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**MILLIONS SQUANDERED ON  
ROADS.**

The following article is supplied by  
the Farmers' Good Roads League:  
If one were to ask wherein the  
greatest incompetence in civic adminis-  
tration is shown, where the results are  
the least for the money expended,  
where ignorance and stupidity dominate  
and recklessness reigns, one would be  
compelled to say that it is in the man-  
agement of the public highways.

The State of Illinois is expending  
for roads and bridges annually nearly  
\$5,000,000, less than one-half of which  
is spent intelligently and a large part  
of the other half is worse than wasted.  
The State Highway Commission is do-  
ing splendid service in seeking to abate  
the evil and start a more rational sys-  
tem of road administration, and in this  
they should have the earnest support of  
every citizen. Among other things ac-  
complished, the commission has had  
an investigation made through the rural  
mail carriers, as to the time of the year  
when roads were worked, and the returns  
from over one-third of the whole State  
mileage shows that only 32 per cent of  
the work on earth roads is done at the  
proper time, namely, in the spring; that  
23 per cent is done in mid-summer and  
15 per cent, nearly one-half, done in the  
fall of the year.

While work on hard roads may be  
done at almost any time, no work should  
be permitted on earth roads, that disturbs  
the surface, except in the spring, so that  
the early rains and the summer traffic  
may thoroughly consolidate the roadway  
before the winter season sets in. Ex-  
cept dragging with a split log drag or its  
equivalent, which should always be used  
immediately after rains, no road work  
should be permitted after the first of July.  
Work done in the fall of the year upon earth  
roads is not only money wasted but

**LOCAL OPTION MASS MEETING.**

A mass meeting of the citizens inter-  
ested in Local Option was called for  
Monday evening at the Auditorium. A  
comparatively good number responded,  
when it is remembered that very little  
publicity was given the meeting on ac-  
count of the storminess of time, stormy  
weather on Sunday, etc. The enthu-  
siasm of those present was manifested as  
the meeting progressed and quite a num-  
ber came in after the gathering had  
been called to order by Mr. L. P. Narrimore.

Mr. W. J. Herring was nominated as  
chairman and Attorney W. D. Norton as  
secretary of the assembly. Both were  
unanimously elected. The chairman  
briefly stated the object of the meet-  
ing, and was followed by the secretary,  
who made a few remarks. We quote Mr.  
Norton, in part, as follows:

"It has been said that 'human law  
is the limiting of the liberty of each for  
the good of all.' I think this is pecu-  
liarly applicable to the Local Option  
law passed by the last legislature. It is  
not a question of religion, but it is a  
question of good, moral citizenship. This  
act enables us to present the matter to  
the voters at the next general election. By  
signing the petition (which will be cir-  
culated), you in no way pledge yourself  
to vote for this law—it does not necessarily  
indicate that you favor the law, but it  
does indicate that you are willing to see  
the matter submitted to the voters, and  
abide by the result." Every citizen  
should be in favor of good, moral citi-  
zenship, and to quote, "this is certainly  
a tendency in that direction."

Mr. J. M. Platts was called for, and  
he explained some of the important  
provisions of the law as applied to our  
conditions here.

Mr. Thomas Murray reported re-  
garding what action Hinsdale is tak-

Keep the streets clean by using paper baskets for waste paper.

generally results in actual damage to  
the road and insures bad conditions  
throughout the winter. Millions of dol-  
lars have thus been squandered and  
thousands of miles of roads made  
worse instead of better by fall work  
and the so-called labor tax system,  
where the farmers gather late in the  
year and spend a few days with a  
plow and scraper, doing a hundred dol-  
lars of damage to work out a fifty  
dollar tax.

The immediate and most pressing  
need under existing conditions is a  
proper understanding by the Highway  
Officials as to what to do and when to  
do it, and a law ought to be passed,  
with severe penalties attached, for  
working the roads out of season. The  
State Highway Commission was cre-  
ated for the purpose of assisting and  
advising highway officials how to pro-  
ceed in order to get the best results  
for the money available. It is an effi-  
cient and capable body and should be  
made use of. It has published the  
"Road Drag Law and Suggestions for  
Carrying It Out," an excellent bulletin  
that ought to be in the hands of every  
one charged with the care of high-  
ways. Such would do well to send to  
Springfield for this bulletin, make a  
road drag as suggested and see that it  
is used.

**Breaking the News.**

Marion, who had been taught to re-  
port her misdeeds promptly, came to  
her mother one day, sobbing penitently.

"Mother, I—I—broke a brick in the  
fireplace."

"Well, that is not very hard to re-  
medy. But how on earth did you do it,  
child?"

"I pounded it with father's watch."

Every girl believes that when she  
gets married, her husband will tell her  
what goes on at the lodge.

What has become of the old-fashion-  
ed girl who "set her cap" for a man?

ing in this matter and said that some  
of the men there were very enthu-  
siastic and that a meeting of the citi-  
zens had been called for Monday night  
in that town. The result of the meet-  
ing we have not learned as yet.

Rev. Farabee said this law was par-  
ticularly fine in that it left this ques-  
tion solely in the hands of the people,  
he also read from the morning's Re-  
cord-Herald, William E. Curtis' article  
on the splendid effect the enforcement  
of law had had on the morals and  
good government of Kansas, to say  
nothing of the economic prosperity re-  
sulting therefrom.

Rev. Prescott put himself on record  
as willing to go down into his pocket-  
book to help this movement, and that's  
a pretty good test of a man's sincerity.

Rev. Allingham stated that the Pres-  
ident of the New York Liquor Dealers'  
Association said that the Anti-Saloon  
League was the most formidable foe  
the liquor interests have ever known,  
because they took all the Prohibition-  
ists, the best of the Republicans, and  
a cream of the Democratic party.

A cry was then made for those who  
wished to sign petitions at this meet-  
ing, and about thirty-five signatures  
were secured.

Mr. Thom. Murray is treasurer of the  
committee. A permanent committee of  
fifteen called the campaign committee  
was appointed as follows:

W. J. Herring, J. M. Platts, T. H.  
Murray, Chas. Oldfield, W. W. Helntz,  
John Graves, L. P. Narrimore, Chas.  
Roe, Samuel Johnson, George R.  
Heardt, Len Puffer, John Diener, R. W.  
Bond, J. W. Bradbury, and W. D. Nor-  
ton.

These men will have the campaign  
in full charge.

Watch for the petitions!

A country dog's idea of a good time  
is to come to town, and bark at every  
team that goes by.

Soup is too hot, and ice water is too  
cold.

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**THE BLIZZARD OF  
LAST SUNDAY.**

Farmers Not Able to Get Into Town.

Rural Mail Carriers Have Hard  
Work to Make Deliveries.

The storm started in late Saturday  
evening and by Sunday evening the  
old-timers began to sit up and take  
notice. January, after furnishing us  
with spring-like weather the first part  
of the month, woke up to its opportu-  
nities by delivering the first real win-  
ter weather of the year, and made a  
good job of it while he was at it,  
scattering the beautiful to a depth of  
six inches and making the roads, in  
some places, almost impassable. Milk-  
man Barnack started on his route  
Monday morning but had only gone a  
short way on the north road when he  
was stalled by a drift covering the  
road for 200 feet to a depth of six  
feet. After organizing a shovel brigade  
they worked the biggest part of the  
day, in breaking a way through it  
before being able to get into town.  
Rural Mail Carrier Huff, on Route No.  
2, reported snow drifts eight feet  
high. He was stalled six different  
times and at one place, had to break  
down the wire fence and drive across  
the pasture in order to get out.

The plow was a beautiful sight  
with their heavily laden drooping  
branches of snow. Over 200 telephone  
poles were down in the vicinity of Elm-  
hurst, seriously crippling the service.  
The C. B. & O. also had quite a bit  
of trouble with their wires between  
Chicago and Aurora.

**THE WOMAN'S CLUB IN THEIR  
NEW HOME.**

The Woman's Club met on Wednes-  
day in the pleasant rooms recently fit-  
ted up by the Masonic order, on the  
second floor of the Hart block. In  
the future the meetings of the club will  
be held in these rooms. It was the  
second domestic science day of the year,  
and was in charge of the domestic  
science committee, of which Mrs. Geo.  
T. Hughes is chairman.

The response to roll call was, "How  
may the true happiness of children be  
best promoted?" and brought out  
many different thoughts and opinions.  
The program opened with a piano solo  
beautifully rendered by Mrs. J. C.  
White.

Mrs. Hughes then introduced Mrs.  
Thomas Banning of Wheaton, presi-  
dent of the DuPage County Domestic  
Science Association, who explained, in  
a very practical and interesting way,  
the objects and work of the associa-  
tion, and presented the program of the  
three days' meeting to be held soon at  
Wheaton.

Mrs. Hughes was chosen as delegate  
to attend this meeting, which cannot  
fail to prove most interesting and in-  
structive to all who had it convenient  
to attend, and no doubt will result in  
a step toward the realization of some  
of the plans and hopes of the associa-  
tion.

Mrs. M. Blusser, who is secretary of  
the association, read an unusually good  
and well written paper, the subject of  
which was, "Domestic Science From a  
Housekeeper's Standpoint."

A social hour was then enjoyed by  
all, and light refreshments were served  
by the domestic science committee.

"The Philippines" will be studied  
at the next meeting, Jan. 29th.

**SURPRISE ON MR. S. F. HALLER.**

On Thursday evening, January 9th,  
1908, the executive committee of the  
Evangelical Sunday school met at the  
home of Mr. S. F. Haller to appoint  
teachers and transact other business  
to complete the arrangement of the  
work for the new year. Just as the  
committee closed its work, a large  
number of members and friends of the  
Sunday school rushed into the room  
and presented Mr. Haller with a beau-  
tiful oil painting. After a few very  
fitting words of response by Mr. Hal-  
ler, a general sociable was enjoyed.  
Games and refreshments were enjoyed  
and every one went home assured that  
the evening was one of pleasure and  
profit.

For a number of years Mr. Haller  
has very ably served as superintendent  
of the Evangelical Sunday school, but  
on account of the multiplicity of  
other duties devolving upon him, he  
asked the Sunday school to relieve  
him for this time. This was done by  
the school with great reluctance, but  
has not lessened in any degree the  
high esteem in which the school holds  
him, as the beautiful present very  
forcefully evinces.

**The New Plan.**

Corporations, keep your money.  
Don't give up for campaign funds.  
For the parties to accept it  
Would be known as plunderbunds.  
Keep your money, 'twill be useful;  
When you've faced the law benign  
You will need a part for lawyers  
And the rest to pay your fine.  
—Philadelphia Ledger.

When a man says, "I haven't eaten  
a thing in the last two days," it would  
be interesting to know what he has  
really eaten during that time.

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looks more at home in a dry goods  
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