

Highway Improvements

Harrisburg, Pa., July 17, 1912
Systematic maintenance of the 8,000 miles of road embraced in the 296 main highway routes of Pennsylvania's comprehensive plan for improvement of highways has been inaugurated by the State Highway Department, and the work is expected to show decided results before the end of summer. Maintenance of the roads taken over by the commonwealth is imposed upon the State by the Sprout Main Highway Act of 1911, and supervision of repair and upkeep of is vested in superintendents having charge of one or more counties each.

This repair work is probably one of the largest tasks undertaken by any state in road improvement, and while the amount accomplished this year will be limited, owing to the comparatively small portion of funds at hand for the purpose, the organization of operations will be a long step in the line of progress.

The State has been divided into districts comprising from four to eight counties, and these districts have been sub-divided, the smaller divisions being in charge of the road superintendents who are responsible to the engineers in charge of the larger areas. The superintendents are organizing their forces for repairs, and roads which have been neglected or damaged will be put into shape for good travelling, especially those in the vicinity of market towns, so that farmers may be given the advantage of better roads and town residents obtain farm produce more easily. Gradually the work is to be extended as funds are made available by the legislature for repair of all State roads, which will naturally result in a stimulus to local improvement on township highways, many of which connect with main highways.

Repairs will consist of removal of humps, dragging, patching, underdraining and ditching. Roads which have been built by the State since the organization of the Highway department in 1903 will be put into good condition wherever they have been allowed to run down, special care will be taken to improve the drainage.

It is believed to be possible to put many roads into shape to last under proper maintenance for years to come, at least until they can be reconstructed out of the \$50,000,000 bond issue for permanent road building which will come before the legislature of 1913 for final action and then be submitted to the people for ratification in the form of an amendment to the constitution. The voting of this money to be spent throughout a term of years and according to a well thought out, definite plan will be of lasting benefit to rural communities and put Pennsylvania in the front rank of progressive states.

Spraying Potatoes for Blight

A prominent potato grower in the eastern part of Pennsylvania wrote to Dr. H. A. Surface, State Zoologist, Harrisburg, and asked if he considered concentrated lime-sulfur solution (dilute) as good for spraying potatoes for blight as Bordeaux mixture and also asked about spraying grapes and peaches. The reply that was sent him is as follows: "I can say that no lime-sulfur solution is as good for preventing the potatoes blight as Bordeaux mixture. This is very certain. Recent experiments have proved this beyond doubt. I would prefer the Bordeaux for grapes, but either lime-sulfur or Bordeaux will do for plums. I do not spray my peaches in the summertime and, consequently, do not recommend it. If I should have conditions such as an impending outbreak of brown rot or curculo, I should spray with the self-boiled lime-sulfur solution, with arsenate of lead added but up to the present I have never found it necessary to spray peaches in the summer, excepting the spraying just after the husks drop with arsenate of lead for the curculo."

New Nickels to Be Coined.
The design of the 5 cent piece which has been jingling in the pockets of American citizens for many years, does not coincide with the Treasury Department's conception of art, and will be changed entirely. Secretary McVeagh has decided to replace the Goddess of Liberty on the face of the nickel with a buffalo. The reverse side of the new coin will contain the head of an Indian.

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S. D. TOWNSEND, Gen. Manager, Hughesville
H. A. KNIPE, General Supt.

Roll Call.

Bernice and Mildred	Absent
Sonstown	Absent
Muney Valley	Absent
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Eagles Mere	Absent

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Alfalfa Meal		25.00	1.50
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Luxury Flour	sack	1.50
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Beef Scrap	
Oats	per bu	.70
Charcoal	50 lb sack	.60
Oyster Shells	35
140 lb bag Salt coarse or fine		.60
100 lb bag Salt		.45
Schumacher Flour	sack	1.70
	Per bbl	6.60
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Suicide Investment Ruined

Sunbury, Pa., July 12. John Smith, giving his residence as Harrisburg, was found senseless in a hotel here today, having opened all the gas jets in his room in order to end his life. When resuscitated he grew indignant and said: "When a man pays for a room at a hotel and wants to commit suicide it's no body's business but his own, and anyone who interferes, butts in."

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