

NO HEADWAY IS MADE ON COUNTY ROAD QUESTION

Commissioners, Chamber of Commerce and Auto Club Scrap Over Choice of Highways to Be Paved.

Representatives of the Board of County Commissioners, Chamber of Commerce, Omaha Automobile club and civic organizations in an effort to agree upon the expenditure of \$300,000 in the construction of permanent highways within the county, in the event an election is called and this sum is authorized by a two-thirds vote of the electors of the county. When the meeting adjourned, the proposition was just where it was when the members started. The whole matter was referred back to the county commissioners.

A month ago a meeting of the county commissioners and other organizations was held. At that time it was tentatively agreed that three highways should be paved across the county from east to west, the Lincoln highway, the West Q street and the Military road, and the Washington highway from the north line of Sarpy, to the south line of Washington county.

Commissioners Substitute. In the meantime and after riding over the various roads of the county, the county commissioners on their own motion and without notifying the several organizations, substituted West Center street for the Q street road, carrying it to the west line of Douglas county, along the land of County Commissioner Compton and to the east bank of the Platte river and a point where there is no bridge over the stream, but where it is hoped that in time one will be built by Saunders county.

The up-shot of the whole matter was that the proposition of road location was rejected, and referred back to the commissioners. The question of the validity of the proposed bonds of \$300,000 was brought up by opinion presented by County Attorney Shotwell, who held that under the provisions of the existing laws, they could be voted at a special election, providing the cost of holding the election, some \$10,000 to \$12,000, was guaranteed. This sum, he asserted, would be returned in the event the bonds carried, otherwise, it would be lost by those who guaranteed it.

W. B. Cheek, chairman of the meeting, estimated that the proceeds of the bonds would pave 110 to 112 miles of roadway with a concrete base and to a width of 16 feet. The roadways, according to Chairman Cheek and members of the committee that had in charge the figuring of estimates, would include the four main arteries and a number of shorter connecting roads to north and south and between.

County Commissioner Unit and Compton asserted that they had ridden the county for the last two months and that they were thoroughly convinced that Center street, running directly west from Omaha and crossing the Platte river east of Wahoo would serve a larger proportion of the people of the county than would the Q street road and that consequently this was the reason for the change.

W. G. Whitmore of Waterloo urged that if the Center street road was the better of the two, immediate action should be taken, looking to the calling of a special election that the bonds might be voted and sold and the work of road improvement started at the earliest possible date.

H. B. Cowles, Waterloo insisted that it would be a waste of the county money to pave the proposed Center street road, for the reason that it would end at the Platte river and that there is no prospect that the stream will be bridged in the near future. The question of which road should be the first one to be paved in the event bonds are voted was discussed pro and con. It was agreed that the Lincoln highway should first have consideration and then the military road.

It was the consensus of opinion that vitrified brick should be the best wearing surface for the pavement, especially in all cases where the soil would permit of the use of this kind of material. The county commissioners will meet in the near future and determine what they will do in reference to designing the Q street road instead of the Center street as one of the highways to be paved. Their report will go to the general meeting of the various committees, after which the matter of guaranteeing the expenses of the special election will be taken up.

Sweeper Given Away. The Union Outfitting company advertised to give away on Friday a Torrington electric vacuum sweeper. Through a mistake in advertising, some of the advertisements read that the sweeper would be given away in the afternoon, and other advertisements read that it would be given away in the evening. The original coupons and box containing same stated that the sweeper would be given away at 4 o'clock, and as there was an immense crowd present at 4 o'clock, it was decided to give it away at that time. The sweeper was won by Mrs. W. M. McElhinney, 403 South Forty-second street.

Flying Circus Takes Air Monday at Noon; How to Reach Field

The flying circus will be given Monday at Ak-Sar-Ben field, Sixtieth and Center streets, at noon. Street car service will be increased on West Leavenworth and West Lawn stub to accommodate the crowds. Sixtieth street is cut through, or pedestrians may go through Elmwood park. Service on West Lawn stub is limited because the line is a one-track line.

MRS. PRESCOTT TELLS OF WORK OF ODD FELLOWS

National President of Rebekah Auxiliary Makes Principal Address at Closing Session of Centennial.

The Independent Order of Odd Fellows' Centennial celebration ended last night with a meeting, followed by a dance and reception at the city Auditorium.

Mrs. Martha Prescott, national president of the Rebekah auxiliary of the Odd fellows, was the principal speaker. Mrs. Prescott told of the admittance of women into the Odd Fellows' association, of work done by the Odd Fellows' homes throughout the United States, and of the enormous amount of work done by the Rebekahs.

At the end of her talk Mrs. Prescott was presented with a ring by Emma L. Talbot, of the Omaha executive committee, as a token of appreciation from Nebraska Odd Fellows and Rebekahs.

A letter was read from Governor McKelvie, who was unable to be present as scheduled, by Chairman Clark O'Hanlon. Past Grand Representative Hoagland, of North Platte, spoke in the governor's place. Other speakers of the evening were: A. P. Hansen, grand patriarch; Brig. Gen. W. V. Hoagland of North Platte, and Mrs. Eleanor Brailey, president of the Nebraska assembly.

The presence of Grand Sire Borst was attributed to the efforts of W. V. Hoagland, who two years ago secured a promise from the grand sire to attend the Nebraska celebration. Mr. Borst received 34 different invitations to attend Odd Fellows' centennial celebrations throughout the world. One was from Australia and another from Denmark.

At the close of his speech, Mr. Hoagland presented Grand Sire Borst with a silver loving cup in behalf of the Nebraska Odd Fellows. Decorations Beautiful. The Auditorium was beautifully decorated with palms, ferns, colored lights, and the colors of the various lodge branches. To Eleonora Smith, of Dogmar lodge No. 142, was entrusted the decoration of the huge building. So enthusiastic was Miss Smith with her work that she refused to stop to attend either the banquet held Friday night at the Athletic club, or the luncheon yesterday noon at the Commercial club.

The closing of the Odd Fellows' centennial celebration last night ended one of the busiest days in the organization's history in Nebraska. Thousands in Parade. Thousands joined in a huge parade in the afternoon, and attended the meeting at the Auditorium following the parade. The parade itself, with its three elaborate floats, and numerous bands, was one of the most remarkable of its kind seen in Omaha. Hundreds of automobiles carried the officers of the lodge, and all were dressed in full regalia. A large contingent of Odd Fellows from Council Bluffs joined the parade.

Grand Sire Borst, and National President Martha Prescott both expressed deep appreciation for the cordial reception given them by Omaha and Nebraska. They will both leave for their respective homes in the east immediately.

OBITUARY

MRS. GEORGE CLARK, wife of Fred M. Clark, 6952 Florence boulevard, died at her home, aged 48 years. Funeral services will be held Sunday afternoon at 3:30 at St. Paul and Falconer's undertaking parlors. Thirty-third and Farnam streets. Interment will be in Forest Lawn cemetery.

Jailer Lands Alleged Liquor Runner After Exciting Struggle

Sebastian Salerno, believed to be the Omaha Italian who accompanied Harry Conley, driver of the Foley Auto Delivery company's truck when it appeared at the Burlington station, Council Bluffs, late Thursday afternoon and loaded up five barrels of whisky, is in the Bluffs jail charged with resisting an officer. Salerno appeared at the county jail yesterday forenoon and asked to see Conley. Jailer Kinsell, who was with Deputy United States Marshal Fred Shoemaker when the truckload of whisky was seized and Conley arrested, immediately recognized Sebastian as the Italian who was with Conley. Salerno was still in his car and refused to get out. He quickly turned his car around and started to speed away, but Jailer Kinsell was on the running board, and a scrap was on that continued while the car zigzagged in the streets all the way around Bayliss park.

The struggle continued until the car bumped into the curb in front of the Baptist church on First avenue. Kinsell's shirt was torn off and the Italian had marks of the conflict when landed in jail. He was arraigned before Justice Baird and held under \$1,000 bond. This was furnished later by Attorney Richard Organ.

Tons and Tons of Beef Trust Put On Lively Attraction at Gayety

Billy Watson, after 37 years of making the public laugh, is at the Gayety theater this week for his farewell tour, producing the old-fashioned burlesque, "Krousemyer's Alley."

He is supported by the biggest company ever seen on an Omaha stage. There are tons and tons of chorus and principals. Kathryn Pearl admits she is the smallest in the company, tipping the scales at 170. And the rest, Oh, boy!

Billy Watson as a Yiddish clarinetist and politician keeps his audience in an uproar. His funmaking is made the more enjoyable by his "sharp" neighbor, George E. Barnes.

Beatrice Heflowe and Kathryn Pearl have good voices and feature in the musical numbers. Miss Heflowe has a pleasing specialty of Irish songs and anecdotes of the trench and camp. Rooney and Sweeney present a dancing novelty that is new and different. Beautiful stage settings and costumes make the entertainment an attractive one.

Alamito Dairy Will Give Free Milk to Try Out Penny Lunch Plan

Mrs. Lutie Stearns, who has been lecturing in different parts of the city on child welfare, announced yesterday that F. L. Kernan, manager of the Alamito Dairy company, will give \$1,000 worth of milk free for penny lunches for school children on the condition that the school board or some other civic organization donate \$3,000 to carry out the experiment in this city.

Mrs. Charlotte Townsend, head of the child welfare department of the city school, says that many school children come to school without sufficient lunch, either through ignorance or poverty of the parents. She says that some of the lunches consist of a cracker and a dill pickle. A child, she says, cannot get sufficient nourishment from this combination. It is hoped that arrangements can be made to try out the plan inaugurated in New York City, St. Louis, Milwaukee and several other large cities, of furnishing a nourishing lunch to school children for a penny each.

Lincoln Woman to Lecture at Theosophical Society

"Nature's Law of Justice" is the subject of a lecture to be delivered by Mrs. Susan Silver of Lincoln at 8:15 o'clock this evening before the Omaha Theosophical society. The meeting will be held in the rooms of the society, 201 and 202 Kennedy building, Nineteenth and Douglas streets.

Sailor Receives Commission.

David H. Bowman, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Weed, has received a commission as ensign in the United States navy, and has also been granted a 10 days' furlough. He will arrive here Monday from Pelham Bay, N. Y., to visit his parents.

MRS. BENNER DIED FROM OVERDOSE OF BICHLORIDE

Coroner's Jury Finds Woman Took Poison by Accident; Son Principal Witness at Inquest.

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ner showed indications that she had swallowed some "acidic poisoning." He said: "The woman had been accustomed to using prescribed medicine indiscriminately." Dr. J. W. Allen, who also attended Mrs. Benner, testified that the woman had swallowed poison tablets. The woman was unconscious from 11 o'clock until her death. A note written by her son Van Wyck before he left for school the morning of his mother's death was displayed at the inquest. It read: "Hansine, call Dr. Brown as soon as you get here. Mother has taken some of these tablets. They are poison. Show them to the doctor and tell him that I gave her whites of eggs and milk, making her vomit. I think it is about all out of her, although her throat is so sore she can hardly talk. I will call you later to see how things are. I have to meet a man at the Fontenelle. Will be home as soon as I can." "VAN."

Was Fine Woman.

Mr. Steinhart, who looked after her property interests, testified that he came to Omaha on a call from Dr. Brown. He was with Mrs. Benner when she died.

Myron Learned, attorney for Mrs. Benner, testified that he had had a conversation with the woman on last Tuesday and Wednesday. No testimony was offered to show that she was despondent then.

"Mrs. Benner was one of the finest women who ever lived," said J. W. Steinhart of Nebraska City, who has taken care of the vast real estate holdings of Mrs. Benner for many years.

"I have known Mrs. Benner since her early childhood," he continued. "Since the death of her mother I have been very close to her and in all of the dealings I had with her in social, as well as business matters, I have always found her to be a woman of wide scope. She was broadminded and open hearted; in fact, too open hearted."

"Van Wyck, Mrs. Benner's 15-year-old son, will go with me to Nebraska City and will be reared in my home as my own son. I will send him to the state university as soon as he is graduated from school. He is a very apt pupil. This morning I received numerous telephone calls from teachers of the Central High school, which he attended, begging me not to take him out of the school. He is one of the best students in the school, the teachers told me. I want him to grow up a real westerner, a broadminded business man, the man his mother wished him to be."

When Van Wyck Benner returned home at 6 o'clock Friday night to learn his mother had died 15 minutes before, he collapsed. "Mother dead," he cried.

The funeral services for Mrs. Benner will be held Sunday morning at 10 o'clock at the funeral parlors of Stack & Falconers. Rev. J. Frank Young of the Westminster Presbyterian church will deliver the sermon. The body will be taken to Nebraska City for burial.

Children's Health Week Is Closed With Mass Meeting

Children's Health week was formally closed in Omaha Friday night with a mass meeting at which Col. J. M. Baister, retired colonel of the United States army, presided. A recommendation from the session of Thursday afternoon, that the meeting vote on some voluntary contributions which have already been given, and others which have been pledged, was passed unanimously. It was also recommended that the clubs of Omaha follow the example of the Dundee Patriotic club, which supplied spectacles for 50 children whose parents were unable to provide them, and has also raised funds for spectacles for 150 more children. The chairman of the health committee wishes to thank each person on the program for his services, only one failing to appear, and that because of illness.

"Flying Circus" Changes

Hour of Exhibition to 12:00. The "flying circus," which is to give an exhibition in Omaha Monday, will perform airplane feats at 12 o'clock at the Ak-Sar-Ben grounds, instead of at 1:30 as first announced, according to word given out at Victory loan headquarters.

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At the instance of the Alamito Dairy Co., Miss Stearns has addressed more than half a hundred interested and appreciative audiences in Omaha during the past month and these talks at the Alamito Plant will be the last opportunities for Omaha Mothers and others interested in Child Welfare to hear this gifted woman talk.



Miss Stearns' talks will be given daily at 2:00, 3:00 and 4:00 o'clock in the afternoon and at 7:30 and 8:30 in the evening, Wednesday evening excepted.

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Threatened to Cut Wife to Ribbons; Sued for Divorce

Hattie Pearson alleges that her husband, John, threatened to "cut her to ribbons" when she tried to remove her furniture from their home, 2805 U street, last Friday. She charges in her petition for divorce filed in district court yesterday that he has treated her cruelly almost since their marriage on April 19, 1918.

She says she is afraid he will kill her, that he often choked and assaulted her, called her vile names, manifested hatred for her and threatened her. She asks a divorce, an injunction to keep him from molesting her and the restoration of her maiden name, Jellett.