

### Row on Over Material for Street Paving

County Commissioners and South Omaha Merchants Clash at Court House Hearing.

Verbal bricks flew Thursday on both sides between the county commissioners and the South Omaha Merchants' association over whether West Q street should be paved with brick or bitulithic.

The South Omaha merchants, 25 strong, maintained the cause of brick, while the county commissioners backed Engineer Stroud in his theory that the concrete base of the road is what counts and that the question of a brick, asphalt or concrete finish is to be decided solely on the basis of economy.

Common justice and consideration for public welfare demand continuation of brick pavement on Q street, declared J. B. Root, chairman of the good roads committee. He charged the board of commissioners with extravagance and incompetence in constructing culverts at Sixtieth and Center streets.

Mr. Root stated that the brick finish would cost \$3,700 more than the bitulithic, and that if it were used further expenditures would be required.

This board is trying to do its best to serve the people, declared Unit. "If anyone comes in here and makes a dozen unwarranted accusations against us I want to say to you gentlemen it is not right."

Mr. Root declared that he would guarantee to build a brick-finished road over the 1.4 miles in dispute for not more than \$2,700 over the price of bitulithic and would guarantee it for five years.

"There is only one pavement for a Good old Ukridge--- in spite of his 'temporary loans' you can count on him to help out every time. He does some great electioneering, although it's dashed serious business, in 'The Long Arm of Looney Coote' by P. G. Wodehouse, in NOVEMBER Cosmopolitan at all news stands

road that has heavy traffic," said City Commissioner Koutsky for the merchants' committee. "That is brick."

Mr. Stroud said that the 12-foot concrete road already existing over the disputed stretch was an excellent piece of work, built of 10-inch concrete and in good condition. He said he did not believe the commissioners would be justified in tearing it up. His advice was to widen it on both sides.

### Omahan Elected to Peasant Body

W. H. Green Made Member of Presidium at Moscow Meeting.

W. H. Green of Omaha, vice president of the national committee of the federated farmer labor party, has been elected a member of the presidium of the new international peasants' council, at a meeting of delegates in Moscow, according to Associated Press dispatches.

Mr. Green plans to sail for America next week to lay before the federated farmer labor party an invitation to affiliate with the peasants' council.

Principal aim of the council is said to be avoidance of war. It is not confined exclusively to communists or to communist parties, but will leave local questions to national parties, acting only internationally for the common aims of the peasants and farmers with the working men in the cities, according to its sponsors.

Harold M. Ware of Fargo, N. D., and W. H. Walker of Yucca, N. M., and P. M. Smith of Pennsylvania, also were elected members of the executive committee of the council.

### Eugene Meyer Sees Relief for Farmers

Spokane, Wash., Oct. 18.—Co-operative marketing organizations will bring relief in the wheat situation more quickly than any other means, Eugene Meyer, Jr., managing director of the War Finance corporation, told wheat growers and business men in conference here.

Frank W. Mondell, also a director of the corporation, voiced approval of the view of Mr. Meyer. "The government is ready and willing to do all that can be done safely, soundly and usefully for the benefit of the farmer," declared Mr. Mondell. "It can't be done rapidly, for differences of opinion are bound to appear in congress when the various relief measures proposed are discussed. If a price is fixed on wheat, some are sure to ask why not a fixed price on other products that need relief."

"The cooperative movement cannot be made definitely effective in a short time on the price of wheat. There is no question about finance."

### Lloyd George Improved.

Chicago, Oct. 18.—Former Premier Lloyd George of Great Britain and his party, after two days in Chicago, resumed his American tour today when his train departed at 10:05 a. m. for Springfield, Ill. He was in much better physical condition than early yesterday and showed little evidence of his cold.

### Nestos Urges U. S. Wheat Body

Agency Would Segregate Surplus and Sell It Abroad—Says Need Urgent.

West Baden, Ind., Oct. 18.—Immediate establishment of a governmental agency with adequate powers to segregate the exportable American surplus of wheat and to dispose of it in the markets of the world upon the best terms available was urged as a means of aiding the wheat farmer by Gov. R. A. Nestos of North Dakota in an address here today.

The speaker said he also believed there should be provided by the government for the use of this agency, a working capital in the amount of the profit from wheat made by the government during the war when it limited the amount that the wheat farmer might receive for his product below what it would have been under the free operation of the law of supply and demand.

"This agency should then co-operate fully with the Farm Bureau federation, the American Wheat Growers and other similar farmer organizations both in selling to and in making settlement with the foreign powers, and for that purpose make the capital provided available to the farmers who need advances in order to join in the program of a more orderly marketing of their wheat," he added.

Governor Nestos painted a drab picture of the future of the wheat farmer unless a speedy remedy is forthcoming. He quoted figures on the cost of production in North Dakota in 1923, saying the average per bushel among 122 farmers was \$1.43, while the average price at this time is about 87 cents in the home market, a loss of 62 cents a bushel. Records for the last five years show an average loss in the state of 38 cents a bushel, he added.

The individual states, as public forces, "must resist by all means officially available, a concerted effort to grossly inflate railroad values with the consequence of an added burden in public revenue," Gov. John J. Blaine of Wisconsin, said in an address.

Governor Blaine indicated the existence of a menace that national control of railroad regulations may become transformed into railroad control of national regulation.

The speaker charged that "owing to a false method of valuation the capital value of the railroads is not less than \$10,000,000,000 in excess of what it should be, involving an excess charge on the public of \$50,000,000 a year."

### Parmelee Row Settled.

Los Angeles, Oct. 18.—The international legal battle over the custody of 4-year-old Charles R. Parmelee, Jr., came to an end here when affidavits and a notice of reconciliation between Esther B. Parmelee and Charles Parmelee, aviator, the child's parents, were filed in the superior court.

An interlocutory decree of divorce was granted to Mrs. Parmelee in April, 1922, under which she was given the custody of the boy. Shortly afterwards Parmelee was alleged to have kidnaped the child.

### Newlywed Speeder

Man Married Yesterday Freed on Court Appeal Released by Judge

Harry Wachter, one of a group of speeders who appealed their case from the municipal to the district court, received a release from a jail sentence as a wedding present from Judge Day. The young man had spent two days of a seven-day sentence in jail.

"Are you married?" asked the judge. "Yes."

"Date of marriage?" "Yesterday," replied Wachter. The judge concluded he deserved some consideration, and let him off with a dollar and costs.

M. H. Levy, South Side real estate man, now in London, has two writs of capias waiting for him in Omaha on his return. He failed to appear this morning to answer to a speeding charge and the public court wants him on a charge of assault and battery.

Other speeders were Frank Williams, who got a two-day jail sentence changed to \$10 and costs, and J. L. Forman, who after a day in jail was released with \$5 and costs.

### Senator Norris Defends Weeks

Washington, Oct. 18.—The War department's sale of the Gorzas steam plant located near the huge government water power project in Muscle Shoals, Ala., to the Alabama Power company was upheld today by Senator George W. Norris, republican of Nebraska, chairman of the senate agriculture committee, in a statement condemning Henry Ford for his recent attacks upon Secretary of War Weeks.

Norris declared Ford's criticism of the secretary's transaction "was unfair, unjust and selfish."

Sol Hess directs "The Nebbs," an exclusive feature in The Evening Bee.

### W. C. T. U. Steps Into Dry Fight

Notes to Request Coolidge to Remove Enforcement From Treasury Department.

By International News Service. Brockton, Mass., Oct. 18.—The Women's Christian Temperance union, in annual convention here today, voted unanimously to request President Coolidge to remove from the authority of the secretary of the treasury the enforcement of the prohibition amendment.

By International News Service. Washington, Oct. 18.—Prohibition Commissioner Roy D. Haynes issued a statement today expressing views on enforcement which are decidedly at variance with those recently expressed by Gov. Gifford Pinchot of Pennsylvania.

Pinchot said enforcement of prohibition was primarily up to the federal government, as it is now a constitutional matter, and he "invited" President Coolidge to assume personal command of the drive to dry up the United States.

Haynes said today responsibility is "first with municipal and county officials."

By Associated Press. Minneapolis, Oct. 18.—Modification of the Volstead law to permit the sale of beer and light wines for use in homes under a process of government regulation and distribution, was urged by the Moderation League of Minnesota in a letter to President Coolidge and Governor J. A. O. Prentiss of Minnesota.

The request was made on the eve of the conference of governors with President Coolidge at Washington Saturday to consider plans and further enforcement of prohibition.

### Divorce Courts.

Mabel Florence Clines against Charles H. Clines, cruelty. Lillian Nelson against Sophus Fred Nelson, nonsupport. George A. Welch against Beulah K. Welch, cruelty. Ruth Hart against Henry D. Hart.

### K. C.'s Present Pastor With Masonic Ring

Olean, N. Y., Oct. 18.—The local council of the Knights of Columbus last night presented the Rev. Dr. G. R. Williams, who has resigned as pastor of the First M. E. Church here, with a 32nd degree Masonic ring. The occasion was a public farewell reception for the clergyman, who has been appointed pastor of a church in North Tonawanda.

### Klan Kludd Held as Drunk Driver

Traffic Officer Picks Up Klux Klux Official When Car Zigzags.

Atlanta, Ga., Oct. 18.—Rev. Caleb A. Ridley, known as the imperial kludd of the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, was subjected to appear in police court here today to answer charges of being "drunk and operating an automobile," following his arrest yesterday. After spending several hours in a police station cell, the imperial kludd was released on bond of \$500.

Motorcycle Officer L. E. Shumate arrested the klux official after, he said, he noticed the minister's automobile zigzagging on Peachtree street, one of the main thoroughfares of the city. The traffic officer said the minister was apparently under the influence of whisky and that he found two small bottles containing liquor in the machine.

Mr. Ridley faced a desk sergeant, who ordered him locked up in default of bond. Several hours later the minister was allowed bail.

Before being locked up the imperial kludd declared that he had driven out into the country, where he was accompanied by a man who offered to give him some whisky. He stated he accepted the offer and took a drink. Following his release the minister denied the charge that he was drunk and that two bottles of whisky were found in his machine.

### Fight Ahead for Farmer Relief

By International News Service. Washington, Oct. 18.—The administration's plans for relieving farm distress in the wheat belt are scheduled for tough sledding in the new congress. This became certain today when democratic aid republican farm bloc members apparently joined hands to attack the government relief program.

Senator Duncan U. Fletcher of Florida voiced a democratic protest against the Coolidge plan for organizing co-operative marketing associations, which are to be the basis of government farm relief. His attack came only 24 hours after the plan was condemned by Senator Edwin F. Ladd, republican, of North Dakota. Both are prominent farm bloc members.

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