

MORRILL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROMISE A ROAD

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 he shortened from three to five miles. He was not opposed to the Broadwater road—he thought that both roads should be built—but declared the Bridgeport route deserved the preference.

Broadwater Road Shorter.

Commissioner Draper of Broadwater then made an excellent appeal for the Broadwater route. He declared that it was a good many miles shorter than other routes, and that there were but twenty miles of sandhill roads. The roads through the hills run largely in the valleys, and right alongside the road there are magnesia deposits amply large to surface the road when constructed. He said, also, that his part of the county had fewer roads than other parts, and that his constituents were entitled to something. The Broadwater route, he insisted, was not only the shortest, but would entail less maintenance costs.

Commissioner Osborn took the floor to urge an entirely different route. He thought a route through Bayard the most practicable. He said such a road would benefit more people than either of the others, and could be constructed for less money. He believes there would be roads connecting with both the other towns. He said he thought the commissioners could get together.

All of the commissioners having expressed themselves, and each of them having declared that so long as their favorite road was constructed, they were willing to have another route go through, the discussion was joined by several other speakers. Fred Wood of Angora rose to argue for the road west of the track out of Angora to the north. He reiterated several times that ninety per cent of the farmers lived on that side of the track, and that it was easy to prove this was the case.

Two Roads Suggested.

C. B. Turner of Bayard said there was sufficient enthusiasm and interest over the roads to warrant the building of two, the Broadwater and Bayard routes.

George Venell of Angora pleaded for the Bridgeport-Alliance route. His town, he said, had but one decent road leading out of it, toward Bridgeport, and would like to get acquainted with the rest of the world.

Mark Spanogle of Bridgeport made a splendid plea for that route. The object of highways, he said, is to serve the public at large. He thought the Sidney-Bridgeport-Alliance route calculated to serve the most people. The Broadwater route, he said, goes thru a sparsely settled country. It was the duty of the commissioners to establish a north and south road, and that even if it cost more to go the Bridgeport way, service to the public was what counted. He reminded his hearers that the road was to be built for all time, and that what counted was the permanent effect, not the temporary benefits accruing to any one town.

Chairman Rhein asked for suggestions which would enable the commissioners to compromise, and J. W. Guthrie of Alliance took the floor. He read a telegram from several Alliance people now in Hot Springs, urging the establishment of a road. The telegram follows:

"Chadron, Alliance, Broadwater, Bridgeport and Sidney are losing thousands of dollars annually of tourists' money due to the fact that there is no north and south road through Morrill county. We have personally interviewed a great many auto tourists from western and southeastern states who are making wide detours and coming from the east over Dakota trails rather than through Alliance and the sandhills of Morrill county and are avoiding our section of Nebraska, even on return trips. The Black Hills have entertained four times as many auto tourists this season as ever before. After a personal interview with Colonel Shadle, South Dakota highway commissioner, we are assured co-operation for G-P-C highway. Our section of Nebraska can get its full share of business and wide publicity if this missing link is supplied. (Signed: H. J. Ellis, W. C. Mounts, F. W. Irish, Roy E. McKenzie, Grace S. Kennedy, George D. Darling.)"

Mr. Guthrie traced the two rival highways from the time they split at Cheyenne Wells, Col., to the present. He gave his preference, but urged that the commissioners get together and promise a road.

Agreement Reached.

The meeting took a ten-minute recess, and at the close of this, two of the Morrill county commissioners, Draper of Broadwater and Osborn of Bayard, got together and when the session again convened, promised that at the next meeting, scheduled for September 6, action would be taken which will guarantee a road.

Just what the two commissioners agreed upon is a matter of conjecture, but the belief was general among the delegates that they had agreed to recommend the Broadwater and Bayard routes at the same time, and leave the choice up to the governor or State Engineer Johnson.

In the meantime, the North Star boosters are going to see what can be done to have their route approved. At the meeting in Alliance Friday, steps will probably be taken to bring it to the attention of the state authorities, and if possible, to have it designated.

The Broadwater boosters, aided by Commissioner Draper, are already proceeding to work. They have marked their route, and Mr. Draper has promised them that without delay he will have a caterpillar tractor and a grading gang at work, using county funds. It seems probable that the road will be put in shape, whether it is designated or not.

Question of State Funds.

In any event, there is little question that before long, the deadlock will be at an end, and some route north and south through Morrill county will be approved and a highway built. It is understood that there is not now any funds available for state aid on any north and south road, but funds will

LEGLESS MAN GETS THE PALM FOR OPTIMISM

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 The car is operated entirely by his hands. He has had an extension build on the clutch, by means of which a handle is afforded him near the steering wheel, and releases the clutch with one hand while shifting gears with the other. He uses the emergency brake only. When starting the car, and it is necessary to use both hands on the gear shift and clutch, he simply leans his breast against the steering wheel to keep it steady until he has a hand free to put on the wheel.

"Whittled Pretty Short"

Mr. Rimel has been half a man only about two years. An attack of pneumonia, followed by blood clots on the brain, deprived him of one leg, and before he had learned to walk well as a one-legged man, an attack of influenza made it necessary to cut off the other leg. "Between the pneumonia, blood clots, influenza and the surgeons," he says, "they have whittled me down pretty short, but there's no use worrying. It won't bring my legs back. And it might have been worse. Suppose I had been blind, or had an injury to my spine and had to stay in bed all the time. This isn't so bad as it might be."

Was Once a Farmer

Right now he's on his way back to Junction City, Kas., where he is going to try to get some money out a fellow who took some moving pictures of him a few months ago. He is on a return trip from Wibaux, Mont., where he went to look at homesteads. He didn't take one, although there were plenty of them available. "I've been a farmer a good part of my life," he said, "and I know I could still handle a gang plow, but there's always some danger if the horses should start to run. I couldn't stop them, not with only this much of me left. I like farming though, and I know I could run one of these tractors." Mr. Rimel used to run a farm and blacksmith shop combined, and at one time was foreman of the roundhouse at Devil's Lake, N. D. "I should have stayed there," he said, "but I'm not so sure that it would have made any difference. My idea is that a man gets what's laid out for him, and that he'll get it, no matter what he does."

Physically, he's in pretty good shape, considering how much of him has been lost. He weighs 197 pounds, and his arms and chest are well developed. He wears a size 20 shirt and sometimes has difficulty finding a coat large enough for him. Outside of the Maxwell, he travels by means of a little platform built on roller skates, and manages to cover a lot of ground in a day or two, unless he decides to stick around this winter.

Mr. Rimel likes Alliance pretty well. He's gotten acquainted with a lot of men during his stay here, and he says that if he could find a good location, on a good street, he'd like to stay here all winter and open up a joint where he could sell wieners, hamburger, chili and other short lunches. Some of the railroad boys have been interested in his plight and have suggested that there was a fair profit to be made out of running a boarding house. He doesn't deny that he's interested.

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Another Preacher Gets In Wrong With The Game Warden

Deputy State Game Warden Otto Winner made a sudden and unannounced stop at the Elmore dam Monday afternoon. He made one cast with his legal net and caught three victims, the Rev. A. J. Kearns, pastor of the First Presbyterian church of Alliance, and charged him with taking perch from the water under the legal size; Mrs. Clara Lucassie, who was charged with fishing without a license, and Tom A. Cross, who was haled into county court to answer to the same charge as did his friend of the cloth.

County Judge Tash heard the testimony. In the case of Mrs. Lucassie, the defendant admitted that she had no license to fish, but said that her husband did possess one of those important documents. Her idea seemed to be that they twain were one, but the court couldn't see it that way. A fine of \$15 and costs was assessed.

In the case of the Rev. A. J. Kearns, the defendant was discharged. The testimony showed that Mr. Kearns had six rainbow perch on a string which was in the water. One of these fish measured under six inches. The law requires that any perch under six inches in length shall be returned to the water as uninjured as possible. It appeared to the court that Mr. Kearns' arrest was premature, for he had not yet stopped fishing and had not taken time to measure his catch and throw back the undersized ones. Mr. Kearns was released.

Tom Cross had the same good fortune. In his case the deputy game warden brought a fish into court as evidence. The tail fins of the fish showed signs of mutilation, and there was some idea that maybe the game warden doubted whether the fish was quite short enough to secure a conviction and had squeezed the tail hard enough so that some of it came off. This is only conjecture. Judge Tash laid the fish down on a sheet of white paper, marked the place where the head and tail began and left off, applied a ruler and found the measurement to be exactly six inches. The prisoner was discharged. No cigars have been passed by either the preacher or his fellow conspirator.

History has repeated itself. Judge T