

NORTH STAR ROAD NEARS COMPLETION

GRADE TO NORTH OF BRIDGEPORT HAS BEEN LESSENER.

Preliminary Work Planned is About Finished and Highway is in Good Condition.

The "North Star" highway is nearing completion in Morrill county, due to the good work done by residents in Bonner precinct, and is now graded to a point five or six miles from the Box Butte county line, where it will be met by a graded highway from Alliance, says the Bridgeport News-Blade.

The big hill on the road between Bridgeport and Augora has been graded down until it is now no longer a terror to automobilists, in fact, cars can probably go over it on high as soon as the soil has had time to harden by setting. The road from Augora to Bonner has been graded, and with the future surfacing of a few sandy places will make a first class highway. This grading was done by using the road funds in Bonner precinct and by donation work from the interested citizens in that locality, all of which speaks loudly of the enterprise of Bonner precinct residents. The road follows along the east side of the railroad track from Augora to within a half mile of Bonner, then crosses the track.

The route has not yet been definitely decided upon between Bonner and the Box Butte county line. If the road is to run straight north from Bonner, it will require five miles more of grading to take us to the line, while if it follows the railroad track on the west side, it will make about six miles of road to build. Unfortunately, this is the most expensive stretch of road building on the route, but it is understood that Alliance is willing to render some assistance in order to hurry the work along. The county commissioners expect to go over the prospective routes again next week and decide upon the best one to be used in making the final location of the highway, so it will not be long before the road from here to Alliance will become a matter of fact instead of a cause for protracted discussion.

ANSWERS WAITS FROM HEMINGFORD

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fused to do this the taxpayer was notified, and allowed to present arguments.

Mr. Pilkington announces that within a week or two, he will come to Hemingford and will leave the Hemingford tax books at the bank for examination by taxpayers. He is satisfied with them himself. Every page balances to a penny. The "rosy" people in Hemingford will be given ample opportunity to see that any errors in real estate assessments are due to the precinct assessor back in 1919. The only additions made were where houses have been built or where improvements were overlooked, and only then on figures given by the precinct assessor.

Hemingford has no real cause to complain, anyway. Lots in that city are assessed much lower than in Alliance. Two vacant lots in Alliance pay more taxes, with two exceptions, than any improved two lots in Hemingford. A residence lot in the best street in Hemingford is valued at \$160; in Alliance it would be valued at ten times that amount.

The Ledger's Charges.

The following are the charges of the Hemingford newspaper:

"These have come cries of dissatisfaction from many parts of the county concerning the efforts of Assessor Pilkington. These apply not only to personal taxes, but also to the method of assessing real estate.

"During the early fall months, Mr. Pilkington made the rounds of the farms and towns in the county, making assessments on the real estate. There has been a decided opposition to this, as it has not been decided who shall be empowered to make the assessment next spring when the time comes. This action, however, has led to much questioning concerning the assessments made.

"While here, looking over the property, he made a number of enemies by his methods of listing the property. On two occasions, he persisted in listing property wrong, in spite of the fact that the town plot was shown him. He passed it off by saying they were merely trying to put one over on him and get out of paying taxes. The lot where the Marvel residence and the Green residence are is laid out from east to west. The lot was cut in half and each owns a portion of the strip, extending back only a quarter of the block. The lot behind that is owned by Mrs. Gogert. Mr. Pilkington refused to consider this, even though the records show the ownership, and assessed the Gogert property with the Marvel and Greene properties.

"In considering the two properties of Jenkins and Rohrbach, he placed the assessment much higher on the Rohrbach property. Mr. Rohrbach tried to reason with him on the ground that the Jenkins property is a new house, completely modern in every respect, carrying almost three square feet of glass for one in the Rohrbach place, and besides the Rohrbach house is a ready-sawed structure, while Jenkins' house is built of the best material obtainable. No go. The values were placed at a difference of something like \$3,000 in value in favor of the Rohrbach place.

"Another real estate assessment was brought to light, showing a tax of \$150 on a piece of land eleven miles from Alliance, with practically no improvements, while another farm, owned by the same man, two miles from Hemingford, with possibly forty acres less in the piece, with modern

far improvements, and 400 acres under cultivation, was placed at \$50.

"Two pieces of property here in Hemingford, traded for each other with a cash difference of \$5,000 in favor of the one place, were both taxed the same amount.

"The personal tax lists seem to be badly mixed up. While making an inquiry of our local assessor concerning a certain tax which was levied on a local man having no property, we were told of a case of one bunch of personal tax that was boosted \$2,000. Mr. Johnson took the assessment and the list was less than the \$200 exemption for household goods. The assessment was sent in only by request. After the list was sent in, the county assessor returned the list with an addition of \$2,000 placed to the list, and asked how that would look.

"One of our local men was in Alliance Wednesday considering his tax reports and when his personal tax list was handed him, he refused it, saying there seemed to be some mistake. Mr. Irish went over the list, and said there certainly was a mistake. They then compared a number of other reports and before long Mr. Irish, according to our informant, closed the book and sent it back to the assessor's office with the instruction that it would have to be corrected and put in proper condition before he would collect any more taxes on it, as he feared he would have to return the taxes he had already collected.

"Not only are the local people considerably 'rosy,' but we have been informed that the Alliance people are somewhat dissatisfied with the taxes there and several have made complaints.

"Of course we know that there are always a number of people ready to make a 'holier' on the taxes and whether there is a reason or not can only be ascertained by an examination

of the books. A number of local people have made the assertion that they will do a little investigating on their own assessments before they pay the personal taxes, and be sure there is no mistake in figures."

AGAIN DISCUSS SCHOOL BOARD BUILDING PLANS

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bers of his club favors the delay. Mr. Harper made it exceedingly plain that he did not wish to be placed in the light of opposing the best interests of the schools, or saving an increase in taxes at the expense of the younger generation. However, Mr. Harper declared, the "good times" are gone, and this should be an era of retrenchment in public expenditures. In the past few years, under the stimulus of high prices and plenty of money, a number of obligations have been contracted, and the thing to do in public business, as in private, is to get caught up and squared away with the world. Then, and then only, it is time to begin talking of further improvements.

Says Taxpayers Oppose.

Harry P. Coursey took issue with some of the remarks made in favor of the building program. He quoted Superintendent W. R. Pate, at the previous meeting, as saying that this year's enrollment showed but ten more pupils than last year's maximum, and with two additional school rooms in the city hall in use this year, Mr. Coursey couldn't see why conditions are any worse now than they were last year. Seventy per cent of the taxpayers of the city, he said, are opposed to proceeding with the construction of new schools.

At this juncture, Mr. Harris was called away, and to A. T. Lunn was given the place of honor in defending

the school board and its program. Mr. Lunn said, among other things, that it had been charged that the only persons favoring the new school buildings were the business firms that would profit directly or indirectly thereby. He mentioned in refutation of this charge that the Alliance banks had refused to handle the money received from the sale of the bonds, and this statement was corroborated by the bond salesmen present.

From this point on, the meeting showed signs of getting into personalities, and Chairman Rhein called "time". The meeting formally adjourned, but for a half-hour longer the room was filled with little groups of men discussing various points in the argument. Some members of the chamber of commerce were inclined to think that the discussion had been allowed to proceed "too far," while others were equally sure that a little more discussion might have been of benefit. As to the truth of this point, it will probably never be known.

Route No. 1 Will Have Delivery Service After November 16

Effective November 16, 1921, the rural route No. 1 out of Alliance will be increased to daily service instead of three times a week. This route was organized October 16, 1920 and has since been running three times a week, but on recommendation of Postmaster Graham, the route will be increased to daily service except Sunday. The salary of the carrier, Wm. R. Shanklin will be increased at the same time from \$1,170 per year to \$1,980.

Any Zane Grey book for \$1.00, at Thiele's.

Would it be all right to call the knights of the klan "midnights."

Eat Chicken dinner Tuesday, Nov. 15, at the Episcopal Bazaar, Roof Garden, 5:00 to 8:30 p. m. Dancing at 9 o'clock. Good music.

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