
Saint Albans et al

It is probable that the near future will see another bridge built across the Kanawha river at Saint Albans, if the idea embodied in the recently passed and approved Goff bill is carried out to its logical conclusion. This is as it should be, as the need of a bridge there has been apparent for some time. The second largest town in Kanawha county is a thriving community, and is becoming of more importance every day. Situated on the Midland Trail, with plenty of room for expansion, it will by the end of this summer have become a road center of no little consequence. From Saint Albans down the Kanawha river into Putnam county there already exists a splendid gravel road to Winfield, which the state forces will complete clear into Point Pleasant by fall. Already, only across the river by ferry, which the coming bridge will eliminate, is state road No. 19 connecting also the Capital and the Mason county seat. Thus our down-river neighbor will soon be the center of four roads and will increase accordingly in state importance. More power to her. May she thrive and multiply in population and worldly goods. But a fourth possible road there suggests itself as we scan the map. Jefferson county has already built a hard road up Coal river as far as Tornado. We would like to see the people down there get behind a movement to extend this on up to meet the Charleston-Hamlin highway which we hear is soon to be taken over by the state. From that junction it is not a great stretch of the imagination to think of it as going on up Coal river to Peytona where two state roads take you direct to either Madison, Logan or Beckley. This is a water level route which must some day be a state road of first rank. But it is up to the people of those districts affected to start the ball rolling in getting the state to recognize their claims therein.
