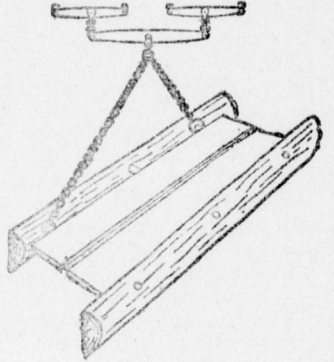


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ROAD DRAG SEASON.

Any Month if the Conditions Are Right For Its Use.

The road drag is like the manure spreader—in style any month in the year if the conditions are right for its use. Other machines are put in the shed to wait their season, but the road drag should always be ready to hitch to if we are to use it to the best advantage. The accepted time for the use of the drag is when the roads are drying up after the rains. It is surprising what an immense amount of good can be done the roads in an hour at such a time. Enough dirt is brought in to keep the road well rounded up, the water is allowed to run off, and the mud is puddled and plastered down so that the surface is quickly dried and compacted ready to shed the next shower a little better. Some people seem to have a wrong conception of the time to drag. I have seen one of our trustees out earning (?) the township money after the roads had been



SPLIT LOG DRAG.

dry a day or two. He seemed to think the mission of the drag was to fill up the ruts. At any rate, he would drive merrily along, leaving in some places hardly a track among the clods.

About the most satisfaction we ever realized from dragging the roads came from a job done in the mud just before the last freeze in the fall. How can you tell when to do it? Just guess at it and keep trying. If it thaws the next day there is no harm done. And when you do hit it you surely feel like a public benefactor as you watch the teams gliding by on your pavement to bring up with a bump on your neighbor's rough road. The spring is the time to use the road drag if you want to do some lasting good to the highway. The dirt is soft and easily worked then, and a few trips over the road with the drag, cleaning out the ditches and rounding up the surface, will do more good than a gang of men with the grader in the fall. The best job I ever did with the drag was to round up the track on a bad clay hill just as the frost was going out. That hill was good all summer.—C. J. Kelsey in Homestead.

MOLASSES FOR ROADS.

Of Great Value in Improving Highways When Mixed With Lime.

Molasses mixed with lime and oil is being experimented with by the United States department of agriculture in roadmaking, and this combination promises to prove of great value in bettering the highways in certain sections of the country.

Last fall the experts of the United States department of agriculture made several experiments on the streets of Newton, Mass. One that attracted notice on the part of authorities on street construction and no little ridicule was what was dubbed the "molasses road."

The street commissioner selected a difficult piece of road on Summit street, with a steep grade and a sharp curve—just the spot for quick destruction of a road by the automobile and heavy traffic and an equally advantageous place for observation of the effect of the strong wind.

A preparation of molasses, lime and oil was mixed with a small amount of cement and spread on the surface hot. The liquid in the mixture percolated to the substratum of rock and made a surface of from two to three inches of heavy binding material. That section has passed the tests of winter, and today the surface is so hard that considerable force is required to dent it with a pickax.

It is not slippery, it gives a firm footing for horses, and automobiles do not skid. On this section of Summit street are located fine residences and a large school for girls, and today, with the windows open, no irritating particles of dirt are driven into the dwellings.

Any one who takes a look at Summit street is not likely to gibe at the "molasses road." It is said to be less expensive than street watering.

A Use For Poetry.
 "Do you enjoy poetry?"
 "Yes," answered Miss Cayenne. "It is a great conversational convenience. It enables people to quote instead of being stuffily original."—Washington Star.

"Tis only happiness can keep us young.—Blackwood.

LaPorte Township Audit.

B. F. Hess, Treasurer of School and Building Fund of LaPorte Township for year ending June 30, 1909.

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|-----------------------------------|---------|
| To amt. received of Lee R. Gavitt | 150.00 |
| Adm'r. of L. O. Harvey, estate | 300.00 |
| Building Tax | 167.50 |
| Received of Geo. Karge Collector | 290.00 |
| E. L. Swaney, School | 22.00 |
| Interest on Bonds | 8.00 |
| To amount paid Teachers | 1640.00 |
| Teachers attending institute | 69.00 |
| To amt. fuel | 89.67 |
| supplies | 23.55 |
| rent (Northmont S. House) | 15.00 |
| Secretary and postage | 28.60 |
| Interest and cost | 43.00 |
| Judgments | 226.00 |
| advertising | 25 |
| repairs | 2.90 |
| attending convention | 24.17 |
| cleaning houses | 7.75 |
| postage | 3.75 |
| Treasurers' commission | 48.33 |
| Due Township | 47.55 |
| 2258.26 | 2258.26 |

Lyman O. Harvey, Treasurer of School Fund from June 1st to November 1st 1908.

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|---------------------------------|---------|
| To amt. due Township last audit | 105.59 |
| State appropriation | 863.24 |
| Received of George Karge Tol. | 820.00 |
| Building Tax | 300.00 |
| County Treasurer | 175.00 |
| By orders received (auditing) | 6.00 |
| Interest | 28.93 |
| tuition | 17.98 |
| supplies | 158.96 |
| postage | 43.00 |
| cleaning houses | 8.00 |
| Teachers, salary | 180.00 |
| freight | 3.69 |
| Rent | 1.00 |
| postage | 36 |
| Treas. commission on above | 9.62 |
| Am't paid B. F. Hess by Adm'r. | 183.00 |
| 2271.83 | 2271.83 |

George Karge in account with LaPorte Township as collector of School Tax for the year ending June 30, 1909.

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|--------------------------------|---------|
| To amt. due Twp. audit of 1908 | 54.16 |
| School Tax Duplicate | 1047.45 |
| Minimum Tax | 133.00 |
| By expenditures | 62.38 |
| Land returns | 12.70 |
| Commission on land returns | 66 |
| Treasurers' receipts | 830.00 |
| Rebate | 43.50 |
| Commission at 2 per cent. | 16.50 |
| Treasurers' receipt | 30.42 |
| Commission at 5 per cent. | 4.52 |
| Treasurers' receipts | 78.38 |
| Balance due Township | 116.21 |
| 1254.61 | 1254.61 |

Building Tax Account.

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|-------------------------|--------|
| To amount of duplicate | 418.98 |
| By amount of excursions | 7.76 |
| Land returns | 4.87 |
| Commission on returns | 24 |
| Treasurers' receipts | 309.00 |
| Rebate | 15.79 |
| Commission | 6.00 |
| Due Township | 84.32 |
| 418.98 | 418.98 |

Financial Statement

| | |
|-------------------------------------|---------|
| To amt. due from G. Karge Collector | 116.21 |
| Building Tax | 84.32 |
| Twp. Land Returns | 28.13 |
| Note of R. E. Botsford | 125.00 |
| Rebate Ernest Botsford | 125.00 |
| Philip Peterman | 600.00 |
| Order of Ambrose Walsh | 250.75 |
| Liabilities in excess of resources | 875.09 |
| 1109.75 | 1109.75 |

We the undersigned auditors of LaPorte Township do certify that we find the foregoing account correct to the best of our knowledge and belief. In witness whereof we have hereto set our hands and seals this 7th day of June, A. D. 1909.

LEER GAVITT,
 HOWARD C. HESS, Auditors.
 JACOB H. FRIES.

ESTATE OF JOSEPH C. PENNINGTON Deceased.

Letters Testamentary on the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, notice is hereby given to all parties indebted to said estate to settle their accounts without delay, and all parties having claims against said estate are requested to present the same for allowance.

MRS. JANE L. PENNINGTON,
 W. SCOTT WIELAND, Executors.

F. W. Meylert, Attorney.
 Laporte, Pa., June 17, 1909.

Executor's Notice.

Notice is hereby given that letters testamentary upon the estate of Mrs. Electa Mead, late of Laporte Borough, Sullivan County, Pa., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to

T. J. KEELER, Executor.
 F. W. Meylert Atty. Laporte, Pa.
 June 10, 1909.

Administrators' Notice.

Notice is hereby given that Letters of Administration upon the estate of Francis W. Gallagher, late of Laporte Borough, Sullivan County, Penna., deceased, have been granted to the undersigned. All persons indebted to said estate are requested to make payment, and those having claims or demands against the same will make them known without delay to

MRS. THERESA GALLAGHER,
 Administratrix.
 Laporte, Penna.,
 January 4, 1909.

Estate of Jeremiah Edgar, late of Davidson Township, deceased.

Letters of administration in the above estate having been granted to the undersigned, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and all parties having claims against said estate are requested to present the same without delay, for allowance.

ANDREW EDGAR, Administrator.
 F. W. Meylert, Atty.

CONDENSED REPORT of the condition of The First National Bank at Dushore, in the State of Pennsylvania at close of business June 23, 1909.

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| RESOURCES. | |
| Loans and discounts | \$165,521.45 |
| U. S. Bonds to secure circulation | 50,000.00 |
| Premium on U. S. Bond | 1,500.00 |
| Stock Securities | 187,751.07 |
| Furniture | 500.00 |
| Due from banks and approved reserve | 60,727.86 |
| Due from U. S. Treasury | 2,500.00 |
| Cash | 25,813.57 |
| Total | \$492,714.85 |
| LIABILITIES. | |
| Capital | \$50,000.00 |
| Surplus and undivided profits | 46,342.31 |
| Circulation | 48,106.00 |
| Deposits | 348,266.54 |
| Total | \$492,714.85 |

State of Pennsylvania, County of Sullivan ss. I, M. D. Swartz, cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

M. D. SWARTZ, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 23rd day of June 1909. ALPHONSO W. WALSH
 My commission expires Feb'y 27, '09. Notary Public.
 Correct Attest:
 J. D. REESER,
 E. G. SYLVARA, } Directors.
 SAMUEL COLE,

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Short Talks on Advertising
 By Charles Austin Bates.

No. 19.

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.

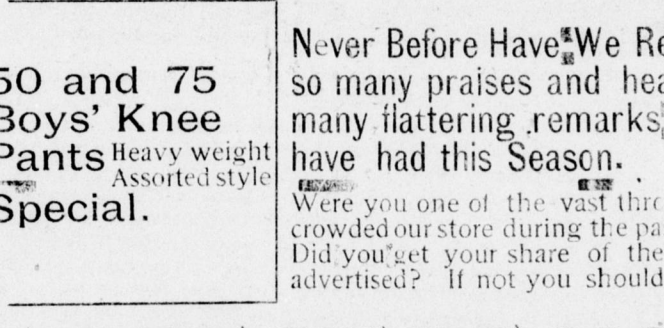
It is on the table when he eats, and in his hands while he is smoking after the meal. It reaches him when he is in an approachable condition.

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

"Let the merchant come down off his pedestal."

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

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We are making new friends fast: selling more goods than ever before

But we still want more friends, want to sell our stock faster, yet we are spurred on to deeper price cutting. People wonder how we can do it. To this we can answer, that no other store in this section has the wholesale buying facilities enjoyed by this establishment. We can buy lower, we can sell lower.

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 25c
 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

Men's Suits

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

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 Men's all wool socks 19c
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 Ladies' Facinators 19c

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 Boys' Caps 19c
 Ladies' FURS at great reduction.
 BED BLANKETS from 75c up.
 TRUNKS all sizes from 1.50 up.

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 Ladies' Sweaters all colors 99c
 Ladies' Waists, blue, black, 39c

Ladies' Coats
 Ladies' Coats from 3.50 to 12.00

Men's Shirts
 Specials Men's Corduroy Pants From 1.19 to 2.50
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