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My mind to me a kingdom is; Such present joys therein I find, That it excels all other bliss That earth affords or grows by kind. -Edward Dyer.

THE CITY SHALL NOT BE HOBBLED

The so-called Twining plan is really the Mayor's plan. The Director of City Transit has been shorn of important powers exercised by his predecessor. Talk of the City Hall station being dangerous is a hoax. The loan bill must specify the new lines absolutely or it will be defeated overwhelmingly.

THE time has come for citizens of Philadelphia to understand a few things. They have been up against bunco games before and on more than one occasion they have seen their valuable franchises handed over to private persons. The city is suffering yet from the unparalleled rapacity of franchise-grabbers and the criminal negligence of public reprementatives who failed in other days to protect their constituents and openly or secretly de-·frauded the community.

The so-called Twining substitute transit plan is on its face a deliberate effort to defeat the desires of the public and offer as "just as good" a hastily conceived, mischievous and inadequate system, a system likely to be out of date before well finished, a system in the formulation of which vision is lacking, and the whole purpose of which is to defeat instead of to procure real rapid transit.

We charge that the sudden effort to make It appear that a subway under City Hall is a dangerous and unfeasible undertaking is a conspiracy pure and simple. We charge that the Director of City Transit does not now be-Heve and never has believed that the undertaking is dangerous and opposed to sound engineering. We protest that there is no body of reputable engineers in the United States who would stultify their professional reputations by giving any such verdict.

What a mockery the work of the commission has been! These men consider for a few days ch it had taken n Although the Public Service Commission had passed on the plan and approved it, although the best engineering skill in the country and Mr. Twining himself had approved it, this packed commission of the Mayor's did not summon before it a single advocate of the Taylor plan, did not even ask the former Director to explain why he had planned as he did plan, did not do anything, in fact, but announce a decision practically prepared in ad-

The reason is this: The so-called Twining plan is not the Twining plan at all. The purpose not to have the station under City Hall was not Mr. Twining's purpose at all.

The Mayor of Philadelphia, at the very time when he was declaring that he did not know enough about the transit plans to discuss them intelligently, virtually ordered his Director of City Transit to move the station from under City Hall, and the so-called Twining plan is nothing more or less than a substitute evolved as a result of those orders, being an effort to meet an impossible situation by throwing a little sand in the eyes of the public.

- Let the people of Philadelphia understand this: The Mayor, who knows no more about engineering than a jack rabbit, has stepped in and tried to slash to pieces and discredit the work of experts, whose opinion was correct in the first place and is correct now. They rip the heart out of rapid transit when they prevent the possibility of a four-track subway along Broad street, and they know there can be no four-track subway unless it does go

We charge that the so-called Twining plan is devised purposely to make transfers difficult at important points and that a main design of the plan is to fill the surface cars along Arch street and elsewhere, for the greater profit of the P. R. T. and the inconvenience of patrons.

We do not know what motives, if any except public service, inspire the Mayor, but we do charge that he, a layman, inexpert in tranmatters and by his own confession lamentably ignorant concerning the splendid Taylor plans, has, through the power of his office, coerced the Department of City Transit and forced upon it a substitute plan, which puts the city at the mercy of the P. R. T. and outs effectually shackle the community for of a century to come, if not forever.

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matters of vital moment to the community, being bound hand and foot, and that the intervention of the Mayor is stifling the efficlency of the department.

It may be that Mr. McNichol, in order to get out of the contract under City Hall, will throw his political support in this fight to the Mayor and the Vares, for he stands to face a big loss; but we venture to suggest to him and to the Councilmen whom he controls that in this matter the citizens are aroused as they have not before been aroused, and they will not tolerate betrayal of their interests.

The effrontery of the substitute proposals is colossal. The Mayor and the clique behind him dare to come forward and propose the overruling of the ballot and the Public Service Commission. They dare to talk about not doing what the people have already voted they should do. Why, the Department of City Transit is actually being financed by money voted to do certain things, and yet spends its time trying to prevent the doing of those very things! It is amazing.

As a brief for obstructionism and pessimism. the Twining report is an excellent document. It despairs of the growth of Philadelphia, although almost at the proposed Darby terminal there have been added within the last few months enough thousands of skilled workmen to support a population of about 200,000. It revels in doubts as to the ability of the P. R. T. to operate the Taylor system, yet by tentative agreement the company itself is on record as believing the entire scheme feasible, fust and adequate. It talks about waste and care and forethought, while advocating a penny-wise policy that would hobble this city so effectively that any growth at all would be difficult.

We have, in truth, a Jeremiah among us. There was doubt among a great many people at one time, we believe, as to whether horse cars would pay.

But we may be sure of one thing. The ace in the hole which the city holds is the Chestnut street subway, and the substitute plan sticks a knife hilt-deep in that. Put the Darby L where the new plan would put it and the P. R. T. will make what terms it pleases with the city, and Father Penn will be as defenseless as a lamb,

No, the voters are not going to stand for some indefinite sort of loan bill, which would let the money be used for almost any old sort of enterprise the politicians might wish. The loan bill is going to specify the routes, as the loan bill before it did, and it is going to specify them in such a way that there can be no mischievous shifting later. Either that or the loan bill will be defeated by a majority which will resemble an avalanche. The people know what they want and they intend to get it.

Could the experts of the P. R. T. get up a more anti-transit transit brief?

General Villa says he won't be taken alive. Well, who wants to take him alive?

China will probably go down in history as the nation with the Finnegan form of gov-

Victory the Only Topic at Allied Conference.-News Headlin And the only problem.

Secretary Baker insists that the Mexican of this estimate depends on who is satisfied.

The Mayor is in favor of cultivating the vacant lots. The advocates of real rapid transit are in favor of covering them with houses

Senator Underwood favors preparedness if the plans for it include building a plant at Mussel Shoals, Ala., for extracting nitrogen

Evangelist Biederwolf doubts whether there is fire in hell. The Rev. William A. Sunday should devote a special campaign to this rival and "learn him."

There is nothing especially remarkable in

the story of the professional gambler in the British army who won the Victoria Cross. Professional gamblers always win. Even those who would like to throw bricks

at the President will admit the propriety of

sending a bouquet of one hundred American

Beauty roses to his newest grandchild. Kill the Taylor plan, down with preparedness, knuckle down to Germany, drop the Philippines, conquer Mexico-what a lovely program for patriotic and unselfish Ameri-

The late J. P. Morgan's remark that he loaned money on character rather than on property was brought up in court the other day and was corroborated by the testimony of J. B. Forgan, a Western banker, who said the proportion was three to one in favor of character. It seems to pay, besides giving the possessor a comfortable feeling.

Bacteriologists may be right when they say it is impossible for laymen to get possession of the germs of typhoid and diphtheria; but when one considers the conduct of public men in Washington it is impossible to escape the conclusion that the germ of the yellow streak has been administered quite gen-

The exertions of the Crown Prince at and around Verdun are perceptibly slackening in certain places, and are going through a process of concentration; the defenses are filling in; diversions elsewhere in France and in Russia are piling up. Still the possibilities of a German success are great, and they are tempting the commanders to desperate efforts. Yesterday the news was divided, for the Crown Prince attacked with some success five miles west of the Meuse, and the French regained precious ground in the forest of Avocourt, on the northwest, in the same region where a second German attack was highly successful. It was pointed out by those familiar with the country that in many cases a German advance was irrevocable, for powerful artillery in French positions dominated the retreat. This was proved in the attack at Avocourt. At the same time an advance, breaking a 2000-yard front, was made by the Germans at Malancourt, also northwest of the city, the most significant movement since the first slowing

up, a fortnight ago,

Tom Daly's Column

BEFORE us is a yellow fournal, but the yellow is merely a concomitant of age. It is the United States Gazette of December 26, 1807. The big piece of news in it-not uninteresting in this day either-is this "special message of the President":

To the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States: The communication now made, showing the great and increasing dangers with which our our seamen and merchandise are threatened on the high seas and elsewhere, from the belligerent Powers of Europe, and seing of the greatest importance to keep in safety their essential resources I deem it my duty to recommend the subject to the consid-eration of Congress, who will doubtless pereive all the advantages which may be ex od from an inhibition of the departure of vessels from the ports of the United

Their windows will also see the necessity of making every preparation for whatever events I ask a return of the letters of Mesera, Arm

strong and Champiany, which it would be im proper to make public. TH. JEFFERSON. ember 18, 1807. We believe that this Th. Jefferson is the red-headed firebrand who wrote the Declar.

Musical Triolets

(Most of them Knock-turns.)

It may be that Rap-Pold's a charming soprano. I'll concede you, old chap, It may be that Rap-Pold at times does not yap

When she should sing plane, It may be that Rap-Pold's a charming soprano

THE young man sat at the lunch counter, dawdling over his food. He took out his watch and looked admiringly at a photograph pasted in the case. We rubbered over his shoulder. It was the picture of a baby at the just-beginning-to-talk age. He put the watch away and sat looking far into space unseeingly. The waitress' "can I get anything else?" disturbed but didn't quite jar him out of his dream. "Dimme a jinky water, p'ease," he

Die Hexe.

The Anagram Contest

CONTESTANT asks if each individual A CONTESTANT asks it each mouth. Of course; the more the merrier. But this sort of thing won't get anybody anywhere: A LAUGH AT US IN MODESTY.

which is a play upon our full monicker. Keep us out of it; and will the clever person who sent that in please try again? Here are today's:

> Should you fall til A well filled purse. Will help secure A STEADY NURSE.

GOES HUNT FOE VILLA.

John J. Mealey. DOES HE REVEL TO ROOT?

And here are vesterday's answers:

War is Hell, Mike-Kaiser Wilhelm, In Slow-Wilson Vote Loser-Roosevelt.

Sir-May I suggest that when feeling ill you DR. PERCY H. EALER

at 21st and Spring Garden streets? You may, if the doc. doesn't mind the notor-

The New Indoor Sport

SIR-I cannot tell you how much fun we get out of the E. L. editorial page. What alls your chest? Oh, pull it in! You haven't anything to do with this joy of ours. It's the "What Do You Know?" Column. Here's the way we work it: We take No. 1 of today's Quiz" and see how No. 1 in the to Yesterday's Quiz" fits it, and so on down the list. Sometimes we get screams, sometimes merely a mild chuckle. For instance, last night we got this:

3. What is the origin of the word "fakir?"

3. Oyster Bay, N. Y.

If you like indoor sports come try it.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Boyd's Philadelphia Business Directory for 1916 (58th year), C. E. Howe Company, publishers (William G. Torchiana), Philadelphia; 2130 pp. "Two Deaths in the Bronx." by Donald Evans; Nicholas L. Brown, publisher, Philadelphia.

One of these books doesn't aim to be poetic and the other does. We have read the latter. and while we have no intention of reading the directory, we know we'd find more in it to commend and less to offend.

CEDAR BLUFF ANTHOLOGY.

2. The Sociologist. I am a Sociologist. People call me Godless materialist.

Little knowing that my god Is the Law of Diminishing Utility.

It is wonderful. How everything-Farms and theatre seats, Eight-hour days and jewelry. Babies and cotton-pickers, And factory girls and criminals, And even good people-How everyting Is merely a phase of illustration Of the Law of Diminishing Utility.

sometimes wonder. If I worked things out to the end, Whether the Law would always hold good, Or whether I should find This Jesus of Nazareth And that employer Who paid "every man a penny"... Which was a direct contradiction Of the Law of Diminishing Utility. WILL LOU.

Spring Pome

Now that the equinox vernal has come And all of the winter is over and done, I think it is fitting and proper that some Sweet singer should write of the Prodigal Sun. P. Villain in Evening Lepons.

Um-m-mow that you urge us with exquisite The Prodigal Sun, having noted the fact That skirts have grown shorter at least by one half, Will beam on the fatted, as one might say, calf.
Rhody McPhes in Springfield Union.

"Wito said castles in Spain? I saw some-thing better than that," writes T. C., "on the outskirts of Chester. Here's the sign: FOR SALE.

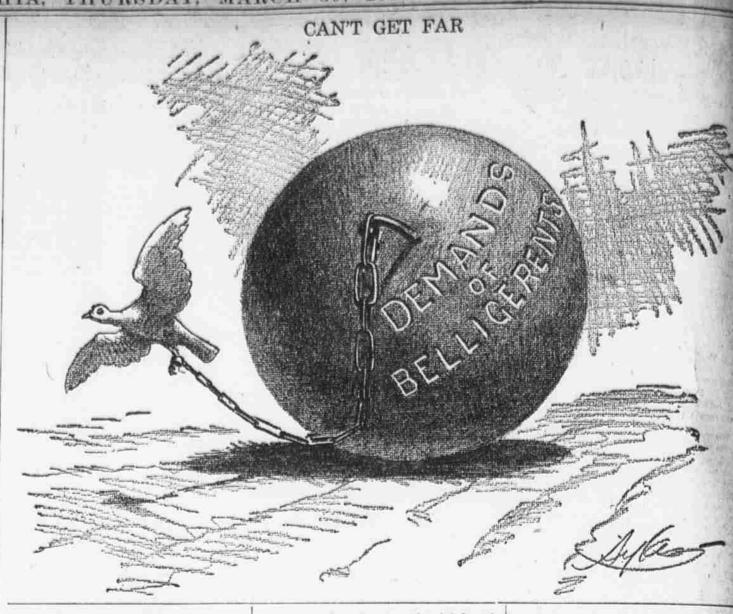
Will divide into building lots or sall as TATLOR.

whole.

This Splendid View

Cambridge Trust Building.





A MISCELLANY OF "HOWLERS"

Wild Shots of the Embattled Schoolboy-An Exhibit of Results-A Suggestion for Turning the Tables on the Grown-ups

As IT IS with sermons, so with collections of "howlers" "It's a mighty poor sermon," sald John Gardener to the minister, "that doesn't hit me somewhere."

On a previous occasion we essayed a definition of the term "howler," but the effort was a failure, and we are, therefore, falling back on a few illustrations, which, possibly, may hit some reader somewhere.

"Somewhere" reminds us of a story. It does not take much to remind us of a story, yet presumably we aren't so very different from other folks.

France as the subject of the geography lesson. (Have you guessed the rest already? Never mind.) "In this terrible war," she said, "who is

An English schoolteacher recently took

our principal ally?" "France," came the chorus.

"Right," said the teacher. "And now can any one of you give me the name of a town in France?" Promptly from several bright and hopefuls

the reply: "Somewhere!" Let us remain a few moments in the his-

tory class, a class prolific in "howlers." "Oliver Cromwell" was given as the subject of a short essay. One youngster wrote: "Oliver Cromwell had an iron will, an unsightly wart and a large red nose; but underneath were deep religious feelings."

Curious History

Lingering yet a little we may learn from the embattled schoolboy much else that's interesting, whether true or not. For example: "The three most important feudal dues were Friendship, Courtship and Marriages."

"The chief clause in the Magna Charta was that no free man should be put to death or be imprisoned without his own consent." "The principal products of Kent are Arch-

bishops of Canterbury." "Alexander the Great was born in the absence of his parents."

"Edward the Third would have been King of France if his mother had been a man." "My favorite character in English history was Henry VIII, because he had six wives and killed them all." "It was said of William Rufus that 'He

never smiled again.' He did this after he was shot by an arrow with an apple on his head." Of especial interest to Philadelphians is the following information in response to the question: "Where was the Declaration of Independence signed?" "At the bottom." Perfectly true.

A teacher who has lately been instructing her pupils in Greek mythology asked the children to write in their own words the story of the Gorgons. The result? Here's one:

"The Gorgons were three sisters that lived in the islands of the Hesperides, somewhere in the Indian Ocean. They had long snakes for hair, tusks for teeth and claws for nails, and they looked like women, only more harrible." From "Scrapple" we borrow this, without

comment on its authenticity, but with recognition of its verisimilitude to the genuine article: Teacher-What little boy can tell me where is the home of the swallow? Billy-I can, teacher,

Teacher-Well where? Billy-The home of the swallow is in the atummick.

This being a miscellany we submit the following without classification under "history," "geography" or any other head. Why try to classify "howlers"? They sin't that kind of an animal. So: "A man who looks on the bright side of

things is called an optimist, and a man who looks on the dark side of life is called a planist." "The names of five Shakespearean plays are

'Macbeth,' 'Mikado,' 'Quo Vadis,' 'San-Toy' and the 'Sign of the Cross.' "Shakespeare was a great writer, only he used too many familiar quotations."

"Milton's chief work was to lose 'Paradise." He also wrote a sensible poem called "The Canterbury Tales.' They were too sensible to bury, for they still live."

"You ask what I know about Dryden and Pope. At first they were friends, when one day they became contemporaries."

The Tongue-twisted Pedagog

But why pick on the poor schoolboy? He has troubles enough of his own. And he ian't the only unconscious or unintentional perpetrator of "howlers."

There's the possibly familiar story of the

tongue-twisted pedagogue who briefly addressed the Teachers' Institute.

"My friends," he began, "the school work is the bulhouse of civilization. I mean-He knew he was up against it. He made a

frosh start "The bulhouse is the schoolwork of civ-Wrong again.

"The workhouse is the bulschool of-He was evidently twisted. He knew his audience was aware of the fact. There were visible and audible evidences.

"The schoolbul is the housework-Worse and worse, "The bulschool---Wild pitches, one after another. Time to take a brace or vacate the slab. The speaker

mopped his brow, gritted his teeth. "The schoolhouse, my friends-A sigh of relief went up. Hamlet was him-

self again. The orator gazed serenely around. The light of triumphant self-confidence appeared upon his erstwhile troubled countenance. "The schoolhouse, my friends, is the wool-

bark-Then, so say they, tell they, speak they the tale, he lost consciousness,

A tragedy, but a howling tragedy, and, therefore, within the meaning of our title. Poetic justice, if on its job, would have filled the audience with schoolboys. There are, however, defenders of much abused youth. One of them suggests that the children, so fiercely grilled by teachers and examiners, might get back at their elders with some such examinations as this:

First. What was the result of the efforts of the royal forces (both infantry and cavalry) to restore Humpty Dumpty to his former estate? Do you see in this any lesson as to the failure of a militaristic system?

ond. Describe the co-operative expedition of Jack and Jill and the ensuing catastrophe. From the point of view of emancipated womanhood ought Jill to have preceded Jack down the hill?

Seriously Speaking

Seriously speaking, we approve the idea of compelling parents to pass the examination recently given to assistants at the Chicago Public Library. If you can answer the ten questions intelligently, if not correctly, you may escape the disgrace of being put back in the awkward squad of the hopelessly grownup. If you can't, just make a stab at it. That's what schoolboys have to do. Here are the questions:

1. For what person or persons was the

wool of the black sheep destined? 2. Describe maneuvers of the French army as recorded by M. Goose and give number of men in the French army.

3. Give short biographical sketch of Solomon Grundy, and mention seven important events in his life. 4. Who killed Cock Robin?

5. Discuss the social significance of the bo-

tanical arrangement in Quite Contrary Mary's garden. 6. Describe the co-operative system of domestic economy in Jack Spratt's household. 7. Describe briefly the astral phenomena

which led to the elopement of two useful kitchen utensils. 8. How many court musicians were maintained at the court of Old King Cole?

9. Name and describe article on which Miss Muffet sat. · 10. Who stole the Queen of Heart's pastry? We are pretty sure the test would show up

somebody.

A FOOL FOR ATTORNEY

A Kentucky negro, tried on two charges, acted as his own lawyer. After the jury heard his first speech it acquitted him. But his second speech brought a fine of \$60. This shows that speech brought a fine of \$60. This shows that the old axiom needs revising. The man who continues to act as his own pleader has a fool for an attorney.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A ROSY VIEW

Doctor Eliot, of Harvard, figures that Americans spend more than \$5,000,000 a year on non-assentials. That, however, is one of the priviessentials. That, however, is one of the privi-leges of being an American.—Detroit Free Press.

A KINDLY SENTIMENT

The following "reluctant tribute" to the heroism of German soldiers, by O. C. A. Child, published in the New York World, deserves ong the "kindly sentiments" that the has evoked: "I cannot help but love the way

In which the gallant Germans pay The price in blood. They heed no cost in death or pain If by their valor they may gain A foot of ground.

Each soldier sets his steady face, In front be found. With all my heart I hope defeat

May trip at last their charging foot, May break their blade.

And yet I drick a silent toast To that enreshing mighty host-

What Do You Know?

Queries of general interest will be answered in this column. Ten questions, the answers to which every well-informed person should know, are asked daily.

QUIZ

1. When was the last battle fought on the sellof Great Britain?
2. What was the fair selling price of the total

property of the United States at the beginning of the 20th century?
3. What is an oratorio?

4. What is an oratorio?
4. Who discovered the law of specific gravity?
5. What is the highest monument in the world?
6. What was a "Mogul"?
7. Who is in command of the expeditionary

force in Mexico? 8. Did the New York Yankees ever win a world series? 9. From what State does Senator Fall come? 10. Who is the author of "Snowbound"?

Answers to Yesterday's Quiz 1. She was born May 5, 1826, and is therefore

90 years old. 2. Nearsightedness. Because they were written on blue paper, 4. Harvard, William and Mary and Yale, in the

order named. 5. Money decreed by the Government to be a legal and proper means of payment of any and all debts.

The authority for such an act is vested in Congress.
7. A blue flag with the United States arms in the centre. It was designed and first used by President Arthur in 1883.
8. B. G. Ingersoll, at Republican National Con-

vention in Cincinnati in 1876, so referred to James G. Blaine.

9. Famous military neademy of England. 10. Niagara Falls, Yellowstone Park

Philadelphia Distances Editor of "What Do You Know"-Will you please answer these questions: (1) How far is it from City Hall to the following places, in miles: Market street ferry, Snyder avenue, 49th street, Erie avenue? (2) What is the Red Rose of Lan-

caster? (3) Where are Panama hata made? (1) It is about 1% miles to the Market street ferry, 2 miles to Snyder avenue, 2% miles to 49th street and 4 miles to Erie avenue. (2) The Red Rose of Lancaster was the emblem of the house of Lancaster. It became famous in the War of the Roses in England between the War of the Roses in England between the houses of Lancaster and York, in which 80 royal princes; hundreds of the nobility and 100,000 common soldiers were slain. (3) The greater part of the Panama hats sold in America are made in Colombia.

Shrimps

Editor of "What Do You Know"-Where 40 shrimps come from? The common shrimp, a 10-footed salt-water rustacean about two inches long, is common on both shores of the North Atlantic Ocean where the bottom is sandy. The catch of the on the southern Atlantic coast of the United States is valued at \$500,000 a year. Shrimps are also found in San Francisco Bay.

Philadelphia to Salisbury, Md. Another route from Philadelphia to Salisbury, id., is sent in by M., in response to the query of harles Smith. It is a trifle longer than that Charles Smith. published, but M. assures us that the roads are better. It follows: Chester pike to Wilmington from Wilmington take Baltimore and Washing-ton pike to Newark; at Newark turn left at falload station and take pike to Elkton; at E turn right at dead end of street and follow state road through Chestertown to Churchill; at Churchill take new State road. This road is a direct, unbroken route to Ocean City, through Easton, Salisbury and Berlin, Below Easton.

watch signpost for left turn.

Editor of "What Do You Know"—Can you tell me where I can consult some of the old files of newspapers, particularly some of those no longer RESEARCH

Your question is a bit indefinite. The Mercantile Library and the Apprentices' Library, of this city, have files of some of the Philadelphia papers. The best place, of course, is the Library of Congress. The New York Public Library has a very good collection. The Wilmington (Del.), Institute Free Library had a good collection some year-flago, and in the New Haven (Conn.) Free Library are some valuable bound (Conn.) Free Library are some valuable bound

American Addison

Editor of "What Do You Know" Who was the American Addison? I would be obliged for any facts you may have concerning him. S. G. V.

This was a name applied to Joseph Dennie, an English essayist, who settled in Philadelphia is the early years of the last century. He established a sort of salon and was by way of hins the Doctor Johnson of the intellectual circle of the vapor resulting. the Doctor Johnson of the Intellectual circle of the young republic, strange as this may seem, now that he is virtually forgotten. Philadelphia was the literary centre of the country at the time, and also the centre of publication. Dennie was the editor of The Portfolio and Literary Repository, for which many distinguished man wrote. John Guincy Adams contributed transietions from the Latin, and also the narration of his experiences as the first American Minister to Russia, to the Portfolio.

Cost of Roadmaking

Editor of "What Do You Know"—Please tell me what the average cost is per mile in road making in the United States. MACADAM. A writer of a recent article on American roads estimated that it cost \$3000 per mile for building American roads. He took the average of sense of the expensive speedways and of the lors grass country roads, as well as of durable roads is communities which insist on full value for their appropriations.