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LOOKING AHEAD.

The suggestion this week by a Herald subscriber that the county supervisor system be adopted in order to make it possible to build roads and conduct the county's business with more fairness is a timely one. The regrettable thing about it is that the law providing for the system is so framed that it will be impossible to put it into effect in less than three years. And every week's delay in adopting a road building program means that Box Butte county is losing out.

So long as the road war keeps on—so long as the commissioners refuse to listen to the representatives of a majority of the voters forcing them to appeal to state authorities for a voice in the spending of their own money, just so long will it be impossible to make any progress in road construction. And the entire county will suffer.

Box Butte county has few enough roads, either county or state aid, right now, considering the money that has been expended in building them in the years that have gone. If there were co-operation between the commissioners and the public, and a constructive road program could be agreed upon, the money that is expended might build up a fine system of state and county roads within Box Butte.

As it is, there is no way to break the deadlock unless one of two things should happen. Either the business men of Alliance will have to remain quiet and give the commissioners a free hand in doing what they please with the money raised by taxes and from automobile licenses, or else the commissioners will have to concede that the public should have a voice in road construction. Judging from past discussions and the announced attitude of those concerned, this cannot happen unless the millennium should roll around.

If the public wants to look a long way ahead, the supervisor system offers a possible remedy. But by the time it will be possible to put this system into effect, it will be time to reelect a majority of the present board of commissioners. However, with the supervisor plan adopted, the danger in the future of such deadlocks will be minimized. It's worth considering.

Another possible remedy lies in the county manager plan. There is now no law in Nebraska that will permit this being adopted by any county in the state, but legislatures over the nation have been quick to pass laws authorizing this business-like form of conducting the affairs of counties. It is not impossible that the Nebraska legislature will be willing to make it legal in this state.

One thing is certain—there should be some definite road building plan adopted in Box Butte county, without further delay. There are state aid funds sufficient to maintain seventy-five or more additional miles of road in this county, and there are available funds in excess of fifty thousand dollars in federal aid. This latter will be lost if not utilized in 1922. It is regrettable that there should be even a prospect of this in Box Butte county, which needs roads as much or more than any county in the state. If necessary, of course, a way can be found to force the county board to act, or to get action without their co-operation, but this is the long and hard way around. If the supervisor plan could only be put into effect immediately, it would solve the problem, and it is worth keeping in mind as an ultimate solution of the present difficulties.

REAL FRIENDSHIP.

What should be done to the fellow who is continually saying that the business men of Alliance are ferriest the farmers, and are interested only in getting their money? The charge has been made regularly, and is still being made by some fellows who haven't considered the matter very deeply, but last Wednesday morning there was an actual illustration of the way in which the Alliance merchants regard the fellows who live outside of the city.

About 10 o'clock a fire alarm sounded. The information went out that a big prairie fire was raging out south of the city. The blaze was far enough away from Alliance so that it

was no particular menace to this city. If the merchants were the sort of fellows that they have been painted, they would have shrugged their shoulders and muttered a few words of sympathy and forgotten all about the alarm in ten minutes.

What actually happened? Why, within fifteen minutes there were four or five hundred Alliance people on the job, fighting the fire for all they were worth. There were a hundred men from the Burlington shops, fifty volunteer firemen, and the rest were Alliance business men and their employees. And every business was represented. There were lawyers, doctors, bankers, merchants of all descriptions. These men in some cases closed up their business houses and put the key in their pocket. They forgot all about the profits they might lose, and dressed in their good clothes, hurried out to the scene to do all in their power to help their farmer friends.

It was hard work and more or less dirty work, but the Alliance business men didn't figure about clothes any more than they did about lost business. Some of them, stripped almost to the waist, worked shoulder to shoulder with the men from the farms. The fight against the fire fiend was won. They went back to their homes, cleaned up, and in the afternoon it was business as usual.

Some of these days we won't be hearing the wails from some of the farmers that the business men are all out of sympathy with them, and the minute they have the money forget they are on earth. You may write it chant is friendly to every farmer, and in your hat that every Alliance merchant he's going to work with him in everything that is to his advantage with the same sincerity of purpose and the same pep and vigor that were seen when the big fire started. The next time someone tells you that the farmer has no real friends in the city, call him down.

Governor McKelvie has branded as rank nonsense the claim of Former State Auditor W. H. Smith that state appropriations can be reduced ten million dollars. The governor then proceeds to mention two items that alone would bring about a reduction of five millions. It may be true, as Governor McKelvie suggests, that somebody is playing politics by talk of such wholesale reductions, but if it is possible to bring about a reduction of half that amount on just two items, perhaps Mr. Smith is not so nonsensical as the governor would have us believe. Mr. Smith proposes to form a non-partisan league of taxpayers for the purpose of reducing appropriations and then trying for a reduction of taxes. It is not inconceivable that such an organization will prove popular, and if enough taxpayers are attracted to its ranks, not many officeholders will feel free to say that its aim is nonsensical. Some day state officers will be elected who will find a way to reduce running expenses, even if some of their pet departments are forced to cut down their activities.

Two Omaha youths, aged thirteen and fifteen, have been apprehended by

the police authorities after they had kept the coppers on edge for three days by means of their black hand methods in securing money to build a home wireless station. The long-suffering movies will probably be blamed for their precociousness by the long-haired reformers who try to find a moral in every case that is a trifle out of the ordinary. History of the days before the movies, however, will show that boys were boys then, just as they are now. One doesn't have to go back any farther than Mark Twain's "Tom Sawyer" to discover that normal boys entertain a number of ideas of which their parents are kept in ignorance. Despite the fact that the Omaha police were worried about the affair and a whole lot of worry was given Gould Deitz and other men who received the letters, someone should see to it that the kids get their wireless instead of a term in the state reformatory.

THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

(Omaha Bee)

Admitting all that has been said in favor of teaching a foreign language to the children of the parents who wish them to learn another besides the language of the country in which they live, it yet remains true that in-

struction in the Nebraska public schools should be in English. Judge Button, in his decision holding the Nebraska language law unconstitutional, gave the very best reason for upholding the law when he said: "The soul of a people is reflected in the language they speak."

No question will be made of his further statement that possession of a working knowledge of a language will give an insight into the life of the people who habitually and naturally use it; nor that acquisition of a foreign tongue tends to broaden the mind. Yet the point is that the law that prescribes was made necessary by the fact that in Nebraska children were and are growing up in ignorance of the English language. At this time the Douglas county authorities are holding as a witness a girl 19 years old who was born and reared in Nebraska, who is unable to read or write English, and has only a limited conversational use of the language. How can one such as she have any idea of the soul of America?

The language does not strike at religion, nor education; it sets no limit on culture, nor does it interfere with the privilege of acquiring one or many other tongues. It merely and properly requires that a child be given instruction in the English language that it will have full ability to take part in the ordinary affairs of life in the United States and will not be forced to seek a foreign language in which to receive the knowledge it should have

of what is going on in the land where it lives. We are waiting to hear what the supreme court has to say on the point.

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"Who was the modest-looking young man, Cyrus?" "Modest looking? Say, what do you think he was?" "I don't know." "He was a moving picture-maker. All he wanted was to borrow our church for a mock wedding and then have a bogus shooting affray on the front steps."

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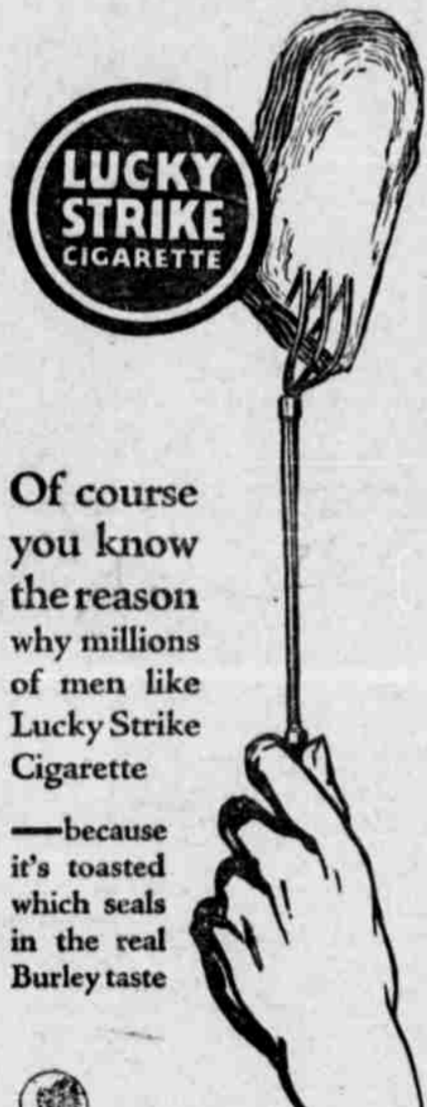
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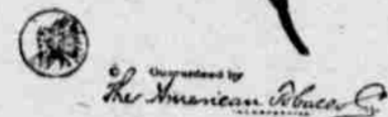
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OWEN MOORE, in
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MONDAY, OCT 3

CARMEL MYERS
—IN—
"CHEATED LOVE"
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