

# Will Take Years to Finish the Job

### State Engineer Tells Road Group 2-Cent Gas Tax Fails to Provide Enough Money

Under the present rate of state financing it will be impossible to gravel completely the White Way highway extending from Omaha North Platte for several years, according to Roy Cochran, state engineer, speaking at the annual convention of the White Way association Wednesday noon at the Rome hotel.

Mr. Cochran said that the 2-cent gasoline tax and the 30 cent registration will not allow money enough to completely gravel the highway.

Mr. Cochran told the association members that the present status of the highway was as follows:

Omaha to Clark, either paved or gravelled; Clark to St. Paul, not improved; St. Paul to a point four miles west of Farwell, graded and gravelled; four miles west of Farwell to Ashton, temporary grade; Ashton to Loup City, permanent grade; Loup City to Ansley, temporary grade; Ansley to Broken Bow, graded and gravelled; Broken Bow to Merna, temporary grade; Merna to Arnold, permanent grade; Arnold to a point 10 miles northeast of North Platte, temporary grade and from this point to North Platte, graded and gravelled.

### Seeking Federal Aid

Mr. Cochran said the Ashton to Loup City stretch should be gravelled before 1930 as well as from Broken Bow to Merna. He said the department would try to gravel between Merna and Arnold during the coming year.

The state engineer told the association members that bids have been asked for a 22-foot bridge at Clark, and that a contract should be awarded about December 31.

The entire distance between Omaha and Clark, he said, was now federal aid.

Mr. Cochran said that the United States department of roads looks upon the White Way as one of the coming important highways in the state and expects it to have much traffic when completed. The highway, he said, will save from 50 to 40 miles for northwest Nebraska residents who wish to come to Omaha. The highway, he predicted, will be the best "out-state" "farm-to-market" highway.

Mr. Cochran also spoke on the state highways system and the work now being done.

Efforts were made at the meeting by Omaha hard surfaced enthusiasts to have the association go on record for the 4-cent gasoline tax. Those speaking in favor of the tax were W. A. Ellis, W. B. Cheek, Harry Jacobberger. The delegates refused to take any action on the increased gasoline tax.

### Fail to Act On Tax

The main objection to the increased gasoline tax came from J. A. Dietz of Custer, who said that residents in his section of the state must go 20 to 25 miles to reach a highway.

The association re-elected Dr. J. E. Bowman of Loup City as president and A. E. Chase of Loup City as secretary-treasurer. G. O. Perkins of Arnold was elected as vice president. —Omaha Bee-News.

### JEALOUS HUSBAND KILLS

Burlington, Ia., Dec. 12.—Ed Loose, who confessed today to the slaying of his wife, Mrs. Hazel Loose, has been returned to the county jail to await formal charges of first degree murder. The officials would have filed against him. Preliminary hearing has been set tentatively for Saturday morning.

Arrested in Rock Island, Ill., last Saturday, Loose today told Sheriff Delbert Murray and other authorities, it was said, that he killed his wife on the night of Sept. 22 after she had come home "from a party with other men."

Officers revealed that Loose declared jealousy was the motive which, he related, prompted him to strangle the woman to death, tie a towel around her throat and take the body in his automobile to a farm southwest of Burlington. The body was found there.

### SHIPPERS MEET IN UTAH

Ogden, Utah, Dec. 12.—Complete co-operation exists between the railroads and the shippers of the territory covered by the central western shippers advisory board, it was declared here today by various shipping interests at the sixteenth annual meeting of the board. Reports of the commodity committees of the organization which embraces Nebraska, Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, Utah and part of Oregon, noted approval for the way in which the railroads met their demands for cars.

Reports were given by committees covering grain and milling products, livestock, lumber and building materials, fruits and vegetables, potatoes, coal, petroleum, beans, dairy, poultry, brick and clay products. Conditions over the country, as shown by these reports, are excellent and a banner year is looked for in 1929.

The annual banquet of the board was held tonight, at which addresses were made by W. M. Jeffers, vice president of the Union Pacific system; Paul Clagstone, president of the western division of the United States chamber of commerce and C. N. Wright of Nebraska.

Only a few more days till Christmas so do your shopping now at Bates Gift Shop.

### SALVAGERS ATTACK CELTIC

Cobb, Irish Free State, Dec. 12.—The liner Celtic was turned over to salvagers today. The skeleton crew which had remained aboard the vessel since she ran on the Cow and Calfr rocks on the entrance of Cork on Monday morning, was withdrawn. The men departed for England today.

Two salvage vessels moored alongside the Celtic and started a rush job of removing her cargo of wheat, apples and other American products. Fear for the return of bad weather spurred the workers.

The salvaging of the cargo is furnishing employment to one hundred men of Cobb. In this respect the mishap proved a benefit to this community, particularly in view of the approach of Christmas which promised to be gloomy in the homes of some of the workmen.

### Probers of Alleged Hoover Plot Silent

### Arrests Follow Finding of Bombs, Ammunition and Counterfeit Money at Dwelling.

Buenos Aires, Dec. 12.—Police authorities today maintained a close reserve concerning the investigations which resulted in Monday's raid on a house in Estomaba street and a statement from President Trigoerna to the effect that a plot against Herbert Hoover had been frustrated. The raid netted seven bombs, a number of small arms, a quantity of ammunition, some counterfeit money and several automobile license plates. Two young men and two young women have been arrested as suspected anarchists.

The belief that the house was headquarters for a plot against Mr. Hoover was based on the discovery in it of a railway map of Argentina on which the alleged conspirators plainly had marked the route to be followed by the special train that is bringing the good will ambassador to this city tomorrow. The map also bore annotations which left little doubt as to the interest of the plotters in the Hoover party.

The police grudgingly admitted that the men prisoners had acknowledged activities in terrorist plots and that they had openly avowed anarchist beliefs.

### Girls Names Withheld.

The police withheld the names of the two young women, it was reported because that both were minors they had been returned to the custody of their parents. When examined by the authorities they denied any knowledge of the activities of the two young men, but the police found in their handbags some anarchistic handbills, the possession of which the girls could not explain.

The men prisoners are said to be Alejandro Scarson, twenty-one, and Caferrino Gomez Oliver, twenty-six. It was reported unofficially that they told the police they intended to use the bombs to "vindicate those who have been exploited by capitalism."

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### BRIBING DENIED BY NEGRO

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 12.—Perry W. Howard, Mississippi negro republican leader and former assistant United States attorney general, denied on the witness stand late today in the patronage trials of five men in federal court here that there was any financial consideration in his endorsement of A. P. Russell, former Hagee, Miss., postmaster to become United States marshal for the southern district of Mississippi.

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### ELECTRICAL PROGRESS IS PRONOUNCED

More than 4,000 towns and villages have been added to electric company lines since 1923, according to Howard T. Sands, writing in the Industrial Digest.

This progress is the result of mass production of electric current thru large central stations. Better service at lower rates is made possible, and electricity is furnished on a practical basis to thousands who otherwise would not be able to have it. The transmission lines of an interconnected system form a network over a large amount of territory, and towns, village and many farms within that territory have available the same high standards of continuous electric service as do large cities.

"Another result of interconnection," Mr. Sands says, "is that as power lines have been extended into rural neighborhoods, smaller communities have been able to offer industry dependable service at reasonable cost. This movement indicates that while present industrial needs are keeping their industries new factory expansion is permeating rural sections and bringing about a better diffusion of agriculture and industry, with mutual advantages. Farmers must benefit when factories are located in their midst, for it means an additional home market for their products."

This modern trend of decentralization of industry, brought on by wide electrical distribution, is inaugurating great prosperity and progress for many small towns and rural and agricultural sections. Electricity, by broadening the industrial horizon, becomes a great civilizing influence as well.

# Norris Objects Loudly to Salary Increases

### Nebraskan Talks Against Plan to Boost Officials Pay; Conflicts With Coolidge Economy.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The first of the appropriation measures to come before the senate ran into a snag today when democrats and republican independents voiced their disapproval of a proposed increase from \$10,000 to \$12,000 in the salaries of Under Secretary Mills, of the treasury and Director Lord of the budget as provided in the treasury supply bill.

After an hour and a half of wrangling during which Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, expressed his fear that the salary increases would conflict with the economy program of President Coolidge, the bill was laid aside and debate on Boulder canon dam resumed.

Senator Glass, democrat, Virginia, a former secretary of treasury, joined administration leaders in endorsing the salary increase, declaring the position of under secretary of treasury almost as responsible as that of secretary.

Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, didn't agree with Senator Norris that the president might veto the appropriation bill if the salary increases were allowed, because, he said, "a salary increase is provided also for the director of the budget and I have no doubt he will inform the president this legislation is not in conflict with his economy program."

"Why," continued Senator Norris, "the president in his message to us warned us that our country faced a financial disgrace by creating a deficit in the treasury. Wouldn't the great under secretary of the treasury rather have \$10,000 than \$12,000 than to involve this country in a financial disgrace? I have no doubt the president will allot the proper punishment to both the under secretary of treasury and to the director of the budget for violating his official word."

Senator Oddie, republican, Nevada, remarked that the services of Mr. Mills were worth much more than \$12,000 a year, and he asked the president that on that basis, the senate should increase Oddie's salary to about \$25,000 a year and the salary of the senator from Utah to \$50,000 a year.

Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, said the salaries of the cabinet officers and of their other assistants had been raised and he asked the increase for Mr. Mills and Director Lord to conform with the other increases. —Lincoln Star.

### SLAYER SEEKS CLEMENCY

Chicago, Dec. 13.—The state board of pardons was expected to send on to the governor tonight or early tomorrow morning its recommendation on the petition for clemency filed by Domenico Bresatti, Chippewa Indiana of Washburn, Wis., sentenced to die Saturday.

John Brown and Claude Clark, negroes convicted and sentenced with Bresatti for the murder of Will Clark, Lake county farmer, during a robbery last May, submitted no petitions but their cases are considered with Bresatti's. A double petition was head for the latter, one asking commutation to life sentence and the other asking a stay of from thirty to sixty days.

Recommendations must come thru the governor. Recommendations in the Bresatti case would be rushed because of the nearness of the day for execution.

### ROAD HE BUILT BRINGS FORD \$1

Boston, Dec. 11.—A specially engraved check for \$1 was sent to Henry Ford today by the state in payment for the road which he built to divert traffic from the Wayside inn at Sudbury. The highway, slightly more than a mile long, was built at a cost of \$250,000 and was presented to the state for \$1.

The check depicts the old Wayside inn with a stage coach in front, while opposite are a modern automobile bus and a pleasure car.

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### CONGRESS READY TO QUIT

Washington, Dec. 14.—Congress today started its preparations for its Christmas holiday with the adoption by the house of a concurrent resolution providing for a recess at that time. The reason under the resolution would begin Dec. 22 and end Jan. 3. The senate has not yet acted upon the proposal. During the day also President Coolidge issued an order granting the federal government employees in the District of Columbia a holiday on Monday, the day before Christmas.

### Rapid Spread of Influenza is Reported

### Few Patients Have Disease in Virulent Form Thus Far It is Reported.

A tenfold increase in the number of influenza cases over the state is shown by the summary of Chief Wilson for the Nebraska health bureau covering the week ended December 8, in comparison with the previous week. For the later period 364 new cases were reported from 15 counties. Only 31 cases had been reported for the last week in November.

There has been no such sudden and startling spread of the disease as the above figures might indicate, however, Chief Wilson says. Many official reports have been making a point of reporting the number of people under treatment for what they call "grippe," but more of them are now doing so since the general prevalence of "flu" became a matter of public discussion.

Probably the number of people in Nebraska who are more or less ill with influenza at the present time is actually away up in the thousands. With 15 counties reporting 364 cases, it is safe to assume that the 78 others have the malady in equal proportion, though their reports do not show anything under that heading. The disease is in mild form, but in some instances has been followed by pneumonia, from which the patients have died.

Platte county reports 139 cases last week; Cheyenne, 44; Lancaster, 37; Saunders, 34; Dodge, 23; Thayer, 21; Buffalo, 16; McPherson, 10; Sarpy, 10; Clay, 7; Custer, 6; Polk, 5; Franklin, 4; Dawson, 2; Phelps, 1.

Other contagious disease developments of the week in Nebraska were as follows: Scarlet fever, 64 new cases; chickenpox, 54; diphtheria, 24; pneumonia, 18; whooping cough, 12; measles, 9; typhoid fever, 51 mumps, 4; tuberculosis, 3; poliomyelitis, 1; septic sore throat, 1.

### FLU CLOSES MISSOURI U.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 10.—Facing a heavy increase in influenza cases among the student body, University of Missouri officials today ordered the institution closed at 4 o'clock this afternoon until January 3.

The holidays had been scheduled to start December 21. The closing, therefore, adds ten days to the vacation. No announcement was made as to whether this work will be made up next spring.

No serious cases of the malady have been reported, but so many cases requiring hospital attention have developed that it was deemed best to close the school. The University hospital has been filled to capacity for several days and yesterday it was necessary to turn away patients.

### Coast Situation.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 10.—Here's the influenza situation in Los Angeles today as reported by Dr. George Parrish, city health officer. New cases reported Saturday, 454. Deaths reported Saturday and Sunday, 19.

Total cases reported this month 4,338.

Phone your news to the Journal.

# Farm Bureau Adopts Resolutions of Import

### Agricultural Tariffs and Surplus Control Legislation Are Not Emergencies.

Chicago, Dec. 12.—Resolutions calling for an extra session of congress to enact farm relief legislation and tariff measures to protect surplus crop production without subsidizing agriculture were adopted today by the American Farm Bureau federation at the closing session of its tenth annual convention.

The control of agricultural surpluses was described as the "dominant economic question which faces us at the present time, a national issue not of concern alone to agriculture."

"It is recognized generally that agriculture tariffs and surplus control legislation are companion measures," the recommendations read, "each exerting a long time influence. Emergency action on either measure is not sought by us since a national policy for agriculture cannot be founded on emergency treatments."

"These measures are inseparable and cannot be made major features of the second session of the seventy-first congress, which we confidently expect will be called soon after the adjournment of the seventy-ninth. In this we are given assurance by the promise of our president elect, who said: 'So far as my own abilities may be of service, I dedicate myself to help secure prosperity and contentment in that industry where I and my forefathers were born and nearly all my family still obtain their livelihood.'"

### Needed Legislation.

The resolution said legislation must be adopted to make the tariff effective on surpluses using co-operative marketing associations as the instrument for marketing not only the surplus but the entire crop as well, and containing definite checks and penalties on over-production. "This legislation must be of a nature which does not subsidize agriculture."

Continued support of the Madden bill regarding Muscle Shoals which provides for the full time capacity operation of the project by a lessee was recommended.

The federation also recommends that the principle of federal taxation be extended as much as possible to state and local structures, and authorized President Sam Thompson to call a conference of state farm bureau leaders to seek correlation of tax programs.

Eighteen new projects were touched upon the resolution among them being recommendations that no "propaganda of private interest be permitted in tax support schools; that a study of the possibilities of co-operative production be made by a committee appointed by the president of the federation and that the request for a congressional investigation of the recent administration of the farm loan system be granted."

### Other Recommendations.

Other recommendations included: establishment of engineering experiment stations at land grant colleges, federal regulation of motor buses and trucks and interstate buses, more use of co-operative crop insurance in reducing farm loans, the establishment of a national institute for the health, wider recognition of corn sugar in trade practices and opposi-

# Belittle the Evacuation Reports on Rhine

### Uncertain Conditions of the Liquidation of Reparations Emphasized in Court

Logano, Switzerland, Dec. 13.—Dr. Gustav Stresemann tonight belittled current reports that Germany is expecting the early and complete evacuation of the Rhineland. The German foreign minister, here to attend the league council meetings, emphasized that Germany was counting on a complete evacuation of German soil when the reparations problem had been adjusted, but he remarked on the great uncertainty as to when and whether the reparations question would be liquidated satisfactorily.

He also deplored what he felt was the tendency of other countries to link these two problems which to the German mind are separate issues. Conversations between Dr. Stresemann and Foreign Minister Briand of France already have touched on the proposed creation of a committee of verification and conciliation in the Rhine area once that region is liberated of troops.

### Raise Funds to Reopen a Closed Bank

Community Pride Puts the Meadow Grove Depository Back on Its Feet—All Losses Met.

Meadow Grove, Neb., Dec. 13.—Community spirit has climaxed its achievement by making possible the re-opening of the Security bank of this town.

The institution was closed six weeks ago and turned over to the guaranty fund commission. Its depleted resources have been made good by the people here and it is now re-opening with the approval of the state banking department.

All losses from bad paper have been met and the capital stock has been resubscribed at \$150 a share. This is the only bank here.

### Cut Liabilities.

There are 133 subscribers to the stock, including a large number of business men and farmers who were its former depositors. The majority of these persons, in order to insure continuation of banking service, agreed to take stock and gave checks in payment against their deposit accounts. Other depositors agreed to take land which the bank had acquired under foreclosure or by judgment, and gave checks aggregating \$20,000 to pay for it.

By these expedients the deposit liabilities of the bank were cut down from \$229,000 on October 31, the date it closed, to \$157,000 at the time of re-opening. The item of "other real estate," land not used by the bank itself, was reduced from \$35,000 to \$15,000.

### New Directors.

The re-organized bank is under new management, with J. W. Warwick of Meadow Grove as president and W. O. Larson, formerly in the banking business at Rising City, as cashier. A new board of directors has also been chosen. The former managing officers were W. H. Bosse, president, and C. A. Otradowec, cashier.

Capital stock is increased in the reorganization from \$25,000 to \$40,000, and the stockholders have put up \$60,000 to pay for the larger amount at \$150 a share. —Omaha Bee-News.

### LUTHERAN CHURCH AT LYTTON DEDICATED

Lytton, Ia. Dec. 11.—As a result of the union of the membership of the Emanuel and St. John Lutheran churches a new structure wor worship was dedicated here Sunday. The sermon was delivered by Rev. J. Westberg of Sheffield, Ia. The organist for the day was Professor F. Heist of Waverly, Ia.

### HASTINGS WANTS HOSPITAL

Hastings, Neb., Dec. 12.—A Catholic hospital will be established here if the hopes of citizens are attained as the result of a meeting here last night. Bishop Beckman was here from Lincoln to talk over the possibilities with Rev. Francis O'Brien, pastor of St. Cecilia's church, and the business men and others attending the meeting. It was agreed that the city needs a hospital, and that of the Franciscan order or some other Catholic group can be prevailed on to establish one here all the resources of Hastings will be brought into line to aid it. Bishop Beckman said he would do everything he could for the project if the people of Hastings would get back of it. He said it would probably be necessary to raise funds here to match whatever any order might be willing to invest. L. B. Stiner was authorized to name a committee of five to present the matter to the chamber of commerce and all other civic organizations in Hastings.

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