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## The Palo Duro Canyon and the Proposed Government Park

The Palo Duro Canyon beginning well up towards New Mexico, comes through the northern part of Deaf Smith county, thence through Randall from northwest to southeast, across the corner of Armstrong and into Briscoe county, where being joined by the Tule Canyon it proceeds to its outlet in the foot hills below the Cap Rock. Its total length, to follow its meanderings, is not far short of 200 miles. Taking the Canyon from two miles below Canyon City, where at the junction of the Tierra Blanco and Palo Duro creeks the combined waters, forming the Red River, enter the rocky gorges, the distance to the intersection of the Tule following the Canyon's course, will not miss 50 miles very far. Four miles below Canyon City is the famous Barrel Springs, now the Palo Duro club grounds. It is just below this point or, perhaps including this property, that the Federal government is being asked to establish a National park. Here the width of the Canyon is about a mile and its depth 150 feet. It gradually widens and deepens; at the falls, 12 miles below Canyon City, one and a half miles is near its width and the depth from the Cap Rock to the bed of the stream about 300 feet. Below this place, the Falls and "Devil's Kitchen," already a noted resort for pleasure and sight seeing, the Canyon walls, more and more precipitous as you course down the stream, attain loftier heights and are much wider apart. Thus, at the "Claude crossing" in Armstrong county it is said to be ten miles from rim to rim, while just above and below there the walls of the Canyon are vouched for by old settlers as rising, according to rope measure, to a perpendicular height of 1,000 feet. A conservative estimate of the Canyon's average width where the National Park is proposed would be four miles; its depth 500 feet and its length 40 miles. The Canyon walls for almost the entire distance might be called "straight down" on one side all the way, and on the other side, excepting about three points of entry with vehicles, you must either zig zag on horse or a foot by the side of precipices for considerable distances ere reaching the bottom, or else be let down with a rope.

Except for the small stream, dignified by the name of Red River, which winds its tortuous course along the bottom of the Palo Duro Canyon the space between its walls is occupied very much as is the renowned and much written of canyons of the Colorado and Yellowstone. The small valleys, little bottoms, grassy knolls and then a general mix-up or wreck of matter in which may be found evidence of all the ages beginning with the world's foundation stone of granite. Gold, assaying several dollars to the ton, has been taken out of some of the surface stone; there are seemingly well founded stories that here the Comanches got the silver out of which they constructed their bridle, head ornaments and rings; a fair grade of coal has also been found and indications for oil are said to be excellent. Among all this confusion of earth, boulder, mineral and other matter grow the grasses and shrubs peculiar to west Texas and in addition a grass that is near kin to it if not the "blue stem" of the Arizona canyons. Along the sandy bed of the river grow gigantic cotton-woods and other water-loving trees while over the Canyon floors generally are cedars, elms, hack-berries and other tree-growths and shrubs common to mountain as well as level timber lands. Here in these Canyon fast-

nesses with all the needs of life supplied abundantly by nature, sheltered from storms by the towering and frequently overhanging cliffs and from the destroying hand of man by the difficulty in finding among so many hiding nooks and by the inaccessibility of the place, may be found the bear, the blacktail deer and his smaller kinsman the red deer, the antelope and many other wild animals. In fact under present conditions, a man, were he so inclined, might live for years in the this Canyon and eat for years of its choicest game, with baked black bass every morning for breakfast and fruit between meals—all the product of the Palo Duro Canyon, and no one be the wiser for it. The News says this advisedly, for strange as it may appear to some people, this Canyon has never been thoroughly explored. Old settlers here, L. G. Conner, W. F. Helier and others have been down in it, that is where a vehicle could be gotten or a horse would go, but not much if any farther than that. Of the first comers to the Plains perhaps Ed. and W. C. Baird have seen more of the Canyon than anyone else, but their knowledge falls far short of its entire extent and depth. To see it all it is from the very nature of things, absolutely necessary to foot it nearly all the way, and this, from all accounts, has never been done. With a National Park there exploring parties would be the rule, the rage you might say, and who knows what this wonderful canyon may or may not add to the history of the Plains country?

Prior to the settlement of the paleface on the Plains, some thirty years back, the Palo Duro and Tule Canyons were the winter rendezvous of the Comanche, Kiowa and Cheyenne Indians. And after the government removed these tribes to the reservation at Fort Sill, outlaw bands from them frequently sought the security offered them by the canyon gorges from which, as their base of operations, they could depredate upon their old enemy, the Texas cowmen, and it was only after the most trying campaigning in which the National Government, ranger and cowmen joined, that "Leo" was finally driven out. All sorts of means were used to oust him. At one time, in the "seventies," in a valley on the Tule, General McKenzie rounded up 3,000 Indian ponies and shot them all down in an attempt to capture the owners. But the Canyon was the Indian paradise—here the buffalo and game, driven by the blast of winter, came to him; he did eat and was full, as Elijah of old, of what the "Great Spirit," sent him and was loathe to leave and he did not go until the passing of his main substance, the bison, starved him out. There are others too, pale-faces, who sought the Canyon in those days. They came with guns, pistols, and long knives; with shovels, with picks and with pack horses, but what they did and how they lived and died is lost history for only their bones and decayed implements, strewed in caves and along the canyon floors, remain to tell us that they once existed.

To lovers of Nature the scenery in the Palo Duro Canyon is grand beyond the reach of words. The News editor has never seen the Yellowstone Park, but some who have, say that the Palo Duro is its equal as a panorama of earthly wonders and can be made its superior as a pleasure resort.

In one respect the Palo Duro Canyon stands in world history almost alone. Traversing a vast almost level prairie its entire course it is as though this prairie, where the Canyon is, has sunken down, or as if an immense crack had

opened. So appears this Canyon as standing upon the edge or rim your eye reaches the other side. Geologists tell us that the plains are of marine origin; that the surface soils are both residual and alluvial; that the first are sedimental, the plains at one time laying at the bottom of an ancient lake and that the alluvial was the washing of the highlands into this lake. Perhaps so. But when these same authorities go further and inform us that the Palo Duro and Tierra Blanco creeks have cut through and made the Palo Duro canyon 'tis hard to believe. If a fact, and it may be, these creeks began their cutting process several millions of years prior to Adam's time.—Canyon City News.

## To Catch Methodist False Teeth.

Dr. S. A. Steele in his address last week during conference gave the following method of tracing lost Methodist false teeth. The account, he said, has been told him by a bishop of the church who got it in turn from another bishop.

A certain itinerant minister in a district in southern Methodism, so the account goes, had reached a place on his circuit where he was expected to preach. It happened that immediately near the place set for the preaching there was a tank filled to a considerable depth with water. The Methodist preacher it happened, had been forced to rely for a number of years on a complete set of false teeth and immediately before the service in question, he went out to a large tank in the rear of the preaching place to clean these members so that they might present a good appearance before the congregation. Several minutes passed and the minister did not return. Finally several of the congregation came out to look up the parson and to conduct him back to the preaching place. They found the parson vainly looking into the depth of the tank and, in response to questions he managed to gum out that he had lost his teeth in the tank and that he could not preach without them.

At this critical juncture one of the sisters hurriedly left the party and hastened to her home a short distance away where the parson usually took his Sunday dinner. Returning a few moments later it was seen that she had tied something to a long stick. This she poked down into the water to the spot where the teeth could be seen and an instant later she had the teeth safe on land—firmly bitten into the drum stick of a yellow legged chicken which she had providently attached to the stick.—Amarillo Panhandle.

The national race to come off a year hence, would be pretty hard to forecast correctly just now, but it is easy to tell who the Republican masses and the Democratic masses want in the race, and the fellow who does not know that Roosevelt and Bryan are the men wanted as candidates by the great masses of the two parties today, is so green in politics that the crow who would eat him would be in imminent danger of death from spasmodic colic. If the national conventions were held on Thanksgiving Day, your "Uncle" would not hesitate to predict the nomination of these two gentlemen, but does not pretend to know who will be nominated by either party next summer, for politics is a very much mixed quantity just now in our country.—Uncle Zeke in Wise Co. Index.

Directors of Jamestown exposition favor keeping it open next year, provided \$200,000 can be raised by popular subscription.

## Beware of Stock Swindles.

In this day the number of lambs shorn by the stock gambling concerns never comes to the light. The losers are ashamed to make their losses known and fresh suckers are constantly dropping into the net. We call the following from a magazine article on the subject:

"Today, strictly speaking, there are no investments! They are a gamble on whether your money will be used for the purpose intended when you buy a stock; merely a gamble whether you will be allowed to collect the profits when your money earns it; merely a gamble that a profit can ever be earned. It is just a bet. Legalized betting. A steel-mill owner looks over the country, and sees other steel-mills representing so much of the capital of the confiding public. He dreams a dream, and thinks in millions. Then he goes to the other owners and says: 'Put your mill in with mine, and we will make a big company, and we will sell stock to the public.' They put their mills in. They set a price on them, and for fear it is too little they double it, and add ten. They get cash for them. Good hard sweat-washed cash—and a few millions in bonds beside—bonds that carry a mortgage on the very mills they have sold to you, so that if you don't pay them more millions they can foreclose the mortgage and take the mills back again. Then they form a company, and add more stock to it, just to make it an even billion, and sell the stock as an 'investment.' Look at Carnegie!

"A railroad magnate looks over his road and sees that it is earning too much money. It is dangerous. It will give the public dangerous ideas. He increases capitalization; adds more stock; put in every broken engine, car, switch, piece of equipment; bonds it, sells the securities, or takes them himself in exchange for some little jerk-water connection that he has bought in cheap, and sold to his own company at a tremendous figure and thereby averages down the dividends to a pitiful per cent. on the stock the public carries. Look at Harriman and the Alton!

"A mine owner gets a claim in a desert camp and the public supplies the money to open it up and make a producing property out of it. It makes tremendous returns. Does the public get it? Straightway he starts a private bank and deposits the mine profits in it at 3 per cent. and lends it out at 6, 10, 12 per cent. and fights dividends in the name of a useless \$10,000,000 reserve fund. He adds more stock and makes a consolidation, putting in his own properties. He scares the public, brow-beats it, bullies it into selling its stock back to him cheap. He puts it on the New York or Boston Stock Exchanges, and hires a 'Tom Lawson' to manipulate it, and a 'Rogers' to juggle it. Look at the \$50,000,000 Consolidated of Goldfield, Nevada! Look at Amalgamated!

"Investment? Just Gambles. You bet that you win; he bets that you lose. There are plenty of 'takers' and they always handle the cards. Today we see the result of the 'system.' Panic, loss, failures, a chaos of public confidence, a demoralization of financial business, investigation, disclosure, scandal, a turmoil of legal squabbles in every state and Federal court, and a condition in national politics that has never before been an issue in the writer's time. Even the President, the highest Tribune in the land, stooping in his dignity to correct a situation which by every law of common decency and honor, like the virtue of Caesar's wife, should never, under any condition, have become an issue, had the men in trust been worthy of the confidence they have so ardently solicited."

## Standing Pat.

From all parts of Texas and from the other cotton states comes the good news that the farmers are holding cotton for the price set by the Farmers' Union. That is all we need to win the fight. If the farmers will hold they will win. The fight is entirely in the hands of the farmer, his to win or lose. The issue is plain and the result is clear. The Farmers' Union has declared for fifteen cents. The cotton gamblers have declared for ten cents. The farmers have the cotton. The gamblers have sold the cotton they haven't got. What are we going to do about it? There are two courses; sell at prevailing prices, the gambler wins and we lose; hold, and the gambler loses and we win. It looks easy. It is easy, if the farmers will hold firm to their pledges. From all accounts I believe that the farmers are going to hold and win.—Southwestern Farmer.

## A Perfect Case.

A Washington dispatch says that the financiers and trust magnates have agreed that if the administration will give them asset currency they will not make a fight against the administration's federal control of corporations plan. What a very generous offer. It is indeed one of the most perfect instances of "heads I win, tails you lose."—Commoner.

## Another Fast Ship.

New York, Nov. 16.—With \$13,000,000 abroad, the departure of the huge new Cunard steamer Mauretania, from Liverpool this afternoon on her maiden trans-Atlantic passage, say the event was attended with an interest fully as keen as that which marked the Lusitania's first department for America. The Mauretania's recent trials established the conviction she will surpass the Lusitania's achievements. Rival shipbuilding interests on the Tyne and Clyde are intensely interested on this point of speed for English builders hope to see the product of the Scottish yards outpaced by the Tyne side vessel. The Mauretania carries about 2,000 passengers, a record number for westward passage in the middle of November, but even then all her berths are not filled. The amount of gold she will bring here will be about \$13,000,000 to be distributed to banks. The Cunard company insured the Mauretania for nearly \$5,000,000. There is an optimistic feeling in financial circles here over the prospect of so much gold.

There is no sense in the South paying New York financiers four to six million dollars annually in exchange for handling her cotton crop. Little or no cotton is shipped from the port of New York. Bankers located in Southern seaports should be able to handle this business, as nearly all cotton is shipped to Galveston, Houston and New Orleans. The Southern bankers can, if they will, form an association to handle the cotton business independent of New York. If they will do this, Wall Street can start a money panic when it gets ready, and the panic will end just where it started.—Wichita Falls Times.

The national prohibition committee will meet in Chicago today to discuss the time and place for holding the presidential convention next year. Atlanta, Asbury Park and several other cities will present invitations.

Gamble on a five-cent ante and you'll do time. Gamble in millions on the "stock exchange," bringing disaster on an entire country, and Uncle Sam will back you up with every dollar in his treasury.—Wise Co. Index.

## Mayor of Huntsville Suicides.

While temporary insane from business worry and ill-health, Mayor R. S. Rather of Huntsville ended his life by shooting himself at his home there Saturday. The family was at dinner, Mr. Rather not joining them, and while alone he placed the muzzle of a revolver over his heart and fired, the ball passing through the heart. A physician was summoned but life was extinct before he arrived. Mr. Rather was born and raised in Huntsville and was 52 years old. He was prominently identified with the business interests there and was serving as mayor. He was a Mason and also a member of the Episcopal church. He was past eminent commander of Trinity Commandery No. 29.

## Texas is all Right.

One of the surest signs of the economic well-being of a people or a state is the attitude of the public press. That Texas is, and will remain, all right is abundantly proven by the sentiment expressed in practically every paper in the state. Very few of the papers of Texas agree, fully, with other papers, but they are practically unanimous in advocating the right kind of principles. Though differing widely on the way to do a thing they are almost a unit on the thing that should be done. I don't believe that any state in the Union, nor any country under the sun, has as free a press as Texas, as free from mercenary motive and influence. One of the most commendable things being done by the papers of Texas is the loyal manner in which they are supporting the farmers in their struggle for control of the cotton market. Another great work that is being done by the papers of Texas is their daily advocate of more intelligent methods of farm practice. And that campaign is bearing fruit. Diversified farming is becoming the rule, rather than the exception. All honor to the press of Texas.—Southwestern Farmer.

## STATE NEWS.

W. F. Moore, a railroad machinist at Denison, died shortly after eating canned oysters last week. Poisonous preservative in the oysters is supposed to have been the cause.

Neil McMillan, section foreman on the Texas Southern railroad out of Wimsboro, was killed by his handcar running over him. The accident occurred two and one-half miles from Wimsboro Thursday.

The Cumberland Presbyterian parsonage at Decatur burned last Thursday night. It was valued at \$1,000, with no insurance. Forrest Spencer, who lived in the house, lost \$750 worth of household goods with \$500 insurance.

By a majority of 265 votes Cooke county rejected prohibition Saturday, the election being hotly contested by both sides. Two years ago the anti won by 43 votes. In this election the vote was: Anti-prohibition, 1,899; prohibition, 1,634.

In a fight Friday between 13 Mexican tramps stealing a ride in a boxcar near El Paso on the S. P. road and the three trainmen, one Mexican was shot and instantly killed, two others seriously wounded and Conductor W. E. Clark received a bullet wound through the leg and three-deep cuts about his head.

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Standard Oil declares her usual 10 per cent quarterly dividend on the capital stock. This is 40 per cent per annum, on water and all, which will run up to several hundred per cent. This is one trust Teddy has not busted nor have the Wall Street brokers caused it to lose any sleep.

J. M. Shafer, the veteran editor of the Plainview Herald, has purchased back the half interest he sold to D. H. Stovall a few months ago. Mr. Shafer could not stay out, which is not a surprise to the fraternity who know how it is.—Lubbock Leader.

Mr. Shafer has been in the harness too long to throw it off now. When old Time makes the final swipe with his scythe he will likely find Mr. Shafer at his post of duty.

T. E. Martin had to apply twice before the police in Houston would arrest him. He claimed he was wanted in Kansas City for forgery and had left there under the influence of liquor, forfeiting a \$4,500 bond and claimed to be starving. Chief Ellis finally telegraphed and received a reply from Chief Aherny of Kansas City: "Hold Martin; wanted for forgery."

Why should Bailey get mad because Crawford called him a liar and bribe taker? Bailey has been traveling over the state six months calling people liars, thieves and bribers by wholesale.—Henrietta Independent.

J. R. Jamison of Wise county was indicted in federal court at Fort Worth last week for sending obscene matter through the mail. J. U. Thompson, postmaster at Boyd, in the same county, is also under indictment for embezzling a postal money order.

## In Memory of Miss Katie Jones

Whereas, The Allwise Creator has, in His providential way, so suddenly removed from our midst our loved and loving pupil, friend and class-mate, Miss Katie Jones; be it

Resolved, 1. That we deeply deplore the loss of one, who in the bloom of her youthfulness was just mounting the stage of actual service for her Lord and Master. She died where womanhood's morning almost touched noon. She had not passed on life's high-way the stone that marks the highest point, but being weary for a moment, she laid down by the wayside to rest and fell into that dreamless sleep from which we never awake.

2. That the vacant place in her home can never be filled, and that her teacher and class-mates will miss her good lessons and pleasant countenance in the Sunday school.

3. That we sympathize with her bereaved father, mother, brothers and sisters, and that we can only commend them to the Heavenly Father to whose will she was humbly submissive in her dying hours.

4. That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each of the county papers for publication, and that they be recorded in the Sunday school secretary's book.

MRS. G. A. WIMBERLY,  
MISS MARGARET KENSLOW,  
J. G. HENDRIX.

## Hurries to Oust Coal Trust.

McAlester, Ok., Nov. 16.—Charles West, the attorney general, came here today and took the oath of office. He then immediately filed a suit against the McAlester Fuel company and 46 coal companies in the McAlester district, alleging that they are in a combination. Attorney General West promised in his speeches during the campaign that the day he was sworn into office he would bring this suit. He did not attend the inaugural ceremonies at Guthrie, but came here to file the suit.

The allegations in the petition are that all the defendant companies have entered into a combine to control the output and the price of coal.

## Oklahoma and Indian Territory Wed and Made a State.

Guthrie, Okla., Nov. 16.—The ceremonies which gave birth to the new state of Oklahoma were consummated here at 1 o'clock today when Governor Charles N. Haskell and twenty other state officials took the oath of office. The inauguration was conducted on a platform built on the steps of the Carnegie library.

A few minutes before 12 o'clock Mr. Haskell was driven in a carriage from the Hotel Royal to the library, three blocks distant. The other officers gathered from their hotels and when the whistle blew for the noon hour all were grouped on the platform.

### MARRIAGE OF TERRITORIES.

C. G. Jones, the prominent Oklahoma City republican, walked quickly to the center of the platform and in a voice that could be heard to the edges of immense crowd, read the proclamation of President Roosevelt, admitting the two territories into the union. When he had finished he turned to the group on the pavilion and in a short address made proposal of marriage on behalf of Oklahoma to Indian Territory.

W. A. Durant, a Choctaw Indian, prominent in democratic circles, stepped from the party of state officers-elect and solemnly "accepted" the abbreviated wooing in behalf of Indian Territory, impersonated by Mrs. Leo Bennett, a charming young Indian matron from Muskogee. The picturesque event was carried out in the minute details. The marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. William A. Dodson, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city.

Following the consummation of the vows the clergyman raised his hand for silence while he prayed.

Hardly was the unique spectacle concluded when Mr. Haskell stepped quickly to the front of the platform. He was accompanied by L. G. Niblack, a Guthrie newspaper man, who was commissioned a notary public at Mr. Haskell's request. Taking the oath was a ceremony quickly performed. With right hand uplifted the man whom the people chose to head their first venture in self-government swore to uphold the right invested in his office and Oklahoma was born. The oaths of office were administered to the other officials in a body.

Quiet was restored only when Governor Haskell again walked to the front of the stand and raised his hand. Without formality he launched into his address. When he had finished the parade led to Island Park, where the barbecue had been prepared. In the carriage with the governor were members of the executive committee. Fourteen other carriages containing the state officers, five bands, walking civil and fraternal bodies and people on foot, composed the line of march, headed by a platoon of police and flanked by the Oklahoma National Guard and the Indian Territory military bodies.

At the park the barbecue dinner was informally served while the new officers held a reception. The sight was picturesque. The ball tonight in the city hall, where the legislature is to meet, concludes the inaugural ceremonies.

### THE CONSTITUTION.

It is estimated that it cost Oklahoma \$10,000 for the constitutional convention to determine whether the Supreme Being should be mentioned in the preamble. The delegates consumed the day in argument over this question and the expense of the convention was \$1,000 a day.

Several days were consumed in debating on the question whether or not the state constitution should recognize the constitution of the United States.

No such recourse to detailed law making in a constitution has ever been attempted in the history of the United States. The constitution provides, for instance, that every railway company shall furnish comfortable and clean depots and depot buildings shall be kept clean, lighted and warm for the comfort and accommodation of the public.

William Jennings Bryan likes the document and is quoted as having pronounced it a better constitution than the federal constitution itself.

The constitution received the approval of the citizens of the state last September with a majority of more than 108,000 votes.

### INITIATIVE AND REFERENDUM.

Under the initiation and referendum clauses, which are those most commented on, eight per cent of the legal voters have the right to propose any legislative measure and 15 per cent may propose amendments to the constitution by petition. The referendum may be ordered, except as to laws necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety, either by petition signed by five per cent of the legal voters or by the legislature. Referendum petitions must be filed with the secretary of state not more than 90 days after the adjournment of the legislature. A provision of a similar character is incorporated in the constitution of Oregon. In Oklahoma it is extended to cover municipalities as well as the state.

### PROHIBITION CLAUSE.

While the enabling act required prohibition in the greater portion of the state for a period of 21 years, the constitution has extended this to cover the entire state. The purpose of the clause in the enabling act was to prevent the sale of liquor to Indians.

The constitution contains approximately 60,000 words and holds the record in this regard. It is now in the hands of the department of justice, which will certify to its having conformed with the provisions of the enabling act. The 46th star will not make its appearance in the flag until July 4, 1908, the time for this step having been fixed by law to cover all new states.

Oklahoma will probably be democratic in politics for some time to come. The governor, C. M. Haskell of Muskogee, received a majority of 27,000 votes. The state will cast approximately 250,000 votes, of which number from 10 to 15,000 are by negro voters. The majority for prohibition was about 20,000. Of the twelve republicans in the constitutional convention six came from each side of the new state.

The state has 1,500 postoffices, but an effort looking toward opening these places up to competition at the time was frowned upon by the administration, and vacancies will be recognized only as they occur in the regular way.

Oklahoma is made up of the territory of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, and has an area of 70,430 square miles. It is larger than the states of Indiana and Ohio combined, and has a population estimated at 1,500,000, which is greater than that of 23 of the states of the union.

Rich in natural resources, Oklahoma has every prospect of becoming one of the most wealthy commonwealths of the middle west. Her farming lands in some portions of the state are now worth \$75 an acre. All products of the temperate zone flourish within her boundaries and cotton is successfully grown in the southern portion of her area. Oil, gas, coal, salt, asphalt, building stone and, in fact, all the minerals except the precious ones await the coming and development of energy and capital.

### Not His Complaint.

A short while since a number of amateur musicians in a country town met for the purpose of organizing an orchestra. They were successful in procuring all the performers they desired except an ophicleide player.

One of the number finally volunteered to take up the instrument and try to learn to play it. He had no ophicleide; but, hearing that he could probably borrow one from a young man in the place who was thought to own one, he happened to meet him in the street one day, accosted him with: "How are you, Brown? I heard you had an ophicleide."

Brown looked at him in utter amazement, having probably never heard of such an instrument before, and stammered out: "Well, I— I was very ill about two weeks ago, but I don't think I had that, at any rate!"—London Graphic.

Tessie—I suppose you won't marry until you find the 'one girl in a million.' Tom—No; with a million.—Stray Stories.

From Rev. Wilson C. Rogers. To The Chronicle:

North Ft. Worth, Tex., Nov. 16. As I promised to give some account of myself through the columns of the Chronicle of all good things, I will now give you a few items.

We have been exceedingly busy since coming here. This is a great field. We have a population of about 12,000 dependent upon our efforts as a Baptist church. There are two other Baptist churches on this side, Rosen Heights and Clinton Avenue. These are suburban churches, and each one of them is a mile and a half from ours. They are both growing young churches. Bro. J. M. Wright is pastor of Clinton Avenue church, and Bro. T. H. Sturgis is pastor of Rosen Heights church. We have all the work myself and assistant pastor, Rev. C. S. Worsham, can both do, besides what help my wife is to me.

We have a good home, in a five-room house, modern built, with lights, water, bath and sewerage; good barn, buggy house, wood-house, chicken house, and storm cellar. We are just one block off of the car line, on Central avenue, three blocks from Main street and the business section, with two other car lines, and three blocks from the church. Our residence is 1405 Lee avenue, and our church, corner of the Boulevard and Fifteenth street.

We are beginning to enlarge the work along many lines. The church still owns its old property on East Twentieth street, and this we are repairing and repainting, and will conduct a regular mission there. We will have a regular Sunday school, and also preaching each Sunday night by the assistant pastor.

I have some very strong friends in this church who are stockmen that I have known for 20 years. They are now live stock commission men at the stock yards. I also find quite a number whom I have served as pastor at other places. All this makes it exceedingly pleasant.

Our church is steadily growing in grace and in numbers. We have received members every Sunday since I came here—11 in all—three by baptism. Our congregations are outgrowing our house. We can seat 400, and some Sunday nights the house is filled to overflowing.

We have something new to me in our membership—about 10 deaf mutes—who belong to our church. There are about 40 of them in North Fort Worth who belong to the different churches. They are just completing a church building. It is built by the Northern Baptist Mission Board and local help. They have a Baptist pastor, and they all worship there together. It is interesting to see a man preach an able sermon and not hear him. They are very enthusiastic, and sometimes shout. But of course, it is a silent shout, except the clapping of hands. I baptized some the other night. Their pastor repeated the ceremony after me to them, by signs.

We attended the convention at San Antonio. It was a great convention in every respect.

We have had some very changeable weather lately, and a great many are laid up with colds. Mrs. Rogers is laid up with a severe cold.

With regards to our multitude of Clarendon friends, we are, yours in service. WILSON C. ROGERS.

The annex to Mrs. Swan's rooming house, occupied by Mrs. L. E. Gipson at Ablene, burned Saturday. Loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$3,000.

All the latest post cards at Stocking's.

"So you don't share the general indignation toward the railroads?" "No," answered Farmer Cornstossel; "I have always felt that a locomotive was entitled to a lot of credit for sticking to the track instead of snorting up and down the country roads like an automobile."—Washington Star.

Stern Parent—Young man, you have been calling on my daughter rather frequently for some time. Are your intentions serious?

Young Man—Certainly, I'm trying to persuade her to persuade you to purchase the make of piano I am agent for.—Exchange.

# Your Grocery Order

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## ROADMAKING TEST.

Advantage of Solidly Rolled Earth as an Element in Permanency.

At Bement, Platt county, Mo., a road-making experiment is in progress which will be watched with much interest, says the Carrollton (Mo.) Gazette. It is conducted under the direction of the state highway commission and is intended to demonstrate the advantage of the highly compacted earth as an element in the permanency of the roads.

A stretch of road a half mile or more in length was excavated to a depth of twenty inches to two feet and the earth thrown out at the side. Then an enormous steam roller was put into this excavation, which is about twenty feet wide, and the bottom rolled down as solid as it could be made. Then the excavated earth was thrown in by degrees, drenched with water and rolled thoroughly, and so on till the excavated earth was put back. This rolling process is so rigid that the earth thrown out will not nearly fill the excavation, and to complete the filling up ample ditches are cut at the sides of the road, the earth thrown into the excavation, and thoroughly compacted with the roller. The excavation is filled up to the height desired for the roadway, and thus the road consists of a body of earth nearly or quite two feet thick compacted as firmly as it is possible for a roller to compact it.

Now, the theory is that if this road is thoroughly drained, so that it cannot be undermined by water, and is dressed down on the top with a drag whenever it is wet from rain it will shed the water on the top and be a permanently solid and smooth road and one that can be constructed at moderate cost.

### Canada's Cash Road Tax System.

Canadian townships, particularly those of the province of Ontario, are adopting the cash road tax system in place of the ancient method of working out the road tax, which is in too many cases a farce, says the Good Roads Magazine. Supervision of the work on the roads is intrusted to from one to four responsible commissioners, who use labor saving machinery, build better bridges than the roads had and make the highways permanent and durable. During the decade from 1896 to 1905 the outlay on county roads of Ontario amounted to \$21,000,000. Of this \$10,482,902 was cash, and \$10,519,900 represented days of statute labor. This equaled an average of \$2,100,000 per annum and included the expenditures by the townships and a part only of that made by counties on their country highways. Cities and towns spent a large amount in addition to the above sums. The good roads movement is said to be extending widely in Canada.

### Gumbo Roads.

State Engineer George W. Cooley of Minnesota was recently quoted as saying that he is convinced that there is no reason why good gumbo roads cannot be built. "The gumbo road built last year near Crookston," he stated, "is now in excellent condition and has been every day during the year in which it has been in use."

"Where is your father?" asked the caller. "Down in the piggan," answered the son of the house. "He has a fat one."—Lippincott's.

## Market Report.

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Monday:

Steers \$3.40 to \$4.00.  
Cows \$1.80 to \$3.00.  
Calves \$2.50 to \$4.50.  
Hogs \$4.77 to \$5.12.

### Her Diagnosis.

A servant girl was brought to a cottage hospital suffering from an overdose of poison.

When questioned as to her motive for taking it she replied:

"I wasn't feeling well, and I went to my mistress' room to get some medicine from the chest she has there. The bottle I got was marked, 'Three drops for an infant, six for an adult and a tablespoon for an emetic.' I knew I wasn't an infant. I wasn't sure about an adult, so I thought I must be the emetic, and I took the spoonful."—London Graphic.

Winter overshoes will save leather and doctor's bills, and you can find the best articles, and rubbers for men, women and children, at Bryan & Land's.

### Strayed.

One bay pony 10 or 12 years old, wearing leather headstall. Scarred on one front foot and one hind foot. Any information gladly received, and any trouble liberally paid for. Notify Bryan & Land.

Strayed or Stolen—Brown horse, about 16½ hands high, 7 or 8 years old, no brands, wire cut on left fore arm, shod all round, stands with feet close together. Liberal reward for recovery or information leading to recovery. A. H. Cowstar.

### For Sale.

Seven residence lots; will make three or four nice building sites; city water near by. See us at once. STEWART & GILLIAM.

A man in Clarendon once thought he owned some land, but he doesn't. He bought without an abstract and got no title. Don't buy land without an abstract. J. C. Killough & Son of the Clarendon Abstract Co., make them, and make good ones.

### Reduction Sale.

Smith & Thornton have put on a special sale of shoes, hats, gents' furnishing goods and boys' clothing. From 10 to 25 per cent off. Call and see their stock.

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**LOCAL AND PERSONAL.**

Found—Lady's tan kid glove, left at this office.

The past two days have been drizzly and cold, with threatened sleet.

John McMicken was up from Memphis and spent Sunday here with his mother.

The mill and sheller was started up at the elevator yesterday and worked off nicely.

Mrs. J. H. Cooper of Ft. Worth is here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. A. Buntin.

Mrs. Lethia Mace, of Roosevelt N. M., is here visiting her father, Richmond Bowlin, and family.

Too bad to gather news such weather as this, and we are sure our readers will agree with us and overlook any omission.

C. Risley and son, A. F. Risley, and their families arrived here Monday from Caddo Mills and will make this place their home.

Miss Julia Kemp came up from Memphis Saturday and visited her brother, T. S. Kemp, and family. She returned home Monday.

The Odd Fellows gave an entertainment Monday night in the way of a supper that was thoroughly enjoyed by all those present.

L. K. Egerton left yesterday for Amarillo with a force of hands to begin the work of setting their public park in trees grown in his Clarendon nursery.

In county court this week Alex. Ligertwood obtained judgment against the railway for \$100 for the loss of a stag hound, which died during shipment.

At a meeting of Clarendon college trustees this week they reconsidered their decision to build the new structure on the site of the girl's dormitory, and concluded to build on the south block.

Justice court had a little grist in its mill this week. Joe Manley plead guilty to the charge of drunkenness and paid a small fine. Sam Bert, on a complaint of disturbing the peace, was cleared.

S. C. Chapman, a circulator of the Daily Panhandle of Amarillo, was here Monday and dropped in the office to exchange greetings. He is thinking of going into the newspaper business on his own account.

The Bakery Cafe, opened by J. F. Tax, is the nicest and cosiest eating place in town. You can be quietly and quickly served, and it has had a good patronage from the start. Mr. Tax will make a special effort to please the ladies; besides a nice, wholesome meal, he assures them courteous treatment.

Mrs. M. J. Montgomery, living near Lakeview, Hall county, died last Thursday, aged 34. She belonged to the Mutual Life Insurance Association of this county, and Secretary Parsons has made a call on the membership for their assessment. There are now 517 members.

**The Three Laws of Motion.**  
The three laws of motion are: (1) If a body be at rest, it will remain at rest unless it is compelled by some external force to change its state, and similarly, if it be in motion, it will continue to move in a straight line and at a uniform velocity forever unless its state of motion be affected by some external force. (2) Change of motion of any body is proportional to the external force that causes it and takes place in the straight line in which the force acts. (3) To every action there is always an equal and contrary reaction, or the mutual action of any two bodies are always equal and oppositely directed. This law is often briefly stated thus: Action and reaction are equal.—New York American.

**728 Acres of Land for Sale**  
Nine miles from Clarendon, three miles from Southard; sell all or part; 150 in cultivation, 4 room house, well and windmill, good orchard, sheds, etc.  
92-11 B. J. RHODERICK.

Old newspapers for sale at this office.

**COLLEGE NOTES.**

Reported for THE CHRONICLE

School is moving along as nicely as ever. The young ladies are looking out to spend Christmas at home. Three left yesterday morning: Miss Ethel Todd, of Tulsa, Tex.; Miss Ruby Easum, of Amarillo; Miss Vergie Morris, of Stanford, Tex. There are several more who expect to leave in a few days. They expect to return for the second term.

S. F. Snider was in college chapel Monday and his talk was enjoyed by all the students.

Bro. Neal was in college chapel last Friday.

The societies met last Friday and elected C. M. Carter editor in-chief, and Miss Zoe O'Neill assistant. The college is going to put out a good magazine.

The musical entertainment Friday night in chapel was fine. It was real cold, but there was a large crowd out.

**A Silhouette Party.**

Mrs. Dozier's Sunday school class of the Baptist church were royally entertained Saturday night at a Silhouette party given by Misses Burdett.

As most of the class are girls, they were kept busy the previous week hustling around for a way to go, or in a plainer form, making dates with the boys. With the help of Miss Dora Burdett they were all successful in obtaining the promise of some elegant young men to act as an escort. But as this form is rarely practiced by our fair damsels, they were uneasy for fear some mistake would be made to prevent their arriving. To prove this we were told that our beloved central, Miss Ryne, was constantly ringing No. 145. The principal conversation being: "Miss Burdett, are you sure Mr. — will come? Does he know the way out? Will you please tell him just where I live? At what hour will he come? I can't bear to be kept in suspense. How are we going? I am sorry for him to go to the expense of hiring a livery rig (no reflection on the contents of your purses, boys, only the conscientious feeling of your lady friend), and I think it too far to walk." These and other nervous-like questions were asked.

However, after arriving at the prompt hour of 8 p. m., they were ushered into a room prepared for the making of each Silhouette (by the way of parenthesis we thank Misses Castillo and McMicken for their kindness and expertness in the making of the Silhouette). After all were made the contest of guessing who each Silhouette was, then began. A prize, a beautiful picture of the birth-place of Lincoln, was awarded, Miss Bessie Caraway being the fortunate one.

We eagerly awaited the hour to arrive when the signal to enter the dining room to a dumb supper was given. Ugh! how our eyes glistened with pleasure and our mouths watered when we found awaiting us what was said to be "shaky top" chocolate custard. Imagine our feeling and disappointed taste when we bit into the custard to find it was potatoes, richly flavored with salt, pepper and numerous other ingredients. The penalty for talking was a fine of 5 cents, which was given to the Sunday school class. Some talked, but how could it be helped when the gustatory nerve came in contact with such a mixture? The boys willingly paid the fine. Then were brought in delicious cakes of all kinds, served with gelatine and cherries. This was fine, and appreciated very much, for it was such a contrast from the first dish.

Being entertained with select music by the Misses Tatum and enjoying different games, we found the hour of midnight fast approaching, and bade our hostess good-night. It was the expression of many present that it had been quite a long while since they had enjoyed a party as they did the Silhouette.

Thanking the Misses Burdett for their hospitality, I am,

ONE OF THE NUMBER.

**The Globe's Voting Contest for a \$75 Diamond Ring and a \$40 Ladies' Gold Watch.**

Below we give the total number of votes at the close of the count today, Wednesday, Nov. 13, 1907:

Miss Minnie Thorp	3993
Miss Bessie Caraway	3479
Miss Marion Barnett	3341
Miss Ethel Heister	3256
Mr. Chas. McMurtry	2303
Miss Ruth Atteberry	1726
Miss Mora Denton	1678
Mrs. Ora Liesburg	1038
Miss Lena Davis	866
Miss Tugwell	831
Miss Fay Dodson	582
Miss Aris Baldwin	379

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Below cost to reduce stock.  
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**Engineer Killed—Twelve Cars Wrecked.**

A northbound freight on the Denver was wrecked two miles east of Vernon Monday morning. The engine turned over and Engineer C. B. Sims, whose home is in Corbin, Ky., was scalded to death, and Fireman Tidwell was injured. Twelve cars, four of them immigrant cars, were wrecked. F. E. and N. I. Burden, of Paris, Texas, had two fine horses killed; J. H. Watts, of Royston, Texas, had one horse killed and one crippled. Chickens, turkeys and household goods were scattered promiscuously and the track torn up for 100 yards. Cars were stacked and the track blocked and the northbound passenger did not get here until 9 o'clock yesterday morning.

Mrs. J. S. Wynne left for Clarendon Thursday morning to spend a few days with her daughters, who are attending school at that place. —Pampa Crony.

**Sunday Service.**

Owing to the fact that people want medicine on Sundays same as week days you will always find some one at our store to fill your prescriptions. Fleming & Brumley.

**Saddle and Work Horses for Sale or Trade.**

Eight head of good horses.  
93-11 R. H. ELKINS.

**That Thanksgiving Dinner.**

All the members of the Ladies' Aid society of the Baptist church are urgently requested to be at the church Wednesday at 4 o'clock to make arrangements for the big Thanksgiving dinner. The church will be made comfortable by a good fire, if necessary. Don't forget the date.

The girls of the B. Y. P. U. will wait on the tables during the dinner and the guests will in nowise be neglected.

"Mary, Mary, Quite Contrary." I should be glad to know the authority for the oft repeated statement that this nursery rhyme has its origin in Queen Mary Tudor. A contemporary once more revives it and says: "Mary was Queen Mary Tudor, whose religious contrariness to her father, brother and sister was obvious. The garden was the church in England, the silver bells were the restored sacring bells at mass, the cockleshells the emblems of revived pilgrimages to holy places and the pretty maids the nuns whom she reinstated in their convents."—London Notes and Queries.

**BUSINESS LOCALS.**

All the latest post cards at Stocking's.

Some very nobby suits for men left at Dubbs'. Positively at cost.

School shoes at a bargain at Rathjen's store.

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Ladies, get your boys' suits at cost. We are closing out this line, at E. Dubbs & Sons'.

Jewelry of the best quality, newest pattern and beautiful in design at Clower's. Be sure and see his new watches, lockets, pins, etc.

Place your order for fresh meat with the City Meat Market, new Carroll building. W. I. Lane proprietor. Phone 17.

All kinds and prices of jewelry. If you don't see what you want we will order it, E. Dubbs & Sons.

I am now running a light delivery wagon and can give prompt and careful service in hauling. Also dealer in coal and hides.

Phone 3. M. F. LEE.

The snappiest line of Dorothy Dodd shoes for ladies just received. J. H. Rathjen.

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Besides curing all the above distressing ailments, the "Golden Medical Discovery" is a specific for all diseases of the mucous membranes, as catarrh, whether of the nasal passages or of the stomach, bowels or pelvic organs. Even in its ulcerative stages it will yield to this sovereign remedy if its use be persevered in. In Chronic Catarrh of the Nasal Passages, it is well, while taking the "Golden Medical Discovery" for the necessary constitutional treatment, to cleanse the passages freely two or three times a day with Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy. This thorough course of treatment generally cures the worst cases.

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**Young Sows for Sale.**

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R. BOWLIN.

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A 16-hand, 7-year-old saddle and harness horse. Gentle for family use. Price \$200. N. S. RAY, 82-11 Hedley, Tex.


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Every person who sends One Dollar to pay for a year's subscription to the TWICE-A-WEEK REPUBLIC of St. Louis, Mo., and FARM PROGRESS, will receive ABSOLUTELY FREE, a beautiful colored picture, 34 by 22 inches entitled "The Departure of the Virgin from the Home of Washington." This picture is a direct reproduction from the celebrated painting from Ferris. Sixteen colors were employed in the process. It is on fine, heavy paper, and will make a magnificent ornament for the home. Aside from its genuine artistic merits, it possesses an uncommon interest to every American, as the central figure in it is George Washington, standing at the portal of his Virginia home, bidding adieu to the bride and bridegroom. The color work is highly ornate and correct in every detail.

Pythian Sisters—Panhandle Temple, No. 55. Meets 1st and 3rd Monday nights at Pythian Hall. Mrs. H. B. WHITE, M. E. C. Mrs. JOHN M. CLOVER, M. of R. & S.  
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Teach them that the woman who keeps her house in order and looks after the comfort of her family in every way, earns as much as the man who furnishes the money part of the partnership, and they will be ready to do as we heard a boy say not long since: "I shall give my wife half of all my income to do with as she likes," instead of asking what she had done with that last quarter he gave her, and talking as if he earned all the money and she and her children spent it, as one poor wife told us her husband did. Begin to train the husbands—yes, and the wives, too—in their childhood, and no one will ask, "Is marriage a failure?" in the next generation.

**A. and M. College Notes.**

C. M. Evans, a senior student in the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas, has been appointed a member of the executive committee of the Horse Breeders' association. Other members of this committee are scientists interested in the improvement of breeds of horses, professors in universities, and members of the agricultural department at Washington. The choosing of Mr. Evans to represent the big southwest is a splendid honor for so young a man, as well as a tribute to the practical training offered by the department of animal husbandry at college.

Prof. W. C. Welborn, vice director of the Experiment Station, is attending many teachers' institutes and lecturing on the introduction of agriculture in the public schools. Prof. Welborn does not believe that time should be taken from teaching the three R's, but rather that the public schools should place special emphasis on these and thus better prepare their pupils for high schools and colleges. He does believe, however, that agriculture is every bit as valuable from an educational standpoint as geography, history and physiology, and more valuable in cultivating the powers of observation, and far more likely to find application in the business of life. He believes that, after a pupil is thoroughly grounded in these elementary branches necessary to enable him to get information for himself, his education should get as near the business life of the people as possible.

The professor maintains that one can teach agriculture just as well with books, pictures and charts as one can teach geography and history by means of books, globes and maps. Fortunately, however, every farm, garden, orchard, animal, tree, shrub, or insect in the neighborhood, may be made a splendid illustration of some truth that may be taught about agriculture.

There will be no money stringency in the Osage nation after Nov. 25. The government will disburse \$170,000 in currency among the Osages on that date, which will at once be put into circulation as the Osages are great spenders. "Let Wall Street have its panic," says a Pawhuska paper, "we will forget that it ever happened by next week."

J. F. Simmons was thrown from a load of wood at Denison Thursday and killed.

**lege Deferred.**

The following is notice given by the president of the board of trustees for the college which the Presbyterian church proposes to establish in the Panhandle:

Amarillo, Tex., Nov. 14, 1907.  
To Whom It May Concern:

In view of the financial stringency it has been decided by the board of trustees of the Panhandle Presbyterian college to extend the time in which bids may be made for the location of said institution.

The exact date on which bids will be opened will be determined later, and due notice of the same will be given.

L. C. KIRKES, President.

Such postponement is likely to be greeted with relief by all the towns which were applicants for the institution. Under present conditions people are not making large subscriptions or incurring unnecessary indebtedness. The trustees of the college realize this and by making a postponement for a time will be able to secure subscriptions greatly larger than those which even the warmest friends of the movement would be willing to promise now. The trustees and the organization behind this college proposition will provide for the institution the best possible foundation before it starts so that its usefulness will not be crippled by the uncertainties which usually accompany the first years of smaller colleges in this country.—Amarillo Panhandle.

**ROAD PHILOSOPHY.**

Observations by Horatio Earle, Michigan Highway Commissioner. State Highway Commissioner Horatio Earle of Michigan has issued the following good roads philosophy, says the Motor News:

"Why don't farmers keep farrow cows? Because farrow cows eat as much as new milk cows and give only about one-half as much milk.

"What are new milk cows? Developed farrow cows.

"If farrow cows can be developed into new milk cows, why not go ahead with the development and develop new milk cows with udders twice as large as common new milk cows have? Because nothing would be gained if it were possible to do it, because the udder is not the producer of the milk, but simply the receptacle in which the milk is deposited, which is produced by the developed cow.

"In order to get more milk the whole cow must be developed.

"A county with poor roads in the country and poor streets in the villages and cities reminds me of a farrow cow. A county with good roads in the country and good streets in the villages reminds me of a fully developed new milk cow.

"If it is impossible to get the whole country under the county road law, then adopt the good roads district system, which is the county road law on a small scale, permitting certain townships, villages and cities to operate under the county road system without taking in the whole county.

"The villages and cities then help to build the leading roads into the market centers, and these roads develop the country districts, which in turn lodge more milk and more regularity in the village and city udders.

"Yet there are men that cannot see that this is a benefit to either. I know a supervisor that did all he could to defeat the good roads district system which was combining two cities and four townships into a good roads district, and his township would pay in 82 cents when one of the cities would pay in \$11.50, and under the system his township would get back its 82 cents and one-fourth of the \$11.50 to build roads in his township, yet he couldn't see that it would be a benefit to his township. Such a man wouldn't buy gold dollars if he were offered 'em for 25 cents apiece on account of the expense."

**The Bushranger.**

"Bushranger," an instance of Australian slang, is a curious case of verbal degradation. From an etymological point of view there is no reason why bushranger should not be as respectable a word as parkranger. In the early Australian newspapers such advertisements as "Wanted—A good bushranger," were quite common. The word then meant an experienced bushman. But when the bush became the refuge of robbers of banks and mail coaches and lucky diggers the word acquired the sinister meaning that it now possesses—brigand, outlaw, desperado.

**France and Ireland.**

The evergreen strawberry tree is found growing wild only in the south of France and Spain on the continent and in the counties of Cork and Kerry in the British Isles. Certain familiar plants in Ireland are found elsewhere only in the Pyrenees and some portions of Spain and Portugal. A study of the Irish insects and beetles produces equally surprising results. These facts and others lead to the conclusion that there was formerly a continuous coast line between France and Ireland.—Argonaut.

**TAB ON RURAL ROADS**

Mileage and Cost of Public Highways in United States.

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Outside of Settlements in 1904 United States Had 2,151,570 Miles—But 7.14 Per Cent of All American Roads Have Been Improved.

While it is known in a general way that some parts of the United States have made greater progress than others in the improvement of the public roads and that enormous sums are expended annually on road construction and repairs, there has been no information compiled up to the present time showing just what has been accomplished and how much is expended annually for this purpose in the United States, says a Washington dispatch to the St. Louis Republic.

The office of the public roads in the agricultural department recently completed the collection, compilation and publication of information from every county of the United States in regard to the mileage of improved and unimproved country roads in the year 1904, and the expenditures on roads and bridges from property and poll taxes, bond issues and state funds under the state aid laws, and the amount of value of the labor expended under the statute labor laws.

In 1904 there were 2,151,570 miles of public roads in the United States. Of this mileage 108,232.9 miles were surfaced and gravel, 38,621.7 miles were stone, and 6,809.7 miles were special materials, such as shells, sand-clay, oil and brick, making in all 153,664.3 miles of improved road. From this it follows that 7.14 per cent of all the roads in the United States have been improved.

By comparing the total road mileage with the area of all the states and territories it appears that there was .73 of a mile of road per square mile of territory. A comparison of road mileage with population shows that there was one mile of road to every thirty-five inhabitants and one mile of improved road to every 492 inhabitants.

The 2,151,570 miles of public roads in the United States do not include roads in Indian Territory, Alaska and the island possessions. The mileage of roads does not include streets or boulevards in incorporated cities and villages.

The majority of all the roads in the United States were originally laid out along the boundary lines of farms, with little regard for drainage, topography or alignment. In the eastern states the boundary lines of farms are very irregular, and consequently many of the roads are crooked and badly located with reference to grades. In the middle west, where the land was laid out by the government, the roads follow the section lines and in thickly settled communities the quarter section lines. In compiling these figures the aim has been to include only the mileage of roads actually open and in use.

Only four states have more than 100,000 miles of roads. Texas stands first, with 121,409 miles; Missouri second, with 108,133; Iowa third, with 102,448, and Kansas fourth, with 101,196. The District of Columbia has only 191 miles of road. Rhode Island has 2,361 miles, which is the smallest mileage of any state. Delaware has only 3,000 and Arizona only 5,987 miles.

By comparing the road mileage with the areas in square miles the District of Columbia is found to stand first, with 3.18 miles of road per square mile of area, while Connecticut is highest among the states, with 2.90 miles. Rhode Island has 2.24 miles and Pennsylvania 2.21 miles per square mile of area. Arizona has only five-hundredths of a mile, the smallest mileage per square mile. Utah has eight-hundredths and Wyoming ten-hundredths of a mile per square mile.

Assuming the average width of the rights of way of country roads in the United States to be forty feet, the area of such rights of way in 1904 amounted to 10,431,727 acres. Estimating the value of this land on a basis of the valuation of farm lands in each state, the approximate value of the rights of way of all the public roads would be \$341,809,306. A much higher valuation would be amply justified by the fact that in sections where the mileage of roads is greatest the land is considerably above the average in value.

Of the 153,662 miles of improved roads in the United States Indiana has the largest mileage—23,877 miles. Ohio has 23,550, Wisconsin 10,633, Kentucky 9,486, while twenty-nine states in all have over 1,000 miles of improved roads. In about two-thirds of the states gravel is the most used agency in improvement, while in eight states the mileage of macadam exceeds that of gravel roads.

Of those states employing special kinds of improvements to roads California has 2,541 miles surfaced with oil, South Carolina has 1,630 miles of sand clay mixture road, Maryland has 250 miles of shell road and Ohio has brick country roads 1,400 miles long.

The total expenditures for public roads during 1904 from property and poll taxes, bond issues, state aid funds and the valuation of the labor expended under the statute labor laws of some of the states aggregated \$79,771,417.87. Of this amount \$63,815,387.98 was expended from property and poll taxes, payable in cash; \$19,818,236.30 was the value of the labor taxes, \$3,530,470.93 came from bond issues and \$2,607,322.66 was from state aid funds. The aggregate shows that \$37.07 was expended in 1904 for each mile of public road, or \$1.05 for each inhabitant in the country.

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