

CITIES WILL REAP THE BENEFIT OF THE NEW EXHIBITION PLANS

No Divided Displays Necessary to Get Products Into the Great Ohio Valley Exposition To Be Held at Cincinnati.

Many Cities and Towns Have Arranged Collective Exhibits To Be Shown From August 29 to September 24.

The general impression that the industrial portions of all expositions are alike will be put to rout by the management of the Ohio Valley Exposition next fall, when several new departures in the line of displays will be offered visitors in a way to add greatly to the general attractiveness and commercial value of the project.

Ever since expositions were inaugurated it has been the custom to segregate various industries, placing certain lines of manufactured articles in one department, thereby creating a continuous display of shoes, or dry goods, or stoves, or furniture, as the case might be. In this way no city received the credit due it for its industries, and no industry received the individual attention to which it was entitled because of its being thrown in with many similar specimens in one grand display.

When detailed plans for conducting the Ohio Valley Exposition were being worked out, it was suggested that better and more satisfactory results could be obtained, especially for the industries of the smaller cities of the Ohio Valley, if each city were allowed to display examples of all her products under one roof. In this way, it was argued, the products of a city like Portsmouth or Springfield, for instance, would not be scattered through five or six buildings, but would be exhibited in one collective display, giving the city the prominence it deserved and at the same time giving distinction to each industry represented.

This idea has been carried out in the mammoth "Municipal Building," located on the canal, and extending from the elbow at the head of Plum

eral Davison of the Exposition. Their contributions to the Expositions would be scattered all over the display space, with the result that neither the city nor the firm represented received full credit for its display. In order to obviate this handicap and bring all exhibitors in on an equal footing, whether they have much or little to display, this plan of creating collective municipal exhibits was evolved, and a special building designed for these exhibits.

"So great has been the demand for space in this building to date that the prospects are that we will be compelled to enlarge the present building or erect another structure for the accommodation of the Ohio Valley cities and their industries."

NINE-FOOT STAGE BOOMS BUSINESS

Packet Companies Add Boats to Ohio River Lines.

Cincinnati, O. (Special).—Although the greater portion of the improvements in the Ohio river authorized by congress for the creation of a nine-foot stage of water the year round has not yet been begun, the anticipated benefits of this tremendous undertaking, calling for an outlay of approximately \$60,000,000, are already being taken advantage of.

The Louisville and Cincinnati Packet Company, which operates a

ROAD and FARM IMPROVEMENT



FACTORS FOR ROAD BUILDER

Climate Is Important Matter to Consider—All Road Forms Should Have Good Crown.

(By W. L. SPOON.)
The climate is a factor of importance for the road builder to consider. In the eastern sections, where the soil is plastic, the rains are most abundant while in the western sand hills the climate is semi-arid and quite strong south winds prevail. These conditions introduce an important matter for consideration. Sand roads are best when wet, and clay roads when dry, but climatic conditions operate adversely and must be taken into consideration seriously. The rains make the eastern roads muddy, while dry weather makes of the western roads deep shifting sand. The suggestion offered by this natural condition is to add sand to the eastern clays and clay to the western sands in order to bring about,



An Excellent Roadway.

between the soil and the climate, the balance necessary for the betterment of the roads. Additional encouragement is afforded by the natural distribution of the material, which in most cases is abundantly provided for all needs.

In the eastern portion, where rains are abundant, the question of drainage is very important, and, moreover, a greater percentage of sand (65 to 85 per cent.) must be used, while in the west, in the semi-arid sandhill section, the reverse proportion is not only permissible but often necessary. In the east the road must meet, as its supreme test, continued wet weather, while in the west continued drought furnishes a maximum strain on the binding power of the clay. In the east the road is likely to fall by reason of mud holes and washes; in the west it must resist pulverizing and blowing away dust. Between these two extremes lie all the possible methods of sand-clay road construction. Upon the judgment of the supervisor, therefore, depends the character of the work to be done. He should know how to select the best available clay for the



Expensive to a Farmer.

conditions to be met, and likewise how to select the sand and incorporate it with the clay so as to obtain the best possible results.

All forms of hard roads should have a good crown, varying from side to center. The slope of the crown should be greatest at the sides and flattened as it approaches the center. Only a sand road requires no crown at all. Where nothing but deep sand prevails, the surface should be concave for the purpose of conserving, as far as possible, the moisture. Sand alone is improved by water.

Habits of the Mole.

The mole is a stout, thick-set, animal-eating insect, living underground, where it burrows with wonderful facility and constructs galleries often of great extent and complexity. The mole is the most voracious of mammals, and if deprived of food is said to succumb in from 10 to 12 hours. Moles have been seen by various observers, as if maddened by hunger, to attack animals nearly as large as themselves, such as birds, lizards, frogs and even snakes. If two moles are confined together without food the weaker is invariably devoured by the stronger. They take readily to the water.

A Dry-Weather Crop.

There are few seasons so dry that well-cultivated milo maize will not yield a fair crop of grain. It will produce 15 bushels per acre of grain under conditions so dry that corn will be a total failure. In favorable seasons it produces more grain than corn, with a greater feed value.

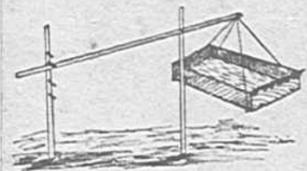
The only really successful garden is the clean garden.

LIFTING THE WAGON BODIES

Method Shown in Illustration Has Proved to Be Excellent and Simple in Construction.

We all know how troublesome and inconvenient it is to change the wagon bodies, especially when there is only one to do it. The method illustrated is simple but very satisfactory. The piece used as a lever is 12 feet long. It may be a 2 by 6 inch piece of strong timber, or even a nice, straight pole will answer.

The posts are eight and twelve feet above the ground, and should be set deep enough to prevent pulling up or careening and should be of sufficient size to prevent bending or breaking. The lever is bolted to the long post ten



Lifting the Wagon Bed.

feet from the ground with four feet projecting over the wagon. To the end of the lever are fastened the rope swings, four of them, with loops on the lower end to hook over the bottom cross frame of the wagon body.

The short post is seven feet from the long one and has a row of pins set in the side of it to hold the end of the lever after the body has been lifted.

The different pins correspond to the different heights of the wagons. The plan is suggestive of many changes.

ENGLISH SPARROW IS MENACE

So Regarded by Minnesota State Entomologist Because It Destroys Much Farm Produce.

The English sparrow is looked upon by the Minnesota state entomologist at the experiment station as a menace to farmers, not only destroying grain, but also driving away useful birds. The division of entomology suggests that a very humane way of destroying them is to feed them wheat for a few mornings in the winter, in a straight line, in yard or field, and when the birds have become accustomed to the system to rake the line with a gun loaded with fine shot. Wheat, it has been said, may be soaked in whisky and eaten by the sparrows inducing such intoxication that they may be picked up and killed. Destroying sparrows' nests several times in succession, as they were built, has discouraged nesting in the locality. Destruction by means of active poisons is not recommended by the division because the dead birds are eaten by cats, poultry, etc. The entomologist has discouraged their roosting during the winter under the eaves of his own home and defiling the building, by the use of a small collecting pistol of fine shot, shooting them off their perches at dusk.

FARM NOTES

Good fruit and vegetables in clean attractive packages need no salesman. Turnips as a second crop more than pay the time and work put in on them.

Making a good garden is a man's job. Do not leave the hard work to the women folks.

With good equipments and willing workers haying is not altogether a disagreeable task.

When planting large, flat seeds, set them in the ground edgewise. Germination is more certain.

Cauliflower can be grown more easily than cabbage. It is always in demand and at good prices.

Plant seeds of string beans every fortnight, so that there will always be a supply of tender pods.

Wagons, rakes, forks, racks, and everything should all be in good order before the harvest begins.

Celery blanches nicely if a six-inch drain tile is slipped over each plant, when the time comes for blanching.

Make sowings once a week of such quick-growing vegetables as lettuce and radishes, to insure a continuous succession.

Any delay made to repair harvesting tools not only subjects the farmer to loss of money by hindering the field hands, but subjects him to loss by prolonging the time of gathering his crops.

As soon as the grass gets into the proper condition, it should be gathered in just as early as possible, for when allowed to fully ripen before cutting a great portion of the nutriment is lost.

Clean out the chaff and hay seed on the barn floor and scatter it over bare places in the lots and pastures. This scattered seed represents good money value and it should be put to good purpose.

Clearing up and removing all growths along the margins of a garden and fields with thorough, continuous cultivation will give almost complete immunity from cut worms, grubs, etc.

A hired man at two dollars a day can make good money for you by sprouting the corn field at the time of plowing. A day's sprouting in the corn field will make it look five dollars better. The same is true of the oats and hay field.

YOU OUGHT TO KNOW



"Truth, crushed to earth, shall rise again."
"Well, you've thrown it down times enough to know."

EASY TO ANSWER



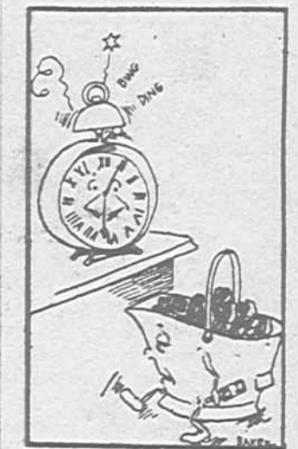
The Teacher—Who was it that climbed slowly up the ladder of success, carrying his burden with him as he went; who when he reached the top gazed upon those far beneath him, and—
The Scholar (aged 8)—I know, ma'am. It was Pat O'Rourke, president of the Hodcarriers union.

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