

ROAD SYSTEM IS ANTIQUATED HERE

Government Inspector, Investigating Here, Will Recommend Charges.

LAWS ARE INADEQUATE

Says Three-Mile Road Law Is Much Abused in This County.

Government Inspector Arbenz believes the system of road building in this community as provided by state statutes is considerably antiquated. An investigation of the roads of the county to the north and northwest were made by the inspector who will make another trip over other roads before making recommendations to the county officials relative to changes which should be made in the construction and maintenance of the roads.

Changes will be recommended by the inspector. "Often times local conditions prevent the adoption of certain methods of road building," Mr. Arbenz explained.

The laws governing the construction here are inadequate to the proper construction of roads, the official believes. The county roads should all be under the jurisdiction of the county commissioners or the authorities having jurisdiction over the roads of the county, said Mr. Arbenz. The township roads should be built and maintained by the county and should be under the supervision of the county officials."

The three-mile road law of this state is abused he believes, and is used in an unfair way by parties who take advantage of it. Mr. Arbenz agrees with the Good Roads committee of the Commercial Club that the law may be fair in the taxation of residents of cities for the building of roads in the rural districts leading into the cities, but only roads and not additional curb and gutters should be built under this law. Curb and gutters along these roads are not beneficial to the parties who pass over the roads on their way to the city, nor do they benefit the city residents, he believes.

As a whole the roads are in good condition as far as the inspector has been able to ascertain. The poorest roads in this county are as good as the best roads in counties in South Carolina where Mr. Arbenz made reports previous to coming here.

BROKEN.
"Bjinks has broken his engagement with Miss Hansum, he says."

"Why did he break it?"

"She decided she wouldn't marry him, and he said he wouldn't be engaged to any girl who wouldn't marry him."—New York Mail.

ACCOMMODATING.
Husband—By Jove, I want something exciting to read—something really bloodcurdling! Helpful Wife—Here's my dressmaker's bill, dearest—Puck.

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CHILDLESS WOMEN

These women once childless, now happy and physically well with healthy children will tell how they became mothers. Write to the Palladium and tell all this possible. Here are the names and correct addresses—write them if you want to, and learn for yourself. They are only a few out of many thousands.

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"I owe my life and my baby's good health to your Compound. Mrs. W. O. BREWER, R. F. D. No. 2, Troy, Alabama.

"I have three children and took your Compound each time."—Mrs. JOHN HOWARD, "Wilmington, Vermont. "I have a lovely baby boy and you can tell all about him. He is a 'Pinkham' baby."—Mrs. LOUIS FISCHER, 32 Munroe St., Carlton, N. J.

"We are at last blessed with a sweet little baby girl."—Mrs. G. A. LAFERROUSE, Montegut, La.

"I have one of the finest baby girls you ever saw."—Mrs. C. E. SCHAFFNER, 1012 St. Washington, N. C.

"My husband is the happiest man alive today."—Mrs. CLARA DAERHAKA, 267 Marilla St., Buffalo, N. Y.

"Now I have a nice baby girl, the joy of our home."—Mrs. S. S. SYLVA COPE, No. 117 So. Gate St., Worcester, Mass.

"I have a fine strong baby daughter now."—Mrs. A. A. GILES, 267 Marilla St., Buffalo, N. Y. Route 44.

"I have a big, fat, healthy boy."—Mrs. A. A. BAILEY, R. F. D. No. 1, Belmont, Ohio.

PRISON FIRE IN KANSAS A SERIOUS ONE

(National News Association)
LANSING, Kan., April 12.—A fire which started in the twine factory at the state penitentiary at noon threatened to sweep through all the prison buildings.

At 1:40 o'clock the twine plant, the painting shop and the power house had been destroyed with a total estimated loss of over \$1,000,000. There were more than 1,000 prisoners including several score of insane incarcerated in the penitentiary. This being Saturday the more unruly class of prisoners who worked in the mines were brought to the surface earlier than usual and had just been locked in their cells when the flames broke out. The fire followed a boiler explosion in the twine plant.

The greatest excitement prevailed and a general alarm was spread throughout the institution. Hundreds of motorcars were rushed to the prison from Leavenworth in anticipation of an outbreak among the prisoners.

At 2 o'clock the fire was thought to be under control although it was still burning fiercely. The more orderly prisoners were helping to fight the flames which were fanned by a high wind.

COMMISSION WILL TAKE UP WEIGHING

Shippers Claim Burden of Freight Charges Are Placed on Them.

(National News Association)
WASHINGTON, April 12.—The unwinding of the tangled snarl which has resulted from many years' practice of an inaccurate weighing system to determine the adiaphorus of freight cars will be begun in this city April 16, when the Interstate Commerce Commission sits to hear pleas and arguments concerning weighing at terminals and to adjust differences between shippers and railroads.

When freight is shipped in carload lots, the loaded car is weighed and the weight stenciled on the side of the car subtracted from the total. Charge is made for the difference as representing the weight of the load. When the freight cars are built they are weighed and the figures marked upon them. The shippers claim that with use this weight varies. The wood in the cars dries out, they claim, thus placing a burden upon their freight charges which does not rightfully belong there. On the other hand the railroads claim that to weigh a freight car twice every time it is used, once before and once after loading, would so tie up the vehicles and so congest terminals that car shortages and confusion would result.

The American Railway Association, the National Industrial Traffic League, and individual shippers and railroads will be heard by the Commission. Arguments will be advanced by all of them. The question has been in process of investigation by the Commission for a year and 7,000 pages of matter bearing on the problem are in hand. These include the expert testimony and next Wednesday the same will be summed up. It is the desire of the Commission to devise some universal methods of meeting this question. The switching and weighing systems of the Pennsylvania and Frisco Lines are considered the best in use today and the Commission may use them as models for prescribing for the ills of the other freight carriers.

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JURY IS STILL OUT IN A LIQUOR CASE

Jesse Borton Charged With Giving Liquor to a Jail Trusty.

The case of Jesse Borton, charged with having given liquor to John Gabriel, a prisoner serving a 140-day jail sentence at the county jail for public intoxication was heard in police court this morning before a jury. Up to a late hour this afternoon the jury had not rendered a verdict in the case.

Rice Miller, turnkey of the county jail, alleges that he discovered Gabriel drinking whiskey in the jail. On questioning the man, Gabriel stated that he obtained the whiskey from Turnkey Rice Miller. Turnkey Rice Miller is a trusty at the jail. Borton alleged that he did not give any liquor to Gabriel at any time nor to any of the other prisoners. He has been taking care of a friend who was suffering from delirium tremens and was confined at the county jail at times when he became violent and

abusive. Borton stated that at one time when the patient required very close attention, he placed his coat with a half pint bottle of whisky in it under the bed. At this time, he believes, if at any time, Gabriel took the whisky from Borton's coat while Borton was in another room, replacing the bottle after he had taken a drink.

Gabriel alleges that Borton gave him a drink of whisky on that day and that as he had received money two days before from an uncle, he gave Borton enough money with which to purchase a half pint of whisky. When Gabriel was found drinking the whisky by Turnkey Rice Miller, he told the same story.

It is alleged that Turnkey Miller threatened to place Gabriel in the "dog house" at the county jail in solitary confinement for the remainder of his term, unless he told the truth as to where he obtained the whisky. As the turnkey was not at the jail during the entire day, it was believed at the time that Gabriel might have run away from the jail, as he is a trusty, and bought the whisky at a saloon, returning immediately to the jail so that his absence would not have been noticed.

A jury was demanded by Borton. Very little trouble was experienced in securing the jury.

"WOOL" DEMOCRATS WILL BOLT CAUCUS

Fifty of Them Attend Conference and Agree to Fight Against Free Wool.

WASHINGTON, April 12.—About fifty representatives from twenty different states who are opposed to putting raw wool on the free list held a conference today prior to the assembling of the Democratic caucus and it was unanimously agreed to fight free wool. The wool Democrats claim to have a hundred votes pledged against the free list plan.

Representative Ashbrook, of Ohio, was elected chairman of the wool conference which was attended by about ten members from his state. The conference agreed not to be bound by the caucus rules and when the Underwood bill is under consideration in the house in committee of the whole they will join with the Republicans and Progressives in voting for a duty on wool. It is not believed, however, that they will have enough votes to defeat the Underwood program.

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