

Asphalt Paving Bid of Parks Company Puzzles Koutsky

Below Actual Cost of Work. Commissioner Believes— Firm Will Get Contract.

City Commissioner Joseph Koutsky, head of the public improvements department, is unable to understand how the George Parks Construction company can break even on bids of \$2.23 to \$2.28 on asphaltic concrete paving, as received by the city council Tuesday.

The estimate of the city engineer on asphaltic concrete for bids opened on the last three successive Tuesdays was \$2.55 per yard.

The season opened with the bid of M. L. Flinn company of \$2.53 on February 19. On May 27 the J. J. Parks company was low with a general bid of \$2.45 on various districts. The National Construction company was low on June 3 with bids as low as \$2.34.

Koutsky stated that it is his duty to accept the bids of the George Parks company, inasmuch as a satisfactory bond has been offered.

"It is up to us to see that the work is done according to specifications, but I am unable to figure how they can break even on the figures they bid," Koutsky said.

Koutsky stated that material and labor costs on paving are practically the same as last fall, when a bond company took over \$45,000 yards of paving from a contractor who could not complete his work, and reported when the work was done that the actual cost was \$2.38 per yard, allowing nothing for profits or contingencies.

Brick Also Low.

The George Parks company this week also bid \$3.39 per yard on brick paving, class K, for 29 districts. The city engineer's estimate on this work was \$3.75. On June 3 class K brick bids averaged \$3.54 and on May 27 the average was about the same.

On February 19 brick bids ranged from \$3.80 to \$3.89. The city engineering department is of the opinion that "George Parks, treasurer," whose signature appears on the bids of the George Parks Construction company, is the same Parks, who has been identified with the National Construction company for several years.

"Is Parks alone or is someone backing him?" has been asked by several.

Fined; Chooses Jail.

L. J. Caughlin went to jail because he said he was too poor to pay a \$10 fine for drunkenness Tuesday, but he asked police to take care of his car. He didn't know where he had left the machine, but officers found it at Twenty-first and N streets.

Col. McCullough to Talk.

Col. T. W. McCullough of the Omaha Bee will address members of the Omaha Concord club at their noonday luncheon Thursday at the Omaha Athletic club. Judge Stauffer will preside.

Rediscount Rate Cut.

New York, June 11.—The Federal Reserve bank of New York today reduced its rediscount rate from 4 per cent to 3 1/2 per cent, effective tomorrow.

Births and Deaths.

- Andrew and Annie Smith, 2407 U street.
- Alloys and Catherine Kenchel, hospital.
- Paul and Mary Lesley, 3512 North Fifteenth street, girl.
- Burgitt and Frank Karr, Florence, R. F. D. boy.
- Ginnette and Maria Cormack, 4892 Franklin street, boy.
- William and Bertha Citta, hospital, boy.
- Halish and Agnes George, hospital, boy.
- Robert and Mary Stella, hospital, boy.
- Alcide and Mildred Vanasse, hospital.
- Paul and May Olen, hospital, girl.
- Deaths.
- Colla Shapiro, 39, hospital.
- Joseph A. Fleming, 82, 2825 Charles street.
- H. Scott, 61, 514 South Fifty-first street.
- Nilla Ada Perry, 46, 1124 North Eleventh street.
- Frank Alexander Ewing, 62, hospital.
- Robert Doolan, 49, 723 Lake street.
- William C. King, 75, 2511 North Twenty-third street.
- Esther Saunders, 15, 5241 South Twenty-fourth street.
- Ray Baumgartner, infant, hospital.
- Richard E. Havercamp, infant, Fifteenth and Dodge streets.
- P. W. Class, 52, hospital.
- George H. Hilling, 70, 2857 Tucker street.
- Mrs. Katy R. Grotte, 70, 717 Park avenue.

Simpson Gets Laundries in Hot Water; All Must Appear Before Tax Querists

H. E. Simpson, owner of the Peerless laundry, 2025 Vinton street, came before the board of equalization to protest a raise of from \$750 to \$3,000 in his personal property, and before he left all the laundries in town were "in Dutch."

"Why," said Simpson, "the Leavenworth laundry has \$100,000 worth of machinery and is only assessed on \$4,500. I'd sell my place for \$4,000 and you assess me on \$3,000. Another laundry at Thirtieth and Larimore avenue isn't assessed any higher than I and it is worth \$15,000."

"If this is the case, we should sum up all the laundries in town before the board," said Commissioner McDonald. Simpson hastened to remark that he didn't want to get his fellow laundrymen "in Dutch."

Simmons Loses in High Court

Decisions of Lower Courts on Habeas Corpus Pleas Upheld.

By Associated Press. Lincoln, June 11.—The state supreme court today affirmed the decisions of two lower courts against habeas corpus action instituted in behalf of Walter R. Simmons, convicted of murder and sentenced to die in the electric chair.

The decisions affirmed were those of the district court of Boyd county and the Lancaster county district court, where Simmons' attorneys sought writs to temporarily free the prisoner.

Josiah Coombs and George R. Mann, Simmons' attorneys, made the application today in the state high tribunal, alleging that Simmons had not had a "fair and impartial trial by an unbiased jury."

They presented affidavits tending to show that three of the jurors had perjured themselves by gaining admission to the box after having made statements as to Simmons' guilt.

Mann and Coombs also raised the question of due process of the law in connection with the original trial. Assistant Attorney General Lloyd Dort appeared briefly to contest the issuance of a writ.

Having failed to gain anything but a short reprieve from the state pardon board, and failed this morning in an attempt to get a writ of habeas corpus from the state supreme court, G. R. Mann and Josiah Coombs announced shortly after the supreme court session this morning that they would immediately go to Washington, D. C., to the United States supreme court.

The attorneys said they would go to the capitol within the next 24 or 48 hours to obtain, if possible, a writ of error or certiorari from the federal high bench.

Transcripts are being made of the proceedings in Nebraska.

To Annual Convention.

Mick Lorkovic, 1310 South Twelfth street, representing Omaha lodge, No. 28, Croatiens; L. J. Cervoski, 3809 Vinton street, representing local lodge No. 101, and Mrs. Anna Carr, 3403 South Thirtieth street, representing No. 53 lodge, will attend the annual convention of their society next week at Cleveland, O., leaving Omaha Friday evening.

Rebels Evacuate Hermosa.

Mexico City, June 11.—Villahermosa, capital of the state of Tabasco, has finally been captured by the federales without firing a single shot, the rebels having evacuated the place, marching toward Guatemala, according to a report from Gen. Vicente Gonzales given out by the war department.

CEDAR RAPIDS LADY GIVES FACTS IN CASE

Mrs. Ames Says Tanlac Overcame Troubles and Restored Health.

"Tanlac built up my strength and steadied my nerves so quick that I was both surprised and delighted," is the appreciative statement of Mrs. L. E. Ames, 214 No. 12th St., Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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But it was too late. The laundry owners will have a day, some time next week, to answer the board's questions.

M. C. Hellerman, appearing to protest a raise on the intangible valuation of the Letter Beverage company, 6002 South Thirtieth street, from \$19,150 to \$50,000, precipitated trouble when Commissioner Unitt noted the tangible property listed at only \$870.

"That is a farce," declared Unitt. "You know \$870 wouldn't begin to cover your machinery and furniture. It is an outrage on the small property owners when you big fellows get off with such ridiculous assessments."

Hellerman made a reply and the board ordered an assessor to visit the plant.

Armed Bandits Hold Up Truck

Twenty-Seven Packages of Jewels on Way to Appraiser, Stolen.

New York, June 11.—Ten armed bandits today held up a United States custom truck, knocked the driver unconscious and escaped with 27 packages of precious stones which were being transferred from the general post office in West Thirty-third street to the appraisers' stores on Washington street.

Clintonville, Ky., June 11.—Four armed bandits entered the bank of Clintonville here today, shot and killed Frank Buchanan, a stockholder, when he resisted robbery, and escaped without taking any money as Cashier Walter Gibson returned their fire.

Five Ships Will Rush Jap Citizens to America

Tokio, June 11.—The government has arranged with the T. K. K. to dispatch the liner Shinyo Maru on a special trip to carry Japanese residents back to America before the exclusion act becomes effective. The ship, instead of going to Hong Kong, will return immediately to San Francisco. The N. Y. K. also is sending the Australian liner Nikko Maru as an immigrant ship to America.

This makes five ships that the government has secured to handle the large number of Japanese seeking to reach America before the exclusion law comes into effect on July 1.

Mate Blames "Other Men."

Charles A. Mayers alleges in a petition for divorce from Rexele Mayers, that she consorted with other men and that on May 27 she left him, taking with her his automobile, jewelry, phonograph, sewing machine and \$150.

Blue Valley Gets Soaking.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Beatrice, Neb., June 11.—Rains averaging from half an inch to an inch fell along the Blue valley south into eastern Kansas today, giving the ground a thorough soaking and greatly improving crop conditions.

Twenty New Members.

Twenty new members were added to the Council Bluffs Federation of Lutheran Brotherhood, which held its first meeting Tuesday at the Immanuel Lutheran church.

Rev. John P. Nelson and Rev. R. Hansen were principal speakers.

Greevy Back at Desk.

His head swathed in bandages, M. V. Greevy, deputy city clerk, appeared at his desk Wednesday morning. Greevy was run down by an auto last Saturday.

O'Neill Folks in Annual Picnic

Arthur Mullen "Keynote" at Holt County Outing at Hanscom Park.

The annual frolics of the O'Neill club of Omaha are growing each year. The event was started several years ago by a group of former residents of O'Neill, Neb. Invitations this year were extended to all who have lived anywhere in Holt county, and to those whose kin now reside or have dwelt in Holt county.

Arthur F. Mullen is "keynote" of Wednesday's O'Neill club outing in Hanscom park. His keynote address was opened with "When do we eat?"

Mrs. Mullen pacified him with two large sandwiches, and then Mayor Dahlman gave a brief address, in which he referred to some of the illustrious Omahans who were cradled in O'Neill.

A basket luncheon has been scheduled for 4 p. m., and a special invitation is given to bachelors who formerly lived in Holt county. A musical program and old-fashioned Holt county dance are features of the outing.

The committee comprises Mrs. A. F. Mullen, Miss Margaret Donohoe, Miss Margaret Linahan, James H. Hanley, Dr. M. P. Kane and William P. Kelley.

BOY, 6, STRUCK BY AUTO, KILLED

Missoula, Mont., June 11.—Melvin Thompson, 6, of Devils Lake, N. D., met instant death, and his mother, Mrs. Albert Thompson, suffered a fractured leg when they were struck by an automobile near Drummond Tuesday. They were members of a party of tourists traveling to Spokane.

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Burgess Bedtime Stories

By THORNTON W. BURGESS.

Pright often makes one lose one's head when calmness is the need instead.—Mrs. Robin.

Mrs. Robin is in dreadful trouble. Never had the Old Orchard seen a more frightened small person than was Mrs. Robin when she discovered that she was held fast by one leg. You know that piece of string she had been carrying had become caught around a couple of twigs in an apple tree, and the other end had become fastened around one of Mrs. Robin's legs.

Her fright was so great that she quite lost her head. Her screams brought Welcome Robin hurrying over to see what the trouble was, and had brought all the other feathered folk of the Old Orchard.

Mrs. Robin struggled and struggled until she was so tired out that she couldn't flap her wings. Then she hung head down. You see she was so badly frightened that she couldn't think. If she had done a little thinking she would have perched on the twig to which the string was fastened. But she didn't think of that. And so she hung head down from the end of that piece of string.

Of course all the other feathered folk were very much excited. There was a great screaming and chatter, all the time chirping mournfully. Heing. But no one offered to do anything for her. The truth is, no one knew what to do. When Mrs. Robin had rested a little she once more

began to struggle and try to fly away. All her neighbors seemed trying to help her with their voices. Of course she was no more successful than before, and this time she became tired a great deal more quickly than before.

None of the other birds came very near, for they regarded that piece of



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string as a trap. They were afraid of it. After a while one by one they left. You see, they had matters of their own to attend to. At last there was no one there but Welcome Robin.

Poor Welcome! He was completely upset. He flew about and hopped about in the tree near Mrs. Robin, all the time chirping mournfully. He wouldn't go off and leave her as the other birds had done. Several times he pecked at the string, but he wasn't able to get it free.

As for Mrs. Robin, her struggles grew weaker, and she would hang for some time just panting. She had given up all hope. She was sure that she would hang there until she died.

Welcome Robin left her long enough to find a fat worm and bring it to her. But poor Mrs. Robin couldn't eat. Then Welcome Robin resumed his mournful chirping. It was the only way he had of expressing his sorrow and fright, for he was frightened, too. It was mysterious, and you know mysterious things are very apt to frighten one.

Now and then one of the other feathered folk would come for a look at Mrs. Robin, and then go away shaking his or her head sorrowfully. Not one of them could think of a single thing to do. Certainly Mrs. Robin was in dreadful trouble. It could hardly have been worse.

The next story: "Black Pussy Doodles to Investigate."

VET COMMANDER IS RE-ELECTED

W. J. Atkinson of Kearney, Neb., was re-elected state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars at the election of officers held Wednesday afternoon at the City auditorium.

New officers elected are: Bernard H. Eddy of Fremont, senior vice commander; Charles H. Long of Lincoln, junior vice commander; Howard Bach of Omaha, quartermaster; Barclay Nye of Kearney, judge advocate, and Dr. P. E. Braucht of Fremont, department surgeon. Frank Majors of

Kearney was re-elected department chaplain. A committee was appointed to select the meeting place for next year, which will probably be Wahoo, Neb.

A banquet held by the veterans at the Hotel Hill Wednesday closed the fourth encampment.

Merchants' Last Luncheon.

The South Omaha Merchants' association held the last weekly luncheon of the season at Eagles hall Tuesday night.

Representatives of the women's auxiliary of the American Legion asked the merchants to help in the Flag day celebration next Saturday by entering floats in the parade and decorating their places of business for the occasion.

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