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AMILY RO

Road Blame the state submitted these vouchers. Fifteen were submitted between April and June, 1923, one in July, and the other two in December. on U.S. Board "The next shows seven projects on which final vouchers were sent to the federal government amounting to

ment Paid Up, Funds Would Still Be Short, Governor Declares.

By R. H. PETERS.

aff Correspondent of The Omaha Bee Lincoln, Dec. 27.-Senator George Wilkins, secretary of a senate comhomas H. Macdonald, chief of the his office by January 15. state are being held up by the federal State Engineer Cochran tells me that engineer, M. C. Wonders of Omaha.

and no action taken." Wilkins' message reads, "and a large amount of noney is due the state from the fed- these claims through faster. eral government.

We would like an explanation as aken care of before this time. The through, tate highway department has placed ors are denied pay for their ser-

Bryan Gives Out Figures. Wilkins met today with the other wo members of the committee, Senators Banning and Robbins. The in-

Road Figures Given Out by The Omaha Bee Are Official.

In the Omaha Sunday Bee of December 23 a dispatch from Washington, D. C., was published in which it was stated that in spite of the delay of the state administration at Lincoln, \$362, 000 was available in the federal treasury to pay for roads con-structed under federal aid in Nebraska during the last administration. This special telegram was sent by P. C. Powell, Wash ndent of The Qmaha Bee. The figures as he ented them were checked over by the federal road office and approved before publication. Mr. Powell was formerly in charge of the Lincoln bureau of The Omaha Bee, and hence is thoroughly familiar with both ends of the matter.

within a short time.

which Washington road officials depaid because state vouchers had not off our hands." been submitted to them.

The governor, who had armed himself with figures prepared by his finance department-figures that taxpayers have vainly tried to get for some time—declared that the Wash-

that are not so." laimed against the federal governnent totals approximately \$266,000. but despite this amount which he admits is available and which can be ment," they say. used to pay claims the governor maintains that there will be a \$400,-000 deficit and reiterates his willingness to call an extra session should he be petitioned by two-thirds of the nbers of the last legislature. Asked how there could be such a

auditor's department do not total aims were constantly coming in and that they would eventually amount to a figure that would prove his

\$400,000 estimate correct.

Denies He is at Fault. The governor's statement follows: ment had given out the impression at Washington that there was \$362, ment. 600 in the federal treasury available to pay road contracts in Nebraska of state appropriations which is the federal engineers.

"The article says, in part: 'There Nebraska. is only one obstacle in the way. That is the failure of the state department of roads in Nebraska to send in

ouchers for this money." Defends State Administration. 'After carefully reading the 'purported' Washington story, I will say

ceives all those who have had an here where the family lived until failopportunity to read the article, I submit figures that will prove beyond any doubt to any government Mr. Thatcher's death occurred in an official now and then whom every-beyond representation of the North Platte valley, has had has been in ill health and had shown delay in the payment of these Ne-

official or newspaper editor that the April, 1902. braska road bills is not the fault of daughters, Mrs. Angie M. Buell of mendation for Postmaster J. L. Pin- modern farmers run around in circles, he had failed to return to the house the department of public works or the Bayard, Mrs. R. N. Stubblefield, and dell, and my curiosity was aroused. He has traffed hogs from the Gering upon completing chores. finance department or any other Miss Hazel Thatcher of Shelton; two Inquiry developed the fact that every- vicinity across the Wild Cat range to The body was found in the tank

introl or authority. "The first statement I submit shows field, O. that the vouchers submitted to the

projects and total \$116,059.95. This sum is due from the federal govern-

Charges Federal Delay.

"The next shows seven projects on \$35,965, the amount not fully paid by But Even if Federal Govern- the state. One was submitted in May, two in June, one in October, two in November, and one in December. This amount is the federal gov ernment's share due Nebraska,

"There are five more projects which will be vouchered in the next few days totaling approximately

which vouchers have been submitted on progress estimates and not on completed work. This represents a total of \$89,012.81. They were sent in this month up to December 21, is officially announced that the Dixnittee that is investigating state and Federal Engineer Welton at Linoad projects and claims, today wired coln promises to have them out of sighted at 8 Wednesday night over

"It will be seen that the delay ain why vouchers filed by the is due to federal government offices.

"Last spring I urged the department of public works and the finance to why these claims have not been department to hurry all road claims wards the Hoggar Plateau, 125 miles

"This sum claimed from the fedhe blame on the federal government eral government cannot and does not by a telegram from the administrafor delaying payments on such vouch- pay the road deficiency. There will tion of southern Nigeria, whoch was ers, and by reason thereof contractive still remain a deficit of \$400,000 after forwarded to Paris from Tunis. all the money is in. There are claims coming in every day to increase the

total due the contractors. "I repeat what I said before; if twothirds of the members of the last legislature will guarantee to pass a deficiency appropriation and ask for an extra session I will call it."

No Delay by U.S. on Highway Bills, **Engineer Asserts**

Contractors Unpaid for Work, Believe Funds Wait in Washington for State Vouchers.

The federal government is paying out money as fast as vouchers are received and checked for completed and approved construction projects in Nebraska under the federal aid plan, according to James C. Wonders, district engineer, United States bu-

reau of public roads. "The Lincoln officer sends these vestigation is practically completed vouchers to us as soon as it gets and the results will be made public them," he said. "So far there are about \$80,000 worth in our hands. Governor Bryan again dipped into During the holiday season the peothe road controversy today, spurred ple at the other end have been overby an article in The Omaha Bee in worked but we expect to put the entire force on Nebraska business in clared that Nebraska had not been the near future and get this amount

Contractors Wait.

those owed by the state are confident that the whole trouble is one of on the reverse side hereof and seized: bookkeeping. They declare that 1. List containing names and sevington dispatch was a "misstatement money would begin to come from the eral bills paid." which conveys to the public things government at Washington if the state highway department His figures showed the amount now acknowledge the approval of several unit. completed projects.

"The only obstacle now in the way is the head of the highway depart

When the contractors took up their work they understood that the road fund was continuous.

State Must Advance Pay. The government will not make payments in federal aid until propects are approved. The state, in deficit when claims now held by the meantime must advance money from road fund to pay contractors as work progresses. When the work is approved by government engineers, the money is returned to the state to replenish the state fund.

The federal government has asked Governor Bryan to expedite the send. The firm of Sitz & Sitz, at Sidney, the department at Washington issued amount good. ing in of vouchers in order that the 'An article appeared in The Omaha \$362,211.65 on hand to meet the de-Bee of December 23, accompanied by mands of the contractors for comeditorial comment in which the claim pleted and approved work may be was made that the federal govern- sent to the state. The federal gov- the city. ernment can not make direct pay-

work that has been approved by matched by Washington, for work approved by government engineers in

Resident Expires valley, Hanks planted nive acres to their well introduced who took the examination would lose

Shelton, Neb., Dec. 27.-Mrs. Flora up to that time, and the largest yielded to the wishes of the people that I can find no element of truth M. Thatcher, 71, died at her home planted for many years. The yield and Postmaster Lamm will be allowed in it and no excuse for this misfollowing an illness of several months. was enormous, and Hanks found himstatement of facts which conveys to She came to this state from Ohio with self with enough potatoes to feed. For the first time in years there the public things which are not so. It the soldiers' free homestead colony every settler within 100 miles or more, will be no controversy between the misleads the road contractors who more than 50 years ago. Her hus and no way to distribute them. Any- Great Western Sugar company and have been looking to the state to see band. Timothy D. Thatcher, home how, nobody had any money to buy the beet growers. An agreement as ter mutilating himself with an ax. George Knapp, Norfolk, Nell Maggie Raise, Nel that their claims are paid and de- steaded land four miles northwest of them. ing health forced him to retire.

They moved to town in 1895 and done, that it is a relief to run across along smoothly.

cy over which state officials have sisters, Mrs. W. T. Judson of Greeley, body in that city is for him stronger'n Kimball, 52 miles, and sold them on with the head and face bruised and Colo,, and Mrs. J. A. Bachtell of Litch- horseradish. They told me that he the boof for \$3 a hundred, and made cut. Further search revealed an ax

Dirigible Spelling Bees for All Grades in

Airship Is Reported Travel- of 62 per cent. Recently the same ing in Southeasterly Direction Over Al-

geria.

Special Session if Begged \$25,000. The next covers 17 projects on Seen Wednesday Night

By Universal Service

London, Dec. 27.—A Central News dispatch from Paris at 11 states it Fricke Is Freed southern Algeria.

Paris, Dec. 17 .- A wireless dispatch from Medinin, in Tunis, a short dis the delay is caused by a shortage of tance south of the Gulf of Gabes, Some of these vouchers have been help in Welton's office, and the fed where the Dixmude was reported to pending for more than four months eral government has been apologizing have been seen last Friday, states

> At that time the Dixmude was traveling in a northeasterly direction tosouth of In Salah The news tonight was confirmed

By Associated Press Received With Doubt.

Paris, Dec. 27.-A message from Tunis, which, however, is received with reserve here, says the missing French dirigible Dixmude was sighted south of Ain Salah, a large casis in the Sahara desert, yesterday, trav-

Ourgla reading as follows: "Insalah (Ain Salah) telegraphs on guments to the jury. December 27 that the Dixmude was

Famous Liquor List

Washington, Dec. 27. - Wash ton's now famous liquor pure sers' list, bobbing about for a week, alternately disappearing and results trins, and described in some quarters as con-

Omaha contractors on the list of reverse side this statement:

The signature was that of an agent would of the treasury's special intelligence Funeral of Valentine Girl.

Lindsay Pioneer Buried

o her death, she was able to walk noon at 2. Viola and Dennis.

All Grades in Geneve

Geneva, Neb. Dec. 27.—Few schools in Nebraska are offering a spelling course to their entire student body. In Geneva 20-minute periods twice a week are devoted to Sighted spelling in grades and high school.
Without warning to the students to prepare for a test, examinations were given a few weeks ago which resulted in a medium grade in the high school

> the words in advance and the average grade made was 86 per cent. The spelling will be continued the rest of the year and a representative from the Geneva schools will probable participate in the state high school spelling contest at the state university in May.

set of pupils were allowed to study

of Embezzlement at Plattsmouth

Former Loan & Building Secretary Shows Emotion at Verdict - Faces Another Trial.

Plattsmouth, Neb., Dec. 27 .- Carl G. Fricke, secretary of the defunct Livngston Loan and Building associa t 4 o'clock this afternoon after the

ury had deliberated four hours. Fricke's trial was the longes drawn-out of any of the indictmen eases tried so far in district court this term, taking three and a half days before it went to the jurors. It began Friday, adjourned Saturday eling in a southerly direction. Ain evening for the holidays and was re Salah is about 680 miles southeast of sides rested their case last night and The message quoted a dispatch from sides rested their case last night and this forenoon was spent in final ar-

Fricke was overjoyed at the verdict, signaled going toward Hoggar, about making a display of emotion in the

signaled going toward Hoggar, about
120 miles south of Insaiah at
8 Wednesday, flying at the same
height as when it passed above Insaiah. The wind was light, blowing
in the direction porth-northwest to
southeast."

No such advices have been received
by the ministry of marine, and in
view of the circumstances some doubt
is cast upon the reliability of the report.

making a display of emotion in the
courtroom. His wife and three children were with him.

Alex Rose, Omaha, Fricke's chief
counsel, made the final plea to the
jury for the defendant.

The embedding of the counts, but at the beginning of the
case the state on its own motion
noted three of them. Another indictment against Fricks, charging us Liquor List

Again in Limelight

which mounted to \$70,000.

Frick, then was given a clean bill Frement Monday. and described in some quarters are cold by the association officers, but later taining names that made it "too not" me indicted by the grand jury. taining names that made it to handle" and in others as non-rick became engaged in the lumber family has sent out several inquiries existent, got back into the limer that and coal business at Nelson, Neb. gain today.

It was ascertained a duplicate of Semunces on those who have althat the expected.

"Searched the premises described Pawnee City on Julia Kauffman and ing further than the mere announce Begley will pass sentence at the same time on William Grebe.

Lindsay, Neb., Dec. 27.-Mrs. Don Christmas eve while singing Christ- perial Cotton Mills of Los Angeles.

She is survived by two grandchildren, injuries received when she was struck unlighted gas heater. by a street car.

SUNNY SIDE UP

"What's in a name?" queried my appointment of President Wilson. Be-

valley. Hanks planted five acres to there were intimations that anybody

acreage ever planted in the valley a lot of friends. The department

Short in Funds, Salesman Suicide Washington for Cattle Deaths She returned again after considerable coaxing, but a short time later finade the flousekeeper. Micheltree opened

Fremont, Neb., Dec. 27 .- The body over all his property and relatives of R. B. Fields, 43, Fremont salesman put up miney covering over one-half of the alleged existing shortages, who committed suicide at Los Angeles who committed suicide at Los Angeles who committed suicide at Los Angeles Christmas day, is due to arrive in

B. E. Fields, father of the dead that the full details are momentarily

the warrant for the raid on the liquent charges will be imposed next Thus far the wife and parents of uor ring involved contained on the week by Judge John B. Roper of the suicide victim have received nothing further than the mere announce-Alvin Jones. It is expected Judge ment of his death. It is probable that no report will reach the family Fremont until the inquest is held and

Reports from Los Angeles stated that Fields took his own life by gas Tram Victim, to Be Sunday following financial difficulties Funeral services for Miss Ruth which he is alleged to have been Bachelor of Valentine, Neb., killed short in funds belonging to the Im-Grandma) Holloman, 90, was buried mas carols near the home of a According to neighbors, his act fol Wednesday in the Catholic cemetery, school chum in Maine, with whom lowed a gay Christmas party in the Mrs. Holloman had resided in Platte she was spending the holldays, will be apartment on Christmas eve. Photoounty 52 years. A few weeks prior held at Valentine, Neb., Sunday after- graphs of his wife and daughter, Laura, were found in the room with around despite her advanced years. Miss Bachelor's death resulted from the body. Gas was pouring from an

a verdict reached.

Detectives investigating the case found a telegram to Fields from the Imperial Cotton Mills company Los Angeles, by which company he was employed, telling him that he was short several hundred dollars in his accounts and that he would be old college chum, Bill Shakespeare fore his second term was half over given until yesterday to make the

oes nothing of the kind. On the notice of an examination for the post-Fields is the son of B. E. Fields contrary, it is up and coming all the mastership at Gering. Postmaster for many years owner of a large ime, and is said to be one of the Will Lamm had been notified of nursery in Fremont. The son was enterprising business institutions of charges filed against him, and that associated with the father in the busihe was about to be removed. No one ness until it failed several years ago. Every community has some char- has ever been able to learn what the Mrs. Laura Fields, the widow, said cter who won some sort of a title charges were, or who had filed them. this morning at her home that she during the early days. Richard M. But the patrons of the office were up had not been notified of the details Hanks of Gering is pretty generally in arms immediately. Letters and of her husband's death and could known to his intimates as Mitt, but telegrams of protest flooded the de imagine no motive. She expected to o the early pioneers he was known partment at Washington. Represent receive further word today. as Tater Hanks. Away long in the ative Kinkaid insisted that the matter

Fields was born in Marshalltown late 80s, before there was any irriga was out of his hands, but he later In. He was married in Frement in tion in Nebraska, and while the home- changed his mind. Every patron of 1901 to Laura Nicodemus, daughter steaders were still flocking into the the Gering postoffice protested and of a prominent family. The body will be returned to Fre mont this week for burial. .

Farmer Uses Ax on Self, Then Drowns

Albion, Neb., Dec. 27.-Desperate afto the price for beets has been Jacob M. Pockhardt, 58, ended his It is so easy to criticize public reached, the contract agreed upon life Christmas morning by drowning officials, and it is so very generally and everything is going to move in a water tank on his farm seven miles west of Albion.

Mrs. Thatcher is survived by three ney I heard several words of com-experiences that would make some signs of an unbalanced mind. after

was the most accommodating post money. And he has butchered hogs near by, splattered with blood. Mrs. Thatcher was a member of the master the city ever had, and that and peddled the meat, the hams for Pockardt, who was well-to-do and federal government, contractors hav- Presbyterian church and the Pythian there was no limit to his willingness 8 cents and the bacon for 6 cents, and prominent, was an early settler in federal government, contractors havling been paid in full by the state and Sisterhood. Funeral services will be to serve the people.

their sharef unsettled by the federal held Friday afternoon with burial in master, serving his second term, by

neade money. He drives a big sixloone county. He owned a half-second their sharef unsettled by the federal held Friday afternoon with burial in master, serving his second term, by

N. M. M. Children made money. He drives a big six- Boone county. He owned a half-sec- will

President Coolidge was invited to intervene in the controversy within the Ku Klux Klan.

Marion Is Home Spending the Christmas Vacation With Her Parents

The house ways and means com mittee suspended consideration of the treasury tax bill for one week. Secretary Weeks was represented as opposing speculative enterprises by army officers, which would be "improper" in view of the means of the officers,

Representative Newton of Minne seta wrote federal and district officials for information on the scandal resulting from the recent raid on bootleggers in Washington.

Senator La Follette of Wisconsin, leader of the republican insurgent group, will be back at his desk January 3, when congress recon-

vens, his office announced. Charles G. Dawes and Owen D. Young, chosen as American experts to help balance the budget of Germany, conferred with President Coolidge and Secretary Hughes.

An enlisted strength of 86,000 men for the navy next year was indicated as the probable decision of a house subcommittee which has the subject under consideration. Rear Admiral Moffett, chief of naval aviation, in his annual re-

port, said the condition of naval reserves, so far as concerned the air forces, was "deplorable." The senate public lands committee voted to "compel" Henry F. Sinclair to give evidence which he had declined to divulge in connection with the investigation of naval oil

Edward P. Farley asked the president to withdraw his nomination for commissioner of the shipping board from the senate and said he would resign as chairman of the

board. The American minister to Honduras was instructed to inform the responsible government officials there that the United States regards with disfavor any attempt of a government to perpetuate itself in power except by accepted consti-

Married in Council Bluffs The following persons obtained manage licenses in Council Bluffs yester

Obert Korour, North Head, Neb-ladys Jorgenson, Ames, Neb-countd Lewis, Grand Island, Neb-ona Liddel, Grand Island, Neb-Melvin Henderson, Loop City, Fay Zigler, Loop City, Neb. ela Bute, Yerk, Neb.

Omaha Marriage Licenses Louis Heger, Washington, Neb. Anna Lambricht, Washington, N.

The Day in Botulinus Blamed

Anthrax Reported in Northern Nebraska Given New Diagnosis by Shumway.

Lincoln. Dec. 27 .- Occasional cases child in her arms and carried her outanthrax in cattle reported in doors in her nightgown.

tate department of agriculture. seases are very similar," the secre- home. ary says. "In both cases the ani- Mrs. Micheltree, who since leaving

mperature rises. world, rather than the dry country tree has another son, Lavelle, 21, by llinus does not have this peculiar. New Sharon.

ostrils or mouth shows bloody, it home is at \$12 South Seventeenth s more likely to be anthrax. If the street, He is 46. nimal's tongue hangs out, somewha ongested at the tip, it is more likely be botulinus.

"In both cases death follows quick-"The reason for this high fatality that the infection has occurred several days prior to the symptoms Sioux City Men Get 6-Month and is already well throughout the system before the symptoms appear. Therefore, remedies for the animal ick with either disease are too late

"Moldy ensilage or other feed is

tmospheric exposure a few days it educe its harmfulness."

Retailers Will Act

of Nebraska Retailers will take active steps at its convention to be held bere the latter part of February to protect their stores from robberies. This was disclosed by a bulletin of that they purchased liquor at places of that they purchased liquor at places of the organization made public today. County and state officers will be both men. The defense offered no asked to address the convention and evidence. members are requested to bring with them suggestions for protecting Guard of Lincoln

Lincoln, Dec. 27 .- The Federation

More than 10,000 Nebraska retailers have been personally invited to attend the convention, the bulletin

The Weather

corsture—Highest, 25; lewest, 27; called into Washington as a guard on the night President Abraham Lingitation, Inches and Hundredths—coln was assasinated.

T: total since January 1, 20.52

Dimenal services, were conducted by

Mother End in Tragedy

John Micheltree Fires on Wife Then Sends Bullet in Own Head—He May Die.

Had Quarreled All Day

A pathetic appeal to a mother to ome home, sent from five children who had spent the greater part of Christmas day crying because she was not with them, resulted in a probable murder and suicide at Council Bluffs esterday afternoon shortly after 4. Mrs. Celia Micheltree, 35, is the ried. She separated from her hus band, John Micheltree, about six weeks ago and didn't return until yes-terday. When she refused to stay. he shot her, the bullet lodging below the left temple, and then turned the gun on himself. The bullet entered his head on the right side about three inches back of the eye and emerged on the left side about three inches above the ear. Both were removed to Mercy hospital.

Dr. M. E. O'Keefe last night an ounced Mrs. Micheltree's chance for recovery is only fair while her husband is expected to die momentarily

Wrangling Precedes Shooting. According to the story told by Ada Garner, who has been living at the home and keeping house for the hus band since Mrs. Micheltree left, the latter returned to her home after re ceiving a note, said to have been writ ten by the family doctor who was a the home Christmas day attending Helen, 11-year-old daughter, who has been ill for several days.

She returned home this morning and, according to the housekeeper story, argued with her husband al day. All five of the children were at home when she returned. They are Delbert, 13: Helen, 11; Evelyn, 10; harles, 8; and Teddy, 6. All except Delbert witnessed the shooting. Mrs. Micheltree announced she was

After arguing with her husband through with him and left the house. She returned again after considerable the housekeeper, Micheltree opened

Wounded, Leaves Home.

After being shot, Mrs. Michelired walked out of the house. On her way out of the house she went to the bid where Helen was lying ill, took the

rthern Nebraska and southern She also took Charlie and Tedds South Dakota might be correctly with her and left the home in a small agnosed as botulinus, according to sedan, the driver of which has not cent I. Shumway secretary of the been identified. A short time later she was admitted to Mercy hospital. "Some of the symptoms of the two and the three children returned to the

mal has a depressed appearance and her husband has been working at the walks with a proppy or staggering Brandeis store cafeteria, filed a peti galt, breathing is exhibarated and tion for divorce December 15. She charged cruelty and infidelity. "Anthrax seems to make its ap- and Milcheltree were married in New carance in swampy regions over the Sharon, Ia., June 11, 1910, Mr. Micheland highlands of the west, while bo a former marriage. He is living at

'If the mucous discharge from the Council Bluffs Remedy company, The

Pair Sold Liquor y, seldom over 24 hours, and this to Redmen, Verdict

Jail Terms in Court Here.

Charged with selling liquor to In metimes a fertile ground for the dians of the Winnebago reservation ppearance of toxin of bacillus bo John Haaker and F. G. Delong of South Sioux City were found guilt "Botulinus toxin in moldy en Thursday afternoon by a federal jur ilage may be fatal one day, but after and sentenced to six months in fall.

It mospheric exposure a few days it Police Judge Carlos Goltz of Slows eems to pass a chemical change to City appeared as lawyer for the defense. This is the first record of a active judge appearing in the federal court at Omaha as attorney in sus

to Halt Robberies T. Mann. Indian agent, have sell nuch liquor to the Indians on the reservation near Sioux City. The reser-

services were held this afternoon in Emerick precinct for Smith H. Grant Madison county pioneer, civil was eteran and oldest Mason of olk Bhre lodge.

Funeral services were conducted to 51 Mosine lodge No. 55 of Norfolk to

Mr. Grant was one of the soldiers

the little church which Mr. Grant built years ago. Burial was made beside the wife who died 28 years

Buried at Norfolk