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### BETTER ROADS FOR ILLINOIS.

Estimates made with some care fix the amount of money wasted on Illinois roads during the last forty years at \$22,500,000, which is 37 1/2 per cent of the \$60,000,000 expended on the state's roads in that time, according to information and figures compiled by the Chicago Daily News. The waste, which is unquestionably large, regardless of estimates expressed in round numbers, is due mainly to lack of system in road improvement and maintenance.

One of the secrets of good roads lies in centralizing the management and providing for state aid. In the report of the state highway commission, covering the years 1910, 1911 and 1912, it is asserted that existing methods in Illinois constitute "a distinct hindrance to the best development of the state, which requires a comprehensive system of improved roads." Modern traffic conditions, according to the commission, require construction and maintenance of roads and bridges by skilled engineers. Main traveled roads, where traffic is heaviest, the commission holds, should be built and kept up by state aid, with county co-operation.

It is not hard to believe that road administration is now diffuse, inept and unsatisfactory under 4,800 local highway commissioners, each of whom in most cases works independently of every other commissioner, introducing his own peculiar notions of how the work should be done.

A bill which largely harmonizes with the state highway commission's recommendations is expected to be considered by the state legislature before its adjournment, and the needed changes ought to pass the general assembly before the curtain is rolled down at the close of this long draw-out session.

Illinois is a rich state but has the poorest country roads of any commonwealth in the middle west. In some of the poorer states public highways are in excellent shape, even in the winter months, and the plan has been adopted of working covets on the roads, and in these states, instead of sentencing culprits to the penitentiaries as punishment for minor offenses and forcing them to work at pursuits which are in direct competition with free labor, they are sent to roads, and the community is benefited.

Under the orders of Postmaster General Burleson, sanctioned by President Wilson, who naturally takes a deep interest in educational matters, the postmasters of humble rank will soon be called before examining boards, not only to prove their fitness for their \$200 plus positions, but to prove they are better fitted to hold them than any of their fellow townsmen with postoffice ambitions.

The real agricultural expert looks at farming primarily from the financial point of view. No cropping system, soil fertility system or marketing can be considered practical unless it can be shown that its adoption will increase the farmer's profits. So the farm expert must be a scientist, a practical farmer, an executive and a business man.

The Chicago city council has placed a ban on the auto murder sentence, and demands that the police enforce the ordinance prohibiting it. Harrington's date might be worse than to follow the example of his colony to the southeast.

"It is very not for fear of being accused of using a time-worn expression we would be tempted to remark that Harrington's date is in Barrington."

"Remember that Harrington is in Barrington."

"The fly has landed. What the fly?"

## AMBITION TALKS



BY HARLAN READ

### JUST FOR A HANDFUL OF SILVER.

There is a popular notion that inventors, poets, musicians, scientists and men of scholarly attainments have no brains for money getting. The fact that such men are generally poor and often indigent seems to prove the statement. But does it? John Milton, Shakespeare, Shelley, Burns, Keats, Dickens, Hugo, Handel, Mozart, Wagner, Raphael, Newton, Stevenson, Edison, Marconi, Lodge, Gladstone, Lincoln and McKinley could have been Rockefeller's, Carnegie's and Armour's if the accumulation of a fortune had been a more able thing to them than their better service of mankind? Is it not possible that Theodore Roosevelt, if he had gone into the life insurance business, could have made a fortune of a hundred and fifty thousand dollars a year like McCarty? Or that plain Jones the preacher could have lived in the biggest house in the town if he had gone into the plumbing business? Aye, but there's the rub. Plain Jones, the preacher, could not have gone into the plumbing business any more than Theodore Roosevelt could have entered life insurance.

The immortal Wagner chose music instead of monkey making, and the great Emersonator of the law chose law rather than blacksmithing because the inspiration of great things was upon him.

Just for a Handful of Silver many a man who has heard in his soul the divine call of nobler things and felt within himself the power to elevate mankind, has forsaken the thorny path of duty for the pleasant pastures of financial ease. Just for the privilege of owning an automobile and living in a comfortably beautiful palace hundreds of men well qualified along the lines of art sold themselves into a business or profession of doubtful character. Money and social position are theirs, but that is all the reward they will get; and its a mighty poor one when you sit down and think it all over.

God Almighty shows how little he thinks of money by the sort of folks he gives it to. Men and women who forsake every high ideal just for a Handful of Silver never know the beautiful and good, for the curse of money's mystic striving for more heights of true living are unexplored, the deals worth striving for are forgotten, and the real alchemy of life desires is lost to sense through the Midas wish to turn all loveliness and beauty into marketable gold.

### WHAT OTHER EDITORS SAY

Elgin Daily News: The beauties of the Fox river valley have been extolled in public print until it has become an old old story. There is no more beautiful season to rise this country than now. The woods are in their richest green. The bright green meadows present a pretty contrast, while the freshly plowed fields add to the delightful scene and fill the nostrils with the real "back to nature" smell. A trip up or down the Fox river valley at this season of the year provides inspiration and a day in the country ought to make a better man of anybody.

Harvard Herald: Daniel A. Grady has been recommended for postmaster at Waukegan in place of Charles Watson, Republican, whose term expired last December. Mr. Grady has long been a leading force in Democratic politics of Lake county and he is known by many of his party workers in McHenry county who will be pleased to hear of the recognition that has come to him. His selection for the place is attested by the efforts of Thomas E. Graham, Democratic member of the legislature from this district.

Elgin Daily News: The arrival of J. E. Readhimer, soil expert, places Kane county near the top of the column of progressive farm communities. Mr. Readhimer comes to advise and instruct the farmers of this county in matters of scientific agriculture. His sponsors hope to see highly increased crops as a result of his efforts. Eastern states have discovered that constant cultivation robs the soil of its producing qualities and hundreds of round, nearly valueless farm dots New England. The middle west has begun to profit by conditions in the east and throughout this section of the United States forward looking farmers are going deep into the problem of soil fertility and crop production. Farmers will do well to listen closely to what the new soil expert says and should call upon him whenever they need expert advice. Although hired by the Soil Improvement association he is virtually a public officer. His first word to the farmers of this community has been in regard to alfalfa and his arguments for greater alfalfa crops seem well based.

Thoroughly Ventilated.  
"What you need most," said the physician after he had examined the patient, "is a course of ventilation."  
"Ge, doctor," the sick man replied, "you must be mistaken. I've been operated on three times in the last year and a half."

### THEY SAY THAT

If a man really believed all that the automobile advertisements told him he would have a car if he had steel it.

Barrington is not like Chicago. In that city they are fighting over a dog spot; here we have the site but want a new depot.

The legislature is to adjourn on June 11. "The well."

Men women are as much in the dark at a ball game as most men are at grand opera.

The way for the subjugate to sweep the country is to learn to handle a broom.

### NEIGHBORHOOD ITEMS

President Wilson has nominated Daniel A. Grady for postmaster at Waukegan.

The corner stone of Waukegan's new \$95,000 federal building was laid Saturday.

Mrs. Ellen Phalen, one of McHenry's oldest citizens, died recently after an illness of a year, at the age of 91.

The Public Service company has secured a franchise at Richmond and will give that town electric service.

At Genoa the village night watchman padlocks the doors of the saloons at closing up time and unlocks them at "eye opening" time in the morning.

A new baseball league has been formed to include Aurora, Plano, Batavia, Sandwich, Earlville and Plainfield. Games will be played on Saturdays and Sundays.

There is a movement on foot to form a league between Elgin, Aurora and DeKalb although it is not really a league. The proposition is to have each team play each other three times during the season on set dates for the championship of the three cities.

While Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Gabel of Kirkland, and her mother, Mrs. Emma Crosby, were decorating the grave of Mrs. Crosby's husband in a cemetery near Kirkland, Sunday afternoon, four-year-old Ellis Gabel tugged playfully at a tottering old slab tombstone a few yards away. It fell and he was crushed to death.

Detective Sergeant James Duffy of the detective bureau, a policeman for twenty-one years, says the Chicago Daily News, tendered his resignation to Captain Halpin Friday last. "I am getting too old for the game," Duffy said, "I guess I'll go back to the farm at Crystal Lake. My proposition will provide for my remaining days."

Disappearance a week ago of Mrs. William Lloyd, her six-months-old baby and \$3,000 has set Marengo alive with gossip. She left six children with her husband, who has consulted State Attorney D. R. Joslyn of Woodstock. He blames an itinerant country salesman, who used to stay at the Lloyd farm, for the disappearance, according to Town Marshal M. L. St. John, who reports the alleged elopement a midnight affair in an automobile. Mrs. Lloyd, who sleeps downstairs, dressed and left with her husband slumbered upstairs. Mrs. Lloyd is 35 years old and good looking. Her husband is twelve years her senior, while her alleged abductor is said to be between 50 and 60 years old. He had not been on the farm for a number of weeks it is said.

### MR. KILLJOY.

Mr. Killjoy cannot say any promise anywhere, future trouble might bring gloom if the world today is fair; gloom on the drooping bough never give him any joy, he is thinking of the frosts that are waiting to destroy; Mr. Killjoy cannot find gladness in a maid's grace, he foresees the wrinkles which shall in future mar her face; if a child looks up and smiles where he passes he is sad, thinking that the little one may be going to the bad; Mr. Killjoy cannot gain any pleasure at a meal, he is thinking of the pain he is later doomed to feel; if his ventures pay today he is gloomy and distressed, thinking of the loss that he probably will be assessed.

### OBITUARY.

FREDERICK BRANDT, a resident of this community since 1857, died last Saturday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Herman Schwemmer, at the age of 77 years and two weeks. Heart disease, by which he was easily overcome on account of his advanced age, was the cause of his death. The end came after two weeks of suffering, during which time he remained cheerful until he passed away to a better life according to his faith. He was converted under the labors of Rev. Henry Brandt and Rev. William Schwenker, and became a member of the Evangelical church in 1876. He was known as a sincere and honest man, loving fairness in all deals with his fellowmen, and himself industrious and faithful in his family duties.

He is survived by his widow, three children, three step-children and ten grand-children. He also has one sister and one brother living in Germany. Mr. Brandt was born at Weiselo, Amt Olenndorf, Kreis Schaumburg, Germany, on May 10, 1836. In 1856 he came to America and settled here. On August 6, 1876, he was married to Miss Marie Schroeder, who survives him. The following are quotations by the Rev. Mr. Thoreau, who delivered the funeral sermon:

"Frederick Brandt, was an honored and friendly citizen, a good neighbor, a quiet and unassuming Christian, a faithful husband and a cheerful father. His clear and prompt confession of his faith in God and his assurance of a blessed home in eternal life a day before his death, are a source of comfort and encouragement as we linger for a little while to bid adieu to him that sleeps silently and lifeless before us today."

"Father Brandt was loyal and lovingly pursued during the days of his weakness and suffering, and every attention was given to his desires and needs. When the physician expressed his opinion as to the likelihood of the issue the relative, a bore up gracefully and submissively to the inevitable. Many friends called at the beautiful home of his daughter, where he spent the latter part of his life."

"The bereaved family desires that expression be given to their appreciation of the kindness of the people who have been so thoughtful and neighborly during the days of sickness and sorrow."

"We share our mutual woes. Our mutual burdens bear. And often for each other flows, The sympathizing tear."

The funeral service was held in the Salem church Tuesday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock. Rev. Herman H. Thoreau, pastor of the church, spoke in English and Rev. J. B. Brown, pastor of the Zion church, spoke in German. The Pledge sisters trio sang and Miss Myrtle Plagge also sang a solo. Interment was in Evergreen cemetery.

PHILANDER MOULTON, who resided in Lake county, near this village, for 30 years, died last Saturday morning at his home at 102 Brook street, Elgin, at the age of 91 years. He moved to Elgin in 1865.

Mr. Moulton was born in Auburn, Ohio, July 17, 1822. When a boy his parents died and he was left an orphan. An uncle, living on a large farm in Ohio, cared for him during his youth and when 19 years of age he set out to make a home for himself.

In 1846 he came to Illinois and settled on government land near Barrington, Lake county.

In 1846 he was married to Eunice C. Hollister. Six children were born to this union, four of whom are still living: Mr. Fred Bauer, Delos Moulton, Elgin; Mrs. Emma E. Lane of Colorado, widow of the late James E. Lane, and Page H. Moulton of California. Three grandchildren and five great grandchildren also survive.

His first wife died in 1861 and he married again two years later. He served with the Second Illinois regiment during the Civil war and was honorably discharged at its close.

The funeral was held from the family home in Elgin at 9:30 o'clock Monday morning and the remains were brought here and interred in the White cemetery, north of town.

### Change in Parcel Post Stamps.

A change is to be made in the parcel post stamps. The new stamps are to be the same size as the old ones in vogue and different colors will be used for different denominations, instead of having all the stamps one color as at the present time. The numerals will also be larger. While the new stamps may not be as well liked as those now used they will be much more useful, according to advice sent out from the office of the postmaster general at Washington. At the present time the only way the denomination of a stamp can be detected is by looking for a small number on either of the lower corners of the stamp. On the new stamps the denomination can be told by the color, the same as the regular postage stamp.

### Real Estate Transfers.

The following transfers of real estate in this vicinity have been recorded recently:

Mary E. Stinson to E. H. Hughes and H. R. Grove, 130 acres in section 4, and 160 acres in section 5, Waukegan township, \$5,750.

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