

### Bridges Complete Meridian Highway

#### Trip From Winnipeg to Mexico Soon to Be Possible Without Detour.

Columbus, Neb., May 9.—T. A. Anthony, Wausa, Neb., was elected president of the Nebraska State Meridian Highway association at the annual convention here. Herbert Iahn, Columbus Chamber of Commerce secretary, was elected secretary-treasurer, and J. E. Shearer, Hebron, Neb., vice president. Delegates who represented towns north and south through the state along the Meridian (Winnipeg to Mexico City) road voted to do away with the northern and southern Nebraska divisions of the highway and to create one Nebraska division. The convention favored enactment of a state law for a tax on gasoline to be used with federal aid funds for state roads. The work of the Nebraska State Good Roads association was endorsed by the convention, which also declared absolute opposition to the Watson resolution, adopted in 1923, at the international convention of the Meridian Highway association in Salina, Kan., which proposed incorporation of the highway. Action was taken by the association favoring the amendment of the international constitution to give each state one vote at the international conventions, with provision that each county delegation should have one vote in determining the policy of the state.

#### Detours Eliminated.

The 13 years that have passed since the Meridian highway was first laid out were briefly reviewed in an address by John C. Nicholson, Newton, Kan., president of the International Meridian Highway association. He declared that before the summer ends it will be possible to travel the entire length of the highway from Winnipeg, Can., to Mexico City, without detour or ferrying. He said that completion of the new Missouri river bridge at Yankton, S. D., and completion of the bridge over the South Canadian river in Oklahoma, would eliminate all detours and the highway would follow the line of the sixth principal meridian without material deviation from its course for 2,500 miles.

The bridge across the Missouri river opens to Nebraska the trade of all South Dakota, especially since the Meridian highway, as Mr. Nicholson explained, is the only north and south road that traverses the state of South Dakota.

That the completion of bridges, as well as further road improvements in marking and advertising, will eventually result in the Meridian highway, drawing a heavier line of travel through Columbus than the Lincoln highway draws west of Columbus, was Mr. Nicholson's opinion.

#### Columbus Junction Point.

Mr. Nicholson declared Columbus as the junction point of the Meridian and Lincoln highway was seeing thousands of tourists, and more of them were turning south along the Meridian every year because climatic conditions and a settled country along the route made travel more pleasant through the southwest to California than by the straight western route, especially for the winter tourists.

Mr. Nicholson said that the people living under the pre-Volstead act will more and more seek the resorts in Canada and Mexico and that the Meridian highway, as the only international highway, is the natural route for them.

Each county in Nebraska along the highway will be assessed \$1-a mile to maintain the road. Fifty per cent of the funds will be used locally and the remainder will be devoted to the work of the international association.

Nebraska division of the Meridian National Highway association will send a special delegation to attend the opening of the new Missouri river bridge at Yankton, S. D., in September. The international convention of the Meridian highway association with American, Mexican and Canadian representatives present will be held at Yankton at that time.

#### Fairmont Organizes Men's Community Club

Fairmont, Neb., May 9.—A Men's club was organized and a dinner served here today. The Men's club consists of members of the entire community.

Violin solos and songs were rendered. Rev. Paul Valvin Paine of York Presbyterian church, gave the address of the evening, his subject being "Doing What is Worth While." Officers elected were: President, Dr. M. M. Aiken; vice president, G. E. Harmon; secretary, John Metten; treasurer, E. T. Parnell. Out of 125 men 50 signed as charter members.

### Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

#### The Fortunate Young Chuck.

Despair is a very dreadful thing. It is the feeling which comes in time of seeming danger when there is no hope. The young Chuck, drifting on a floating log on the flooded Green Meadows, was for the first time in despair. He had been frightened, dreadfully frightened ever since the water had driven him out of his home and he had begun his strange journey on that old log. But until now he had had hope, at least a wee bit of hope from the moment he had scrambled up on that old log. He had hoped that old log would drift to the shore.

But now all hope was gone. He knew that he had been seen by a boy in a boat. He didn't know that boy. He was sure that boy was a hunter. But was sure that he had a terrible gun. But there wasn't a thing he could do. No, sir, there wasn't a thing he could do. He was helpless. He could plunge into the water and swim, but he knew that that would be useless. He could only swim on the surface, and that boat would soon catch him. He might just as well stay where he was. So he did. He stayed there, shivering and shaking with fright.

The boy in the boat stopped rowing, and the boat slowly drifted up along beside the old log. The young Chuck was so frightened that he nearly fell into the water. He was so frightened that he didn't even notice that the boy had no terrible gun.

"Well, well!" exclaimed the boy. "If this isn't a Chuck! It must be one of Johnny Chuck's children. Poor little chap, he must have been drowned out! I wonder how long he has been drifting about on this old log. It is a wonder that those hunters that were rowing about this morning did not find and shoot him. He looks scared nearly to death. I suppose he wishes I would go away and leave him. But if I do that, there is no knowing what will happen to him. I guess, young fellow, I've got to get you ashore somehow."

At first he thought of trying to get the young Chuck into the boat. If the young Chuck had been a little Chuck he would have done this. But this Chuck, while young, was fully grown. He was quite capable of fighting and fighting hard. The boy had no desire to feel those sharp teeth of his. He knew, too, that if he succeeded in getting the young Chuck into the boat the latter might jump overboard.

So the boy thought things over for a few minutes, and then he thought of a plan. Moving very quietly and very slowly so as not to increase the fright of the young Chuck, the boy reached over and fastened a rope to the old log. He fastened it to the end opposite the one on which the young Chuck was sitting. The other end of the rope he fastened to the stern of the boat. Then the boy began to row very, very slowly, and of course he towed the log behind him.

Probably no other Chuck had ever had such a strange ride. The boy took the greatest care to row so that that log would float along behind him smoothly. He headed straight toward shore. Of course the young Chuck didn't know what to make of all this. He clung to the old log and wondered what would happen next. He was a fortunate young Chuck, though he didn't know it at the time. That boy was Farmer Brown's boy.

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You may send in as many jokes as you wish to this contest. Please make them original and limit each to 30 words. A first prize of \$5 is given every week, second prize of \$3, third of \$2 and 12 additional prizes of \$1 each.

There are several classes of jokes submitted. Out of the class that does not quite come within the prize list three are selected for this column each day. Today's are:

Boy (at ball game)—Here's your hot dog!  
Small boy—Dad, that don't look like a hot dog to me; that looks like a weenie.  
—Miriam Stuart, Bladen, Neb.  
"Has your husband given up golf?"

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### SNOWSTORM HALTS G. O. P. CONFERENCE

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Norfolk, Neb., May 9.—Although the Third district republican conference scheduled for today was postponed on account of a rain and snowstorm which is general over this part of the country, republican leaders from all over the district are here and are holding a brief meeting. Many cars with delegates to the conference are stalled on the roads.

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#### Check Raiser Held Inane.

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#### Kearney Awards Contracts for New City Water Works

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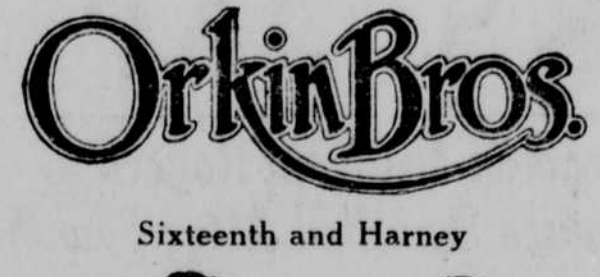
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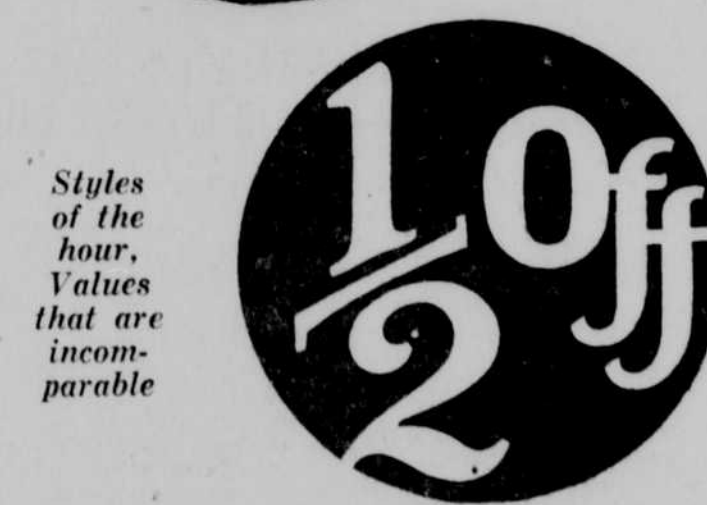
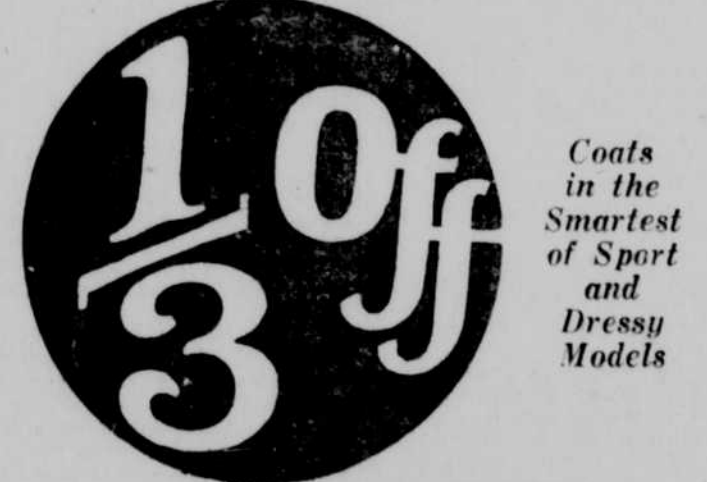
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