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Nothing to be thankful for! Fiddlesticks and tomwalkers! Be thankful that a merciful God hasn't snapped the brittle thread and dropped you into endless eternity with the breath of your ungrateful grumbings still warm on your lips. Thank Him that justice has not been dealt out to you according to your ignoble conduct. Praise God with your puny wool-gathered soul that your unprofitable existence is allowed to continue and that all your complainings and ungrateful thoughts and acts have not brought the death you so much deserve. Give praise that you still have health and strength to complain in thundering tones of the hard times and low cotton.

There are a thousand things to be thankful for, and tomorrow, the national thanksgiving day, should be observed by every human who has received anything from the storehouse of God during the twelve months that have passed.

The doctors claim that people pay them last, if at all, and the preachers think their money comes from the cracked cotton, but here is one who doesn't believe a word of either. We are convinced that the deluded souls who try to make a living out of paper and ink and the local hap penings are, in truth, the ones who get their money from the never-realized surplus. Some men do not believe that a subscription account is a debt. They think of it as of little importance because small, as something to be paid if convenient, but if not convenient "Oh, well, I'll see about it before long."

Fortunately for quite a good many of us, the number of those who think this way is growing smaller each year. Many good men pay for their paper just as regularly as the years roll a round. Then on the other hand there are quite a good many who don't give a darn whether they ever pay or not, just so all the papers do not black-list their names.

Western Judge on Wife Beating

A western judge is credited with the following utterance when a man convicted of wife-beating was before him and whined that he had to beat his wife because she wouldn't obey him:

"If it was not for the dignity of the office I hold I would tell you, sir, that you are a cowardly cur; a beastly, disgusting imitation of a human being; a miserable, contemptible, worthless thing, made in the outward shape of a man, but with the mental and moral instincts of a hyena; a vile, odious, abominable loathsome, villainous, execrable, pusillanimous, daddinged reptile not fit to be mentioned in the same breath with a skunk. But as it is I will give you the full term allowed by the law, in the common jail of this county and order you put on a diet of bread and water and God grant that it may choke your ugly, rope-deserving throat, every mouthful of it." Take the execrable ding-busted creature out of my sight, officer, before I fall upon him and make him look like a plate of raw hash wearing a hat. He is so mean that I wouldn't speak to him if I met him in hell and he had a chunk of ice in his hands as big as my head."

ROAD BUILDING

CONSTRUCTION OF A CULVERT

Consideration of Economy and Safety Demands Employment of Other Material Than Wood.

By far the greater number of culverts and bridges on our public roads have a span of less than fifty feet. In the past these structures have, in general, been built of wood, but lumber so exposed in this dry climate is subject to rapid decay, writes Walter Graham in Denver Field and Farm. Consequently these structures require a great deal of repair and frequent renewals. The ever-increasing price of lumber is making the further use of wood for this class of structures more and more indefensible. The loads which our highway structures are called upon to sustain are also increasing. In many of our agricultural localities the movement of steam road rollers and heavy traction engines is seriously hampered because of weak bridges and culverts. Consideration of economy and safety demands the use of other materials than wood in the construction of culverts and bridges.

Durability is of the greatest economic importance. In many sections a large proportion of the annual road levy is expended in repair and renewal of wooden culverts and minor bridges, and it is not unusual to find this practice defended on the ground that the county or district cannot afford to build the higher-priced permanent culverts. This notion is simply a false sense of economy. True, the first cost of the permanent structure is greater, but there the outlay ends, while with wooden culverts there is a large annual outlay for repair, as well as frequent renewals. Anyone interested in road improvement will find it most interesting to secure the following data for his own county or district: The number of culverts, cost of labor and material for repair and renewal each year, average life of wooden culverts and the ordinary life of wooden bridge floors. Then he could compute how long it would be before the actual present expenditure would pay for permanent culverts.

Later improvements in the manufacture of iron have made this material more generally available for use in culvert construction. A special quality of iron, very low in carbon, resists corrosion so well as to make its use advisable in many cases, and this is an important point for the irrigated districts. The cutting away of the soil by the water at the inlet or outlet of a clay or cement pipe is often responsible for its progressive breakdown and partial exposures of this character are extremely dangerous in time of freshet to any form of construction. It is doubtful whether the majority of practical roadbuilders have given consideration to the fact that by building suitable wing walls for any bridge or pipe they can very largely increase its carrying capacity. A V-shaped entrance-way so increases the velocity of the water as to enable a given conduit to perform the work of one of much larger diameter which has an end wall at right angles to the flow.

BAD ROADS VERY EXPENSIVE

Value of Horses and Mules in One County in Missouri Deteriorated 3 Per Cent Annually.

From the 1910 United States census reports it is found that the value of horses and mules in one county in Missouri was \$831,089. The value of farm vehicles, harness and other equipment was \$375,000, making a total of \$1,206,089. The present roads of the county cause all animals, vehicles and harness to deteriorate three per cent per annum faster than they would on improved roads. Three per cent of \$1,206,089 is \$36,182.

This is only one source of loss which the county must bear every year on account of bad roads. Again, the cost per ton mile for hauling on the roads in the county is 30 cents, while the cost on good roads is only 14 cents per ton mile, thus saving 16 cents per ton mile.

There are about one hundred thousand tons hauled an average of five miles in the county; 75 per cent of this amount would be over improved roads provided the present bond issue carries.

Seventy-five per cent of the 100,000 tons equal 75,000 tons. This amount hauled five miles represents 375,000 ton miles; 375,000 tons multiplied by 16 cents equals \$60,000 plus \$36,182 equals \$96,182 total annual loss on account of present roads as compared to improved roads. This annual loss could be eliminated if the main or heavily traveled roads of the county were improved.

New Roads for New York State. New York will construct during the current year nearly four hundred and thirty miles of improved roads of the best types under the direction of the state highway department. Of this aggregate about one hundred and twenty-six miles will consist of concrete roads, 42 miles of brick roads, 229 miles of bituminous macadam roads, 226 miles of waterbound macadam road, and about six miles of miscellaneous types. This mileage comprises the roads which have been put under contract to June 1.



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Don't Forget

The old fiddlers Convention at the Pageland school Auditorium Nov. 27th. Doors will open at 7 o'clock and music will begin at 7:30 o'clock

The following cash prizes will be given

1st. Best music rendered by Violin	\$5.00
2nd. " " " " "	\$2.00
Best Banjo music rendered	\$2.00
Best Guitar " " "	\$2.00
Best Duet on any instrument	\$2.00

Any one wishing to enter Contest, may write J. V. Thompson or H. B. Redfearn, Pageland, S. C.

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