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GOOD ROADS.

State Grange Convention.—Address by Hon.
 D. L. Rhyno, Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Decem-
 ber 8, 1903.

This is not the time or place for extended remarks upon any subject, but for your information I will say that perhaps the most important matter for your consideration is that of good roads. Tons and carloads of literature have been written on the necessity and desirability of good roads, demonstrating that you can't build a good macadam road with clay and sand any more than you can make a silk purse out of a sow's ear. The only question now remaining is, who shall pay for them. In 1894 I delivered an address upon the subject in this city to a convention of county commissioners, who adopted my idea, and it was afterwards approved by the State Bicycle Association, and by the State Grangers, and that culminated in the act of 1895, under which our county has built and paid for many miles of roads in this county, and we have now a short section about completed at the expense of the county, known here as the Dallas road, and no doubt you will be pleased to go and see it. We think it a fair specimen of the roads which are to be built under the act of 1903, popularly known as the Sproul bill.

The dominant thought in the act of 1895, and one that has dominated my mind ever since is this, that the thoroughfares or highways contemplated by the act of 1903 are not township roads at all, therefore, the townships ought not to be required to contribute anything towards the cost of them. The highways or thoroughfares contemplated by the Sproul bill are those which will be found in the laps and folds of the mountains behind which lie many townships on the borders of adjacent counties, or they will be found to be the leading lines of road through the rich, fat, river bottom lands, and the rich and populous mining and manufacturing districts, or in townships where there are found suburban residences. What I conceive to be township roads are the cross roads of the township, the byways of the townships, and those lines which lead to and from the farmers' houses to the farm villages. Those the townships always have and must continue to improve and keep in repair at their own expense. But, I repeat, that highways, leading thoroughfares and main lines running through the laps and folds of the mountain to the various railroad stations and those running along the centres of the river valleys, are not township roads,—they are first county roads, and when placed together become State roads. This I consider to be a rock bottom precedent to any progress in the making of good roads. This feature is absent from the Sproul bill. It requires the townships to pay one-sixth of the cost of any section of road. Now, the cost of a road properly built is from six to ten thousand dollars a mile, so that at least cost,—say of six thousand dollars,—the State would pay four thousand dollars, the county one thousand, and the township one thousand. No township outside of the rich suburban villages can afford

to pay from one thousand to fifteen hundred dollars a mile for any number of miles, located in the farming districts, and I repeat they ought not to be required to if they could. Under this provision those townships which need State and county aid first will get it last or not at all.

Another reason why townships should be exempt from paying any portion of the cost of improved roads is the inequitable and unjust distribution of the public taxes. Corporate wealth pays five mills on the dollar to the State; wealth loaned out on interest in the various forms pays four mills on the dollar to the State, and no more,—thus, they bear none of the local burdens. Farm lands pay no State tax, it is true, but they bear their full share of all local taxes, which, in this county, and presumably in every other county, are at least three times as much as the taxes on these other forms of wealth. I recently received a card from the tax collector of a township where I purchased a farm for four thousand dollars. He informed me that my taxes were \$48.50 for this year. Now, if I had loaned that money on a mortgage, my tax would have been just \$16, and no more, and if I had borrowed the money to pay for the farm, or stock it, my tax would have been \$48.50 plus \$16, or \$64.50.

Now, I shall not follow up the question of the unjust levying and collection of taxes any further. That was pursued to its fullest extent by Mr. John Wanamaker some years ago in a campaign document.

The next proposition I make is this, that greater inequalities come from the distribution of taxes than from the collection of them. That is, all the taxes gathered into the State and county funds are distributed in the cities among the "tax eaters" there, and, except a small pro rata share of the school tax paid from the State into the various districts, I cannot now call to mind any expenditure of public moneys in the farming district,—the trend is all the other way.

Prior to 1830 the farmers themselves with ax and grubbing hoe hewed out their highways. About 1830 the State expended a large sum of money in building canals, which was a great blessing to all the people. Those canals have been abandoned because they have been superseded as lines of traffic by the railroads.

The next great public improvement undertaken by the State was the establishment of a common school system in 1854. The people halted, balked, and some of them swore against it, but it has progressed until now it is universally approved as the greatest institution of the land.

Since the inauguration of that magnificent enterprise the State has undertaken at its own expense to provide a grand system of charities, until now every helpless person is

Long Hair

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Pains in the Back

Are symptoms of a weak, torpid or stagnant condition of the kidneys or liver, and are a warning it is extremely hazardous to neglect, so important is a healthy action of those organs. They are commonly attended by loss of energy, lack of courage, and sometimes by gloomy foreboding and despondency.

"I had pains in my back, could not sleep and when I got up in the morning felt worse than the night before. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla, and now I can sleep and get up feeling rested and able to do my work. I attribute my cure entirely to Hood's Sarsaparilla." Mrs. J. N. PENNY, care H. S. Copeland, Pike Road, Ala.

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furnished a home The deaf, the dumb, the blind, the insane, the idiotic, the criminal, and we are all proud of these institutions; there is uplift about it; there is an outward swing about it that thrills us all when we think of it.

I confidently believe that we are on the eve of an enterprise that will be of still greater blessing in a financial sense than either of those which the State is now so magnificently supporting.—I mean the era of good roads. The Sproul bill is aimed in the right direction. It will doubtless need amendments now and then, but we must stand by it, in the main, and as farmers, I would advise you to insist upon its amendment at the present time only in respect to that feature of it which I have already referred to.

It is bound to win, and no one is more interested than the farmer, although everybody will be blessed and benefited, and ten years from now, or twenty-five years from now, we will all wonder that we have so long continued to wade through the dust and mire of our country roads.

Two thousand years ago the people of the provinces of the Roman Empire were in about the condition that our rural districts are now, and they made no headway in any change until they raised the cry that all roads lead to Rome; then they built roads which for a thousand years were the admiration of the world.

So it would be with you; if you can get the State and the counties to assume the building of the roads, and you agree to keep them in repair under the direction of a county superintendent of highways, who should be an engineer and a man of character, you will find that the blessing which will come upon you will be inestimable.

The act of 1903 appropriates six millions and a half of dollars for this purpose, to be expended in the next six years. That, supplemented by the county fund of one-half more, would make in that time ten millions of dollars, and that would build 1,500 miles of first class macadam roads, and nearly all of that money will be poured into the rural districts, which will increase your wealth beyond the dreams of avarice. Go on with this enterprise, and take the magnificent sum which is tendered to you by the State authorities, and the result must be entirely satisfactory.

DRIFT OF POLITICS IN PENN'A.

State Chairman Penrose Communicating With His Lieutenants.—The Democrats Will Meet in April.

The Republican county leaders of Pennsylvania are being notified by State Chairman Penrose that the Republican state convention will be held in Harrisburg not later than the third Wednesday of April next, so as to have it out of the way before the national convention, which is likely to be held the middle of June. The Democratic state committee will also meet in Harrisburg on the third Wednesday of April to fix the date of the state convention and elect a chairman to succeed Senator James K. P. Hall, of Ridgway, who is again a candidate.

The only nominations to be made by the conventions next year will be for a justice of the Supreme Court to fill the place made vacant by the death of Chief Justice McCollum, which is being temporarily filled by Samuel Gustine Thompson of Philadelphia, Democrat, by appointment of the governor. The only other business of the convention beside adopting the usual platforms will be to elect delegates-at-large to the national convention and approve the sixty-four national delegates chosen by the delegations from congressional districts.

BUY AT HOME.

All the stores are very pretty with their displays of holiday goods, and throngs of Christmas shoppers are busy selecting their gifts. Bloomsburg has stores of which it may well be proud, and there is little need to go away from home to do shopping. Keep the money in Bloomsburg.

"GET THE KEY."
TWENTY SILVER DOLLARS
 TO BE
Given Away.
 For Particulars see Window at
Townsend's
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 Bloomsburg, Pa.

A SCARE AT DANVILLE.

Danville had a scare on Monday, occasioned by the arrival there of the Bennett-Moulton Theatrical Company, one of the number of which was claimed to be affected with small-pox. The fact was learned after the train left Shamokin, when the conductor observing the strange and unusual appearance of the man's face, asked him the cause of it and he answered small-pox. He ascertained the company's destination and immediately sent word ahead to Danville to be on the lookout. The Board of Health took prompt action, and sent officers to the station to forbid the company to leave the car. It was finally decided to quarantine the victim, and he was accordingly put in a car with a nurse, and run in upon a siding at Dougal, a short distance below Milton. The other members of the company are at West Milton, but will disband and return to their homes as soon as they receive their pay.

Later in the day on Monday, it was learned that every member of the company had been vaccinated, after taking an antiseptic bath; every bit of their clothing and baggage had been thoroughly fumigated before their arrival at Danville, and under the circumstances it believed that all danger of contagion so far as the other members of the company were concerned had been removed. The company was booked for Danville all this week.

A PRETTY WINDOW.

Since the enlargement of Pursel's store front ample opportunity has been given for decorating the windows. They are always attractive, but just now Mr. John Knies has surpassed himself in arranging the lower window. Great taste has been displayed, and the result is exceedingly attractive. It is trimmed in white silk, and contains a great variety of holiday goods. It is attracting much attention. Mr. Knies took a course of lessons in decorating, in New York last fall, and this in conjunction with a natural talent for that kind of work, has made him an expert at the business.

What Shall We Have for Breakfast?

This question arises in the family every day. Let us answer it today. Try Jell-O, a delicious and healthful dessert. Prepared in two minutes. No boiling! no baking! simply add boiling water and set to cool. Flavors—Lemon, Orange, Raspberry and Strawberry. Get a package at your grocers to-day. 10 cents. 12-17 4t

Corner Stone Opened.

The corner stone of the old Presbyterian Church was reached on Wednesday, and in it was found a small tin box. The contents will not be known until the return of Mr. F. G. Yorks the end of this week. The box is at his house.

The meeting of the Town Council held last night appointed W. V. Robbins to collect the 1903 duplicate. Among the other business transacted was the passage of a resolution recognizing the Good Will Fire Company as the fourth fire company of the Town, and assigning the company that position in all future parades and demonstrations.

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