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There has been a rapid advance in the use of industrial alcohol the year past. Many grange halls are now lighted with it.

EXPERIMENTAL ROAD.

Details of One That Has Given the Best of Satisfaction.

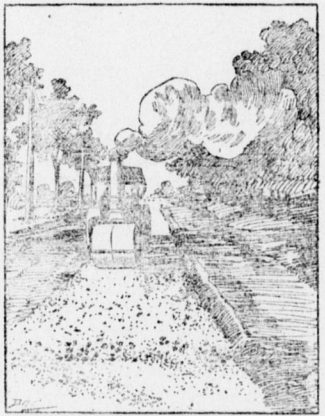
Samuel S. Jones of Clinton, Wis., furnished the following details of construction of an experimental road built for educational purposes under the direction of the office of public roads, with George L. Cooley in charge:

"This road was constructed in the town of Clinton, Rock county, Wis., one mile east of the village of Clinton. In the construction of this road all the machinery was furnished by the government at no expense to the town. The town, on its part, furnished all the labor and material.

"This road commenced at the top of a clay hill and extended down the side to and across a black muck slough. Thus we had the advantage of observing the construction of and finishing under the different soil conditions. The road was first graded to a width of thirty-six feet from gutter to gutter. The trench for receiving the crushed rock of which the road was constructed was twelve feet wide. This trench was shouldered evenly at the edges. The bed of the trench or roadbed was brought to a perfect grade, having a crown of three-fourths inch to the foot from the center of crown to the side shoulders.

"When the roadbed was in proper shape for the superstructure cross drains were put in at intervals of 100 feet. These drains, which were from eight to ten inches deep and one foot wide, were filled with coarse crushed stone and extended to the outside gutter, thereby insuring perfect drainage for the road when finished.

"The superstructure was built of limestone, the first layer being crushed to a size which would pass through a three inch ring. This layer was then rolled thoroughly and covered with a finer grade of stone and again rolled. This method of placing on layers and rolling was continued until fourteen



EXPERIMENTAL ROAD AT CLINTON, WIS. LAYING TOP COURSE.

inches of the loose material had been rolled to a solid bed eight inches thick. During the rolling process water was sprinkled on the different layers of stone to help cement the stone together and thereby make a perfect surface for traffic. When the road was completed as far as the coarser stone and rolling were concerned a layer of siftings from the crusher was spread evenly over the surface of the road and alternately rolled and sprinkled until no more could be worked into the roadbed either by sprinkling or rolling. The surface of the road reached that point of perfection in building where neither siftings nor water could be forced into it. The finishing of the earth shoulders, which are six feet wide on each side of the stone driveway, with just enough slant to carry off all surface water and leave a good earth road on either side made the road complete and gives us a twenty-four foot road of earth and stone.

"It was built under very expensive conditions, our shortest haul for stone being four miles. Labor cost from \$3 to \$4 per day, team and man from \$5 to \$7 per day, and even at these prices we could procure but half enough teams to keep the machinery running, thereby increasing greatly the expense. This road is giving the best of satisfaction and is fast gaining friends."

PRIZES FOR GOOD ROADS.

Fund Established by Spokane Magnate to Encourage Farmers.

Building of good roads by the farmers in Spokane and Whitman counties, Wash., and Latah county, Ida., is being materially boosted by Jay P. Graves, president of the Spokane and Inland Empire Electric railway system, who announces he will give prizes amounting to \$3,000 in three yearly installments for the best mile of constructed highway in 1909, 1910 and 1911.

The offer is made by Mr. Graves as a private citizen, the primary purpose being to encourage the ranchers in the Palouse wheat district, south of Spokane, in the building of permanent roads with such materials as are at hand, though the use of concrete, macadam, oil or other substance will not disqualify competitors.

THE GRANGE

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 Grange

THE GRANGE LEADERS

Farmers of the Country Must Come to the Front.

Organization Necessary For Their Material Welfare—They Must Take Their Rightful Places in the Government.

[From the Lewiston (Me.) Journal.]

The grange today is the most powerful organization in the country. Its influence extends into every section, and as a factor in the education of the masses it has never had an equal. In this respect it stands by the side of the public school, only with a broader outlook and wider sweep of horizon. Its membership includes the best blood among the farming classes, and this has a more significant meaning when we consider that the rural telephone, trolley car and free postal delivery have practically wiped out the distinction between country and city life. It means that today the average farmer is fully the peer in intelligence and scope of capacity of the business or professional man. It means that he is a man of education and general culture as well as a tiller of the soil. It means in fact that he is a man in all that name implies and therefore fully capable of being a leader among men.

This great change has all been brought about during the past few years. A generation ago and only the weakest mentality in the farmer's family was selected to follow in the footsteps of the father. The brighter boys were allowed to go into other sections of the country, there to carve out their fortune as opportunity might offer. The weakling remained at home and succeeded in the ownership of the old farm.

All this is now changed. The agricultural college with its experiment station has raised farming to the dignity of a profession. To now succeed as a tiller of the soil the man must not only be well educated, but he must also have fine executive capacity. Intensive farming is the order of the day. No laggard has any place on the modern farm, and slowly but surely all such are being eliminated from the business.

In this great transformation of the agricultural industry the grange has borne a prominent part. Its leaders have been the men of most pronounced influence in their respective communities and contributed their full share in the uplifting of society. They have been the men of keen intelligence, high morals and most excellent judgment. Such men are always natural leaders, and on all moral questions their influence has been undisputed.

On the other hand, it is equally undisputed that in all matters pertaining to governmental, state or municipal leadership their influence has been practically nothing. They have stood back and allowed the village and city lawyers to take control of their affairs and make all the laws. Organized through the grange for action on moral questions, they have remained unorganized in all that pertains to their material welfare. This is the one weak spot in the grange today, and it is here that the order needs the greatest strengthening. There is no good reason why the farmer should be compelled to pay the merchant and the professional man whatever price they choose to place upon their goods and their services, while he is compelled to take whatever they may choose to give for the products of his farm. There is no equity in such a system, but for this condition no one is more to blame than the farmer himself.

PARCELS POST NEEDED.

New York's State Master Says This Is the Most Important Question.

[Special Correspondence.]

If there is one question more important than another in national legislation to the people of the United States and that the grange should strive for it is the enactment of a parcels post system for the whole country. I know of no other matter that would be of so much benefit to the people and I firmly believe would be of great profit to the postal department.

There seems to be a sentiment among country merchants that it would be a detriment to their business. This I do not believe would prove true, for with a reasonable parcels post rate and the fact that merchandise could be sold at a lower price people living in the country should be disposed to purchase of local merchants instead of sending long distances for their goods. A wholesale merchant told me not long ago that if there was a parcels post system, doing away with the exorbitant express charges, he could sell his goods at from 10 to 15 per cent less than present prices.

F. N. GODFREY.

Ogden grange, Monroe county, N. Y., held an open meeting April 13 to discuss the advisability of undertaking to teach agriculture in the high school. In addition to a large attendance of Patrons, the board of education and faculty and older pupils were present.

Western Massachusetts granges held a rally at Springfield April 7 which was attended by 600 Patrons.

Short Talks on
Advertising
 By Charles Austin Bates

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People generally read advertisements more than they did a few years ago. The reason is to be found in the advertisements themselves.

Advertisers are more careful than they used to be. They make the advertisements more readable. Some of them even become, in a way, a department of the paper, and people look for them every day with as much zest and pleasure as they turn to any other feature.

This is true of many department stores all over the country.

In many cities there is just one man who appreciates the value of such interest.

He breaks away from the old set style. He tells something interesting in his space every day.

There are lots of interesting things in business. Look over the miscellany page of any paper—look at its local news columns, and its telegraph news, for that matter, and you'll see that the majority of the items are more or less closely related to some business fact.

Dress these facts up in a becoming garb of words, and they will find readers, even though they be in a "mere advertisement."

Let the merchant come down off his pedestal and talk in his ads.

He needn't be flippant—far from it, but let him not write as if he were addressing somebody afar off, and telling him about something at even a greater distance.

The newspaper goes right into its reader's house—goes in and sits down with him.

It is on the table when he eats, and in his hands while he is smoking after the meal. It reaches him when he is in an approachable condition.

That's the time to tell him about your business—clearly, plainly, convincingly—as one man talks to another.



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Sweater Coats

Men's or Boys' Sweater Coats	.38
Mens sweater coats	.75
Mens sweater coats	1.25
Mens sweater coats	1.50
Mens sweater coats	2.00
Mens V neck sweaters 25 and 46c	
Mens cardigan jackets	1.25

Underwear

Boys Shirts or Drawers	
Ribbed or fleeced	20 and 26c
Men's ribbed underwear	all colors 39c
Men's fleeced lined underwear	all colors 39c

Boys Corduroy Pants.

Boys' corduroy knee pants, lined throughout, fine ribbed quality worth regular 75c Special	39c
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Men's Suits

Men's Suits	4.65
Men's Suits	6.75
Mens Suits	8.50
Mens Suits	9.65
Mens Suits	11.75
Mens Suits	14.50
Mens Suits	15.50

Specials Men's Corduroy Pants

From 1.19 to 2.50
CHILDRENS' SUITS
From 99c to 3.50 and 5.50
MEN'S TROUSERS
From 69c to \$4.75.
MEN'S OVERALLS.
From 39c to 75c
MEN'S ODD COATS
All Prices
Duch and Corduroy 85c to 2.25.

SHOES

Also big line of Shoes at saving prices \$1.65 for 2.50 Dress Shoe. Ladies' 1.65 shoes for 1.09 Men's Working Shoes 1.65 W. L. Douglas Shoes at reduced prices.

Big Line of Men's and Children's Overcoats at reduced prices.

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