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# The Democratic banner. (Mt. Vernon, Ohio) 1898-192?

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THE DEMOCRATIC BANNER

## SHOT DOWN IN A FIELD

While In The Act Of Stealing  
Cabbage

### William Barber Is Shot By Willard Simmons

At An Early Hour On Friday  
Morning

Shooting Occurred Just South  
Of The City

Barber's Condition Reported  
To Be Serious

Simmons Had Been Missing  
Cabbage For Some Time

And Had Been Watching His  
Patch All Night

No Affidavit Filed Against  
Man Who Did The Shooting

seem to show a very good knowledge of the lay of the land. It was when he started to cut off another cabbage that Willard Simmons shot. The man started up and ran as fast as he could in the direction of the corn-field, which lies between the patch and Dry creek. A second time, Mr. Simmons blazed forth with his gun and this time the man dropped. The Simmons rushed over to him and saw that he was unable to move and hence escape. Accordingly, they left the field and telephoned as quickly as possible to the sheriff, who, with his deputy, arrived on the scene shortly.

When Barber was on the operating table at the hospital, he seemed to be in great pain and every time he breathed, it appeared as if his side were straining. Also, at every breath, bubbles of air would come out of the shot holes, which would seem to indicate that one of his lungs was punctured. The physician in attendance stated that probing for the shot would not be advisable at present, owing to the depth to which they had penetrated.

Barber stated that he was about 40 years of age and had come to Mt. Vernon in 1908 from Pittsburgh, Pa. He says that he has been employed with the Essex Glass Co, since he has been in the city.

At the Banner's press hour, information was given out at the Mt. Vernon hospital that Barber was resting quite comfortably and that his condition was practically unchanged. It will be necessary to wait for several days, the attending physician and hospital authorities state, to determine the exact seriousness of the wounds.

No affidavit has been made against Simmons.

## SEVERELY

### Injured Was A Woman Under A Horse's Hoofs

North Liberty, Sept. 18--Mrs. Henry Knerr of this village was badly bruised Thursday morning at her home here, while milking a cow, when a horse her husband was leading to water, frightened at some object and got loose, trampling Mrs. Knerr under its feet, before she could dodge. Her injuries are not serious, but are very painful.

## SOCIETY NOTES

Auction Party  
Mrs. L. S. Kinnard entertained

## BAD ROADS ARE DOOMED

### Governor Cox, in Campaign for Better Highways, Appreciates Relation of Good Roads to Good Schools--Ohio Leads in Proposed Improvements.

DO YOU KNOW THAT--

OHIO'S intercounty system embraces more than 5,400 miles—outside the cities.

Ohio's main market roads, outside the cities, embrace more than 2,300 miles.

Ohio's intercounty highway system is a model for the whole country to pattern after.

Good roads make rural life attractive and keep the boys on the farm.

Good roads provide better social conditions.

Good roads permit the building of, and a proper attendance at, county schools, and thus reduce illiteracy.

Good roads mean bigger loads.

Good roads enable the farmer to market his crops economically.

Good roads induce travel throughout the country.

Good roads are not an extravagance, but a necessity.

Good roads reduce the cost of living.

Good roads go hand in hand with progress and prosperity.

It costs more to maintain a bad road than to build a good one.

The present administration stands for good roads under the state highway system, which last year secured \$140,000 in federal aid; and which will secure millions under the post roads act.

ually between \$4,500,000 and \$5,000,000 towards the construction, maintenance and repair of the intercounty highways and the main market roads of the state. The law provides that the county set apart dollar for dollar and the sum be expended jointly by the state in improving some portion of the intercounty highway.

"Were each county to co-operate with the state," says Governor Cox, "there would be expended annually about \$6,000,000 as the direct result of this law. There is no reason why every county cannot accept to the fullest extent the co-operation of the state. Cuyahoga, the wealthiest, and Vinton, the poorest, are each in line for all the state has for them. By carrying out the plan now in vogue, all the intercounty highways can be improved and placed under a thorough system of maintenance within five to eight years."

That the counties seem willing to do their share is indicated by the responses to Marker's plan of having the county commissioners apply for state aid in the improvement of intercounty highways. But three counties of the state have failed to apply. Sixty-one counties petitioned for total mileage within the county lines, or 6,382 miles in all, and 24 counties petitioned for partial mileage of 646.4 miles, or a total of 7,028.4 miles of public highway, on which improvements will begin at once with state aid. This is more than 75 per cent of the total mileage eligible to state funds, as the highway department's activity is limited to the intercounty highways and the main market roads. This system, comprising a little more than 9,350 miles, exclusive of municipalities, and representing about 10 per cent of the highways in Ohio, forms a network over the state, connecting every city and town of importance. There are twelve of the main market roads, which, together with the intercounty highways, carry about

