

ROADS AND ROADMAKING

COUNTING THE COST.

Bad Highways Levy Tax of Half a Billion Dollars Annually.

It is estimated by the Agricultural Department at Washington that the farmers of this country carry upon their shoulders a tax of not less than half a billion dollars a year, due solely to the almost criminal condition of the roads. This applies to the whole country.

Carefully prepared statistics prove that each ton hauled over the country roads of America costs the man who hauls it thirteen cents more than the hauling of a ton costs the farmers of Europe, where good roads are appreciated and carefully maintained by the government.

There are in this country 85,487,000,000 pounds of farm products hauled annually from the farm to the railroad shipping point. This does not include that which is hauled to the mill and back to the farm, nor does it include those things which are shipped by express, as the figures are compiled from the railroad freight tonnage. Neither does it include the product of mine and mill. It is the actual haul of farm products, and yet the average farmer does not give concern to the cost of his proportion of it. The average haul from the farm to the railroad in this country is estimated at 9.4 miles, at an excess of 13 cents a ton in cost of hauling which the American farmer pays more than his European brother, the farmer then pays \$1.70 for every ton hauled over the country roads more than it costs the farmer of Europe.

Taft Advocates Good Roads.

President Taft has again indicated his interest in good roads. The Virginia movement for better highways has put forward a plan for a road from Washington to Richmond. In a letter on the subject the President says:

"I regard this as part of the general good roads movement in the country, and I have pleasure in saying that there is no movement that I know of that will have a more direct effect to alleviate the difficulties and burdens of the farmer's life, will stimulate the traffic, and add to the general happiness of the people more than the establishment of good roads throughout the country.

"I do not think that because this may have been stimulated by people using automobiles it is to be frowned upon, for while persons using automobiles are by no means the most important in the community, the fact that their sharp interest has focused the attention of the public on the movement entitles them to credit."

A Systematic State.

The State of Georgia is going about its good roads movement in a systematic manner. Authorized representatives of each county in the State have met in the capitol at Atlanta for the purpose of discussing the best methods of bringing the highways of Georgia up to a high standard. These men are the road authorities of the counties, the men that have been entrusted with the building of roads and their meeting should be fraught with much good for the State, for when road experts get together and war on concerted plans half the battle has been won.

Get a Sprinkler.

Since water is always needed in rolling the macadam, a watering cart or sprinkler should be provided. The road official cannot often afford to wait for rain. A cart with a capacity of from 450 to 600 gallons will be sufficient. Most of these carts are provided with extremely broad tires, so that the cart assists in consolidating the stone, instead of rutting it. Many communities are provided with one or more watering carts, so that it is often unnecessary to purchase a new one for road building.

A Finished Roadway.

When broken stone is spread loosely, as on a roadway before it is rolled, the voids between the stones aggregate between 40 and 50 per cent. of the volume of the layer or course. The roller passing back and forth over the course consolidates the stones and a large percentage of the voids, often from 30 to 40 per cent. is eliminated. To secure a finished roadway 6 inches thick, about 8 1/2 inches of loose stones, not reckoning the binder, are necessary. This is in part due to the unavoidable forcing of the stones, to a slight extent, into the foundation.

Secures Smoothness.

To secure smoothness and even wearing, the smaller stones should be placed in the upper course and the larger stones in the lower. When a road is built with the sizes mixed, unless the stone is unusually soft, a rough surface inevitably results in a comparatively short time after the road is opened to travel.

The South Awakes.

Under the laws of most of the Southern states, state convicts are assigned to road work, and much is being done. Many counties have recently voted bonds for road construction, and many miles of roads have been outlined for improvement.

Highway to Prosperity.

The good road is a national highway to prosperity.

MUST KEEP BENCH FREE OF POLITICS

Munson, Democratic Nominee For Supreme Court, Criticized.

HIS TACTICS CONDEMNED

Touching Elbows With All Kinds of Politicians in Tour of the State and With a Pathetic Appeal For "Complimentary" Votes From Republicans.

[Special Correspondence.]

Harrisburg, Oct. 12.

Members of the judiciary and lawyers generally throughout Pennsylvania are commenting adversely upon the remarkable campaign that is being conducted by C. LaRue Munson, the Democratic nominee for associate justice of the supreme court, in his own behalf.

This ambitious gentleman has cast aside all regard for precedent and has ignored traditions of the legal profession in making a political canvass for election to the highest judicial tribunal in the commonwealth.

It has apparently not occurred to Mr. Munson that the proprieties of the situation should prompt an aspirant for an office of this exalted character to respect the sentiment of the people which has been manifested upon many an occasion in absolute hostility to anything calculated to bring the judiciary into the game of politics or to besmirch the judicial ermine with the contaminating influence of a personal political campaign.

Pronounced Public Sentiment.

In Pennsylvania, probably more than in any other state, has it been agreed that candidates for the supreme bench should refrain from any act that might be construed as appealing for or soliciting votes or to influence a political campaign in any particular.

That an aspirant for the greatest office of a judicial nature in the gift of the people of the state should be found going from county to county, from borough to borough, from ward to ward, in a mad hunt for votes, touching elbows with all sorts and manner of men, good, bad and indifferent, with no evidence of a realization of the undignified, unwholesome and dangerous character of the canvass, has called forth a storm of protests such as would startle a man of ordinary sensibilities.

A Judge's High Ideals.

Judge Robert von Moschzisker, ever since he was honored with a unanimous nomination for the supreme bench, has refrained from taking any part whatever in the political campaign. He spent the summer in Nova Scotia, and since his return has been industriously engaged in the performance of his judicial duties in the court of common pleas of Philadelphia. He has declined every invitation to address meetings, to attend receptions of a political character or to participate in public dinners where any reference might be made to his candidacy.

In his speech of acceptance of the nomination, Judge von Moschzisker showed how much he respected public sentiment. Among other things he said:

The candidate for judicial office occupies a different position from other candidates. Under our customs he is nominated by the party convention and may reasonably look for the usual party support, but he is not in a position to discuss politics or the policies of his party, for the reason that when elected to the bench he has nothing whatever to do with politics or the carrying out of party policies. In fact, it becomes his duty, when elected, to forget that he was a candidate of any particular party and to proceed to administer the law for the whole people without regard to any principles or policies, save the principles of the law as he is given the power to understand them. Fortunately, these ideas have become fixed in Pennsylvania, and it is not my desire to make any departure therefrom.

Not a single word or a single act of Judge von Moschzisker since that day can be pointed to that might be even twisted into a suggestion of an appeal for a solitary vote.

Policy of a Politician.

How different with his opponent, Mr. Munson. Mr. Munson is now on a tour of the state, shaking hands with all who will honor him with an opportunity to do so. A complete political machine, entirely independent of the regular Democratic state committee, has been running in his special interest ever since he entered the race. Canvassers are out in the state, letters are being written to Republicans soliciting their support for his candidacy, and individual appeals are being made for "complimentary" votes for Mr. Munson from men of the majority party.

Every precinct politician understands the old "complimentary vote game."

It has been worked time and again to fool the unsophisticated, and it has time and again been successful.

What is a complimentary vote? It is just the same as any other vote, only that it is usually a vote gotten under false representation. The theory of the man who goes after votes of this character is that the man from whom he asks a complimentary vote is so ignorant that he does not know

that he is voting against his party, his party nominee and his party's principles, just as positively and just as effectually as the man who has always been out in the open as an avowed political enemy of the party from whom the complimentary vote is solicited.

C. LaRue Munson, the Democratic nominee for associate justice of the supreme court of Pennsylvania, nominated in a Bourbon Democratic convention and placed upon a Bourbon Democratic platform, in which every principle of Republicanism is attacked, and particularly the fundamental principle of protection, which is a vital issue in the present campaign, presents a unique spectacle in the present contest in appealing for votes, complimentary or otherwise, from Republicans of the Keystone State.

As the personal director of his own canvass, Mr. Munson should take himself into council and decide to abandon his present political campaign out of deference to the unquestionable and unquestioned public sentiment.

If he shall do this, his standing with the bar of Pennsylvania, after his overwhelming defeat on Nov. 2, will at least not be as low as it otherwise would be.

GOV. STUART SHOWS THE WAY

Popular Executive Lauds the Republican Nominees.

PENROSE SOUNDS A WARNING

Philadelphia to Stand Loyal by the Full Party Ticket, and Importance of Big Vote in State is Dwelt Upon.

[Special Correspondence.]

Philadelphia, Oct. 12.

With Governor Stuart presiding at the opening meeting of the campaign, the largest Republican rally ever held in South Philadelphia, the canvass for the state and local candidates may be said to be fairly under way.

That every man on the Republican city ticket will be elected by at least 50,000 majority is the confident prediction of those in a position to gauge public sentiment and that Judge von Moschzisker, Philadelphia's representative on the state ticket and his colleagues, Messrs. Sisson and Stober, will poll the full party vote, is conceded on every hand.

There is a spectacular campaign being waged by a few malcontents against the local Republican ticket, with the aid of the Wanamaker newspapers.

The fact that all of the independent newspapers are this time refusing to foster the schemes of the Van Valkenburg political bureau is a source of chagrin to the old-time insurgents.

The great mass of the public spirited citizens are in line with the Republican party.

Governor Leads the Way.

Governor Stuart's attitude is truly representative of the thought of the best citizenship of the community.

In his address opening the campaign the governor among other things said:

"I am here tonight in behalf of the Republican ticket, at a Republican meeting, to speak in favor and to use my best efforts, and by my presence, to show my sympathy with the Republican ticket, and my interest in the success of that ticket in state, city and county, at this time, in Philadelphia. The state ticket is headed by a candidate whom you well know, and that position is justice of the supreme court."

"That gentleman has been nominated by the Republican party for the office of justice of the supreme court, and the name of the gentleman is Judge von Moschzisker, a resident of Philadelphia county, and he has filled the position as a member of one of our courts for the past seven years; a young man of undoubted ability and integrity, and a man, to my mind, who will make one of the greatest jurists of this commonwealth. By reason of his position as a candidate for the supreme court of Pennsylvania, he will not be here tonight."

He then paid a tribute to each of the local candidates, and in presenting Messrs. Sisson and Stober, the state nominees, who were present at the meeting, he was very felicitous.

Tribute For Penrose.

Not only was the initial meeting of the canvass a great and imposing affair, but on the following night there was a great demonstration given in honor of Senator Penrose by the workmen of Kensington in recognition of his services in formulating the new tariff bill.

This was undoubtedly the greatest gathering of the kind ever held in this city. It was an expression of loyalty to the Republican party, which will be evinced, as they said, in a practical way in the vote at the coming election.

The nominees on the Republican state ticket had a conference with Colonel Wesley R. Andrews, chairman of the Republican state committee, this week, and report that the receptions accorded them in every place they have visited have been spontaneous and cordial in their enthusiasm. They are assured that there are no defections or dissensions anywhere, and that they can expect the full party vote at the coming election.

The schedule of meetings for this week include visits to Unalton, Greensburg, Huntingdon, Lebanon, Honesdale, Scranton and Wilkes-Barre.

Market Reports.
WHEAT—Firm and 1c. higher; contract grade, October, \$1.144.15.
CORN—Quiet; unchanged.
OATS—Firm; good demand; No. 2 white, natural, 65c.
BUTTER—Steady; receipts, 5,833 packages; creamery, specials, 31a21 1/2c.; extras, 30a20 1/2c.; thirds to firsts, 25a20c.; state dairy, common to firsts, 24a30c.; process, firsts to specials, 25a27c.; western, factory, seconds to firsts, 22a24 1/2c.; imitation creamery, 25a25c.
CHEESE—Firm; receipts, 809 boxes; state, new, full cream, special, 15 1/2a15 1/2c.; small, colored, fancy, 15 1/2c.; large, colored, fancy, 15c.; small, white, fancy, 15 1/2c.; skims, full to specials, 15a15 1/2c.
EGGS—Firm for fresh; receipts, 7,250 cases; state, Pennsylvania and nearby, henner, white, 36a40c.; gathered, white, 25a35c.; henner, brown and mixed, fancy, 25a35c.; gathered, brown, fair to prime, 20a30c.; western, extra, 25a27 1/2c.; firsts, 24a25c.; seconds, 23a23 1/2c.
POTATOES—Easy; Maine, per bag, \$1a 1.85; state and western, per bbl., \$1.75a2.12; Jersey, per bbl. or bag, \$1.75a2.15; sweets, Jersey, No. 1, per bbl., \$1.50a2; per basket, 60a90c.; southern, per bbl., \$1.25a1.75.
LIVE POULTRY—Weaker, but nominal.
DRESSED POULTRY—Steady on fowls; weaker on chickens; broilers, nearby, fancy, squabs, per pair, 40a60c.; 3 lbs. to pair, 1b., 20a25c.; western, dry, picked, 17a18c.; scalded, 15a17c.; roasting chickens, nearby, fancy, 21a26c.; western, fancy, 17a18c.; mixed weight chickens, nearby, fancy, 16a 22c.; western, milk fed, 17a18c.; dry picked, corn fed, average best, 15c.; scalded, average best, 14a15c.; Michigan, scalded, average best, 15c.; Ohio scalded, average best, 15a16c.; fowls, barrels, 15a17c.; old roosters, 11c.; spring ducks, nearby, 13a 20c.; squabs, white, per doz., 23a4.
GAME—Frozen partridges, per pair, \$4; woodcock, \$1a1.25; snipe, English, per doz., \$2.50a2.75; rabbits, per pair, 30a40c.; Scotch grouse, \$1.50a2; foreign golden plover, per doz., \$3.50; wild ducks, mallard, per pair, \$1.50a1.75; teal, bluewing, \$1a1.25; greenwing, 75c.a85c.; foreign venison, saddles, per lb., 35a40c.; whole deer, per lb., 25a35c.
PIGS—Country dressed, pigs, per lb., 10a11 1/2c.

\$210,000 FORGERY ON BANK.

Shortage Hidden by Placing Spurious Notes in the Vaults.

Mineral Point, Wis., Oct. 12.—The First National bank here has discovered a shortage of \$210,000 due to forgeries of notes.

The shortage was hidden by the placing of forged notes of local business men in the bank's vaults. No arrests have been made.

Japanese Honor Buddhist Prince.

Honolulu, Oct. 12.—The biggest reception given to any Japanese since the visit of Prince Fushima was accorded to the Buddhist prince, Count Kozui Otani, who arrived on the steamer Mongolia. The wharf was lined with thousands of Japanese.

Madman Dug Twenty-one Graves.

Laurel, Miss.—The mystery of twenty-one newly dug graves, discovered on a plot of ground adjacent to the negro cemetery near here, has been solved by the arrest of an aged negro, obviously demented. He said that God ordered him to dig 121 graves and to work at night only. He has been engaged in the occupation nearly three weeks, at night.

THE EDUCATED PUBLIC.



Sympathetic One—Then people do not run into you in the street any more?

Blind Man—No; since I began using this auto horn I have had a perfectly clear road.

Then and Now.

Dear Rollo: Those books that you have been reading are out of date. There was a time when the boy who swept out the corners without being told became the president of the concern; but not now. This is an age of specialists. If you become an expert sweeper they will keep you at it. Efficiency is the watchword. The way to rise is to get caught bossing another boy that you have hired to do the sweeping. Then they'll put you on the road and you can get rich padding your expense account.

Embarrassing to Both.

Old Mr. Flaherty was a general favorite in the little town where he lived. The doctor was away nearly all one summer and did not hear of the old man's death. Soon after his return the doctor met Miss Flaherty and inquired about the family, ending with, "And how is your father standing the intense heat?"

Succinct.

Justice O'Halloran—Have you any children, Mrs. Kelly?
Mrs. Kelly—I hav two living an' was married!

Husbands and Babies.

After the baby comes, a woman realizes that the lesson in patience she had to learn to get along with her husband, was only the a b c of what she had to learn later.—Acheson Globe.

Wisdom of Little Value.

"Superior Wisdom," said Uncle Eben, "don't 'pear to do much for some people, 'ceptin' to keep 'em worried 'bout de mistakes dey is enabled to notice in others."

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