Democrat gives the following account of the meeting:

The good roads meeting, held in the circuit court room, Saturday, was a thorough success. Leading farmers from various parts of the county were present, and many interesting talks were made upon the question of good roads.

The first work of the meeting was to elect a permanent chairman and secretary. J. G. Petgen, of Liberal, was unanimously chosen permanent chairman, and James Graham, of Lamar township was elected secretary. The Hon. T. W. Harkless insisted that Arthur Aull be chosen assistant secretary, which was done.

Dr VanMeter had gone to the trouble to construct a King drag, which he exhibited to those present in the course of some remarks on road making. Many road overseers, the doctor declared, made roads with scrapers, leaving the irregular masses of fresh earth unsmoothed. This made the roads worse than they were before, as it left a series of bumps and depressions, in the roads, which never disappeared. Where roads were made in this manner, the doctor declared, they should be leveled with a harrow, or a drag. Then the doctor made a very strong talk in favor of the system of dragging the roads.

S. P. Finley declared that Barton County roads were not ready for a drag. They would have to be remade with graders before a drag would accomplish much.

Henry File, of Richland, said that the road overseers were a good deal to blame for our bad roads. The people ought to leave politics out of the question, when they chose their pathmaster, and select only good men. Mr. File was in favor of the townships buying engines with which to run the road graders. He was also in favor of the road tax being paid in cash, instead of in work.

This talk brought forth a rejoinder from S. Finley of Northfork. He said that he thought the road overseers usually did about the best they could. An overseer, he said, was always confronted with the very serious problem of how he was going to make a little work extend over a large territory. It was a good deal, Mr. Finley said, like spreading a small piece of butter over a large slice of bread—when you got through, you could scarcely tell, by the taste, whether the bread was buttered or not. We must not forget, the speaker went on to say, that the last two years had been record breakers, when it came to recording roads. Those present would agree, he observed rather sarcastically, that a road overseer couldn't control the elements.

P. J. Bell, of Richland, expressed himself, in a short talk, as favoring the payment of road tax in money instead of labor. He believed that the township board should let the contract for fixing the roads to one man.

James Graham here made a very forcible talk in favor of the drag. Mr. Graham was at the road meeting, when Messrs. King and Waters were here, and he promised to make a drag. He made one at no expense, whatever, he declared unless it was a "few hard grunts," when he went to load the log. He drag a mile of road four times and except for the badly washed places, it was perfectly level. Seven eights of the way one could drive over it in a sweeping trot, while on the adjacent roads, a slow walk was the best one could drive. Even the deep ditches, which some had said could not be remedied, were filling up, under the process of dragging. Mr. Graham's remarks had no little effect upon the minds of those present. For he spoke from experience. The engines

and new methods of taxation were all right he said, but the drag was at hand, it neither took money nor the action of the legislature to get it into operation.

Judge Coats very sensibly advocated a general plan of organization. Without intelligent organization, he urged, nothing could be accomplished. He suggested a county roads committee composed of one member from each road district. His remarks were well received and did much in helping give the meeting a definite purpose, and a plan of action.

Hon. T. W. Harkless made an especially strong plea in favor of the drag. He proved that he had faith in this instrument by offering first two dollars and a half to ten men, each of whom would construct a drag. Then he offered to give two hundred dollars for the improvement of the roads leading out of Lamar—fifty dollars for those running in each of the cardinal directions.

S. M. Whittaker urged the abolition of the present narrow tires. Broad tires, he believed, would improve the highways greatly.

A motion was put and carried empowering the chairman to appoint a committee of 13 men, who, with himself were to represent the various townships in the preparation of a general plan under which the good roads organization was to work. This plan, when prepared by this committee, was to be submitted to the general organization for adoption or rejection. Chairman Petgen, before he left town, named Monday, August 3rd, as the day on which the committee was to meet. As he is an ex-officio member of the committee, he represents Ozark township himself.

To represent the remaining 13 townships he named the following gentlemen: Leroy, Tom Stark; Barton City, Judge C. J. Cimeron; Union, John Pahlow; Doyleport, W. E. McClure; Milford, W. A. Bottorff; Newport, Samuel James; Golden City, Seth Morrow; Richland, Judge C. C. Coates; Northfork, S. P. Finley; Frank Ream; Central, Press McClanahan, and Lamar, T. W. Harkless. Chairman Petgen informed the writer that he was going to make a drag before and when the committee meets; so that he can give the other members the benefit of his personal experience in the matter.

**Mount Carmel Musings.**

The Richland Township Sunday School convention assembled at Mount Carmel church, Saturday, June 27th for the annual election of officers and to discuss questions of importance to Sunday school work; also a number of topics were taken up and dwelt upon, among which were, "How to stop the Leakage". This subject was discussed by Mr. Berry, who has been Sunday school superintendent for 20 years. "How we may procure better Sunday school teachers?" was discussed by Mrs. Samuel Evans, and also other questions were ably brought forth. Officers are, president Charles Morris; secretary and treasurer John Still. The meeting was well attended by the many from a distance. Much interest was manifest and every one had an enjoyable time.

Married, June 25th at the home of Rev. J. W. Lee of Jasper City, Charles Rogers and Miss Julia Route, both esteemed young people of this community.

Charles Morris has sold his buggy. Wheat is all harvested in this community and some are stacking. Corn is growing fine the last few days.

Mrs. Patrick Hollihan of Wyoming will return to her home in a few days after a visit of several months with her parents Mr. and Mrs. John Route.

Samuel Evans and Book Grear were in Golden City this week.

John Sheets sold his big threshing outfit to Mr. Robinson of southeast of Lamar.

J. B. Andrews was in Carthage last week.

Rev. Lee preached at Dorris school house Sunday afternoon.

The contract for building our new school house has been let to Contractor Ben Wood, of Lamar and he expects to begin Monday July 6th.

**Dublin Items.**

The school board employed Rufus Ryan to repair the school house. He will finish this week.

J. C. Webber will finish planting cow peas and cane this week. He rented the land of Mr. Stratton.

Two of Mr. Weyer's nephews are here on a visit this week from Greenwood county, Kans.

Dublin will not celebrate the Fourth this year. The boys will go to Jasper and shoot fire cracker and will run races in sacks, etc.

The North Fork base ball nine came to Dublin Sunday and got beat. Great is the Dublin nine.

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**ARNER-WRIGHT WEDDING.**

Took Place Last Sunday Evening at the Bethel Church.

In the presence of about three hundred people at the Bethel church, five miles northwest of this city, last Sunday evening, occurred the marriage of X. L. Arner, of Pittsburg, Kansas, and Miss Anna Wright, of the Bethel neighborhood. At 8:30 P. M. the door swung open and the bridal party made quite a pleasing appearance as they marched down the aisle. There was not a sound, scarce a breath to stir the atmosphere except the tones of the wedding march produced from the organ beneath the skillful fingers of Mr. Guy Brown from Oakton. The couple were accompanied by Misses Maud Berry and Emma Cline as bridesmaids and Messrs Chas. Perry and Clyde Miller as groomsmen. The party halted at the altar where they were met by Rev. T. Barnes of Leroy who with clear distinctness pronounced them man and wife after which he delivered a short but eloquent sermon and then congratulations were given by one and all with best wishes for their future happiness and were accepted by the smiling bride and groom. The fair bride looked lovely in pure white with tucks ribbon and insertion. Across from the right shoulder rested a beautiful white bouquet of yllka's. The groom wore an elegant suit of conventional black. The bridesmaids were also dressed in pure white wearing a bouquet of flowers and the groomsmen looked handsome in suits of black.

Mr. Arner is well known in this neighborhood having lived here many years. He is highly respected young man and is held in high esteem by his many friends. Miss Wright was in every respect worthy to become his bride, her noble character and refined ways were her chief charms. She has lived in Bethel neighborhood since childhood and endeared herself to the community.

After the service at the church a few intimate friends namely: Misses Maud Berry, Emma and Myrtle Cline, Edie Mitchell, Anna Ross and Stella Miller and Messrs Chas. Perry, Clyde Miller, Parry Cline, Geo. Berry and Dennis Prine drove to the home of the bride, where at 11:30 o'clock elegant refreshments were served in three courses. One cake contained a ring, a button, darning needle and a dime. Mr. Clyde Miller was the lucky one who might say the unlucky one who found the button that signifies he is to be an old bachelor. Miss Maud Berry the darning needle signifies she will be an old maid; Miss Myrtle Cline the ring signifies she will be the next to receive congratulations. The groom was the holder of the money so he will carry the pocket book. Soon after the midnight hour the friends departed to their homes after bidding the newly wedded pair a pleasant journey through life. All rejoice in their happiness. A Friend

**R. F. D. No. 4.**

Miss Annie Stice visited with Bessie Wardlow Friday night and Saturday.

Miss MaJie Haines from Lamar is visiting with her sister Miss Susie Haines.

There was a wedding in our neighborhood, Mr. Chas. McGaslin and Miss Mary Dayringer, for the second time. Get your bells and pans ready boys for there will be another one soon.

Little John Johnston has gone to Arkansas.

Mirt Armstrong spent Saturday night and Sunday at Wm. Wardlows and Mr. Atkinson spent Sunday with Joseph Dayringer and family.

There will be preaching at Blue school house Saturday night July 4th and Sunday at 11 a. m. and Sunday night.

Annie, May and Charley Wardlow spent Tuesday with their aunt in Dublin.

Mr. Sanford and family spent Sunday with John Keltner and family.

Miss Minnie Fowler spent Sunday at home and Mr. George Fowler spent Sunday at Wm Wardlows.

John Frakes is working for Mark Hull today.

**Dressmaking.**

Ruth Bedell will do Dressmaking and General Sewing at her home one mile east of Jasper. 26-8

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Ball Game in afternoon by Jasper First team	\$10.00	Foot Race, 75 yards	5.00
Ball Game in morning by Jasper Second team	5.00	Greased Pole	3.00
First couple married on speakers stand	5.00	Bicycle Race	2.50
Flower Parade, best decorated Rig	5.00	Slow Mule race	2.50
Second best	3.00	Fat Man's Race	1.00
Third	2.00	Pie Race, boys under 12	\$1.00
Pony Race, 300 yd dash	5.00	Sack Race	1.00
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**Statement**

Financial condition of the Jasper School District at the close of the school year June 30th, 1903.

Balance on hand July 1st 1902	\$452.78
Received from County Collector	880.43
Received from County Treasurer	486.62
Received Tuition	202.40
Received from entertainment etc.	11.90
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,109.13</b>
Paid Teachers Wages	\$1,470.75
Paid Incidental Wages	277.41
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,748.16</b>
<b>Balance on hand July 1st, 1903</b>	<b>\$360.97</b>

I hereby certify that the above is a correct statement.

BERT WEBB,  
Treasurer School Board.

Approved by the School Board this 1st day of July, 1903. D. W. TETTER,  
President School Board.

H. O. BAKER,  
Secretary School Board.

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