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LOOK AFTER ROADS

Roads of Box Butte County Need Looking After During Spring and Summer Months

Box Butte county, because of the many roads which traverse the different portions, is particularly interested in the proposition of good roads. It would not be amiss for us to give some hints at this time on the care of these roads.

The cardinal essential in spring maintenance of earth roads, especially those on heavy soils, is good drainage. So long as the water can be kept from penetrating deeply into these roads they will remain at least fairly passable. To accomplish this on average earth roads, however, is far from easy. During the early part of this season of the year rains are often of long duration and tend to saturate the soil. Water from melting snows is perhaps even more penetrating than long-continued rains, while alternate freezing and thawing of the wet surface tends to increase the porosity of the soil and permit even more ready access of water into the foundation.

The chief attention of the road man must therefore be directed toward getting and keeping water away from the road. So long as the foundation can be kept dry, even a heavy freeze followed by a rapid thaw will do little or no real damage to the road surface. A dry soil does not heave. The foundation will therefore still be solid, and the road will be able to sustain the traffic without serious rutting. On the other hand, a saturated soil expands greatly on freezing, and when it thaws out has not only lost practically all power of sustaining the weight of traffic, but also is in an ideal condition for taking up or absorbing still more water, and thus forming still more mud. The spring maintenance of earth roads requires, therefore, first, preventive measures, which must be taken the previous fall or summer, so that the road will go into winter properly graded, well compacted, and with good provisions for drainage; and, second, timely, continuous, systematic, and intelligent attention throughout the winter and spring.

It is true that the only sensible and really economical thing to do with earth roads on which the traffic has reached a certain volume is to hard surface them. But the larger part of our earth roads must remain such for a long time to come. These roads, however, need not become impassable mud lanes every winter or spring. A certain amount of timely and intelligent attention during the late winter and early spring will yield results commensurate with the cost. We must learn that it requires as great, if not greater, skill and experience to maintain an earth road properly as to maintain any of the high-class pavements. The fundamental principles of earth road maintenance are few and not difficult, but to carry out these principles under the almost infinite variations of conditions with which the road man finds himself confronted requires a high degree of intelligence, skill, and experience. Not until we realize these facts and put them into practical application will we have the earth roads which it is possible for us to have.

During the early part of the season, as long as the weather is very rainy or there is melting snow on the ground, it will pay to have the road man go over the road daily to see that the drains and side ditches do not become clogged and to note the need of any necessary repairs. A few minutes work with a shovel may prevent a serious washout or damage which, if not promptly checked, might make the road practically impassable.

The road drag or some other similar device finds its greatest usefulness during this season. It may be used to good advantage to clear the roadway of slush and melting snow and so prevent this water from soaking into and softening the subgrade. To fill ruts, smooth the surface, and maintain the crown of the road, the drag is unexcelled when in the hands of a skilled operator. An unskilled man may do more harm than good. Furthermore, the actual condition of the road during this period will depend very largely on the knowledge of the road man as to just when to drag, as well as his skill in the operation of the implement.

In addition to the maintenance provision should be made for doing all necessary grading or earth work as early in the spring as possible so that it may become thoroughly consolidated before the dry weather of summer. If the work is done too late, the road will not only probably become very dusty in dry weather but will need additional attention in the fall. Where the soil is a heavy clay or gumbo the condition of the road may be very materially improved by adding sand from time to time as that already on the road is worked in by the passing traffic and the drag.

Only rarely do our earth roads, even when neglected, become equally bad over their entire length. Most frequently the really bad places are confined to comparatively short sections, while the remainder of the road is fairly passable. An examination of the worst will usually show that the drainage, either surface or underground, is seriously at fault. The trouble can be remedied by providing the necessary drainage, and in nearly every case could be small amount of timely and properly directed attention. The lesson is obvious. Systematically organized and properly directed maintenance throughout all seasons is our only guaranty of fairly passable earth roads.

Spring
Spring is sprung upon by many as the most delightful season of the year, but this cannot be said of the rheumatic. The cold and damp weather brings on rheumatic pains which are anything but pleasant. They can be relieved, however, by applying Chamberlain's Liniment. Obtainable everywhere.
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Lloyd's Column

The Town of No-Good
Kind friends, have you heard of the town of No-Good, on the banks of the river Slow, where the Some-Time-or-Other scents the air and the soft Go-Easties grow? It lies in the valley of What's-the-Use, in the province of Let-Her-Slide; it's the home of the reckless I-Don't-Care, where the Give-It-Ups abide. The town is as old as the human race, and it grows with the flight of years; it is wrapped in the fog of the idler's dreams; its streets are paved with discarded schemes, and are sprinkled with useless tears.—Selected.

Gone, But Not Forgotten
"Are caterpillars good to eat?" asked little Tommy at the dinner table.

"No," said his father; "what makes you ask a question like that while we are eating?"

"You had one on your lettuce, but it's gone now," replied Tommy.

"Did the doctor diagnose your case?"

"Yes."

"How long did it take?"

"Not long. I wore my shabby suit."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Altruistic
Mrs. Flitterby: "So you are on the visiting committee of your social workers' society. I should think you'd find it dreadfully irksome making all those slum calls."

Mrs. Hunter-Fadde: "I'm willing to make the sacrifice for a good cause. Every visiting day I send my maid around with my cards."

The Law of Attraction
"Father, you were born in California, you say?"

"Yes, my son."

"And mother was born in New York?"

"Yes."

"And I was born in Indiana?"

"Yes, my son."

"Well, father, don't it beat the Dutch how we all got together?"

The Secret of Success
"What is the secret of success?" asked the Sphinx.

"Push," said the Button.

"Never be lead," said the Pencil.

"Take pains," said the Window.

"Always keep cool," said the Ice.

"Be up to date," said the Calendar.

"Never lose your head," said the Barrel.

"Make light of everything," said the Fire.

"Do a driving business," said the Hammer.

"Aspire to higher things," said the Nutmeg.

"Be sharp in all your dealings," said the Knife.

"Find a good thing and stick to it," said the Glue.

"Do the work you are suited for," said the Chimney.

Miss Curley kept a private school, and one morning was interviewing a new pupil.

"What does your father do to earn his living?" the teacher asked the little girl.

"Please, ma'am," was the prompt reply, "he doesn't live with us. My mamma supports me."

"Well, then," asked the teacher, "how does your mother earn her living?"

"Why, replied the little girl, in an artless manner, "she gets paid for staying away from father."

What Did You Do?

Did you give him a life? He's a brother of man,

And bearing about all the burden he can.

Did you give him a smile? He was downcast and blue,

And the smile would have helped him to battle it through.

Did you give him your hand? He was slipping down hill,

And the world, so he fancied, was using him ill.

Did you give him a word? Did you show him the road,

Or did you just let him go on with his load?

Do you know what it means to be losing the fight,

When a lift just in time might set everything right?

Do you know what it means—just the clasp of a hand,

When a man's borne about all a man ought to stand?

Did you ask what it was—why the quivering lip?

Why the half-suppressed sob, and the scalding tears drip?

Were you brother of his when the time came of need?

Did you offer to help him or didn't you heed?

On Easy Street

In the city of Lifeopolis Where Failure and Success meet,
There runs a pleasant thoroughfare That's known as Easy Street.
It skirts the river dalliance; Its way is primrose-lined,
And those who travel Easy street No trouble seem to find.
Here Mirth and Joy and Pleasure rove,
And Song and Jubilee;
They beckon you to follow them. Light-hearted and care-free;
And wonderful bazaars there are Where you can stop and buy Love, friendship, laughter and delight—
But, ah, the price is high. But if Successville you would reach,
This street is not the way; It runs at last to Failureburg.
And there the toll you pay. Successville's road is hard and long;
The end alone is sweet; Yet those who come are glad that they Did not take Easy street.

Insomnia
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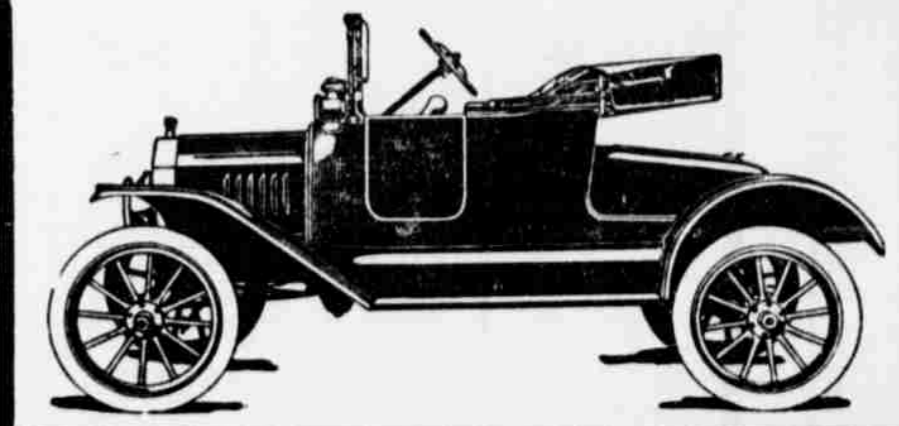
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