

STATE ENGINEER ANSWERS CRITICISMS FROM OVER STATE

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 However, they did not see fit to handle the work, and it was contracted, advertised and awarded in open competitive bidding.
 The prices paid on this work were below the average prices being paid in our adjoining states at that time for the same class of work.
 Dr. Prine and others have attempted to compare the cost of two different classes of work, which is very unfair, for the reason that the work done in Phelps county at \$600.00 per mile was simply shaping up the road with a blade grader, and taking care of the drainage near culverts with team and silt.
 The State Department of Public Works constructed fifteen hundred miles of this same kind of road for the various counties of the State in 1920, at an average cost of \$200.00 per mile, which is one-third of the cost of the work done by Phelps county.
 The contract work that has been referred to in Phelps county consists of 66 thousand cubic yards of earth hauled endways an average haul of five hundred feet. As the road was over rolling ground this was necessary to bring it to grade. Sand was encountered at the north end of this project, making it necessary to haul four thousand eight hundred thirty-eight cubic yards an average haul of a mile, to protect this road that it would stand up under traffic.
 The surfacing was done by using clay and heavy soil to cover the sand, and then the road was graveled, hauling all the gravel from one end of the project.
 The articles published state that "the gravel is a failure." The road was graveled in the same manner, using the same kind of material, as the gravelled roads in Hall and Saunders counties, and the Federal road engineers, while here in December pronounced the gravel road in Saunders county the best piece of gravel construction that they had ever examined, and requested me to get as many of the different state engineers as possible, who were attending our National Convention in Omaha at that time, to examine this road.
 Mr. Bowlby, who is the president of the American Road Builders Association, and Mr. McDonald, chief of the Federal Bureau of Roads, after driving over a large mileage of our roads in Nebraska, stated that we had more work and received more benefit from the money expended on the roads in the state than any state in the Union, and a greater part of the roads that these men drove over were identical with the road construction in Phelps county.
 The reason that some of the people in Phelps county are excited over the cost of this road is due to the fact that the County Engineer, who at one time was employed by the State Highway department and after being informed that he was no longer needed by the department, was employed by Phelps county, and he has continually made statements creating dissatisfaction and trouble in regard to this project. After the work was completed and turned over to the county for maintenance the county did not maintain the road for several weeks and then the County Engineer went to it with a large grading machine and tore up the road to its original condition as finished by the contractor.
 In regard to the roads constructed in Sherman county about a year ago, our division engineer arranged for the county board of Sheridan county to be shown over the roads in Custer county that had been constructed by this department with a blade grader at a cost of approximately \$22.00 per mile; after which we turned over to Sherman county a grading outfit that had been assembled and used by this department. Under the direction of our division engineer, the county constructed the Rockville-Ravenna road and other sections of road that have been referred to in articles as only costing one-tenth of the amount of money that it cost to construct state roads. These roads were constructed by shaping up the surface with a blade grader, and not transporting any earth excepting from the side ditch to the center of the road, leaving all the lower sections at the foot of the hills to be flooded and cut to pieces each time we have heavy rains.
 In comparing the cost of heavy construction work on the roads in Sherman county, I find that on two contracts let in the county about the same time, one contract let by the county board west of Litchfield, the grading on the project cost \$4,804.00 per mile, while on the project constructed by the state highway department the grading cost was 2,359.00 per mile. This is for the cost of grading, exclusive of drainage structures, as a greater part of the cost of the drainage structures on the state aid road was included in contract let to the county board and constructed in accordance with their wishes. I do not believe there is any complaint on the cost of that part of the work.
 I do not know what members of the board were present when the resolution condemning the cost of the work done by this department was passed, however, when the contract was awarded there was a full meeting of the county board present, and they recommended that the contract be awarded and instructed their chairman to sign the contract with this department.
 The county also had the opportunity to take the work and handle it with county forces at the time. This privilege has been offered to every county in the state when state and federal aid roads are awarded.
 Several articles have appeared in papers in regard to statements made by Mr. Bowring of the Cherry county board at the annual convention of the county commissioners and supervisors in Omaha last month. In answer to these articles I have to state that I met with the county board and the county clerk of Cherry county while the county commissioners' convention was in session and explained all their questions in such manner that I considered they would be satisfied after furnishing an itemized statement of the cost of the project to them. After I ad-

ressed the convention, Mr. Bowring asked a few questions which were answered, and all of the delegates at the convention knew that I was leaving Omaha that night. The next day Mr. Bowring took the floor and made the statements that have been referred to in the papers, knowing that there was no one present from this department, and there was no chance of the members of the convention calling me in to answer him before the adjourned.
 His criticisms have already been answered to him in person by me in such manner that he knew better than to make the criticisms when I was present, and as Mr. Bowring was so unjust and cowardly in his actions, I have not seen fit to answer him.
 At the last session of the legislature, the investigating committees of the House and Senate found, after examining the government records, that we were getting our roads constructed 17 per cent cheaper than the average of eleven of our middle western states, or in other words, this state highway department had constructed its work for \$1,190,000.00 less than the same amount of the same kind of work cost in other middle western states at that time.
 I wish to call attention to the public that while we have been constructing state roads since 1917, the counties have expended for roads and bridge construction, seventeen and one-half million dollars, while the state has expended from state and federal funds seven million dollars, and I wish to invite the county board of Sherman county and others who have made similar criticisms to compare costs and benefits received from all of the work done by all of the counties in the state with the work done by this department in the same period, and I challenge them to show where counties have expended fifty per cent of their money; also to show where they have received 25 per cent of the benefits from the seventeen and one-half million dollars expended by the county as compared with the seven million of state and federal money expended by this department.
 In this challenge, I refer to a complete investigation of the state as a whole, and not to any two or three individual projects that have been constructed under entirely different conditions, and this department will assist in every way possible in making such an investigation.
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
GEORGE E. JOHNSON,
 Secretary and State Engr.

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE NORTHWESTERN CATTLE LOAN AND INVESTMENT COMPANY.
 We, the undersigned incorporators, for ourselves and others hereafter to be associated with us, do hereby in pursuance of the statutes of the State of Nebraska, in such cases made and provided, associate ourselves as a body corporate, in the manner and for the purpose of forming an Installment Investment Company in accordance with Article 17, of the 1919 Session Laws.

ARTICLE I.
Name.
 Said corporation shall be and is hereby named the NORTHWESTERN CATTLE LOAN AND INVESTMENT COMPANY.

ARTICLE II.
Place of Business.
 The principal place of business of the corporation shall be in the City of Alliance, Box Butte County, Nebraska.

ARTICLE III.
Nature of Business.
 The general nature of the business to be transacted by the corporation is the extension of credit and the loaning of money to and for the benefit of the agricultural and live stock interests of Nebraska. In extending credit and making loans, the corporation may take security, by note and mortgage or otherwise, upon live stock, grain, hay, alfalfa and other farm products, and upon agricultural implements and appliances used for farm purposes. It may take, as additional security, mortgages on farm lands, ranches and other real estate. The corporation may also purchase notes, and mortgages heretofore or hereafter executed upon such security. It shall have power and authority to handle, hold, sell, assign, transfer, endorse and guarantee the payment of any and all notes, bonds, mortgages or other obligations, taken, bought or held in the exercise of the powers herein granted. The corporation is further authorized and empowered to borrow money for corporate use; and, to that end, it may execute, endorse and deliver notes, bonds, mortgages, assignments, or other instruments or evidences of indebtedness, and guarantee the payment thereof; and it may pledge as security therefor any of the property owned or held by the corporation. The corporation may lease, purchase, own, hold and sell all real and personal property necessary for corporate use. In addition to the powers expressly granted herein, it is the intention to vest in the corporation all the incidental and implied powers necessary to carry out in a broad and liberal way the purposes of the organization.

ARTICLE IV.
Capital Stock.
 The authorized capital stock of the corporation is Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) divided into five hundred shares of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) each. Business may be commenced when two hundred fifty (250) shares have been subscribed and fully paid. Further subscriptions to stock and payments thereon shall be as directed and ordered by the board. Stockholders shall be liable for the full amount of their unpaid subscriptions. When fully paid for, the stock shall be non-assessable.

ARTICLE V.
Life of Corporation.
 The corporation shall commence when its Articles of Incorporation have been filed, and it shall terminate on the first day of January, 1946, unless sooner dissolved.

ARTICLE VI.
Indebtedness.
 The highest amount of indebtedness or liability to which the corporation

shall at any time subject itself shall not exceed an amount equal to two-thirds of the capital stock; Provided, however, the above limitation shall not apply to notes, bonds or debentures where the payment of such notes, bonds or debentures shall be secured by the actual transfer of real estate by trust deed or mortgage; which real estate so transferred shall be of twice the value of the par value of such notes, bonds or debentures; Provided, further, said limitation shall not apply to the guaranty of the corporation for the payment after transfer of any such notes, bonds or debentures.

ARTICLE VII.
Business—How Conducted.
 The affairs and business of the corporation are to be conducted by a board of five directors, and by the officers by them to be elected, and hereinafter provided. The directors may constitute three of their number an executive committee, with power to act.

ARTICLE VIII.
Annual Meetings—Election of Directors.
 The first meeting of the stockholders shall be held on the 10th day of January, 1922, and their regular annual meeting shall be held on the 1st Tuesday in February; Provided, however, no annual meeting shall be held until February. At the first meeting, and at each annual meeting thereafter, the board of directors shall be elected; to hold office until the annual meeting next after their election and until their successors are elected.

ARTICLE IX.
Election of Officers.
 The board of directors shall, as soon as possible after their election, elect from their own number a President, one or more Vice-Presidents, and a Secretary and Treasurer; to hold office until the annual meeting next after their election and until their successors are elected. One person may hold the offices of Secretary and Treasurer.

ARTICLE X.
By Laws—Vacancies.
 The board of directors shall have full power and authority to make all rules and by-laws necessary for the proper management and control of the business affairs of the corporation, and they may alter and amend the same. Vacancies occurring in the board of directors shall be filled by the stockholders; and other offices, vacant from whatever cause, shall be filled by the directors.

ARTICLE XI.
Corporate Seal.
 The corporation hereby adopts a corporate seal, which shall contain the words: "NORTHWESTERN CATTLE LOAN AND INVESTMENT COMPANY, CORPORATE SEAL."

ARTICLE XII.
Amendments.
 These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by the stockholders at any regular meeting, or special meeting called for that purpose. A draft of the proposed amendment shall be submitted to each stockholder with the notice of the meeting to which it is to be considered, which notice shall be given at least ten days prior to the date of the meeting. An amendment approved by the holders of two-thirds of the capital stock shall be considered adopted, and be and become a part of the Articles of Incorporation; and the directors, or a majority thereof, shall thereafter subscribe, acknowledge, record and publish the same as by law required.

H. A. COPSEY, President.
 CHAS. BRITAN, Secretary.
 JAY O. WALKER, Vice President.
 FRED W. HAYES, Director.
 BEATRICE O'BRYAN, Director.


Witness: H. E. GANTZ,
 State of Nebraska,
 Box Butte County, ss:
 On this 30 day of December, 1921, personally before me, H. E. Gantz, a notary public in and for said county and state, duly commissioned and qualified, came H. A. Copsey, Chas. Britan, Beatrice O'Bryan, Fred W. Hayes and Jay O. Walker to me well known to be the identical persons whose names are affixed to the foregoing articles of incorporation, and

they severally acknowledged the execution of the same to be their voluntary act and deed for the purposes in said articles expressed.
 In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal the day and date last above written.
 H. E. GANTZ,
 Notary Public.
 (SEAL)
 My Commission expires May 9, 1922.
 Jan. 20-Feb. 21.

Dr. Charles Slagle Tells Lions Club About Holland
 Dr. Charles E. Slagle, president of the Alliance Rotary club, addressed the members of the Lions club at their Thursday dinner, taking for his subject his trip abroad last summer when he represented the Rotary club as delegate to the international convention held at Edinburgh, Scotland. Dr. Slagle confined his talk largely to his trip to Holland which he said he enjoyed more than any other part of the journey.
 Holland, he said, has been reclaimed from the sea by the construction of a huge sea wall, sixty feet above the level of the sea. There are three series of canals which serve to carry the surface water to the sea, using 10,000 windmills. The canals serve as thoroughfares, and fences in this country, which has 3,000 miles of navigable rivers, 2,000 miles of canals, 2,000 miles of roads, and 12,000 square miles of area, about a fifth that of Illinois. The population is six million. The chief industry is in the raising of Holstein cattle, the country being famous all over the world for its stock.
 The speaker described his trip to various parts of the country, giving interesting details of The Hague, Amsterdam and Lse of Markham. The Hollander he described as friendly, well educated and dressed like Americans. They resent the stories of the wooden shoes, he says. The Dutch dress is peculiar, but it is found only in certain sections of the country.

The capital, surplus and undivided profits of the Alliance National Bank amount to \$130,000.00. 10-15

One reason the college women are slow to marry may be that they've never learned something.
 It's barely possible that the scientist who is promising us snapshot pictures of Mars is giving us snap judgments.
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