

State Engineer Declares War on Omaha Sand Firm

George Johnson Declares Richey Company Violated Agreement and Raised Price for Gravel.

Lincoln, June 13.—(Special.)—George E. Johnson, state engineer, today refused to accept bids for road work entailing a raise of 20 cents a ton in price of gravel used and purchased from the pit at Bellwood, Neb., owned by the Richey Sand company of Omaha.

The job in which this increase in the price of gravel was noted is in a four-mile stretch of road in Butler county which is to be gravelled, and the cost of surfacing it with this material will be more than one-half the total cost of construction.

Johnson declared that this company has been selling gravel from its pit for 80 cents a ton until a week prior to the letting of \$2,000,000 in road and bridge contracts now under way here, when the price was increased to \$1 a ton. All bidders were compelled to base their bids on the advanced rate, which means additional costs amounting to several thousands of dollars.

To Have Own Sand Pit.

Johnson asserted today that he, with members of the Butler county board of commissioners, had decided to open a sandpit of their own and take out their own gravel, unless the Omaha firm reduces its price.

The action of the Omaha firm, Johnson declared, breaks a gentlemen's agreement made by state officials interested in road work and gravel companies. This agreement, according to Johnson, was to the effect that the state would not use its sandpits at Ashland if the gravel companies kept their prices down on gravel on Nebraska roads.

The state house is filled with contractors from all parts of America to bid on road work and the superstructure of the new \$5,000,000 state house this week. Johnson said that the Omaha firm reduces its price.

Bids on the superstructure, necessitating two dozen kinds of work, will aggregate \$1,000,000 and will be opened Wednesday. There are 120 contractors who have asked for specifications on the various jobs.

Taxpayers to Aid Johnson.

Bids opened so far show that Nebraska taxpayers will receive from 20 to 25 per cent more for the money in road work this year than last, due to the drop in material and labor and a corresponding decline in bidding prices for work done.

"This not only means less money for work done but more work for money," Johnson said today, "labor is working harder this year than it did a year ago."

The first contracts awarded Johnson, with the sanction of members of county boards who are present at the meetings, follow:

Jefferson County—Bridge, Stand Bridge company, Omaha, \$22,844.
Hamilton—Six bridges, Pioneer Construction company, Lincoln, \$2,000.
Hamilton—Three bridges, Diamond Engineering company, Grand Island, \$5,756.67.
Sarpy—Bridge, Central Bridge Construction company, Wahoo, \$4,567.28.
Dakota—Grading and graveling, contracting company, Blair, \$7,953.48.
Dakota—Grading and graveling, Peterson, Shirley and Gunth Omaha, \$12,939.86.
Garfield—Bridge, Southern Kant Construction company, Wichita, \$1,738.
Dundy—Grading, Peterson, Shinn and Gunther, Omaha, \$15,030; Western Bridge and Construction company, Omaha, culverts on \$2,115.05.

Air Mail Vet in Service and Vet in Hours, Pals



In flying togs, E. Hamilton Lee, ranking veteran among the air mail pilots in point of service, and, in civilian clothes, Jack Knight, ranking veteran in hours in the air.

Two Omaha fliers, buddies during the world war, now comrades in Uncle Sam's air mail service, hold unique records.

E. Hamilton Lee, diminutive pilot of the Omaha-Chicago division, holds the record for number of days in the service.

Jack Knight, on the Omaha-Cheyenne division, holds the record for actual hours in the air.

Lee never has had an accident. Knight won fame when he made the first night flight of the air mail. Both were stationed at Ellington field during the war, where Lee instructed cadets in combat maneuvering.

Inaugurates Lines.

He joined the air mail December 3, 1918, and inaugurated the lines between Washington and New York, Chicago and St. Louis, and Chicago and Minneapolis.

72 Shrine Temples Participate in Parade

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dunes of the old San Francisco when they had the place all to themselves. The pageant itself was nearly three and one-half miles of colorful, melodious life—a sort of long drawn out blaze of glory. Every march imaginable was snapped out by the bands, every cheer possible came from the

crowd. The parade was a magnificent display of color and spirit. The floats were elaborately decorated and the bands played a variety of popular tunes. The parade was a great success and was enjoyed by all who witnessed it.

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Shipping Board Officer Killed by Rare Disease

Sickness of Chinese Origin Causes Death of A. J. Frey—Only 67 Cases Known.

Washington, June 13.—A. J. Frey of Los Angeles, vice president of the shipping board's emergency fleet corporation, died today at Johns Hopkins hospital, Baltimore, after an illness of several months, according to announcement by Chairman Lasker of the board.

He had been ill with San Joaquin valley disease, of which only 69 cases are said to have been known to medical science and of which 57 proved fatal. The disease was declared to be of Chinese origin.

Sacramento, Cal., June 13.—The San Joaquin Valley disease to which the death of A. J. Frey is attributed, is the colloquial name of a rare disease known as coccidioides, a fungus which attacks the skin and then the inner tissues of the human body and has nearly all the symptoms of tuberculosis of the lungs, according to Dr. Gundrum, vice president of the California state board of health.

The disease was first discovered about 15 years ago by Dr. William Oppell of Stanford university, Dr. Gundrum stated.

The disease in its spread, Dr. Gundrum said, very often attacks the brain and then symptoms are similar to those of meningitis. It is nearly always fatal. It is a chronic, slow affection of which so little is known that its treatment is difficult.

The name of San Joaquin valley disease was attached to the affection because for several years that section of the state of California was the only known source.

Railroad Man Drowns in Grand Island Lake

Grand Island, Neb., June 13.—(Special Telegram.)—Gus Strom, 22, unmarried, was drowned this evening in Kops Lake, the second day of its opening. Strom, with several companions, was swimming about in the deeper portions of the lake when he cried for help and sank. William Hintz immediately swam to the spot where he sank, but could find no trace of the body. The lake at that point is estimated to be from 20 feet deep. Strom never rose to the surface after sinking the first time, and is believed to have been icken with cramps. He was a good swimmer. He was employed the Union Pacific as a car checker. A large force of young men is still diving and raking for the body several hours after the accident.

Portuguese Fliers Start on Last Leg of Journey

Bahia, June 13.—The Portuguese aviators, Capt. Sacadura and Coutinho left here at 7:35 o'clock this morning on the last leg of their airship flight from Portugal to the Brazilian capital.

Congress Candidate Outlines His Platform



F. Byron Osmond.

F. Byron Osmond of Walthill, Neb., in announcing his candidacy for congress from the Third district, outlined his platform as follows:

"I am against the administration ship subsidy bill. The American people will not benefit by its passage. I favor a merchant marine, but not by a subsidy that will benefit the individual. I am against a high protective tariff, because any tariff bill that creates a monopoly is un-American. I favor only such a tariff bill as will equalize the cost of production in America and Europe. Beyond that the already protected manufacturers are beneficiaries and the American people are the ones who will bear the burden by an increase in the price of the American manufactured products."

"I favor repeal of the Esch-Cummings bill passed in congress by the railroads of this country, destroying all competition and obtaining a guarantee upon their watered stock as they did during the war. I am unalterably opposed to a return to the convention system."

N. D. Senator Proposes Paying Bonus With Cash

Washington, June 13.—A proposal to pay the soldiers' bonus in cash, the financing to be done by means of special taxes on banks and through use of the interest on the foreign indebtedness was made today in the senate by Senator Ladd.

Road Conditions

(Published by the Omaha Auto Club.) No report is issued this morning due to the fact that all wires are down on account of wind storms. A special report will be issued this afternoon if wires are O. K.

Fortune in Land Involved in Suit

Illinois Woman Brings Action at Hastings to Recover Deeds to Big Tracts.

Hastings, Neb., June 13.—Action brought here by Clara B. Fort, Lacon, Ill., against Leah W. Cowan and two minor children involves 5,000 acres of land in Filmore and Clay counties.

Mrs. Cowan, defendant, is the widow of George W. Cowan, once agent and manager for Mrs. Clara E. Fort, 82. Mrs. Fort had about \$600,000 worth of land in Marshall county, Illinois, and nearly 5,000 acres in Nebraska. She alleges she gave deeds to these lands to her agent to facilitate transacting her business with the understanding that he was to give them back, but while she was in Switzerland, Mr. Cowan was killed in an automobile accident. His widow, as administratrix, filed deeds she found in her husband's safety deposit boxes in Peoria.

Learning upon return of Mrs. Fort of the nature of the transaction, Mrs. Cowan gave quit claim deeds to her one-fourth, and litigation is about the three-fourths share of the minor. Attorneys for the defendents contend that the deeds were gifts to the agent. Among the witnesses for Mrs. Fort was Miss Helen A. Cannon, daughter of former Speaker Joe Cannon, a friend of the plaintiff. Judge Dilworth has taken the case under advisement.

Brown' Robs Cops Near Sidney, Neb.

Sidney, Neb., June 13.—Two posses with bloodhounds are searching the country one mile north of here for a man believed to be Fred Brown, the Omaha "chain man," who late this afternoon robbed two local police officers.

Gus Wellner, a farmer living one mile north of Sidney, called the police late today and told them a suspicious character was camped in his pasture. Chief of Police Wait and another officer went to the pasture where the man held them and took all their belongings and ordered them to go back to town.

Chief of Police Wait declared that the man was Brown and posses were immediately organized.

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The following were elected to the executive committee: Dr. W. F. Milroy, A. B. Olson, A. L. Havens, Fred W. Thomas, Rev. Thure Jacobson, Rev. J. W. Kirkpatrick, Dean Ringer and Robert T. Switzer were elected attorneys.

The following medical staff was elected: General, Dr. H. M. McClanahan, Dr. Clyde Moore, Dr. Joseph R. Henake, laboratory diagnosis, Dr. B. C. Rasmus, Dr. C. M. Hyland; roentgenologist, Dr. W. H. Micks; oculist and aurist, Dr. James M. Patton; clinical psychologist, Dr. G. Alexander Young, Prof. Leon O. Smith; dentists, Dr. H. L. Newton, Dr. H. L. Karrer.

Fight Forest Fire.

Vanderhoof, B. C., June 13.—Fire fighters were busy today attempting to control a forest fire burning for miles along the right of way of the Grand Trunk Pacific.

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