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### State Aid for Good Roads.

Prof G. R. Chatburn, D. R. Mosley and other men have framed a uniform plan for road building and the bill has been introduced in the legislature. The measure is based upon the popular "state aid" laws in force in eastern states.

This severe winter and the accompanying bad roads since the thaw has shown the people the necessity for systematic road building, and our local Good Roads association should take up the matter and give all the support possible to the bill. Delay in action means the postponement of good roads legislation for another two years. Following is a synopsis of the proposed law:

Section one provides that the owners of a majority of the property fronting on any public road may petition the county commissioners to improve road.

The county commissioners upon hearing the petition may pass a resolution setting forth that public necessity demands the improvement of the highway and shall so notify the state engineer.

The state engineer then is to carefully investigate and determine whether or not the highway is of such importance as to come within the purposes of this act and shall certify approval or disapproval to the county commissioners.

If approved the state engineer shall cause the highway to be surveyed and mapped. Shall indicate wherein it might be bettered by change of location in order to shorten it or lessen the gradients. He shall draw up plans and specifications for the improvement taking into account the climate, the soil, and the materials to be had in the vicinity, and the extent and nature of the traffic likely to be upon the highway, specifying the kind of road a wise economy demands.

The state engineer is to prepare an estimate of the cost and transmit it to the county commissioners.

The county commissioners may adopt a resolution that the road shall be constructed under the provisions of this act.

The commissioners must secure the right of way.

Section 8 provides for the advertising for bids two successive weeks in a newspaper of the county, and such other papers as may be deemed to advantage. The state engineer shall award the contract to the lowest bidder. It may be awarded to the board of county commissioners or to some board or person acting for them but in no case for a sum greater than the engineer's estimate. Provides for sufficient surety to be given by the contractor, and for the payment of partial payments not to exceed 80 per cent of the work done until the entire work is accepted.

One half the expense of the improvement shall be paid by the state, 35 per cent by the county as a whole and 15 per cent by the fronting property holders.

County engineers are made inspectors under the state engineer. In counties having no county engineer the state engineer provides for proper inspection.

Section 11 provides a definite method for the assessment of the 15 per cent on the fronting property in proportion to the benefits derived.

Improvements under this act shall be taken up and carried forward in the order in which they are applied for.

Under the completion of any such road it is turned over to the county and maintained as other roads.

Section 13 provides for the payment of road taxes assessed against property abutting any such improved road in cash.

To enable this law to be effective there is appropriated \$25,000.

In the event of an enactment of a law by the United States congress providing for government aid, the same is appropriated for the building of roads under the provisions of this act.

If the Brownlow-Latimer bill passes

congress—it has received a favorable recommendation by the committee—there will accrue to Nebraska the sum of \$308,000 which would become immediately available under the provisions of this act.

### Change of City Elections.

House roll No. 205, introduced by Colonel C. W. Kaley, in relation to election in cities of the second class, is being considered in committee. The committee reported progress, but asked for further time.

This bill provides that elections in cities of the second class be held in November at the same time as county elections. The bill provides that each ward shall have two councilmen and that they shall serve four years and until their successors are elected. The mayor, city clerk, treasurer and city engineer are to be elected for terms of two years.

The extending of the terms of councilmen to four years, in the opinion of many, seems to be an unwise move. The changing of the time of holding the elections to the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November and holding the same every two years instead of annually would be a move in the direction of economy which taxpayers will appreciate should the bill become a law.

## NEWS OF NEBRASKA.

### Culver Gets Reappointment.

Lincoln, Feb. 17.—Governor Mickey has reappointed J. H. Culver adjutant general.

### Acquitted of Murder Charge.

Nebraska City, Feb. 17.—John D. Boese, on trial here for the killing of his son, was acquitted by the jury. The killing was the culmination of a family quarrel and the father pleaded self-defense.

### Baby Girl Burned to Death.

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 20.—Three-year-old Amy Gardner was burned to death in the home of her parents in Holt county and the house was later burned to the ground while the parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Gardner, were in Spencer.

### Cotner Orator a Winner.

Grand Island, Neb., Feb. 18.—Hugh Lomax of Bethany, representing Cotner university in the state oratorical contest held here last night, won first honors and will represent the Nebraska colleges at the interstate contest, to be held in Indiana, at which the colleges of eleven Mississippi valley states will be represented.

### Woman Identifies Picture.

Fremont, Feb. 16.—Mrs. Day, the proprietor of the North Bend hotel, positively identified the picture of the man found dead near the Ames depot last month as the man who left the two grips at her hotel two days before the body was found and who gave his name as J. E. Albee. She is certain it was the same man.

### Terminal Taxation Bill Introduced.

Lincoln, Feb. 18.—Proposed railroad legislation and constitutional amendments had their lining in the house. A terminal taxation bill was introduced by Clarke of Douglas, a proposed constitutional amendment by Dodge of Douglas for a railroad commission and the two proposed constitutional amendments by Saunders of Douglas, which passed the senate, were indefinitely postponed.

### Two Freight Trains Collide.

Grand Island, Feb. 22.—A collision occurred between two westbound freight trains of the Union Pacific near Chapman. The engine of the one ran into the caboose of the other, piled the caboose and several freight cars up badly and set the wreckage afire. The engine was badly demolished. The engineer and fireman jumped. The engineer had a leg broken. No others were injured.

### Dinner Gone; Hiccoughs Also.

Omaha, Feb. 17.—Andrew Ranney, the victim of an obstinate case of hiccoughs, was cured by the explosion of a tomato can placed on a stove to make soup for his dinner, as he was unable to eat solid food. Ranney feels the cure is permanent, as he has not been troubled by the malady since the unexpected opening of the can. During the last attack he went forty-eight hours without sustenance and lost six pounds in weight.

### Much Land Has Been Taken.

North Platte, Neb., Feb. 20.—The land office rush for the one section homestead is practically over, and as a result something over 200,000 acres of grazing land, heretofore controlled by the cattle kings without charge, is now homesteaded by settlers from Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas, the Dakotas and other states. Nearly 300 entries were made and most of them were made by citizens of Nebraska from the Missouri river to the Colorado and Wyoming lines. There yet remains about 250 sections which are subject to one section entry.

### Oil Lease Will Be Renewed.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Senator Long conferred with the president in regard to the protest of the Kansas legislature against the renewal of the blanket lease of 1,500,000 acres of oil lands of the Osage Indian reservation in Oklahoma territory. The decision was reached and the announcement authorized that the administration will stand by the limited extension contained in a senate amendment to the Indian appropriation bill.

### More Charges Against Mrs. Chadwick.

Cleveland, Feb. 22.—The federal grand jury reported two additional indictments against Mrs. Chadwick in connection with her operation through the closed Citizens' National bank of Oberlin. There are now seven indictments against Mrs. Chadwick in the United States district court. There are also three in the state court.

### Omaha to Be Headquarters.

Washington, Feb. 22.—Plans are under way for the creation of a new division of the rural free delivery system, with Omaha as the headquarters. The new division will include states immediately adjoining Nebraska and will be in charge of an inspector. Division headquarters for the west are now at Denver and St. Louis.

### Hoch Repudiates Confession.

Chicago, Feb. 22.—Johann Hoch repudiated his alleged confession read by Police Inspector Shippy before a coroner's jury. "I never told Inspector Shippy I had married eleven women," said Hoch. "I signed a statement to the effect that I had not committed murder and that I was an innocent man."

### Japs Seize Another Steamer.

Tokio, Feb. 20.—The navy department announces the seizure of the British steamer *Silviana*, bound for Vladivostok, with Cardiff coal.

### Child Has His Head Crushed.

Norfolk, Neb., Feb. 22.—Standing on tiptoe to peer over into the inside mechanism of the corn-grinding machine on the farm of his father, County Clerk Rudens of Knox county, four-year-old Arthur Rudens was suddenly caught by the sweep of the machine as it swung around and, pinned against a pillar of the frame, was crushed to death. The power of the sweep, which was turned by means of a horse, was so strong that the lad's head was mashed perfectly flat and death came before anyone knew what was the matter. The man operating the machine had stepped into the granary for a fresh supply of corn when the little fellow walked into range of the fatal sweep.

### HOUSE WILL INVESTIGATE.

Expenditure of Funds for Norfolk Insane Asylum Is to Be Probed.

Lincoln, Feb. 16.—By a vote of 69 to 30 the house adopted the resolution of Jones of Polk calling for an investigation of the expenditure of the \$100,000 appropriated two years ago by the legislature for the repair and rebuilding of the burned wing at the Norfolk insane asylum. The speaker appointed Jones, Windham of Cass and Howe of Nemaha to make the investigation.

The resolution precipitated an animated and protracted discussion. Perry of Furnas and Jackson of Antelope leading the opposition to the resolution. Windham and Wilson, with Jones, led in supporting it.

The recommendation for passage of the Junkin anti-trust bill, amended so as to exempt from its operations native Nebraska corporations, and the defeat in the senate of the Shreck bill, vesting control of fraternal insurance societies in 95 per cent of the membership were among the other important transactions in the legislature.

### ARE PREPARING FOR FLOODS.

Heavy Ice, With Great Snowfall, Cause Alarm Along the Rivers.

Plattsmouth, Feb. 22.—The prospects are now favorable for a large flow of ice and water in the Platte and Missouri rivers early this spring. At a corresponding date one year ago a large part of the central valleys and the southeastern Rocky mountain slope, now covered with coatings varying in depth from eight to twenty-five inches, were entirely free from snow. There is also much snow in the middle regions all the way north and east along the courses of the three branches of the Platte river. There seems to be no doubt but that the banks will be taxed to their utmost capacity to carry away the water which must be turned into them as the first thaw comes, which will start the ice to moving.

People are recalling the spring of 1881, when the worst flood ever known along the Platte valley was experienced. The farmers along the Platte bottom and those of Iowa residing on the bottoms east and south of Plattsmouth, are already preparing to remove their families and stock upon the first indications of the breaking up of the ice, which is the thickest known in many years.

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