

Highway Improvements

Harrisburg, Pa., July 23, 1912 The first sign posts to be placed along the highways of Pennsylvania will be put into position this summer by the State Highway Department, and lists are now being made by the engineers in charge of the operations of the road branch of the state government, so that the localities most in need of markers will receive attention.

Until the locomotive superseded the stage coach the sign board was a necessary adjunct of travel and was maintained with great care, but in recent years little attention has been paid to index boards in Pennsylvania, and although the law charges constables with the duty of reporting the absence of a sign post, there are many cross roads in the state without a stick to indicate the way to nearby towns. Some progressive communi-ties have undertaken to cure the evil, and motor clubs have done their part, but the state will now look after such matters along the 8,000 main highways embraced in the plan for comprehensive im-provement. The sign post is to be given as much attention as the condition of the road.

The Highway Commissioner, E. M. Bigelow, has let a contract for M. Bigelow, has let a contract for the first 1,000 sign posts, deliveries to begin next month These to begin next month. These posts will be of iron, with the name of the road or the town to be shown in iron letters fused on an iron plate, the direction to be indicated by an arrow also of iron. This style was determined upon after extended investigation in other states and counties. Although the posts and signs are practically in-destructible any attempts to deface or injure will be vigorously prose-Maintenance officials, but local officers and citizens will be urged to prevent tampering with the sign posts, because of their value to the public.

Placing of the posts will be in the hands of a department attache who will also inspect them when erected. He has been visiting many counties, checking up on the neces sity for signs at points reported for such improvements. As fast as locations are determined upon orders will be given for the work which will within a few years raise Pennsylvania from the disrepute into which she has fallen in the midst of her own people and visitors from other states for neglect of one of the most essential accessories of travel.

As the system of improved roads develops under the plans made in anticipation of the voting of the \$50,000,000 bond issue for highways, the new roads will be prop-erly marked. The bond issue amendment to the constitution will be acted upon by the legislature next winter for the second time and if adopted, as now seems probable, the people will be called upon to vote on the question in 1913.

Actively Fighting Blight All Over This District.

Field Superintendent H. E. Wells, of the chestnut blight department. now has a force of 30 men working under him in District No. 2, which includes Lycoming, Bradford, Clinton, Potter, Tioga and Sullivan counties. This morning A. L. Gorzlan will leave for Bradford county, where an active campaign will be waged against the blight. Mr. Gorzlan has just joined the force working to exterminate the blight and has been delegated by Mr. Wells to Bradford county Mr. Wells stated yesterday that the blight has been found in every county in this district with the exception of Potter and Tioga. The work of obliterating it is being successfully carried on and it is expected that by fall it will be stamped out.

the same to the undersigned administrator without delay.





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"Tom" Taggart is unable to tell a Congressional investigating committee how much the Den.ocratic campaign of 1904 cost, but the fact remains that it was not enough to over come the amount raised for Roosevelt by the later Mr. Harriman and his friends.

The Charleston News and Courier has started a help Wilson to win funk. The troble is everybody in Charlestown will want to contribute a waffle.

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