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## THANKSGIVING DAY OBSERVED IN HEDLEY

Thanksgiving Day in Hedley was not exciting but plenty going on all day to be interesting. The stores closed during the middle of the day and the business men helped to make the time pleasant for all. Thanksgiving service was held at the church, Rev. Bryant preaching a splendid sermon.

The church ladies served a DINNER at the Bond hall, and you may talk of good dinners all you please but you'll never make the writer believe that any dinner ever served beat the one put on the table by the ladies Thursday. It is a proven fact that the ladies of this community are the best lot of cooks in Texas. They had everything to eat imaginable from turkey down to tooth picks. When one sits down to a dinner consisting of everything like that the wonder grows that one small stomach could contain so much.

After serving dinner there was so much food left the ladies served supper also, and after supper was served there was plenty for still another meal. The dinner and supper with the sale of cakes and the fruit basket netted \$90.10 which will be used to buy new seats for the church. Quite a crowd of young folks spent the afternoon in hunting.

Tom Owens, Jr. was accidentally shot in the leg Wednesday while going home with his father in a wagon. The boy was holding the shot gun while his father drove the team, and in some way dropped the gun over the dash board the muzzle up. The hammer struck something and the shot went through the end gate and into the boys leg, inflicting injury. The boy probably owes his life to the fact that the end gate received the force of the load. As it was only one shot penetrated the flesh.

Dr. David R. Fly, president of the Texas Medical Association, member of the Potter County Medical Society and one of the most prominent workers against the spread of tuberculosis in the state, died shortly after mid-night yesterday morning in St. Josephs Infirmary at Fort Worth, where he had been for treatment for the past several weeks. Funeral services in Dallas this forenoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Andy Newman and De Curd of Giles and J. W. Canthon of McKnight attended Quarterly conference at Lelia Lake Sunday.

## TRAIN STOPPED BUT WANTED MAN TOO SWIFT FOR OFFICERS

Last Saturday night the south-bound train was stopped after it left the depot and several shots rang out, causing the natives hereabouts to listen and wonder if train robbers had broke loose. Upon investigation however it was found that officers J. W. Bond and Frank White were after a fellow who had escaped that day from officers at Clarendon. When they stopped the train the man wanted was on the blind with two other. The three of them broke for tall timbers, the man wanted would not stop even after the officers fired at at his extremities and made his getaway, but was afterwards caught. One of the men riding the blind in making his race struck the wire fence and received deep cuts on the nose and cheek.

## YOUREE-OLLER

Last Sunday at 6 p. m. Mr. Oscar Youree of Bray and Miss Ruth Oller of Clarendon were united in marriage by Justice K. W. Howell at his home. The young couple are splendid young people and have the best wishes of their many friends.

The Cash Store is to put on a week's mid winter sale starting Saturday. Read the page ad of this store in this issue. O. H. Britain, the proprietor, believes in using plenty of printers ink and is making it pay. He believes also in keeping the latest goods, hence these big sales whereby he is able to keep new and fresh goods in stock at times.

The T. R. Moreman Hdw. Co. moved into the new brick this week where the stock is displayed to good advantage. New and up-to-date shelving, counters, double deck floors and the latest drawer arrangements makes this store one of the nicest in our hity. In fact Hedley can boast of having as up-to-now stores as some large cities. The business men of our town are live wires and are doing much for the advancement of the town.

Atty. Simpson of Clarendon is in town today attending justice court.

Choice resident lots in the McDougal Addition at a price you can afford to pay. J. C. Wells, Agt.

## UNEXPECTED COLD WAVE HITS HEDLEY

The weather bureaus over the country got us all in a peck of trouble first of the week. They sent out forecasts that the first part of the week would be fair and mild, causing people to let their coal bins run low. Instead, Monday morning one of the coldest northers of the fall blew up accompanied by snow. All day Monday and Tuesday the wind howled and raged and the temperature dropped to 8 above zero. Talk about your times, the Informer people had it Tuesday getting out some big page posters for one of the merchants. The engine balked, the press broke and all in all we had a time.

Read the ad of the Hedley Hdw. & Imp. Co. in this issue. This store under the management of L. A. Stroud is assuming good proportions and getting in fine looking shape.

E. E. McGee sends the Informer a year to his niece, Mrs. C. B. Miller, Brocton, Ill.

A. E. Strawn, photographer, is here from Clarendon today.

## NEW BOLLIE COTTON PICKING MACHINES

Several farmers around Hedley have cotton picking machines that are doing successful work. When frost strikes unopened cotton bolls in the Panhandle the bolls will not open sufficient for picking but the gin is equipped for threshing out the hulls before ginning the cotton. So the farmers gather the bolls and haul to the gin to be threshed and ginned. Now they are having machines made for pulling the bolls making it an easy job. The machine consists of a large box on low wheels and in front a row of prongs about one inch apart is fastened then a team is hitched to the machine and driven down the row, the prongs are set low and in going down the row pulls every boll on the stalk and they are forced back into the large box.

Bain & Newsom's page ad in this issue should interest you. Read it and you may find something you want at a bargain.

Two beautiful Post Cards with each writing tablet and one with each school tablet at Albright Drug Co.

## BAD ROADS BURDEN

ONWARD MARCH OF PROGRESS IS RETARDED BY MISERABLE HIGHWAYS.

## BIG HANDICAP TO PEOPLE

Costs Much More to Haul Produce Over Bad Roads Than It Does Over Good Roads—Effect of Good Roads on Social Life.

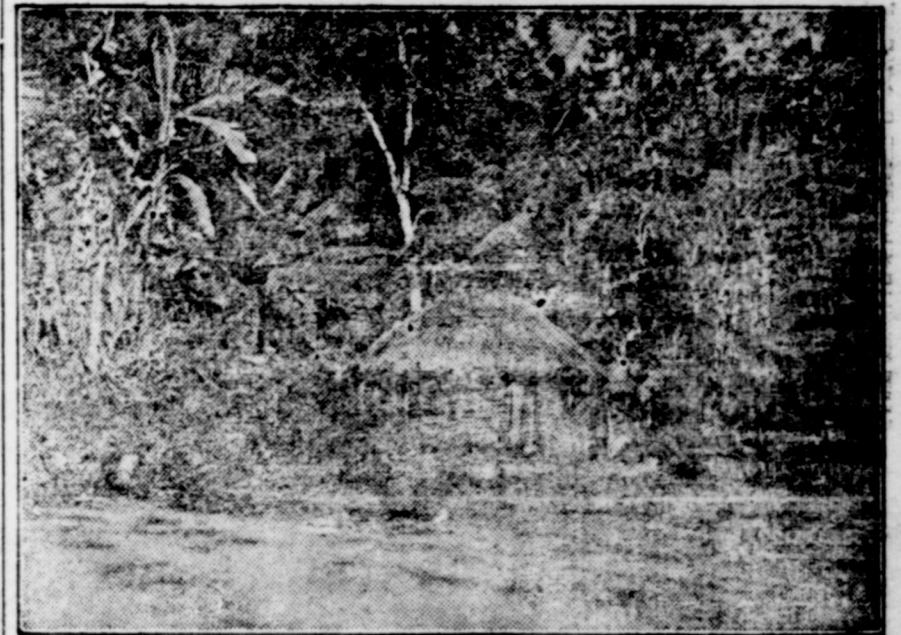
BY HOWARD H. CROSS.

When one makes a study of this great subject and sees in how many ways the march of progress is retarded by miserable highways the country over, and realizes what a burden this handicap places upon the people, it is surprising that the whole population does not rise as one man and demand that the highway conditions shall be improved to the standard required for the twentieth century.

Road advocates have shown for years and years how much more it costs to haul produce over bad roads

over increasing drift of the best brains and blood of the farm to the city. This is true notwithstanding that there is no better business in the world than farming, if it is done along up-to-date, progressive lines. It renders a surer and larger return than anything else in the world's work, yet the fact remains that the boy is not satisfied with farm life. With good roads, so he could get out whenever he desired to with his best buggy and girl, or perhaps an automobile, country life would take on an entirely different aspect.

The handicap of the bad road is certainly a heavy one and is far-reaching. Education has suffered greatly by reason of it. The country schools are little, if any, better than they were forty years ago. It is an open question whether they are as good. The wages paid the teachers are small. The number of pupils is very limited—sometimes three or four—often not over a dozen or fifteen. There is no school spirit; there is no anything but dreariness and drudgery with little progress toward education. When the boy and girl get old enough to realize this condition and the parents see it, there is nothing to do but send Johnny or Lizzie to the nearby town or city, where the schools are better and



A roadside in Jamaica. Shows the hut of a native. These banana trees grow wild as well as oranges. There are few places in the world where one can live with less labor than in parts of Jamaica. Even here the roads are good—far better than the Central West of the United States.

MR. MERCHANT: The INFORMER has a number of Christmas display advertising cuts of many



kinds and styles from a column to six columns wide. If you want to advertise, use these cuts.



## JEWELRY

We sell them cheaper than the city Jeweler, we can afford to. We just as cheaply as he does but it costs him more to do business.

Just now we are showing some especially fine styles in Rings, Watches, Chains, Bracelets, Pins, Locketts, Buttons, Necklaces and many other kinds that we guarantee to be as good as you can get anywhere at a saving of 25 per cent, and that is a great inducement to the people, why go elsewhere and buy from strangers when you can get it here and get our guarantee behind it, LET US EXPLAIN IT TO YOU.

## HEDLEY DRUG COMPANY

## Safety Deposit Boxes FOR RENT

First State Bank Hedley, Texas.

than it does over good ones; how with good roads the farmer can market his produce at any time he desires to do so and take advantage of market conditions and get the most for what he has to sell.

Bad roads are a serious handicap to social conditions, and sometimes for weeks at a time dwellers in the farm home are marooned by stretches of impassable roads. They cannot get out to see anybody and nobody can get to see them. The town that is five miles away might as well be twice that. We know that man is a sociable thing—it is part of his nature—he can only grow and develop by meeting his fellow men—touching elbows—and by social and business intercourse.

We know that bad roads have been responsible in a very large degree for driving the young people from the farms to the cities. The census for the last thirty years has shown an

ever there is an opportunity getting the rudiments of an education while Johnny and Lizzie are growing up an education under town conditions they are getting the town microbes along with the education. They form friendships and become part of the social life of the school; they are not willing to go back upon the farm with its dreariness and isolation. No one ought to blame them for this, in fact they are to be commended in many instances. The country less and youth must have the social life that nature demands. This sociological fact must be reckoned with.

The National Educational commission, made up of eminent educators, thoroughly familiar with our conditions, has been studying this subject for a long time, and it says that the solution is only to be found in the

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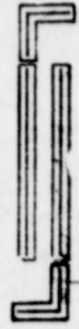
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### HEDLEY INFORMER

ONE YEAR FOR \$3.85

### Locals

Shave at the Imperial.

B. W. Johnson went to Clarendon Tuesday.

Sharrett Myers is home from Texas A & M college.

T. P. Shelton advanced his subscription another year.

Penny Peanut Vender at Albright Drug Co.

None better—those shaves and hair cuts at The Imperial.

John Waldron is quite sick this week.

Holiday Goods arriving at Albright Drug Co. Do your Xmas shopping early.

J. E. Johnston was up from Estelline Wednesday.

Pratt's Regulator for the rough haired stock and rough feathered poultry. Every package guaranteed at Albright Drug Co.

Imperial Shop for Barbering.

Atlift Reeves came home from Amarillo to spend Thanksgiving.

K. W. Howell paid a \$ for the second years run of the Informer.

Earl Reeves came down from Amarillo Thursday morning to spend Thanksgiving.

Remember that J. C. Wells writes fire insurance

Ed Dishman renewed his subscription this week for another year.

Build residences.

Mrs. C. S. Marshall came over from Wellington Saturday to visit her mother, Mrs. Lewis.

Hardware and Furniture—big things for little money.  
A. A. Koup, Memphis.

Clark Jennings, who kept books for the J. C. Woodrige lumber yard a few days, returned to his home at Gainesville.

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Lake Dishman went to Newlin Wednesday.

W. V. Darnell went to Clarendon Saturday.

J. W. Reeves paid a \$ on Subscription Saturday.

P. C. Johnson and family spent Sunday in Clarendon.

Jim Reed was up from Childress Sunday to see his parents.

J. H. Boston renewed his subscription for the second year.

Misses Wilkins and Rambo were up from Memphis Thanksgiving.

Rev. S. H. Holmes will fill his regular appointment in Hedley Sunday and night.

Everything for everybody's home and farm.

A. A. Koup, Memphis.

E. H. Willis and Ansel Lynn attended the Quarterly conference at Lelia Lake Sunday.

Insure your dwelling.

J. C. Wells

Capt. McGee advanced his subscription to the Informer this week.

POSTED—All hunters are warned not to hunt on my land on the Jesse Arroyo.

R. H. Jones.

Miss Willie Martindale returned to her home at Memphis Wednesday after visiting several days at Harve Wilsons.

Ernest Craddock returned Sunday night from the western states where he has been some time.

Mrs. J. B. Ozier left Wednesday night for a months visit with her parents in Illinois. Dr. Ozier accompanied her far as Amarillo.

Rev. J. W. Hembree was here to fill his regular appointment Sunday. Rev. Burk Associnal Missionary, preached for him Saturday and Sunday.

Evangelist J. C. Hines of Alvord, Texas, lectured to the men at the church Sunday afternoon. His lecture was good and will doubtless benefit mankind.

Rev. A. H. Newton came down from McLean Wednesday. He was accompanied by his daughter, Miss Pearl, who will visit a few days before returning.

I write plate glass, fire and tornado insurance in the strongest of companies.

J. C. Wells.

At conference Saturday at Lelia Lake Ansel Lynn was recommended to the District conference for license to preach. The next Quarterly conference will convene at Hedley, date not yet set.

### TEXAS FARM VALUES GAIN \$1,000,000,000

Population on Farms Increases Nearly Half a Million.

We have on the tax assessors' rolls of Texas 156,946,934 acres of land, leaving approximately 11,000,000 acres of land not on the tax rolls which is owned by the State, exempt from taxation, or assessed as town and city lots. The assessed value of land has increased from \$3.02 per acre in 1900 to \$6.51 per acre in 1910, making a total increase of \$550,000,000 in assessed land values and when we consider that land is assessed at probably less than 50 per cent of its true value, we find an actual increase in farm land alone of \$1,100,000,000. The Federal Census reports verify this estimate by crediting us with a net gain of \$1,130,939,000 or 163 per cent during the past decade.

According to the reports of our Railroad Commission we have built 3952 miles of railroad during the past decade and it is estimated that a mile of railroad will add \$64,000 per mile to adjoining property. Railroad construction alone has added a quarter of a billion dollars to land values. The facilities on all roads have been increased, enabling the products to reach the market earlier and in better condition, thereby increasing the value of production. The improvement of our public highways has had its effect in increasing values and the immigration agents are entitled to a large share of credit for our development.

Our rural population in 1900 was 2,488,838 and in 1910 the census reports give us 2,958,838, making an increase of 469,999 people on our farms. The wealth per capita of farm lands and buildings of our rural population in 1900 was \$160 and in 1910 it was \$347 per capita, making an increase of \$187 per capita or 117 per cent, which measures, in a way, the prosperity of the Texas farmer. We have opened up during the past decade 64,187 farms and now have a total of 416,477 farms in operation and the average size of our farms shows a decrease of from 357 acres in 1900 to 262 acres in 1910, or an average of 95 acres per farm, all of which has undoubtedly had a strong influence in increasing the wealth per capita of the Texas farmer.

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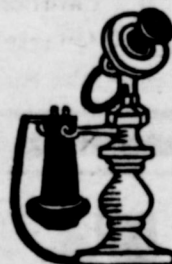
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HEDLEY, TEXAS

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Every town cannot become a great city, but every town can keep clean and cleanliness is one of the cornerstones of city building. There is nothing more inviting than clean streets, beautiful shade trees and lovely lawns. The large volume of business transacted in many cities makes cleanliness more difficult, but our dirt should be the smudge of toil and our trash the litter of a work shop. By all means keep the city clean.

If there is anything that gets on one's nerves more than talking during church we don't know what it is. One night not long since two boys installed

themselves in a back corner of the church and mum-mum-mumbled for a good while, and it was hard to tell whether the preacher or the boys attracted the most attention. It shows a lack of breeding, besides it might cause big fine paying; so you had better cut it out, boys. We'd hate to be in your shoes should some one see fit to swear out a complaint against you for disturbing public worship. Of course your fathers would be the principal sufferers as they'd have to dig up to keep you from going to jail.

If we are not our brothers keeper, we should at least be interested in his prosperity when we realize that our own success is largely dependent on his. So let's patronize home industries and help everybody-- ourselves included.

Every county should have a demonstration farm: In fact, the county that does not have one in short time is going to find itself in the rear end of the procession of agricultural progress. The thirty second legislature passed a bill that permits

the Commissioners Court of each county to appropriate as much as One Thousand Dollars for demonstration farm work. In a number of counties in Texas appropriations have been made and a like sum in each case has been donated by the Department of Agriculture of the National Government. The Department not only furnishes half the money of conducting demonstrations but supplies one of its experts to take charge of the work. This expert is a practical farmer who knows how to grow crops in a scientific manner and who, when harvest time comes round, has proof to show that the departmental methods of cultivation are the most productive of results. Results are what the farmer wants and demonstration farm work is producing the kind that convinces.

"Please the people," is the motto of the Imperial Shop.

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Ormal Bailey from Fowler, Kansas, came Thursday to visit Mr. Beedys.

Miss Verdi Smith was down from Clarendon Thursday spending the day with homefolks.

Two beautiful Post Cards with each writing tablet and one with each school tablet at Albright Drug Co.

J. T. Graham and wife were up from Memphis spending Thanksgiving with their daughter, Mrs. Carson.

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### Killian & Son DRAYMEN

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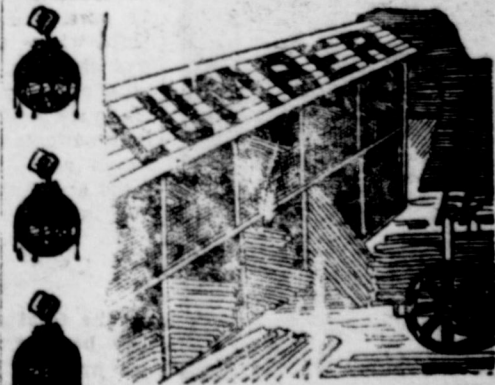


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## BAD ROADS BURDEN

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consolidated township school, where instead of eight or ten isolated school houses, placed at intervals at the cross-roads throughout the township—bleak, dreary and uninviting—there should be one central graded school at the most convenient central point, and provisions made to take the children to and from the school. Good roads are necessary if this is to be done. The school ought to have at least five acres of ground to serve as a miniature experiment station for the study of agriculture, the cultivation of which will increase interest in agriculture and show that farming requires brains as well as muscle. In such a school the boy and girl would be able to get a high school education and live at home upon the farm.

The school would be the social as well as the educational center of the township—the rallying point where the citizens could go and hold meetings; it would develop the social life, would be strong and helpful, and the young people would find in the central school and the associations that go with it, and the school spirit that would be developed, a satisfying condition that would make life upon the farm attractive instead of otherwise.

Another handicap to progress and a menace to our whole country, that is very largely traceable to bad roads, is the fact that so many thousands of farms are passing from the hands of owner into the hands of tenants. The wearing of the children from farm carries the patents away when advancing years makes it necessary for them to lay the burdens down. We are building up a peasantry (it sounds hard to call it that) which promises trouble in the future and raises the question whether we are not establishing here in the central west the conditions that have been the curse of Ireland for three hundred years. The result of this condition is that the soil is losing its fertility; the farm is becoming foul; noxious weeds are growing; the landlord squeezes the tenant for all the rent that is in sight and the tenant takes it out of the farm; he cannot afford for the short lease of one or two years to buy fertilizer; he must simply rob the soil for all he can get and turn it over to his successor in worse condition than he found it. He cannot go into stock farming on short land tenures, so he must be what is known as a grain farmer, and this takes the life out of the soil. The greatest economic menace of the world today, bar nothing, is the depletion of soil fertility, and this will go on as tenantry increases.

Thus we see a few of the very many drawbacks that are directly and indirectly due to bad roads, and we may add to the list, as stated by the department of agriculture, that the cost of moving farm products to the market and getting supplies back to the farm are bad highways cause an extra expense of at least \$1.50 per acre per year over and above what it would cost to perform the same service over roads that are uniformly good. One of the great world questions is that of good roads, and the sooner the people wake up to the fact the faster and surer will our progress be toward higher and better things.

There is a widespread clamor for a parcel post and strong influences are at work to get the federal government committed to it. The indications are that it will be tried out on a moderate scale. Whether the parcel post will prove a blessing or otherwise is an open question, and one we will not at this time discuss. We may say, however, that any attempt at the parcel post that contemplates extending the service to the rural mail routes will prove a disappointment. The conditions of the public roads are such that

for weeks at a time it would be physically impossible to make delivery. The carriers are taxed now to the limit. If he starts out with fifty pounds over bad roads it is a heavier burden than five times the weight over a good road. Given the parcel post in full swing and without doubt the weight the carrier must handle will be many times what it is now. Any one familiar with conditions will see that without good permanent highways the delivery of packages over rural routes will be a physical impossibility. The first thing to strive for is good roads; let the parcel post come later.

## GOOD ROADS GOSPEL

DISCIPLES ARE THICK AS BUMBLE BEES IN A CLOVER PATCH.

NOT ALL CALLED TO PREACH

Desire is Strong, but Knowledge is Lacking—Wonderful Progress in Campaign for Better Highways—Cut Out All Fads.

BY HOWARD H. GROSS.

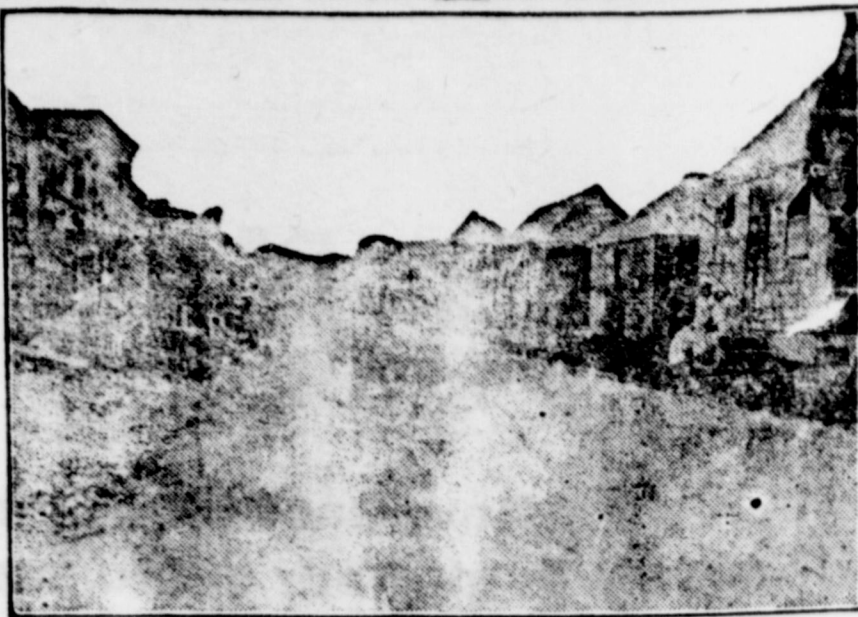
If one looks carefully over the press clippings that come in upon the question of good roads, he will be astonished at several things.

First, the widespread interest that is taken in the subject. Better highways are being discussed everywhere—in the shop, store, the school, at the cross roads, women's clubs, grain exchanges, boards of trade, railway meetings, etc. The advocates of good roads are as thick as bumble bees in a clover patch. All sorts of solutions are offered, most of which are impracticable, and if undertaken would be simply a waste of time and money. It reminds one of the remark of a philosopher, who, after listening to a young lady of voluble conversation, said: "What a relief it would be if she would stop talking for a little while and do some thinking."

There are disciples without number who feel they are called to preach the gospel of good roads. They know little or nothing of the subject, but the desire is strong and impelling. It reminds one of the young divinity student with very little aptitude for the profession he proposed to adopt and from which the bishop was trying to dissuade him because he regarded him as wholly inapt. The man maintained he was called to preach and therefore he was to obey the summons. The bishop asked him in what manner the call had come. He said he had had a vision clearly in letters of white "P. C.," which he interpreted to mean to go and preach Christ. The bishop told him he had no doubt he had seen the vision as stated, but he had misinterpreted it, and that the letters "P. C." in his case meant to plow corn. It is so with the good roads advocates, many of them doing more harm than good.

One enthusiast, who has been much in evidence, is telling the people how they can get good roads without money. He might as well try to boost himself over a fence by pulling at his boot straps.

The good roads question is a tremendously big one and must be handled in a big way. No one can master the subject in a short time. The writer has spent 15 years digging into it from every angle and he feels that there is yet much to learn. Some good roads enthusiasts have proposed the building of great national highways connecting all the capitals of the states, or a great trans-continental



The above shows a road leading to a small town, surrounded by hills. Such a road would do credit to any country in the world.

roadway from Boston to San Francisco, or from Chicago to the gulf. Such roads would be tremendously expensive, and about the only thing that they could be used for would be as speedways for automobiles. These are not the roads that the public needs. In the building of highways there are two great questions involved. One is the economic advantages to be gained from the transportation viewpoint, and this means good roads from the farm home to the market town, over which the food supply of the world must be moved. The other question is one of the social and educational advantages that follow good road construction.

Fortunately it is true that the same highways that would give the largest returns from an economic standpoint, are the roads best suited to give the highest advancement. Hence the need is not these great, broad, expensive highways, extending hundreds of miles in any given direction, but a network of good roads, nine to twelve feet wide, covering the main highways of the country and centering in the market towns upon the railways. The wagon roads are the veins of commerce; the railways the arteries. The largest public good will come from such a condition that there will be a free and uninterrupted movement upon both the highways and railways throughout the year.

Among the economic advantages is that it enables the farmer to keep in close touch with the market and make his deliveries when in his judgment the best price can be realized. There is no doubt that a large percentage—the major portion—of the farm produce for the last 50 years in the Mississippi valley has been sold and moved with road conditions as the determining factor. It is, "Hooray, boys, we must get this grain to market because the roads are good" and not necessarily because the price is at its best. This hurrying of product to market swamps the railroad companies and they are unable to move the freight and enables the shrewd dealers in the city to manipulate prices, pushing them up or down, and to reap a rich harvest out of the farmer on the one hand and the consumer on the other. Colossal fortunes have been built up through the grain exchanges. The principal factor that enables them to do this is bad and at times impassable roads.

If good roads advocates will confine their talk and recommendations to the highways that will serve the people, and such highways as the people can afford to build, much greater progress will be made.

In some instances good roads can be built with gravel at hand at from \$700 to \$1,000 a mile. Where the gravel must be shipped some distance the cost will be double. When crushed stone is used and must be shipped by train, the expense will be anywhere from \$2,500 to \$5,000 a mile. Even at \$5,000 a mile it would pay well to build good roads upon the highways, if it is done by the state aid plan.

Those who are objecting to the building of good roads advance objections that are found to be fallacious, upon a little consideration. The writer remembers one man who interrupted him during an address, and remarked that in some parts of the country they were building hard roads at a cost of from \$8,000 to \$10,000 a mile, and then said that their township had about 72 miles of highways and proceeded to show that the expense would be at \$5,000 a mile to cover all the highways with this type of road. Upon a little inquiry it was disclosed that the roads in question were brick roads, built upon a concrete foundation—an excellent road to be sure, and such as it may pay to build where the traffic is very heavy and there is a large amount of taxable property to pay the bill—but these are not the roads that it is usually practicable to build. No township needs anything like 72 miles. The facts are that four-fifths of the traffic passes over about one-fourth of the road mileage, and it has been found in every country, at home and abroad, that one-third of the total mileage of the highways has been thoroughly improved, all communities are well served, and the good roads problem has been solved. A man may have a farm a mile from a good road, but if it is six miles to town, he can manage to get over this first mile, which is the hard road, and to the main highway, and if from there he can have a first class road to town, making up six-sixths of the distance, he will be well taken care of.

The fact that he has five miles of good road and one mile of poor will spur him and his neighbors to put in the best possible condition this road of secondary importance. It has always been found that those opposing the building of good roads overestimate both the cost of the roads and the amount of mileage necessary, and it is apparently done with the studied purpose of trying to convince people that it is impossible to build good roads on account of the expense involved.

It has been demonstrated time without number that well built roads upon the main highways will pay for themselves every five or six years, treated from an economic standpoint alone, to say nothing of the educational and social advantages, and the pleasure and satisfaction of using a good road instead of a poor one.

The good road boomers should keep in mind some certain things that are fundamental. First, that under our system of government no large amount of good roads can be built unless the farmers are ready to move in the matter, hence the farmer and not the automobile manufacturer or user must be first considered.

Next, that the question of road necessity has the economic, social and educational welfare involved in it.

Next, that good roads the country over need not cost \$8,000 to \$10,000 a mile, but through the central west they can easily be built at costs ranging from \$1,000 to \$5,000 a mile, depending upon local conditions. This price may be sometimes reduced by the use of convict labor in the preparation of material.

The farmer should remember that the building of good roads adds to the cash value of his farm more than twice as much and sometimes five times as much as the tax he will be called upon to pay to help build them. He should also remember that if the roads were uniformly good it would be much easier to get help upon the farm. The farm laborer could provide himself with a bicycle, which can be had a very small cost, and upon rainy days or Sunday he could go out and see his friends instead of being marooned by impassable roads.

The farmer should also remember that over three times as much produce as over bad roads. Taking average road conditions the year round, it is safe to say that if one were hauling over them every day in the year with the same expenditure of power, at least one-third more could be delivered and possibly twice as much over good roads as over the unimproved highways that are often in good condition, but very often bad and sometimes impassable.

In a magazine article the writer noted the following: "A prominent southern farmer paid \$400 for a pair of mules. He refused to pay \$300 for a pair of smaller mules because the larger ones could pull 150 pounds more because of their increased size. He refused to vote a bond issue for good roads that would have enabled the smaller mules to pull 1,000 pounds more."

Thus in practice we often save at the spot and waste at the bung. The need of the hour is to take up the good roads question in a big, broad way with a liberal spirit, and realize that the roads are a permanent asset to the nation, the state and the township, and that if they are well built and properly cared for, they will last for many years, and the expense of building the roads ought to be spread over 20 or 30 years, so as to let those who come after us and share in the benefits, help pay a part of the expense of building them.

Valuable information upon highway construction and good roads generally can be had by applying to the office of public roads, Washington, or to the highway engineer of the respective states.

Let the good roads advocates agree upon some sensible line of procedure and cut out all the fads and impossibilities and bring the proposition down where it belongs, and consider it in the light of local conditions, and advocate such roads as will give the largest return for the money invested.

### An Uncertain Step.

"He has about the strangest walk I have ever seen." "Yes; you see, he was engaged to a girl who wore a hobble gown, and just when he had got so he could keep step with her she threw him down, and now he is engaged to a girl who wears a harem shirt and he is trying to learn to keep step with her."—Houston Post.

## GOOD ROADS IN NORTHWEST

Washington State Alive to the Importance of Having Serviceable Highways.

The northwest is alive to the value of good roads. In a recent issue of the Seattle (Wash.) Intelligencer the statement is made that before the summer is over Seattle and Tacoma will be connected by a first-class macadamized highway. In King county, of which Seattle is the seat, there will be \$20,000 available, including state aid, for road improvement this year. Much of this will be spent on a trunk line destined to connect Seattle and Everett. From Everett to Tacoma an improved road is a matter of the near future. This road work is part of a general plan to build a trunk line from the northern to the southern boundary of Washington, which in turn will become part of a highway from the Great Lakes to the ocean, through the northern tier of states, and this will connect with another trunk line from British Columbia down the coast to Mexico—a dream of that wide-awake country that is certain to be realized in the next few years.

## TRY FERRO-CEMENT ROADS

Experiments With This Substance in France Have Been Highly Successful.

"Ferro-cement" roads are being experimented with in France. The substance is made of cement mixed with straw. To make a slab or block of ferro-cement, a mass of iron-straw is placed in the mold, and there is poured over it cement sufficiently fluid to penetrate into all the interstices of the iron and completely cover it. When the whole has set, the core of iron thus intimately incorporated gives to the block a great resistance to breakage and to traction, at the same time furnishing elasticity to compression which enables it to stand superficial shocks. A brick of ferro-cement 1 3/5 inches thick has supported during crushing tests, a pressure of about 65 tons to the square inch. In breakage tests, the resistance was quadruple that of ordinary cement. Resistance to wear was no less remarkable.



The above view is from the Pitch Lake, island of Trinidad, where a pitch asphalt is used for street paving. The coolie is loading up his cart to haul the pitch to the docks. Other pitch gatherers can be seen in the distance.

## City Directory

Every 2nd and 4th Thursday nights  
W. E. Brooks, C. C. S. A. McCarroll, Clerk

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John D. Waldron, Consul  
A. N. Wood, Clerk

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W. H. Deboard, N. G.  
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S. A. McCarroll, Secretary

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Sheriff, J. T. Patman  
Treasurer, Gus Johnson  
Assessor, G. W. Baker  
Surveyor, J. C. Killough

Commissioners:  
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R. E. Williams, " " 2  
J. G. McDougal, Pct. No. 3  
Roy Kendall, " " 4

Justice of the Peace Precinct 3,  
K. W. Howell  
Constable Pct. No. 3, J. W. Bond

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" 7.....9:35 a. m.  
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" 8.....9:05 p. m.

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A road that is undrained, unimproved, dreary and uninviting. Query: Is this a highway or mirage? The march of progress over such roads will certainly be slow. Such roads mean isolation, dirt, poverty, poor schools, poverty and wretchedness. The building of good roads will practically double the value of such a farm. The State and Federal Government ought to help build the road. A good road ought to change the name of such a locality from Mud Flat to Pleasant Plains.



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