

UNIFORM BRIDGE CONTRACTS

Bill to Provide for New Plan Has the Support of Commissioners.

COUNTIES WILL REAP THE ADVANTAGE

Measure Intended to Do Away with a Practice that Has Proven Expensive to the Public Heretofore.

A delegation from the Douglas county board of commissioners will go to Lincoln Tuesday morning probably to give their contentment and encouragement to a bill now pending before the legislature of Nebraska that is thought to be of very great benefit to all the counties in the state in the matter of bridge contracts.

As the law stands at present contractors bidding on bridge work prepare their own plans and specifications largely, if not altogether. These may conform in a general way to what the commissioners want, or they may not, and yet can be put in a form attractive enough to secure the contract. It can readily be seen that to decide which one is the best and cheapest bid out of a bunch of half a dozen or a dozen, such is a task that requires almost infallible judgment.

So many different kinds and qualities of materials enter into bridge construction that a clever contractor who is a good mathematician or a fluent talker can quite readily secure an advantage that he would not have if bidding on a specific set of plans and specifications. After securing the contract, too, there is a wide opportunity for working out the plans in a way to make the contractor a good thing. Of course, no one insinuates that this has been done, but human nature is prone to make the best of anything that falls in its way, and, as one commissioner remarks, such a thing is just possible.

Items that Must Be Considered. For instance, there are many weights and dimensions of structural iron—beams, stringers, plates, etc., and the same is true of timbers, stone, cement, mortar, lumber, all entering into the specifications for bridges, as well as weight-carrying properties, tensile strength and other considerations are of considerable importance. Up to two years ago the self-prepared plans were the rule in this country, but since that time the Douglas county board has been asking for bids on plans prepared under its own direction, and every bidder has had to base his bids on the board's plans and specifications. So far as it went, this has given satisfaction, but it has always been felt that the state law should be changed and made not only uniform, but strict in its application to the advertising and letting of such contracts.

The bill proposed is not a new one. It has been up for consideration in the legislature before, but always there has been opposition strong enough to defeat it, or, as in the case in bill passed at the last session, some defect has been found that invalidated the law. Two years ago the bill was enacted into law, but afterward it was found to be unconstitutional in a vital particular. The county commissioners of the various counties are looking for opposition this year, but there seems to be a general understanding among the commissioners and a determination to push the matter to a successful conclusion.

The Douglas county commissioners are also interested in a bill to have road taxes paid all in cash instead of partly in work. It is contended that the present system is unsatisfactory and that Douglas county will require road taxes to be paid in cash, as other general taxes are.

Mortality Statistics. The following births and deaths have been reported to the board of health during the forty-eight hours ending at noon Monday: Births—Frank Stastul, 1415 Poppleton avenue; girl, Paul Ray, twenty-eight, and Sprague, girl; J. E. Kroupp, 146 South Fourth street; girl, Henry W. Hofmeister, 410 Poppleton avenue; boy; Charles Bertacine, 1111 South Seventh street; Miles Antoniak, 2343 Hickory; boy; E. Hackendorf, Benson, girl; J. E. Wright, 111 Leavenworth; boy. Deaths—Edwin D. Baker, 52 North Sixteenth; Mabel Logan, Fortieth and Jackson; Martin Agostini, near Russell; girl, 65; Nicholas Humel, 220 Clark; S. Clinton D. Orcutt, 50 South Twenty-sixth; Ed. Albin Theodore Person, West Lawn.

Progress of Revenues Sale.

In the scavenger tax sale department of the county treasurer's office the deputies have cleared Amber Place off their list.

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EVERYTHING that is cleansing, purifying, and beautifying for the Skin, Scalp, Hair, and Hands of Infants and Children CUTICURA Soap, assisted by CUTICURA Ointment, the great Skin Cure, will surely do. No person need go forth into the world tortured and disfigured by inherited humors of the Skin, Scalp, and Blood if CUTICURA REMEDIES have been used in childhood.

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At Big Bargains Tuesday New lots of extra wide embroideries and flouncings—made of finest nainsook and cambric—widths up to 20 inches and worth up to 75c a yard—at, yard... 25c

Special Basement Bargains Mill lengths of fine IMPERIAL LONG CLOTH—all the numbers—at, per yard... 6 1/2c Very Heavy MERCERIZED FARMER'S SATINS and DOUBLE FOLD SATEENS, at, yard... 15c Very best Dotted Silk Mousseline de Soie per yard... 19c

Dress Goods Specials Dress Goods at 40c a yard—Every imaginable weave and color, voiles, Panamas, Sicilians, Serges, Silk and Wool Crepe—broken lines, half pieces, from one of the best jobbers in the country—all this season's goods, at half regular selling price—yard... 49c All the wool 50c and 60c Dress Goods, on bargain square—with thousands of choice bargains—plaid, shirt waist suitings, etc.—a yard... 25c New Spring Goods—Panamas, 54-inch—pure English worsteds, new browns, greens, navy and black—at, yard... 89c

TUESDAY SPECIALS IN SILKS. Fine All Silk Messalines—In the newest spring shades, worth 85c yd—new goods, just received—at, yard... 59c Jap Silk—25 pieces of fine white Japanese Habutai wash silk, full 27 inches wide—regular 60c a yard, at, yard... 39c Big Silkoline Bargain—10,000 yards of Mill remnants of fine silkolines, regularly worth up to 25c yard, TUESDAY, at... 1c

Watch Our BRANDEIS Windows. Watch Our Windows.

This is the first addition to be entirely sold and cleared up. The city was compelled to bid in a few pieces at the windup, but not as many as it was thought would be left by the public.

BARBER GETS BACK IN FIGHT Former Head of Trust Will Start New in Asphalt and May Make Things Lively.

Another competitor for city paving contracts may enter Omaha in the shape of the A. L. Barber Asphalt company, a new concern recently established in New York. Overtures have been made to prominent Omaha contractors to assume the local agency and to go after all the asphalt paving in sight, but so far no arrangements have been made. The head of the new company is Amos L. Barber, the original promoter of asphalt paving in the United States and for years a prominent figure in the old Barber Asphalt company and its several successors. A few years ago, however, according to common report, Mr. Barber was either forced out of the trust, then as now dominated by John M. Mack, or sold out of his own accord. Since then Barber has been busy getting control of asphalt concessions in Venezuela and not long ago opened an office in New York and announced he was ready for business. He is supposed to have sufficient financial capital and backing and has already gathered about him some of the old officers and experts of the old Barber company. In its palmy days, Should Barber come into Omaha it would make four active competitors for asphalt paving in 1904—the Barber Asphalt company, the Nebraska Bitulithic and High Murphy. A merry war had already been promised by the announcement of the last named that he proposed to lay all the asphalt he could here in the future, making his declaration good by starting construction on several streets. A. L. Barber enters the ring and bona fide competition is maintained it would seem as though Omaha would be in position to save not a few dollars. The deadlock over paving specifications is not yet broken, although it may be if the Board of Public Works is abolished and the making of specifications placed in the hands of the city engineer, subject to the approval of the mayor and council.

ELBOGAN A REAL BAD MAN Asserts Right of Eminent Domain in Bad Lands and Backs Up Position.

Julius Elbogen has been arrested on the charge of shooting with intent to kill. Deputy County Attorney Foster filed such a complaint against Elbogen, who pleaded guilty when arraigned in police court. The hearing was set for Tuesday morning. According to the police records Elbogen has been exercising his right of eminent domain in the bad lands to a considerable extent on two recent occasions. On January 11 he is charged with entering the resort of Hazel Russell, 2854 Capitol avenue, and choking Miss Russell into insensibility. He escaped on that occasion, leaving at the Russell place a coat, satchel and typewriter. Sunday evening he is said to have called next door to the Russell place and because Miss Grace LeRoy refused him admittance he shot through a window and broke a chair leg, narrowly missing the woman. Officers Boyd and McCarthy caught Elbogen Sunday evening after a lively sprint.

Marriage Licenses. The following marriage licenses were issued up to noon Monday: Names and Residence. Age. Roy M. George, Omaha, 25. Elsie G. Goedecke, Omaha, 23. Earl E. Spencer, Omaha, 29. Bertha Matheson, Omaha, 19. George C. Taylor, Memphis, Tenn., 25. Nellie C. Kreider, Omaha, 20. Alex. Jakesstowall, South Omaha, 20. Agnes Engersted, South Omaha, 18. Fred Graves, Valparaiso, Neb., 21. Edith G. Alm, Omaha, 17. Frederick A. Towel, South Omaha, 22. Fay Watkins, Omaha, 22.

BENNETT'S WEATHER FORECAST—Tuesday, Fair.

ART ANNOUNCEMENT Big Sheet Picture Sale Reproductions From the Old and New Masters Fac-Similes of some of the Greatest Pictures in Christendom. Watch Tuesday evening's papers for details and date of sale. February Sales are on all this week. The Bargains advertised Sunday in Dress Goods Women's Wear, Furniture, Drapery Rugs, Hardware Sections ARE CONTINUED TUESDAY.

Bennett's Great Grocery ALL ROADS LEAD TO BENNETT'S GROCERY SECTION. The people recognize a good thing. RICE SENSATION. Fifty (\$5.00) Green Trading Stamps with 5 pounds splendid Indian Rice... 35c Ten (\$1.00) Green Trading Stamps with can Wm. Baker's Cocoa... 24c Thirty (\$3.00) Green Trading Stamps with pound candied citron, orange or lemon peel... 25c Spratts' Dog Biscuits, pound... 6c CANDIES Twenty (\$2.00) Green Trading Stamps with pound box Bennett's Special Chocolate Creams... 25c Ten (\$1.00) Green Trading Stamps with pound Mint Kisses... 12c

WANTED—A BOY in every town to sell our new Saturday Bee.

We will send any boy the first 10 COPIES FREE. It contains 18 pages of special magazine features, including 10 colored pages with BUSTER BROWN COMICS, altogether 80 pages, and is a big seller everywhere on Saturday. Eddie Welton, Mullen, Neb., says he sold ten papers in ten minutes last week, and orders seventeen for next Saturday. You can do as well if you try. You make two cents profit on every paper you sell.

The Omaha Bee, Omaha, Nebraska.

NEWBRO'S HERPICIDE THE ORIGINAL remedy that "kills the Dandruff Germ." GOING! GOING!! GONE!!! HERPICIDE WILL SAVE IT HERPICIDE WILL SAVE IT TOO LATE FOR HERPICIDE It is the duty of some wives to patch and darn the family wearing apparel, but when the natural covering of the scalp and falling hair, Newbro's Herpicide's crown wears through, it shows that the "itch in time" was neglected. Every wife should be "scalp inspector" to the family, because dandruff is a contagious disease. If it is infection, then after weeks or months dandruff appears, followed by itching scalp and falling hair. Newbro's Herpicide kills the germ and cures every stage of this disease except chronic baldness. Marvellous results follow its use. An exquisite hair dressing. Drug Stores, 5c. Send 10c. stamps, to HERPICIDE CO., Dept. B, Detroit, Mich., for a sample. SHERMAN & McCONNELL DRUG CO., Special Agents. APPLICATIONS AT PROMINENT BARBER SHOPS.

Point in Jurisdiction. Judge Munger brought out the question of the jurisdiction of the federal courts in passing upon cases of counties where the amount of taxes involved is less than \$2,000, and thought that there might be grounds for dismissal in such cases. This ruling, if ultimately decided upon, will affect by eight counties, and these are counties through which the Burlington road passes. It will not affect any of the Union Pacific counties, as the amounts of taxes in controversy in the Union Pacific counties exceeds \$2,000.

TEN THOUSAND ADDITIONAL. Hinshaw's increase to Indian Bill in Favor of Omaha Certain to Stick.

Extraordinary Bargains Tuesday We have taken 200 pairs of Men's Shoes in the celebrated makes of Hanan, Clapp and Boyden and will close them out at a discount of 25% Off

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Big Sale on Rubbers and Arctics WOMEN'S FIRST QUALITY GOODYEAR GLOVE RUBBERS, at... 39c MEN'S FIRST QUALITY GOODYEAR GLOVE RUBBERS, at... 50c MEN'S FIRST QUALITY GOODYEAR GLOVE ALASKAS, at... 1.00 WOMEN'S FIRST QUALITY GOODYEAR GLOVE ALASKAS, at... 2.48 BROOKS BROS.' \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50 SHOES, at... 2.00 ULTRA SHOES, (5 lines) regular price \$2.50, at... 98c WOMEN'S \$1.50 and \$1.50 FUR TRIMMED JULIETS, at... 29c WOMEN'S, MISSES' AND CHILD'S JERSEY LEGGINGS, at 49c, 39c and... 29c Agents in Omaha for the STETSON, CROSSETT and JOHN MITCHELL Shoes for Men, and the ULTRA and GROVER Shoes for Ladies.

Extra Specials Tuesday SILK FEATHERBONE, 10c YARD. A complete line of Warren's Gros Grain Silk Featherbone, in all colors, on sale Tuesday, at, yard... 10c 60 sheets fine Note Paper and 50 high grade Envelopes, at... 10c

Watch for Great Sale of Fancy Goods Friday

GROCERIES Today is the Last Day of the Great January Grocery Sale. Fancy High Patent Minnesota Flour, per sack... 1.49 Pure Rye Flour, per sack... 1.19 Spaullo, per bar... 20c Pearlina, per package... 20c Yeast Foam or On Time Yeast, per package... 20c Gold Dust, per package... 20c Force Vigor, Egg-O-Sole, Xcolo or Malta Vita, per package... 20c Half gallon Golden Table Syrup... 1.50 Quart can Golden Table Syrup... 1.00 Pure Fruit and Sugar Preserves, Jar, 3c Tomatoes, three cans... 25c Corn, three cans... 25c California Raisins, pound... 8c Currants, cleaned, pound... 10c

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