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THE GREAT JACKSON HIGHWAY.

The route of the Jackson Highway has not yet been determined, the only point settled being the fact that a great thoroughfare leading from Nashville to New Orleans shall be established.

The friends of the Military Road route have not given up the fight for the selection of the line of travel laid out and followed by Old Hickory a hundred years ago, when moving his troops homeward from New Orleans.

No matter where the proposed highway runs it will necessarily be of great value to this section and should it adhere to the Military Road, and thus pass through Noxubee it will be of almost incalculable benefit to the people of the county—those living in any portion of it, though, to be sure, those whose homes are on the road will become the first, and most direct, beneficiaries.

Indeed, the BEACON thinks that the importance of it to this community, should it come our way, can hardly be over estimated.

It is the experience of mankind, in every land and in every period of a nation's history, that "of all inventions," as Macanley puts it, "the alphabet and the printing press alone excepted, those inventions which abridge distance have done most for the civilization of our species."

That certainly has been the case here in America, and the fact is especially notable in the rapid development that followed in our Western States and territories after the building of the transcontinental railway lines connecting the Atlantic shores with the Pacific slopes.

When the great difficulty of passing from the older settlements of the East to the unsettled far distant places of the West were removed in the latter half of the last century, the growth of all the region beyond the Mississippi toward the setting sun, in wealth, in population and prosperity, caused the eyes of the world to be turned in wonderment at the rapidly, unprecedented advance in the civilization of the Golden West.

The benefits accruing to the country in increase of population, in moral and intellectual as well as material improvement became the talk of the age.

And so will it again be in the near future, if this Jackson Highway is constructed, all over the sections of country through which it is to run from the North to the South.

It will bring the people of the two sections closer social relations; it will cause the inhabitants of each "to know one another," and then, as the great Lamar expressed it, our countrymen "will love one another;" social intercourse will become so much closer that old prejudices and provincial antipathies will be removed, and citizens from Maine and Massachusetts will fraternize with those of Kentucky and Tennessee, of Alabama and Mississippi, and all will be bound together by common ties creditable alike to each, as should be the case between decent branches of the human family.

The advantages to accrue from the Good Roads movement, now on foot from one end of our Republic to the other, are so patent and numberless, and of such great moment to the citizens, as to make a subject delightful to linger upon and elaborate, and we would that space could permit us to dwell upon it, and portray in fitting terms, the happiness and prosperity improved highways are to bring in the not distant sweet by and bye to the very doors of Noxubeeans!

That to the BEACON is a thought

above all others pleasant to contemplate, for we know the people of Noxubee and her sister adjoining counties, and we believe a nobler race of men and women are not to be found this side of heaven; and so to contribute its mite to their peace and prosperity is the sweetest pleasure and most cherished ambition of this paper.

THE OUTLOOK FOR RUSSIA.

In the fortune of war, Russia has been, especially of late—and is yet faring badly.

To add to the sum of her misery things are growing unhappy with her home people.

Discontent is beginning to show itself, as is usually the case when a concatenation of circumstances force conditions to confront a government which are adverse to the wishes and wants and ambitions of the governed, and the outlook for the triumph of the cause which induced the Czar to go to war is, therefore, at the moment of this writing, anything but auspicious.

But the game, despite the defeats and set-backs which have fallen to the Russian armies, has not yet been played close enough to a finish for an outsider to foretell, with certainty, what the end will be.

The Russians are a brave people, possessed of great stamina and wonderful recuperative powers.

They are stilling out, manfully and hopefully resisting with fortitude and courage the well nigh irresistible drive of the German force.

The longer they can hold out, the better is the change for propitious influences to intervene and improve conditions for them.

Winter is close at hand, and the severities of a Russian winter upon an invading army are not to be despised, no matter what the preparedness, and the powers of endurance of the invaders may be.

On more occasions than one the balance of power between Russia and an offensive aggressive enemy, when the latter seemed to have an unbreakable stranglehold upon the Bear, has been found to be held by the Ice King, and he has invariably used it on the side of Russia.

Indeed, it may be said, Boreas make his home in the heart of the Russian Empire and never permits the North wind, whose blast in that region blights everything—man and bird and beast—it falls upon, to sleep.

The rains, the sleet and the snow takes a hand in the winter campaigns attempted in that country and as they always fight against the invading foe the result is rarely, if ever, in doubt.

Bonaparte found himself no match for the elements marshalled against him at Warsaw, and it maybe a like fate awaits Emperor William, of Germany, somewhere in Russia unless he profits by the lesson learned too late, by that greatest soldier of modern times.

Health Rules.

Here are a few health rules taken from the Medical Review: A clean and cheerful house makes a happy home.

Frugality and sobriety form the best elixir for longevity.

Cleanliness prevents rust; the best cared for machines last the longest and do the best work.

Enough sleep repairs waste and strengthens; too much sleep softens and enfeebles.

Cheerfulness makes love of life; pure air and sunshine are indispensable to health.

By distractions and amusements, the mind is refreshed and invigorated, but abuse of them leads to dissipation.

To be seriously dressed is to give freedom to one's movements and sufficient warmth to protect against sudden changes of temperature.

The foot-and-mouth disease is getting to be common in the South. The BEACON is told that some Mississippi politicians have had half of it for quite a while

"They Say."

Of all the cowardly and diabolical deceptions in the language "they say" is notoriously the first. It is the catapult of the slanderer. Some liar malians his neighbor and as he feels and fears that he will stand alone, he resorts to the base trick of pluralizing vicious self, and so he outs with "they say." "They" is often only one, and of more than one it is because the wish of the liar is father to his thought; he desires the multitude, in order to lose himself therein and thus escape the pernicious consequences of defamation. It is the old trick of the cuttlefish that muddies the whole stream so that his own ugliness will not be noted.

No man of honor gives "they say." He gives his proper authority, if needs be, and does not hedge behind the indefinite. No court of justice will waste its time hearing or discussing here-say. Truth always deals in directness. The sneak it is who saddles upon the public what his own coarse, crude and malicious mind conjured. Oh, the misery of it all! The murderer of character considers that he is adding a cubit to his own importance in subtracting from the name of his fellow forgetful that dead qualities no more than will dead flesh graft. "They say" is a wretched contrivance, marked with ignorance most gross and sin so foul and foolish that it well nigh touches infamy.

The Art of Resting.

To rest seems quite simple. There are plenty of people who do not have to learn how at all, to whom resting comes with a fine natural grace, as do the arts of eating and sleeping. These people are not all idlers, either, says an exchange. Perhaps the greatest workers of the world, at any rate, those who accomplish most, are the men and women who can relax completely, even in the midst of vast affairs; who keep in their hearts an unwrinkled corner of serenity; who can snatch a moment's sleep between two great decisions, come out of it refreshed, and make their decisions right.

But to many of us hurrying, bustling, nervous Americans resting is one of the lost arts. We rush from work to so-called recreation back to work again. We say that mere change rests us. So it would, if we took it in the right spirit; but there is no rest when the eye is on the clock, no rest when the hours and the days are too short for the things we undertake to do in them.

Then, for some of us, comes the imperative order; you must rest—and to our horror, we find that we do not know how. We try long hours of external quiet, long black nights when the quiet is only external. We try change of air and change of scene. But in spite of external quiet and external variety, the thoughts keep tapping—patter, patter, patter—on the tired brain like raindrops beating on a roof. It takes months, perhaps years, of wasted life to teach us the lesson that at the proper time we might have learned so easily.

For rest is a spiritual grace, an art that can be acquired in early years and practiced with untold benefit. Teach it to your children and begin to learn it yourself, even now—the art of being absolutely relaxed and quiet, even if only for a little while. No matter how work presses, no matter how life whirls about you, teach yourself to become for a few moments every day as passive as the white clouds or the green fields or the tranquil stars. So will you put a new strength into your work that will make every stroke and stitch of it more lasting and more beautiful.

The fighting of the Germans about Warsaw will compare very favorably with the courage of any troops, ancient or modern. The BEACON'S military expert says that it is hard to tell what an army will do when they know there is an unlimited supply of "What Made Milwaukee" and "Hennessy XXX" inside the breastworks. He knows.

The Meridian Fair Association advertises extensively in the papers south of the A. & V. R. R. Evidently the patronage they receive from this section does not justify the expenditure.

FOR SALE.

Genuine Texas Grown Seed Oats 70c. Call, look at them. N. SCALES.

In the year just passed Kansas gained \$46,000,000 in bank deposits, but the country will soon hear from the brewers about the poor old state's bankrupt condition.—Kansas City Star.

Death of Mr. A. G. Cunningham.

On last Sunday morning, I was shocked to hear that my good, big-hearted friend, Tobe Cunningham, had died that morning.

He was in Macon on the Monday previous to his death, seemingly in good health, attending to his business as usual, but he must have had a premonition of his early death, for he sold his cotton, paid all of his debts, and made his will. He was taken sick on Wednesday, but no one thought his condition dangerous until Saturday night, when they found that blood poison had set in and he died Sunday morning about four o'clock.

A. G. Cunningham—Tobe, as we called him, was born in Noxubee county, March 20th, 1849; moved with his family back to Alabama before the war. Was too young to be a Confederate soldier, though he served awhile with the home guards. He was married to Miss Sallie Rowen February 24th, 1870, and that fall returned to Noxubee county, and with the exception of three years spent at his old home in Alabama, he lived the balance of his life in Noxubee county.

His wife was a help-meet, indeed, and contributed no little to his success. This union was blessed with nine children, two of them, Mrs. U. W. Mullins and a son, Louie, who did while off at school, preceded him to the better land. Seven sons and two daughters and a beloved wife are left to mourn his loss, and a great loss, indeed, it is to them, for he was at his best in his family. All were devoted to each other, and the children were loyal and true to Tobe, and he a most loving and indulgent father.

He has living two sisters, Mrs. W. H. May, of Louisville, Ky., and Mrs. D. F. Shuford, of Oxford, and one brother, S. K. Cunningham, of this county. Of the four Cunningham boys, Sam is the only one left.

His brother John was like a father to Tobe, and Tobe felt his loss very much, indeed. What one had it belonged to the other, and I remembered when John's riding horse gave out, Tobe sent his best one over to him. He was one of the most generous men I ever knew. When we had a fish-fry, he was never satisfied without furnishing the hands to draw the sein and most of the provisions.

He and his good wife had nothing but their energy and industry as their capital when they started in life, but Tobe was a fine manager, and she was industrious and economical, and although like most of us after the surrender, he met with great difficulties and disappointments, still by persevering, they finally succeeded in raising and educating their children so as to be an honor to the state and county, and at the time of his death, he was out of debt, and had a splendid plantation unencumbered.

He loved Will Cunningham as a brother, and after Will became grown and developed into such a business man that made him the pride and wonder of his friends, he was of great assistance to Tobe as well as all of his family, and Tobe repaid this with a loyal devotion, and the day we buried Tobe, Will said to me, "that there was one man who never saw anything wrong in what I said or did."

On Monday morning a goodly number of his friends, from all over the county, gathered at the dear old church at Deerbrook and held the burial services within hallowed walls. Rev. Mr. Sasser, pastor of the Baptist church, of which Tobe had been for a long time a member, conducted the services, and paid a most beautiful tribute to the noble character of his dear friend. Miss Dell Madison presided with her usual grace at the organ, and the Baptist choir, led by the pastor of the Methodist church, Rev. Mr. Baird, sang the beautiful songs that he loved so while in life.

After Mr. Sasser had finished his remarks, he asked if any of his friends would like to pay a tribute to his memory, and John Calmes, John Poindexter, Tom Heard and myself were glad of this opportunity to tell how much we loved this generous man.

I had known Tobe when he was a young man, just starting out in life, and had known him afterwards when we use to meet and have those precious meetings at New Bethel, where he and his brother John gave their hearts to God, long years ago.

My good wife was organist of this little church, and she had no better friends than John and Tobe Cunningham. How we used to love to meet at this dear old church and worship God, and these gatherings together bound this neighborhood to each other in bonds of love that have never been cancelled. Only two men out of the goodly number that used to worship at this dear church some twenty-five years ago are left now, Mr. J. Q. Poindexter and Billy Dowdle.

After the services were concluded, kind friends bore his body out to the old grave yard, where so many of his dear ones and friends are buried and consigned all that was mortal of this generous man to the dust, and his spirit to the God who gave it. After the grave was filled, his lady friends covered it with beautiful flowers, emblematic of their love for him for whom we grieve so much, and then with heavy

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hearts, we turned our way homeward, knowing that all was well with him.

When we bury our friends that are so useful, and so much needed in this world, we cannot understand why they are taken, for now we see, as it were "through a glass darkly," but some day we will understand, we will understand.

Good-bye, BIG BUD.

The Storm.

The third tropical storm that has come out of the gulf in the past month reached this section Wednesday night, the gusts of wind probably reaching a velocity of 40 miles an hour, no great damage being done except to the cotton crop.

In town the electric light and telephone company were given some trouble by limbs from trees falling across their lines. The rain came in sheets and being driven by the wind there were very few roofs that did not leak.

Weather Clerk Carleton reported nearly four and a half inches of rain Thursday morning and it did not really commence to rain until near midnight.

Except to those who had hay to gather and cotton to pick, especially the latter, the rain was more than welcome, as a drouth of two months, during which time hardly enough rain fell to measure, was broken.

This section had escaped the other two storms, the first just touching the gulf coast and entered Texas with Galveston as the center. It crossed the Mississippi above St. Louis, and much damage was done all through the Central West and Eastern States before it entered the Atlantic. The other storm which was not so severe, went through Georgia and the Carolinas into the Atlantic, but no damage was done to the crops as far East as Montgomery, Ala.

The greatest damage by the storm this week was at New Orleans, where the wind reached its highest velocity at 6 o'clock Wednesday afternoon when 86 miles an hour was reached.

Attention! Automobile Owners.

My attention has been called to the failure of many owners of automobiles to observe the law in regard to tags on their machines. The law is very plain—"one tag shall be fastened immovably 18-inches or more above the ground at the front of the vehicle, with the number in an upright visible position so that it will be plainly legible at all times; the other tag shall be fastened likewise at the rear of the vehicle under the rear light so that the number shall be plainly legible at night even at a distance of 60 feet." There are no exceptions to these requirements, and a violation of the law is punishable with a fine of not less than \$10.00 and not more than \$100.00.

If any one has lost his tags and will make a sworn application to me I will secure him duplicates from the State Auditor at a small cost.

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Bids to be Received for Building of Center Point School House.

Sealed bids will be received at the office of Strong and Bush, attorneys, at Macon, Mississippi, for the building of the School House at Center Point School House in and for the Center Point Consolidated School District, at any time prior to 2 p. m. on September 20th, 1915. Bids to be made in accordance with plans and specifications on file in the office of the chancery clerk of Noxubee county, Mississippi. Bids will be received on the building alone, on the installation of water works, all accordance with the said plan and specifications. Bids must be accompanied with a certified check guaranteeing good faith. The undersigned trustees reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

D. W. DENT, L. S. SHEPARD, Trustees of Center Point Consolidated School District.

Notice to the Tax Payers of the City of Macon, Mississippi.

Notice is hereby given that the Mayor and Board of Aldermen, will at its regular meeting on the 6th day of October, 1915, proceed to equalize the property assessed for taxation in the City for the year 1915, to increase or diminish the valuation of the same as conditions may justify; and this is to give you notice that any person may appear before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen at such time and file written objection to such increased valuation as they may desire.

Notice is further given that after such equalization of the assessed property of the said City of Macon, Miss., that no objection will be taken up hereafter except as provided by law in such cases.

After such equalization of the assessed property of said City of Macon, the Mayor and Board of Aldermen will proceed to make the levy as provided by law in such cases.

This notice is under section 3422 of the Annotated Code of Mississippi, for 1906.

Done by order of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen this 15th day of September, 1915.

J. J. SCOTT, Clerk.

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