

BRIDGE REPAIR MONEY HELD

Commissioners Decide to Investigate Method in Vogue.

CONTRACTS LET WITHOUT BIDS

Elassner Says that He is Being Ignored by the Other Members of the Board of Commissioners.

Following a tour of inspection of county bridges by the Board of County Commissioners Thursday afternoon the board rejected proposals of County Surveyor McBride for \$8,000 worth of bridge repairs and ordered a full investigation of bridge work with a view of determining where the money for bridge work is being spent, how it is being spent, and whether or not the county is getting its money's worth in bridge building and bridge repairs.

Commissioner Tom O'Connor went to the support of Chairman John C. Lynch, who favored the investigation and the rejection for the time of the bridge repair proposals. Commissioners Elassner and Harte were on the other side, but had not a majority of the votes. Commissioner Frank C. Best was absent. The investigation is expected to disclose that the rule requiring competitive bids and contracts for all work in excess of \$100 in cost has been ignored in several instances, work costing far more than \$100 having been let to construction companies without bids or contracts.

Masten Looks Over the Western Lines

Superintendent John M. Masten of the fourteenth division of the railway mail service has just returned from a tour of ten days through Colorado, New Mexico and other western points on his division. From Callaway, Neb., he made the trip over the new branch line of the Union Pacific to Stapleton, thirty-seven miles distant, to gather data with a view to getting the railway mail service established on this branch. The agreement of the railway company to carry the mail if the department so desires was also secured. This together with the map of the star route now in operation and the data secured will be submitted to the department at Washington for consideration. It usually takes about three weeks after the submission of the data for the railway mail service to be put into operation on a new line.

Light Rains Fall Over Corn Sections

Up to 7 yesterday morning the little drizzling rains that had fallen during the preceding twenty-four hours had aggregated only .05 of an inch in Omaha. There were parts of the state, however, that received more. One-half to two-thirds of an inch were reported from a number of points and Broken Bow reported 1 1/2 inches. Minnesota and Dakota received good rains in most sections. Local rains were reported from parts of Kansas. The major part of the corn and wheat belt of the United States was visited by rains of varying amounts. After the two days of agreeable, cool weather the thermometer again stood at 91 at noon today. The temperature at 7 o'clock in the morning was 74 degrees, or five degrees warmer than the day before at the corresponding hour.

Stroud Must Stand Water Main Expense

First action under the new rules made by the water board by which property owners must pay 50 cents per front foot toward the cost of constructing water main extensions was taken when a water main extension was taken when a water main district was created and an extension from Commercial avenue into the Stroud Manufacturing plant authorized. This extension will be along 600 feet of the street and the Stroud company owns land on either side. It will be a six-inch main.

Wheel Tax Measure is Out of Question

City Attorney Rine has pronounced the wheel tax ordinance, by which the city expected to raise \$150,000 to \$100,000 per year, in violation of the charter. No attempt will now be made to pass such an ordinance, but the city commission will seek some other way of raising this amount of money, which will be needed unless the charter is rewritten and the \$1,500,000 annual levy increased. A wheel tax ordinance was first proposed by the comptroller's department. It was planned to levy a graduated tax on all vehicles, especially on automobiles. Mr. Rine has been examining the charter in an attempt to find legal justification for such an ordinance, but he reported to the council at an informal session that it was "out of the question."

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Women's Striped Gingham Petticoats, Worth 35c, at 18c



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\$3 Switches, 22 inches long—made of silky human hair, at 75c \$4 Natural Wavy Switches, made of fine wavy hair, special, at \$1.75 \$2 Puffs, 15 in cluster, for \$1.90 Beautiful Puffs, 38 in cluster; worth \$4.00, for \$1.98



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SATURDAY WASH GOODS SPECIALS — BASEMENT Fine Silk Ratine, the most wanted fabric of the season for soft, clinging street and evening gowns—new, leading shades for summer and fall; worth 50c; at, per yard, 19c Another rare bargain—extra fine quality silk stripes, all plain shades—made from double hand-twisted thread—27 inches wide, worth 35c —at, per yard, 15c One case of fine white cotton crepe with pink and lavender rings—very soft for underwear and house dresses—32-inches width; worth 20c, clearing 10c sale price, yard.

Immense Section Devoted to This Sale—2d Floor.



Women's Striped Gingham Petticoats, Worth 35c, at 18c

Sale of Women's Midsummer Shoes

Women's Oxfords and Pumps—Odds and ends, also broken lines of our most popular styles. Tans and blacks, patent leather, dull kidskin and dull calfskin—not a pair worth less than \$3—most of them are worth \$4 and even \$5—all sizes—at, a pair, \$1.98 Women's Tan Calfskin Pumps, Oxfords and Colonial Pumps—Low heels and Cuban heels—\$3 to \$5 values—in all sizes—at, a pair, \$2.48 Women's White Sea Island Duck Shoes—Flexible welted soles, plain or tipped vamps, high arch and short foreparts—all sizes—at, pair, \$2.85 Women's White Canvas Colonial Pumps—With silver buckles, light turned soles—just the thing for hot weather—at, a pair, \$2.45 Women's Pumps and Oxfords, regular \$3, \$2.50 and \$4.00 footwear, at, a pair, \$2.45 Women's Colonial Pumps, in white buckskin, black satin and patent leathers, at \$2.45 Women's Pumps and Button Oxfords, sea island duck, at, pair, \$2.45 Women's Shoes in white buckskin, worth \$4.00 per pair, at, pair, \$2.45 Women's Colonial Pumps, \$5 values, at, pair, \$3.45



Clearing Sale Specials in Bags

Large Real Leather Bags—Leather lined, with 11-inch oxidized silver frame in grape and assorted designs; \$1 worth \$2; sale price, each, \$1.00 All Leather Bags, black or tan, leather lined, with 10-inch oxidized and nickel frame, worth \$1.50; special 79c sale price, each, \$1.00 Real Leather Bags, with 9-inch silver and nickel frames—worth \$1—at, each, \$1.00 25% discount on any piece of Solid Gold or Gold Filled Jewelry. 25% discount on any Tea Set or other Silver Hollow Ware.

CENTRAL STATION PROPOSED

Police Commissioner Ryder Has Plan to Increase Efficiency.

MAY SUBMIT A BOND ISSUE

Plan is Not Only to Erect Five Houses, but Establish Sub-Station Over the City.

With money raised from a \$100,000 bond issue the city commissioners expect to submit to the voters this fall not only will four new fire houses be built, but it is planned to construct two new sub-stations and a central station. Police Superintendent Ryder is working on plans for a central station, which may be built in connection with a central fire station if the bonds are voted. He will also build a workshop in connection with the central station and will attempt to put in force a policy of segregating juvenile offenders from the "hardened criminals."

In this central station, if it is built, will be the headquarters of the juvenile court, the matron's department, a bath house and other conveniences. "What we would like to do," said Mr. Ryder, "is to give men who are arrested and convicted in police court an opportunity to make good. We could give them work at this workshop, clean them up and perhaps get them a job, or after two or three weeks' work send them out with a little money and a little more hope."

A Paying Proposition

Commissioner Withnell and Mayor Dahlman favor the bond issue of \$100,000 because, they say, rent is being paid for fire houses now that would pay the interest on such bonds. It is Mr. Ryder's desire to have a sub-station in the north end of the city and another in the south section. Such stations, he says, would do much toward eliminating the night hawks who can work several minutes now before the officers can reach the scene of their operations from the Dodge street station. Should the \$100,000 bonds be voted, the Dodge street station, which is near the railroad tracks in a manufacturing section, would be sold. Ryder says it is not a fit place to centralize the work of the department.

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Mandamus Orders

Ure to Deliver Tax Scavenger Tax Deed

Right of a scavenger tax title buyer to a scavenger tax deed when part of the taxes against a property remain unpaid was tested by City and County Treasurer W. G. Ure before Judge A. C. Troup in the equity division of the district court, when the treasurer refused to deliver such a deed to D. C. Patterson, a tax title buyer, until he was compelled so to do by a temporary writ of mandamus. The court sustained Patterson's contention.

Under the scavenger tax law Patterson went into court with application for confirmation of a sale to him of a tract of land in Hawthorne addition at scavenger sale. The sale was confirmed and Patterson immediately called upon Ure for a scavenger tax deed to the property. The treasurer refused the deed on the ground that since Patterson's purchase of the tax title, several years ago, no taxes had been paid on the property, and for several years Patterson had permitted subsequent delinquent taxes to accumulate.

Patterson then asked for a mandamus commanding Ure to deliver the deed. Judge Troup held that the deed should be delivered because the deed itself specifies that the title is granted subject to payment of subsequent taxes, and unless Patterson pays them eventually the property will again be sold at scavenger tax sale. "I simply wanted to make a test," said Mr. Ure. "I wanted the court to rule. There was nothing personal about my refusal. I simply don't want to give scavenger tax deeds to people unless they are entitled to them, and the only way I could make sure on this point was to refuse to deliver the deed and let the court rule."

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Senator E. E. Placak of Wahoo is in the city for the day. Andy Fahy, police patrol conductor, has gone to Boston for a month's vacation. Representative Edmund B. Quackenbush, well-known Auburn lawyer and legislator, spent a part of yesterday in Omaha, departing last night for an extended trip to the Pacific coast. Fred Schroeder former councilman from the seventh ward, was passing around the cigars today. The stork visited the Schroeder home at 1114 South Twenty-seventh street last night and left a baby girl. Dr. A. W. Fitzsimmons left his automobile in front of the Brandeis building and went to his room on the fourth floor. When he returned a medicine case, containing surgical tools and medicine, had been stolen.

Effort Being Made

to Retain Valuable State Water Rights

Governor Aldrich and others, in state authority have been shown the value of Nebraska water rights, which some are seeking to have cancelled because of non-use. These rights are worth at least \$50,000,000 and a combined effort will be made to retain them. During the last few seasons there has been sufficient natural moisture in the North Platte country to insure good crops and for that reason water rights have not been used. Certain persons, seeking private benefit, propose to have the water rights cancelled. The governor and other state officials, as well as representatives of the Union Pacific, took a tour of inspection in the North Platte country this week.

Judge Permits Lad to Stay in Country

Mrs. Edna Turner's application for an order restoring to her custody of her adopted child, who for four years has been at home with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dickson, near Tekamah, was denied by Judge Leo S. Estelle in district court. The judge said while he believed Mrs. Turner was conscientious in her desire to have the child and would make every effort to give him proper care, yet he believed the boy would be better off on his farm than in the city, more or less on the streets while his mother was at work.

Public Hearing is Ordered for the New Weight Ordinance

Public hearing will be had on the "weights" ordinance prepared by the city sealer of weights and measures and the secretary of the grocers' organization before it is placed on its final passage. The ordinance was given its first and second readings before the council and referred to Mayor Dahlman, who will name the date for the public hearing. This ordinance was prepared for the purpose of compelling grocers to sell all merchandise by weight, and it fixes the scale of weights that shall be the standard. An ordinance making it a misdemeanor

for engineers to blow whistles and ring bells during the night and unnecessarily was passed. McGovern and Hummel voting in the negative. Contracts with the Independent Telephone company were ordered canceled from and after July 1, and the company

was directed to remove all its devices from the city hall free of cost to the city. The bond of the electric light company covering the new contract was referred to the legal department. This bond is for \$100,000 and is given by the National Fidelity and Casualty company. Corporation Counsel Baker rendered a

written opinion holding that the enactment of the commission form of government did not abrogate the powers of the city council over the streets and alleys and public lands, and that no streets could be used by the water board until permission had been granted by the council.

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