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WESTERN WEBSTER

Mrs. O. B. Harvey is quite sick this week.

A. Newton and wife went to Red Cloud Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Herriek visited at Ray Cochrane's Sunday.

Frank Daily who lives near Bethany, Mo., spent Saturday and Sunday at L. Daily's. He was on his way home from Colorado.

C. M. Hannam who has been thrashing near Lawrence was in this neighborhood last week and has now returned to his home in Dundy Co.

Elmer Harvey who was reported better last week, died Monday. He had taken a relapse which proved fatal. The funeral was held Thursday. Particulars next week.

GUIDE ROCK.

Mrs. Teachworth has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Charles Roland.

Wilbur Ayer of Havana, Cuba, took supper with E. M. Parker and family Saturday.

It is reported that P. E. Fairfield has sold his residence to Hastings Milliner of Bostwick.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gleason returned Monday from a visit of several days at Burr Oak, Kansas.

Eugene Shuck and family departed Sunday for White Cloud, Kansas. Mr. Shuck has purchased a livery barn there.

W. F. Crowell and family will move October 1st into the house owned by Mr. Miller formerly occupied by Mr. Woods.

John Seeley and wife of Dakota arrived Tuesday evening to visit W. A. Seeley and wife. The gentlemen are brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Dondna welcomed a new daughter to their home Saturday, September 25th, '09. She will be known as Nathana Mary.

The baby daughter born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Vaughan died at birth. The burial occurred Friday afternoon. Everyone sympathizes with the parents in their disappointment.

Frank Bailey has sold his house and one lot to A. J. Bragg. Mr. Bailey will build a new residence on his two remaining lots as soon as carpenters can be secured.

Mrs. H. D. Fishburn died Tuesday evening. The funeral was conducted by Rev. G. W. Pool at the Baptist church at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. This was a very sad occasion. The husband of the deceased died just two weeks ago today (Wednesday). Five sons and three daughters survive.

Good Roads.

The cry for better roads from all parts of the country of late years is having the desired effect to some extent, yet the roads of Nebraska are not being improved nearly as fast as they should be. Road building in some parts of the state is expensive. A great portion of the state is quite rolling, and considerable grading is required in cutting down the hills and filling the draws to make the roads level enough to enable a fair sized team to draw a heavy load to market. The expense in leveling the roadways is so much that the taxpayers usually object when the cost is mentioned, and as a result the roads in many cases remain in a condition that makes the marketing of farm products an expensive operation and makes it other than a pleasure to drive over these roads with a light rig.

In the hilly sections of the state the first necessary operation in road building is the leveling, by the grading down of the hills and the filling up of the draws. In doing this there is usually a heavy expense connected and on this account in some cases it will take some years to complete the work. The work, however, should be started with the idea in view that it will be completed some time, and plans to this end should be made. The cuts through the hills should be begun with enough width so there will be

ample room in the bottom of the cuts, when completed, to allow two hay racks to pass.

The surface of the road-bed should then be rounded off so the water will drain off readily. The plain ordinary roadscrapers set at an angle are probably the best tools to do this work with, both on hilly and level roads. In swampy sections, where a higher grade is necessary to keep the road free of water, an elevating grader will do better work. After the surface of the roadbed has been rounded off it should then be kept smooth and free from ruts. The King split-log road drag is coming into quite general use for this purpose on dirt roads. Roads on which this kind of an implement is used intelligently can be kept practically smooth the year round.

This drag can be constructed with a small outlay of money, and is so simple to construct that anyone with a saw, axe and hammer can make one in a days time. A dry red cedar log is the best material for a drag as it is light and durable. Red Elm, Box Elder, Soft Maple, or even Willow will do, and are preferable to Oak, Hickory or Ash. If a log is not obtainable get a two or three inch plank. The log should be seven or eight feet long and from ten to twelve inches in diameter, and carefully split down the middle. The heavier slab should be selected for the front. The slabs should then be connected with three or four strong stakes, their ends being tightly wedged in a two-inch auger hole through each slab. These slabs should be set two feet six inches apart with the flat sides toward the front. The back slab should not be set directly behind the front one, but should be set about twelve inches to one side, or far enough so that when the drag is in operation and one slab is following directly behind the other the drag will follow the horses at an angle of about 45 degrees. It is well to place a strip of iron three and a half feet long and three or four inches wide on the front lower edge of the forward slab on the ditch end. This slab should extend a trifle below the edge of the slab. An ordinary trace chain is strong enough to draw the implement, on the ditch end it should be passed through a hole bored through the front slab and a pin placed through the end link. At the other end the chain should be raised over the front slab and wrapped around the rear stake. This will allow dirt and trash to drift past the face of the drag. Drags are often constructed of planks instead of logs. Care should be exercised to strengthen the implement by reinforcing it here and there when planks are used.

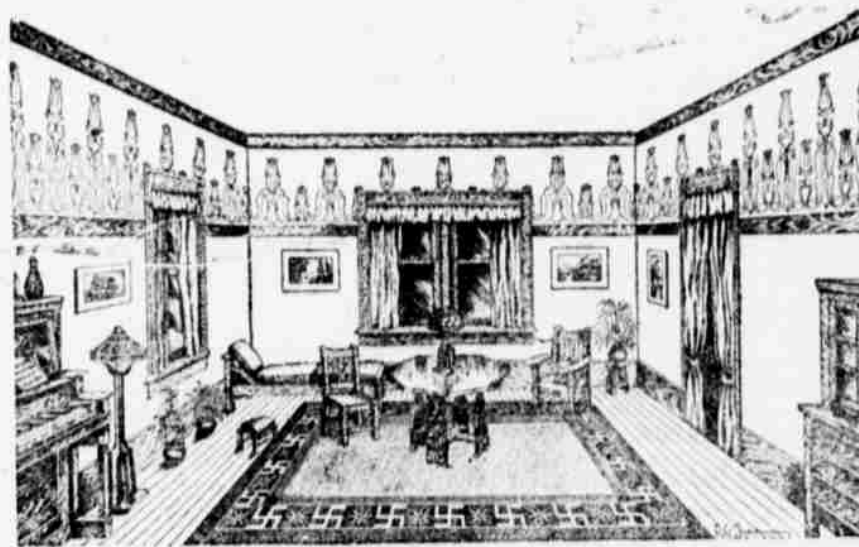
The drag should be used occasionally during the whole year. It will gradually work the dirt toward the center of the road, making the road rounded, and will keep the surface smooth and free of ruts, allowing the water to drain off readily after the rains and the road to dry quickly. The drag does the best work when the ground is quite moist. The earth then moves freely along the faces of the slabs. Most of our clay soil will smear or puddle and become hard like ground plowed too wet when worked with this implement soon after each rain. Roads where this treatment has been carried on for several years have formed a crust over the surface so hard and impervious to water that water seldom soaks through it even in continued rainy spells.

The cost of maintenance of earth roads by dragging amounts to only a trifle when compared with the benefits derived. The average cost per mile of road for the whole year will probably not be more than \$3 in Nebraska.

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