

LAND SALE.
 State of South Carolina,
 County of Laurens,
 IN COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.
 Annie Davis, et al. Plaintiffs,
 against
 Dorroh Davis, et al. Defendants.
 Pursuant to a decree of the Court in the above stated case, I will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder at Laurens, S. C., on Wednesday in August next, being Monday the 6th day of the month, during the legal hours for such sales, the following described property, to wit:
 All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Laurens, County and State aforesaid, containing three-fourths (3/4) of an acre, more or less, and bounded on the north by lands of G. B. Franklin, on the east by Little River on the south by lot hereinafter described and on the west by River street and being the northern half of the lot of Ed Davis, deceased, died seized and possessed.
 Also all that lot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Laurens, County and State aforesaid, containing three-fourths (3/4) of an acre, more or less, and bounded on the north by lot described above, on the east by Little River, or the South by lot of the Wonderman, and on the west by River street and being the southern half of the lot of which Ed Davis, deceased, died seized and possessed.
 Terms of Sale: Cash. Purchaser to pay for papers. If the terms of sale are not complied with, the land to be re-sold on same or some subsequent salesday on same terms, at risk of former purchaser.
 C. A. POWER,
 C. C. C. P. and G. S.
 Dated, this July 2, 1917. 50-11

LAND SALE.
 State of South Carolina,
 County of Laurens,
 IN COURT OF COMMON PLEAS.
 V. M. Lobb, Plaintiff,
 against
 Ben Brockman, Single Plaintiff, and J. S. Rozier, Defendants.
 Pursuant to a decree of the Court in the above stated case, I will sell at public outcry to the highest bidder at Laurens, S. C., on Wednesday in August next, being Monday the 6th day of the month, during the legal hours for such sales, the following described property, to wit:
 All that lot or tract of land with buildings thereon in the Town of Cross Hill, County and State aforesaid, containing one acre, more or less, bounded on the north, east and west by lands of M. T. Simpson and on the south by lands of Mary Bibba, said lot being the same as conveyed to Ben Brockman by Susan A. Simpson on the 8th of March, 1901.
 Terms of Sale: Cash. Purchaser to pay for papers. If the terms of sale are not complied with, the land to be re-sold on same or some subsequent salesday on same terms, at risk of former purchaser.
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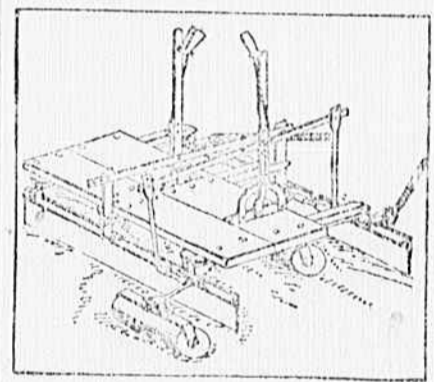
Highway Improvement
DRAGGING ROADS IN SPRING
 Operations Should Begin Just as Soon as the Frost Starts to Come Out of the Ground.

Nothing adds more immediate value to our farm land than accessibility to markets, such connecting link between the farm and market being a good road. The early dragging of our dirt roads is certainly to be commended. Just as soon as the frost begins to come out of the ground, the farmer should commence dragging.
 This is not a laborious job, a good team can put the road between him and the first crossing toward town, even if half a mile away, in good condition in a half day, and he will save many times the cost of such labor or expense during the year. Besides the additional value it adds to the farm, there is that personal pride that we all owe to every community, and especially to ourselves.

GRADING AND ROLLING ROADS
 Steel Device Invented to Correct Certain Degree Fault of Drags on Dry Highways.

Split logs and drags and commercially manufactured drags involving the basic principle of Mr. D. Ward King's simple split-log drag, have done much for the dirt roads of the nation, and these make up the bulk of the mileage of the country roads of this nation. The originator of this type of drag advocated their use while the road was still muddy, to "puddle" the dirt of the road's surface and so make it more waterproof as well as to smooth the surface of the road. This is the best time to use them, for then they accomplish these two tasks so important to the making of a good dirt road. But for some reason or other the bulk of users of road drags persist in using them only after the surface of the road has become dry and rough after a rain, simply to smooth it up.

When used in this way, all the drags of this type have one basic fault; they leave a ridge of loose dirt in the center of the road. If the weather continues dry and hot, this soon dries and pulverizes into dust, to be blown about with the shifting winds. If it rains, this loose dirt quickly absorbs a large amount of water and turns into mud—much quicker than it would have been if it had been packed firm and hard, instead of being loose and porous. Herewith is shown a drawing of a steel drag of this same kind which is designed to correct to a certain degree at least this fault of drags when used on dry ground. It is designed to pack more or less firmly this little ridge of loose dirt which is



drawn into the middle of the road by the smoothing action of the drag when the road is dry.
 Just back of the "delivery" end of both blades to the drag is a hinged roller for the purpose of further pulverizing and also of packing this loose dirt. One lever controls the cutting or dragging blades so they can be set at whatever angle is desired, to regulate the degree of cutting which is done by them. Another lever regulates the height at which the rollers may be set, and so the amount of packing they shall do.—Business Farming.

AUTOIST LEARNED TO GROAN
 Sight of Road Grader in Offing Fills His Heart With Dismay—Drag Is Cause of Snifles.

Speaking of grading operations, the autoist has learned to groan when he sees a road grader, manned by a half-dozen willing men, show up in the offing. He knows that the presence of the grader forecasts bad roads for weeks to come—soft, loose dirt, ruts and bumps, and when the rain comes, with little prospect of quick drying of the sodden mass. But he smiles when he sees a road drag, for he knows that means immediate improvement of the road and permanent benefit.

Good Roads.
 The value of farming land depends very largely on the distance from a market. A good road has the effect of shortening the time required for carrying a load of produce to market, which is practically the same thing as shortening the distance.

Turkestan Is Inferior.
 The commercial Turkestan alfalfa has been tested quite thoroughly in all parts of the United States and in nearly every case has proved inferior to American-grown strains.

GOOD ROADS
DOUBLE LOAD ON GOOD ROAD
 Farmers Haul Two Wagons Hitched Together to End of Improved Highway—Single on Poor Road.

(From the United States Department of Agriculture.)
 To see what really happens at the end of the good road, a public road specialist of the department recently had observations made in different sections of the country. The observers noted many country-bound teamsters who drove two loaded wagons, hitched one behind the other, to the end of the good road, and then found it necessary to leave one wagon by the roadside to be returned for later, while all the power of their teams was devoted to hauling a single wagon over the unimproved road.

Farmers bound for the market frequently were seen to haul wood and similar products to the beginning of the good road, there dumping them, and returning for a second load. When this arrived, the two loads were consolidated and easily hauled by a single team the remaining distance to market over the improved highway.

In one section of the country where oxen are still used teamsters were observed to bring their loads over the dirt roads with two or three yokes of oxen. When the beginning of the good roads was reached, the teamsters would unhitch the extra animals and finish their journey with a single yoke.

EXCESS WATER HURTS ROADS
 Cold Weather Does Not Cause Injury, No Matter Whether Road Is Earth, Gravel or Macadam.

Water, not cold, is the cause of the deterioration of roads in winter. Cold weather does not in itself injure roads no matter whether they are earth, gravel or macadam. In fact an earth road will stand more traffic when it is solidly frozen than at any other time. Excess water, however, is always detrimental to a highway. When cold weather turns this water into ice, the damage that it does is greatly increased. Ice occupies considerably more space than the water from which it is formed, and every person who has lived in a cold climate is familiar with the powerful bursting effect of water when left to freeze in a confined vessel. The same action takes place when a wet road freezes to any considerable depth. It simply bursts or, as we generally term it in road parlance, the road heaves. Later, when the frost leaves, the road is disintegrated and ruts badly. If this process is repeated a number of times during the winter, a gravel or macadam road may be practically destroyed while an earth road may become entirely impassable.

A dry road will not heave. Rock, gravel, sand and even clay when perfectly dry contract slightly on freezing.



Well-Drained Road.
 Fig. In order to expand on freezing, these materials must contain or be mixed with water, and the more water they contain the greater the expansion which takes place. But so long as the road remains frozen, the damage does not become apparent. Hence the frequent and erroneous idea that it is the thaw which injures the road. The injury was done when the water in the road froze and the particles of the road surface—broken stone, sand, still fine particles of earth or clay—were pushed apart by the expanding power of the freezing water. The thaw merely allows the ice to melt and assume its original volume as water.

The remedy is self-evident. Keep the water out of the road. The time to begin preventive measures is before the rains begin. If the road goes into the winter thoroughly dry with the surface and drainage in good condition, the chances are extremely favorable that it will come out all right the following spring.

KEEPING UP DIRT HIGHWAYS
 Farmers Can Have Good Roads by Grading to Drain Off Rainfall and Keep Surface Smooth.

We all want good roads and when we find out what is the really permanent highway we will want that also in line with the modern idea of building for keeps.
 In the meantime farmers can have good dirt roads by grading to drain off the rainfall, and by dragging to keep the surface smooth and hard.

The Road Scraper.
 Where is your road scraper? Have it ready to use on the roads after every rain. Persuade your neighbor to do the same.

Increase School Attendance.
 Figures show that school attendance increases importantly wherever country roads are improved.

Expenses for 1914.
 In 1914 the United States expended for road work a quarter of a billion dollars.

Notice of Sale Under Execution.
 Under and by virtue of an execution in favor of Harvester Company of America versus George W. Proffit, I will sell at Laurens, S. C., at public auction for cash to the highest bidder on galesday in August next, being the 6th day of the month during the legal hours of sale, one mower and rake levied on as the property of said George Proffit for satisfaction of said execution. In event purchaser fails to comply with his bid the property will be resold on same salesday at risk of defaulting purchaser.
 S. C. REID,
 Sheriff.

Chronic Constipation.
 It is by no means an easy matter to cure this disease, but it can be done in most instances by taking Chamberlain's Tablets and complying with the plain printed directions that accompany each package.

WATTS MILL NEWS.
 Watts Mill, July 30.—Rev. Sidney Edwards, a missionary from South Carolina, lectured on missions Sunday night. His lecture was greatly enjoyed by all.
 Mrs. Maud Bobo and little daughter, Milwee, are now visiting her mother, Mrs. R. H. Donaldson, of this place.
 Little Noel Frady, who has been sick with fever for several days, is some better at this writing.
 Rev. W. D. Hammett, of Rock Hill, visited at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. M. Moore, on Friday night.
 Mrs. Becky Babb of Eden, is visiting at Mrs. Tom Tumblin's of this place.
 Mrs. C. L. Hammett and little daughters, Esther and Meriam, of Ware Shoals, are now visiting at Mrs. J. M. Moore's.

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