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**SOLVING THE ROAD PROBLEM.**

The committee, composed of members of the state legislature and a majority of state officers, after investigating the activities of the state highway department and uncovering a number of interesting facts, some highly complimentary to State Engineer Johnson and some which rather reflected on the department, took a vacation after a solid week of hearings. It is likely that there will be further sessions. It is probable that the state highway department will be given not only a clean bill of health, but that the state engineer will have new laurels on his brow, in addition to those he has himself placed there, when it's all over. It is to be hoped so. Mr. Johnson has served under a number of governors, and with all his experience and the opportunity to get together a staff of engineers that he knows, it is to be hoped that the organization is efficient. If it isn't, then there is small hope that any other man can administer the state and federal highway funds efficiently and economically.

But, some way or other, the impression is growing over the state that there is reason for the dissatisfaction that has been engendered against the state highway department and Mr. Johnson. The charge has been made that most of this objection is from a political point of view, but this seems improbable. Mr. Johnson has served under both democratic and republican governors, and has had his own sweet way all the time. There are newspapers who have resented the high and mighty attitude, but their number includes both democratic and republican editors. The significant thing is that the chief objectors are county commissioners, who have had to work with the department. These commissioners are all of political faiths. In Box Butte county all three members of the board are republican, and all of them are opposed to Mr. Johnson.

Not only are the county road officials up in arms, but the taxpayers are joining them in their protest. Take the meeting of the Box Butte county farmers' union at Fairview church on Monday of this week as an example. The farmers' union is certainly not a political organization—yet. But the sentiment at that meeting, as at dozens of similar meetings over the state, was strongly in favor of abolishing the state highway department and expending road funds under the supervision of the county commissioners.

This is a rather strange sentiment coming from a body of men the majority of whom are also outspoken against retaining the present county commissioners in office. It cannot be dismissed with a grin and a remark that farmers simply want a change. They have gone into the road problem rather thoroughly, for good roads are of infinitely more importance to farmers than they are to the people in the towns and cities.

Now, with all due credit to the present county commissioners, who have builded some good road at reasonable prices, it is doubtful whether a board of this kind should be allowed to handle all the money that is spent on roads, from funds paid in by county, state and nation. The fact that some \$30,000 was spent the past year, with little or nothing in the way of new roads to show for it, is not an argument in favor of such a procedure.

A way out has been suggested. Why not adapt the city manager plan to county government, in part? Why not have a county highway commissioner selected who has the ability to plan roads and to keep records? Make such an official responsible for all road money he expends. If the right official must account to the council for the money he expends. If the right official is selected, then there can be real road progress, without waste of money, and without the expensive and dictatorial methods of the present state highway commission. Herein lies a real solution to the road problem.

The farmers cannot be fooled on roads. They know that the Chadron road that cost \$104 a mile is as good, if not better, than the \$4,000 a mile Antioch road. They know that both roads will go to pieces unless proper maintenance measures are adopted. They know that state control has proved expensive, cumbersome and inefficient, in this county, at least. They distrust the ability of the commission-

ers. It is possible to choose a highway commissioner who is qualified for the task and who, if made responsible, will see that it is done. Unless some such step is taken, Box Butte county road funds will continue to be, if not actually wasted, at least diffused in too many places without any definite program. This is a suggestion that is worth careful consideration.

**NO APOLOGY NEEDED.**

Those who are well acquainted with Br'er Frank Broome of the Antioch News will smile indulgently at his little tirade against The Herald, which appeared in a recent issue. This newspaper published a report, which was well authenticated, that certain citizens of the potash town were considering abolishing the incorporation to save expense. The information came from a substantial citizen of the Antioch neighborhood, who came to Alliance to consult with the county attorney to get information concerning the steps to be taken. The Herald reporter saw the man, talked with him, and was told that other Antioch citizens were interested in the matter, including a majority of the members of the village board. It was stated that the matter had not been considered officially, but that unless the way to dissolution was too difficult, this would probably be the outcome of the visit.

Mr. Broome has taken exceptions to this report, which is his right. According to his theory, which seems a trifle thin, there are certain establishments in Antioch which are not obeying the laws relative to card playing, gambling and possibly Sabbath observance. The mayor of the village threatened to prosecute, and the law-violating element of the city retaliated with a threat of dissolution to hold the mayor in line.

But Mr. Broome goes farther. His nerves, of late somewhat on edge, went to the bad, and he started in on his usual procedure of drawing inferences which are absolutely unwarranted. All Alliance is down on Antioch, he declares. It seems strange to him that a big city should be jealous of a village, but he is convinced that this is the case. He points out that Alliance has received some two million dollars in trade from Antioch during the days of its rise and prosperity, and is still getting money now. But despite the fact that the people of Antioch are really a part of this community in spirit, the Alliance newspapers have never published a friendly line for Antioch or Lakeside, and with Antioch especially have followed the practice of ridiculing and belittling it.

And then Mr. Broome takes an especial shot at The Herald. There was no call for this newspaper to publish a statement that the town was going to pieces, he insists, and the only reason for doing so was that the wish was father to the thought.

But Mr. Broome is totally wrong. The Herald, which has probably as many subscribers in Antioch as the newspaper published there, isn't seeking an opportunity to take a dig at anybody. The Herald editor has ad-

mired Mr. Broome and has ability to stick to a newspaper through thick and thin. There isn't any question but that Mr. Broome has been one of the forces that kept the town on the map. If there is oil at Lakeside, and the old potash plants are converted into oil refineries, there won't be any newspaper that will hurrah more loudly or sincerely than The Herald.

Mr. Broome needs a nerve tonic. He's seen a lot of disappointments the past few years, but this is the first time that they've seemed to sour him. Surely, after all he has gone through, he will not weaken now. There's no animosity in Alliance toward Antioch—and the suggestion that this city is opposed to Lakeside, probably thrown in to create resentment in that town, is plain bunk. The Herald prints regular news stories, The Herald will print it, large list of readers at each postoffice. But The Herald also prints the news, and if a good citizen of Antioch—a man who is certainly not allied with the law-breaking elements hinted at by Mr. Broome—is authority for another news story. The Herald will print it, whether it pains Mr. Broome or not.

We suggest that the editor of the Antioch newspaper take a tumble to himself. Luck may be against him and Antioch, but there's nothing else. Alliance and its newspapers hope that the town will pull through, that potash, will come into its own again and that if everything else fails, oil will prove the salvation. Antagonism? Slams and slurs? Jealousy? All bosh, Mr. Broome, and you know it.

**THE GREAT EXCUSE.**

The last monthly bulletin of the Nebraska chamber of commerce contains an article on "The Excuse for a Chamber of Commerce," which is worth engraving on parchment and being assigned the place of honor in the headquarters of every such commercial organization in the state.

The chief difficulty in getting the public to appreciate the services of a chamber of commerce lies in the fact that its aims are so easily misunderstood, and the further fact that a good many enthusiastic members are somewhat hazy on the subject. As yet, there is no code of ethics for chambers of commerce. Perhaps one is unnecessary, but if an organization of this nature is to completely serve the community where it exists, its objects should not only be well understood, but should be thoroughly explained to the public as well as the men who contribute toward its maintenance.

The functions of chambers of commerce have undergone a radical change during the past few years. Originally, like the Rotary club and other organizations of business men, the object was principally the betterment of business and business conditions. Later the aim broadened and expanded, but although the members of these associations were aware of it, the public was still suspicious.

Time was—and not very long ago, either—that chambers of commerce expended practically all of their efforts in inducing new industries to locate. Now this is a very small part of the

program. The new program includes such matters as industrial problems, transportation, recreation, health education, fire prevention and a number of other movements for the benefit of the entire public which a few years ago were left to other agencies.

The "excuse" for such an organization is presented in this way:

The sole purpose of a chamber of commerce and its excuse for existence is the betterment of the community. A chamber of commerce is an organization through which public spirited citizens may express themselves on questions pertaining to their community. Bettering the community means increasing business and production, improving the appearance and conditions of life, and making it a better place to live. No one person can accomplish these things, but an entire community where everyone is interested and is willing to take an active part in public life can accomplish all

of these things. The chamber of commerce is based on the recognized principle that more can be accomplished by working together for a common cause than by individual effort.

No chamber of commerce should attempt to usurp the functions of city government but should co-operate with and assist city officials in their work. It should ascertain what local problems are, formulate plans for their solution and then help solve them with one object in view—to better the community.

The Alliance chamber of commerce has made great strides in the past few years in accomplishing the proper purposes, but there is more that could be done. Chief among the problems remaining is the convincing of the public in general and several classes naturally antagonistic that its work is for the benefit, not of the few who contribute but for the entire community. So long as this antagonism exists, the organ-

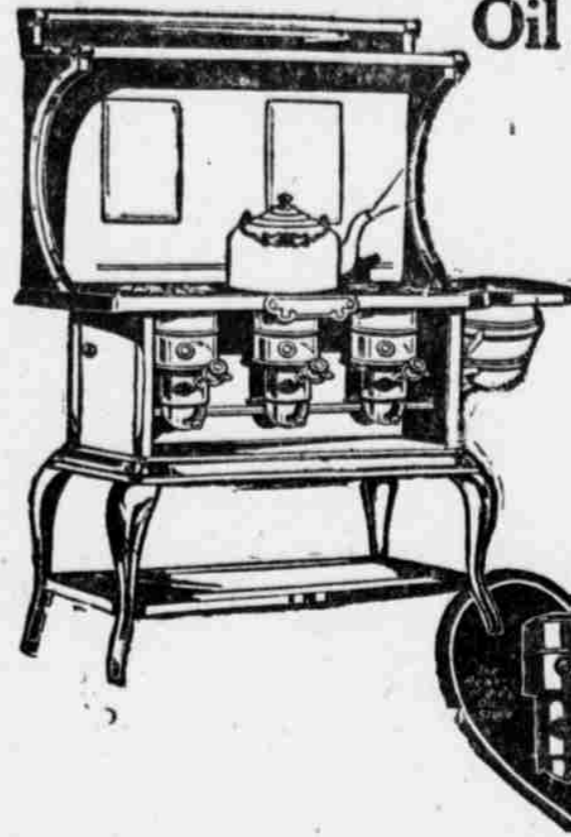
ization will be hampered. It will go forward with its work, of course, so long as there are any enthusiastic members, but until its objects are fully understood, the work will be hampered. Co-operation with farmers and laboring men is not impossible, but it means a number of snubs, a lot of patient explaining and a sincere desire to work with every element in the community.

Some day this country will regret that it didn't support its forests in the generous style in which they were razed.

Statistics relating to unemployment are expected to assist materially in the figuring which pertains to the pay envelope.

If the railroads ever do stop running, it will give us a rest from the fellow who finds fault with everything they do.

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**Two Kinds of Women**

WE KNOW a woman, who when she needs to purchase things for the home or the family, puts on her shopping costume, dabs a bit of powder on her nose and sallies forth.

She shops here and there and down another street one up chases and hunting and h-u-n-t-i-n-g. When she gets home she is j-a-z-z-y and j-a-d-e-d. She feels all mussed up mentally and physically.

We know another who has learned the art of reading advertisements before she starts out. She finds out what she wants and where to get it. Then she goes straight down town and right to the store that has IT.

In this way she saves time, money and effort, and comes home fresh as a dairy and ready to get friend husband a good dinner instead of taking him to the cafeteria.

**Which One Are You?**

Charter No. 5657 Reserve District No. 10

**REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE ALLIANCE NATIONAL BANK**

at Alliance, in the state of Nebraska, at the close of business on March 10, 1922

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$391,012.86
Overdrafts, unsecured	962.30
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. bonds par value	50,000.00
All other United States Government securities	38,000.00
Total	88,000.00
Other bonds, stocks, securities, etc.	6,652.94
Bank house furniture and fixtures	21,000.00
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	23,000.00
Cash in vault and amount due from national banks	110,411.02
Amount due from State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States	5,037.34
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	7,837.75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	2,505.00
Total	148,791.11
Total	\$656,419.21
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	50,000.00
Undivided profits less current expenses, interest, and taxes paid	3,907.16
Circulating notes outstanding	50,000.00
Amount due to State banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries	5,971.29
Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding	20,164.60
Individual deposits subject to check	158,274.99
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	33,553.92
Time certificates of deposit	230,044.88
Other time deposits	50,228.05
Postal savings deposits	2,831.88
United States deposits	1,442.50
Total	502,512.11
Total	\$656,419.21

State of Nebraska, County of Box Butte, ss:

I, F. W. Harris, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. W. HARRIS, Cashier.  
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 16th day of March, 1922.  
J. D. EMERICK, Potary Public.

Correct—Attest:  
F. M. KNIGHT,  
F. E. HOLSTEN,  
R. E. KNIGHT,  
Directors.