

Fifty Miles of Paving Planned for This State

To Complete Highway No. 6 From Fairmont to Hastings as One of the Projects.

State Engineer Tilley announced the July highway letting will include three projects to complete the pavement on highway No. 6 from Omaha to a point 12 miles west of Hastings.

Tilley said the July letting would include about 50 miles of paving in all and would just about clean up the funds available for the 1935-36 fiscal year, except for a few odds and ends such as maintenance and gravel.

Tilley did not release any figures in connection with this announcement but said three of the projects between Fairmont and Hastings would complete the paved route from Omaha to Hastings.

Other pavement to be included in the July letting:

On the Tekamah-Herman stretch. From Verdon west and north in the junction of U. S. highway No. 75 and highway No. 4 and from Dawson north to highway No. 4.

With the completion of the above stretches there will be a continuous paved route from Tekamah south to the state line, with the exception of about ten miles.

The letting also will include a stretch of paving from West Point to Scribner so as to make a continuous hard surfaced route from Wisner to Omaha on highway No. 8. Paving also will be laid from Norfolk east to a point north of Stanton and on a stretch three miles east of Waco.

Tilley said the 1936-37 federal funds would become available July 1 but the state would be unable to match the money dollar for dollar as required, until about the first of the year when gas tax collections are built up to a point where sufficient funds become available to go ahead with the work.

He said a little of the \$7,500,000 work relief fund for highway work and for the construction of grade crossings and separations remained for future work and there might be more if York, Fremont or North Platte should reject bond issues to pay property damage in connection with the proposed construction of viaducts.

RAILROAD SAFETY

Chicago.—E. A. Meyer of Chicago, manager of the safety department of the Milwaukee railroad, was elected chairman of the safety section of the Association of American Railroads at the section's concluding session. The elected committee on direction includes S. H. Osborne, Omaha.

Bids Al Into G. O. P.



John Hamilton

An invitation to Al Smith and other dissident Democrats to join the fold of Gov. Alfred M. Landon was voiced by John Hamilton, G. O. P. national chairman, when he spoke in New York, above, opening Landon's eastern campaign. Hamilton lauded Smith and four other Democrats who concurred in rejecting the New Deal for "choosing country over party."

Rodeo's Indian Queen



Myrtle Bigman

When the big annual Sheridan, Wyo., rodeo gets under way in July one of the two reigning queens will be a real Indian princess, Myrtle Bigman, above, daughter of Chief Max Big Man of the Crow tribe.

Burlington Makes Changes in Officials

Retirement of W. F. Thiehoff Brings Promotion Along the Line to Well Known Officials.

How the official family of the Burlington railroad will shift on July 1 due to the retirement at Chicago of W. F. Thiehoff, general manager of lines east of the Missouri river, was announced at Omaha Thursday by E. Flynn, executive vice-president.

He came to Omaha to confer with F. R. Mullen, general superintendent at Lincoln, who on July 1 will succeed J. H. Aydelott at Omaha as general-manager of lines west, and with Mr. Aydelott.

Succeeding Thiehoff, Aydelott will go to Chicago. S. L. Fee, superintendent at Aurora, Ill., will replace Mullen at Lincoln. W. E. Haist, superintendent at Galesburg, Ill., will succeed Fee. W. R. Eble, assistant superintendent at Brookfield, Mo., will take Haist's old post.

J. E. Thiehoff, son of W. F., will take Eble's place. A. F. McKelvie, nephew of former Governor S. R. McKelvie, now trainmaster at Galesburg, will succeed J. E. Thiehoff. J. J. Ryan, trainmaster at St. Joseph, will succeed McKelvie. George Eckhardt, chief dispatcher at Casper, Wyo., steps into Ryan's place.

Also going to Omaha will be E. H. Piper, assistant to the general-manager at Chicago. He will succeed L. B. Lyman as assistant to the general-manager at Omaha, who goes to Denver as executive assistant, a newly created post.

Forty-three years ago Mullen got his first job with the Burlington, night telegraph operator at Havelock.

Railway Retirement Act is Declared Illegal

Immediate Appeal is Planned by Board on United States District Court's Ruling.

Washington.—Congressional efforts to set up a railroad retirement system were blocked in the courts for a second time when the United States district court here ruled the 1935 railway pension act and its companion tax measure unconstitutional. In an injunction affecting more than 1,000,000 railway workers, Justice Bailey restrained the internal revenue commission from collecting taxes designed to raise 120 millions in the first fiscal year thru a 3 1-2 per cent tax on railway payrolls and an equal levy on employes' wages.

He also enjoined the railroad employment retirement board from making any preparations for paying the pension which would have totaled \$47,000,000 during the first year.

Chairman Murray W. Latimer immediately called the retirement board into an emergency session to consider what course it must follow under the ruling. A spokesman for the board said an appeal would be carried at once to the court of appeals for the District of Columbia.

The injunction suit was brought by 131 first class carriers, 289 associated enterprises, and 16 intervening employes of the Atlantic coast line railroad. Justice Bailey upheld their contention that the tax and pension laws were "inseparable parts" of a singular regulatory scheme which violated the due process provisions of the Fifth amendment.

He based his ruling on a United States supreme court decision handed down last year in the Alton case declaring the 1934 retirement act unconstitutional. That measure had attempted to set up a similar retirement system, under a single law including both pension and revenue provisions. "It is clear," Bailey said, "that under the views of the supreme court in the Alton case the taxing act transcends the power of congress." He added that the two 1935 acts "taken together so dovetail into one another as to create a complete system substantially the same as that created by their railroad retirement act of 1934."

WOOL MARKET IS IMPROVED

Omaha.—Improved business conditions and good demand for a light supply are reflected in the purchase by G. J. Kye, Omaha wool buyer, of several thousand pounds of new crop wool at 22 1-2 to 2 cents per pound recently. The purchase was made for Silberman & Sons, Co., of Boston. Last year at this time new crop wool sold at around 20 cents per pound.

A relative improvement is also noted in the price of fat lambs as a result of the strong wool market. Range lambs, which are now moving in fair volume are selling at the highest prices of this season of the year since 1930.

FIND CARS FOR TAXATION

Thomas county, one of the grazing counties with a population of only 1,510, reports an increase of 126 per cent in the assessed valuation of automobiles under the new law for assessing such property from the list of cars registered with the county treasurer. The report of C. T. McMillan, county assessor, to State Tax Commissioner Smith shows the number of cars listed has increased from 299 to 404 and the assessed valuation from \$25,309 to \$57,180, an increase of \$31,870.

The county being purely grazing and sand region, reports no wheat, rye, corn or any grain for assessment. Altho the population is 1,510 there are 557 taxpayers in the county. Livestock listed comprises 10,560 head of cattle, 1,411 horses, 302 hogs of the pig class, 106 clocks and watches and 153 radios to connect the people with national conventions, baseball games and other outside world affairs.

Total valuation of property in the county, personal, land and lots is \$1,658,960, an increase of 1 percent. Personal property increased 5 percent in valuation.

H. H. Ducey, Brown county assessor reports \$6,126,100 total valuation, an increase of 2 percent. Personal property increased 12 percent and automobiles 25 percent with 1,331 cars listed at \$149,510. Last year 1,545 cars were assessed on a valuation of \$122,615.

MRS. BOOLE IS OPTIMIST

New York.—Eventual return of prohibition was predicted by Mrs. Ella A. Boole, president of the Women's Christian Temperance Union. "I don't attempt to predict exactly when prohibition will be made a law again in America" she said after her return from the national W. C. T. U. convention in Tulsa, Okl. "One thing would have to be altered, of course, and that is the administration of the law." Mrs. Boole said the W. C. T. U. has expanded its program and now actively opposes gambling and narcotics as well as liquor.

BANNING SUED BY TRUCKER

O'Neill, Neb.—W. B. Banning, director of the state department of agriculture, was named defendant in a \$10,000 damage action filed in the district court Thursday by Homer Smith, an officer of the New Deal Transport company.

Smith was acquitted in Thayer county of charges of operating a gasoline transport line without a permit, and he charges his arrest "maliciously injured the name and credit of himself and his line and was made 'without cause.'" Al Hoge, who arrested Smith last May 28, also is named a defendant and \$10,000 is asked of him.

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The above remarkable picture of President Roosevelt shows him holding up Vice President Garner's hand—as a referee does a champion—before an immense throng at Franklin Field, Philadelphia, Saturday night. The president had just completed his 2,000 word speech of acceptance and the thousands of spectators had broken into prolonged cheering. A few moments later Roosevelt and his party were en route back to their special train.

Chinese Prince is a King Minus His Country

Teh Wang Finds Himself Deserted by Government in Time of Need; Desertion of Bodyguard.

Pailingmiao, Inner Mongolia. — Prince Teh Wang, hailed a few months ago as a budding reincarnation of the great Ghengis Kahn, now finds himself virtually a king without a country. Prince Teh's failure to hold the allegiance of his tribes people has all but erased the last hope for an independent inner Mongolian government as the Japanese steadily extend their influence from the east. Deserted by the Chinese government in his hour of need, ignored by the Japanese because he would not accept a Japanese protectorate in the Gobi desert, Prince Teh's latest blow was the desertion of

a large section of his personal bodyguard. They went over to the Chinese camp.

Teh's policy for years has been "Mongolia for the Mongolians." In this he has endeavored to prevent his arid plains from being overrun by Japanese, or his impoverished tribesmen from being exploited by Chinese militarists. He has maintained a frugal tribal government in a collection of felt tents near here, acknowledging nominal fealty to Nanking, but managing his own affairs.

Japan's march across Asia caught Teh unprepared. When he refused to become the leader of a Japanese dominated Inner Mongolia (desired as a buffer to protect Manchoukuo from the sovietized Out Molgols) the Japanese brushed him aside and created their own puppet government in northern Chahar under Mongol leaders who would listen more attentively. Teh begged Nanking to help him unite the quarrelsome Mongol tribes of Suiyuan, but in the meantime Nanking had largely been ousted

from north China.

From the south, the Shansi warlord, General Yen Hsi-Shan then extended his influence up into the Gobi. Lukewarm in his allegiance to Nanking, he regarded Mongolia as his own private hunting ground. Yen got his underling, Fu Tso-Yi, appointed Chinese governor of Suiyuan. Bad blood had existed between Fu and Prince Teh ever since. Fu claims Teh has accepted Japanese aid, but so far as is known here, Teh dislikes the thought of Japanese influence more than he dreads Chinese exploitation, and has never benefitted by his Japanese contracts.

AMOS WRIGHT DIES

Falls City, Neb.—Amos Wright, 89, died here Thursday following a brief illness. Amos E. Wright of Lincoln is a son. Funeral services will be held Saturday at Weeping Water.

Improvement of farm-to-market roads will help everyone in Cass county.

EXPECT MORE TAX BOOSTS

Omaha.—Increases totaling \$613,865 in the personal property assessed valuations of nine Omaha business concerns are contemplated by the county board of equalization.

The proposed boosts were set out in orders issued by the board Wednesday morning citing these firms to appear before it Monday to show cause why the increases should not be made.

Uppdike Lumber & Coal company, 4500 Dodge, from \$15,800 to \$150,000.

Bradford-Kennery Lumber company, 3514 So. 25th, \$15,000 to \$100,000.

J. B. Watkins Lumber company, 2511 O., \$10,550 to \$100,000.

Micklin Lumber company, 19th and Nicholas, \$5,875 to \$75,000.

Canfield Lumber company, 61st and Center, \$35,400 to \$80,000.

Brennan-Vana Lumber company, 3516 L., \$10,680 to \$100,000.

E. F. Boyer Lumber & Coal company, three yards, \$15,400 to \$75,000.

Dresher Brothers, 2217 Farnam, \$8,400 to \$35,000.

Pantorium, 1513 Jones, \$3,900 to \$20,000.

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