

Highway Improvement

\$300,000,000 LOSS IS SEEN

Two Million Miles of Unimproved Highways United States—Farmers Blamed for Condition.

"There are 6,500,000 farmers in the United States, the most of whom raise something for the market," says the American Highway association.

"They have been described by Dr. T. N. Carver, the Harvard university expert in economics who was engaged last year by the department of agriculture to draw plans for the organization of a rural community, as temperamentally an independent, headstrong, individualistic class, and, therefore, difficult to organize. That they are 'difficult to organize' is evidenced by the fact that there are 2,000,000 miles of unimproved public roads in the United States over which they must haul their products to market at a loss of approximately \$300,000,000 every year, or about the total assessed value of property, real and personal, in South Carolina. That they are 'independent' of good roads to their own great loss is evidenced by the enormous waste of both money and muscle in trying to do business without good roads and their apparent lack of interest in compelling their representatives in legislatures and congresses to provide highways for their service.

"Good roads are equally necessary to both the production and distribution of farm products." They are prerequisite, says Mr. Houston, secretary of agriculture, in his last annual report, not only to economical production and distribution, but to the promotion of the broader life of communities. The great need, obviously, is for roads which will get products from the farm to the nearest railway station, enabling the farmer to haul when he cannot sow or reap, and to haul at a lower rate, to transport his children to consolidated schools and to enjoy comfortably his social enterprises. There can be, indeed, no such thing as community life without good roads. To assure such life there must be ease of communication and transportation, and, as Doctor Carver expressed it, "as the characteristic evils of urban life grow out of congestion, so do the characteristic evils of rural life grow out of isolation. Except for a few rare souls, isolation means stagnation."

"As a rule, town schools are better than country schools because the means of transportation, and the streets and roads, are better in the towns than in the country. On the so-called great highway between Washington and Richmond there is a stretch of about fifteen miles on which in the fall and winter farm wagons and automobiles sink to the hubs and traffic is practically impossible, and this highway between the two capitals must be judged by the soft and not the hard



Subgrade Prepared for Concrete Pavement.

spots. In regions where the roads have been improved the farmers are the most prosperous and community life has been developed. In regions where the roads have not been improved the schools, the churches and all other civilizing agencies have run down.

"Within the last few years there have been formed 12,000 or 15,000 associations of one sort and another among the farmers, fruit growers and others looking to the economic handling of their business. But there can be no adequate co-operation among farmers without the first essential of the best farming, success—good public roads. Improved highways mean improved farming, increased values of farming lands, improved standards of farming products, improved banking means and facilities, improved country schools, churches and homes. Without improved public highways there will continue the fearful economic waste which has operated against the prosperity of the farmers and made them the prey of the combinations which have fattened on their spoil."

Redd.

Edward B. Redd was born in Palmyra, Nov. 11, 1857 and died of heart trouble at his home in Arrowsmith, Ill., at midnight Feb. 19, 1916.

He had accepted a call from the Christian Church at Arrowsmith and had filled his pulpit two Sundays. His family had arrived Saturday and had gone to the parsonage where the husband and father had arranged the furniture and gotten things ready for occupancy. He had not been very well but did not deem his trouble serious and his sudden death was a shock to every one.

The deceased graduated at the College at Canton when about 21 years of age and his life was spent in active service for the Master with the exception of two years when he was in the mercantile business in Shelbyville. Five years he was Superintendent of the Masonic home at St. Louis where he was a father to the fatherless.

On the 22nd of May 1883 he married Miss Kate C. Davis who passed away Nov. 29, 1899. To this union five boys were born. Of these three are living, Edward, who lives in New Haven, Conn., Aleck, of Los Angeles, Calif., and Frank, of St. Louis.

Sept. 15, 1901 he married Miss Mattie Williamson, who with five small children, are left to mourn his loss. He also leaves four sisters, Mrs. J. M. Janes, Mrs. E. R. McKee and Miss Kate Redd of Memphis and Mrs. A. S. Jaynes, of this city.

Funeral services were held at 10:30 Saturday morning at the Christian Church in Palmyra, Rev. T. L. Capp, of St. Joseph, who was a life long friend of the deceased, officiating. Rev. W. G. Alcorn and Rev. R. L. Wilson of this city, Rev. J. H. Wood of Shelbyville and Rev. J. T. Bloom of Palmyra each took part in the service. Rev. Redd was a thirty-third degree Mason and the Masonic lodge at Palmyra conducted the services at the grave.

Before Mrs. Redd left Arrowsmith the officials of the church proposed that they have a student preach on Sunday and that she take charge of the other work of the church. She is well qualified to do the work for she has been an able assistant in the past and to her it will not be a duty but a service of love. She expects to accept the proposition.

Entertained

Mrs. R. L. Wilson and Miss Cleo Patton entertained a number of ladies Friday afternoon in the Wilson apartments. The object was to make missionary money as well as enjoy a social hour.

Mrs. Wilson entertained in place of her daughter, Miss Ruth, who is studying music in Chicago. These missionary socials are quite popular and they certainly help the cause.

See Green & Tooley before you buy your Clover and Timothy seed.

Pat dropped into a small restaurant in a little country town and commenced to lunch on a meat patty—a comestible for which the establishment was noted. But at the first bite he complained about the crust. The proprietor astounded at anyone not liking his patties, said:

"Young man, I was making patties before you were born."

"That so?" replied Pat. "Then I suppose this is one of the first you ever made."—Ex.

A Success.

The Italian Bazaar given by the Holy Rosary Alumni was a success in every way.

The bazaar was held in Pike's hall. As you entered you were greeted by George and Martha Washington better known to us in every day life as Mr. and Mrs. Frank Losson. Misses Bess Montgomery, Cordie Hoar and Myrtle Pierceall, attired as Italians, were also in the receiving line.

Four beautiful booths were in the room. The candy and spaghetti booths were decorated in green red, and white, Italian national colors. The fancy work booth was decorated with flowers and was very much admired. In these booths you were served by Italian lassies. The refreshment booth was decorated with our beloved red white and blue and American girls, clad in their national colors, served.

Alexis Hays, with his accordion and push cart filled with all kinds of fruits, made a splendid dago.

At 10:30 everything being sold, dancing commenced and this was enjoyed until midnight. The Monroe City and Symphony orchestras played during the afternoon and evening.

The young people had a jolly good time and cleared a neat sum.

New Organ Tested

The New Organ at the Baptist church was given a trial yesterday morning by Prof. Johnson, organist at the cathedral at Quincy. Quite a number were present and enjoyed the music. Mr. Johnson said the organ was a very satisfactory one and all were pleased with it. The church may well be proud of it.

Timothy and Clover seed for sale by Green & Tooley 3-2

Mrs. W. W. Tait and baby were the guests of relatives at Palmyra Tuesday.

Mrs. Ida Gottman and daughter, Miss Lizzie attended the funeral of their cousin Herman Drescher at Palmyra Tuesday.

Miss Lida Steuimete, of St. Louis, was the guest of Miss Bell Elliott and Mrs. Phil Arnoloy several days last week.

For Rent—New seven room house, just finished. Two lots and outbuildings.—Node Green. 3-2

Market Report.

For Wednesday before date of paper.
Hogs.....\$7.50
Sheep.....7.35
Cattle.....\$4. to 8.00

Poultry

Hens..... 13c
Spring chickens 1 1-2 to 2 1-2 pounds..... 12c
Old Roosters..... 06c
Ducks..... 10c
Turkey Hens..... 10c
Young Toms..... 16c
Toms..... 14c
Guineas, each..... 17c
Geese..... 10c
Eggs straight..... 17c
Tallow..... 04c
Butter..... 17c
Green Hides..... 10c
Wheat No. 2..... 1.00
Oats..... 35 to 40c
New Baled rye..... \$8.00 to 10.00
Shipments for the week. Yates & Yates, 1 car hogs; J. H. McClintic, 1 car of hogs;

FOR SALE

Party has a big lot of good saw-mill timber want to sell at once on the stump. For particulars call at Democrat

Knight of Columbus.

At a Special Meeting at their Hall in this city the 1st Degree was Exemplified to a class of nine candidates, and on Sunday March 5th this Council will exemplify the same degree to a class of the same number. It is the aim to have the Major degrees conferred in this City by Easter Sunday. Much enthusiasm is manifested in the Council and there is no doubt but what the Major Degrees will be conferred on or before that date.

Underhill.

Elizabeth Beemon was born in Boone Co., Ky. in the year 1840. Second child of ten children, born to Abel and Nancy Beemon; but two survive her the others being called away at different ages.

She was married to Hiram C. Underhill in her Kentucky home in 1876. Came at once to Missouri and made her home on the farm where she died Feb. 23rd 1916.

Mrs. Underhill united with Bethlehem Baptist Feb. 14 1879 during a meeting conducted by Rev. B. F. Hixson, pastor of the church at that time.

Funeral services will be held at Bethlehem Church this morning at 11 o'clock, Rev. S. P. Gott officiating.

Bobs Cranston, agent for Weems Laundry, Leave at Hanly & Green's store. Shipments Monday night. 3-2

Has a Namesake

Ralph Barr has received word from his sister Mrs. Tuttle of Mulberry, Kan. that a son arrived at their home the 20th, and he will be called Ralph William for his uncle.

Willie, whose father was a candidate for office, ran into the house one day and exclaimed: "O mamma Mr. Smith says papa's got the nomination! Is that worse than the measles?"—Ex.

Instead of Saying

to yourself "I wish I were in Dixie," why don't you go South this winter? The cost is low—perhaps not as much as you thought it would be. The resorts are numerous and Burlington service is better than ever. When it is cold and disagreeable in the North, it is positively delightful in the South, and those who have been fortunate enough to go there are luxuriating in its exotic atmosphere, without a single thought of furnace fires and the constant menace of catching cold. A winter's vacation in that romantic, historic and beautiful land south of the Mason and Dixon line will do you more good than a barrel of medicine. Drop in and see me about it next time you are going by. S. B. Thielhoff,

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