

## ONLY FOUR BIDS ARE RECEIVED ON COUNTY PAVING

Commissioners Disappointed  
at Opening—Prices Range  
From \$4 to \$5.45 Per  
Square Yard for Brick.

Only four contractors bid on the first "batch" of Douglas county road paving, and even these bid on but part of the roads for which bids were advertised.

The results were a great disappointment to the county commissioners, who opened the bids yesterday.

Bids had been asked on five different projects, covering the Lincoln Highway to the Dodge county line, the Washington Highway to the Washington county line and the O-L-D road to the Sarpy county line, totalling about 25 miles. Bids were asked on brick, asphalt, concrete and bituminous paving.

Davidson & Baird bid on the Lincoln Highway work, but only for concrete, at \$4 a square yard, which would total about \$42,320 a mile. William Horrabin of Iowa City, Ia., bid on this work and on the O-L-D road at \$5.45 for brick and \$4.40 for bituminous.

The Allied Contractors, Inc., Omaha, bid \$5.25 for brick and \$4.35 for bituminous on part of the work. Hugh Murphy Construction company bid on a small part of the work at \$5.50 a square yard for brick, \$4.45 for bituminous and \$4.45 for asphalt.

The bids on brick paving would amount to approximately \$57,700 per mile. This is much higher than the county commissioners and engineers expected when the \$3,000,000 bond issue was voted to "pave 115 miles of Douglas county roads with brick." At this price the \$3,000,000 will pave only about 53 miles with brick.

State Engineer Johnson was present when the bids were opened.

## Urges Government to Use War Material to Make Signals to Mars

Bryn Mawr, Feb. 24.—Use of the government's surplus of smoke making material left over from the war in signalling Mars was suggested today by James J. Crenshaw, assistant professor of chemistry at Bryn Mawr college, who served in the chemical warfare section of the American expeditionary forces. Smoke screens hundreds of miles in width, he believes, would be more likely to be discerned by possible Martians than the geometrical designs which Sir Oliver Lodge suggested be laid out on the Sahara desert.

The government has enough smoke making material to create a tremendous screen or spot on the earth and this material can be used for no other purpose, Professor Crenshaw said. He advocated covering an area as big as the state of Pennsylvania with either black or white smoke.

Professor Crenshaw believes it would be possible to make the spot appear and disappear by regulating the flow of smoke.

## "Public Sentiment" New Weekly to Combat the Latter Day Fanatics

"Public Sentiment" is the name of a new weekly, first copies of which, it is announced, will be issued within the next two weeks by the Public Sentiment Publishing company, offices in the Patterson block.

The company, it is stated, is incorporated for \$50,000, and backed by Nebraska and Iowa business men. George H. Dadds, Omaha advertising man and former acting secretary of Ak-Sar-Ben, is announced as business manager of the new magazine and Thomas McMahon, Omaha newspaperman, as editor.

The publication will be independent in politics and national in scope, it is stated. It is an announcement of policy follows:

"Public Sentiment is dedicated to the proposition that individual liberty is worthy of conservation, and it will oppose all fanatics who would impose upon Americans legislation that tends to deprive citizens of liberties the constitution meant to perpetuate."

Civilian Witnesses to  
Be Heard In Probe of  
Florence Fire Charges

City Commissioner Zimman, superintendent of the fire department, went to Florence yesterday to obtain a list of civilian witnesses who will testify to the circumstances attending a fire that occurred early Sunday morning at the home of Dr. A. B. Adams, 8406 North Thirtieth street.

Mr. Zimman expects to give these witnesses a hearing in Florence Wednesday afternoon. This is in connection with informal charges of cowardice against members of fire company No. 24, stationed at Florence.

Automobile Row Begins to  
"Doll Up" for Annual Show

Automobile row begins to look like a great show place.

## My HEART and My HUSBAND Adele Garrison's New Phase of Revelations of a Wife

What Alice Holcombe's "Exhibits" Proved to Mudge.

For a minute after I handed the brown paper parcel back to her, Alice Holcombe sat looking intently at me. "What a dear you are!" she said earnestly at last.

"Thank you. I'll admit that, cozily," I laughed, "insist upon it if you show signs of believing something else, so we'll consider that settled. Open your parcel."

I saw that I had struck the right note with her. She, who usually dominated everyone around her, needed to be ruled and guided if she were to escape a bad nervous breakdown, or to be any help to the man she loved so faithfully.

"Oh, yes," she said nervously. "Here they all are, just as they came to me. You see, I have numbered them in the date of their coming."

She was undoing the parcel as she spoke, and in another minute I held in my hand a collection of envelopes, all addressed in typewritten characters, to "Miss Alice Holcombe, Bayview High School, Bayview."

"Anonymous letters?" I exclaimed, and my thoughts flew back to the time when I had suffered from a similar evil thing. But those were different, most business-like looking envelopes, the stamped variety which the postoffices sell, and there was no attempt at disguise of the address. They were all addressed in the same typewriter—I judged from a hasty comparison of them—and, except for the dates of mailing, they might have been duplicates.

A Clear Appeal.

The ones I had received in that never-to-be-forgotten time were bizarre-looking things, whose very appearance drew suspicion to them. But one purpose then had been to call the suspicious attention of other people to my mail. In the case of Alice Holcombe there evidently was the wish to make the outside of the envelopes look as common-place as possible.

"Not exactly," Alice replied, "but something very near it."

I drew the envelope from the envelope of the earliest date as she spoke and spread it out before me. It was an advertisement clipped from the page of a well known woman's magazine, which set forth the merits of a certain brand of tea!

The dismayed gasp of astonishment that issued from my lips was something I could have flayed myself for it the next instant. For Alice Holcombe had heard me, and her face whitened.

"Oh, do you know what it means?" she asked pitifully. "I was so in the dark, so frightened—"

"I have no more idea than you have," I retorted sharply, then I had an inspiration. "It may be exactly what it purports to be, a clever way of calling a woman's attention to this particular brand. Do you happen to know whether any other woman you know has received anything like this?"

The Cryptic Message.

I was talking the most arrant nonsense and I knew it. But didn't wish to have Alice Holcombe any more frightened than she was at that moment. I told myself sternly that I must let no hint of my own agitation appear again.

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"I haven't dared to ask," Alice replied.

"Of course, that's so," I returned in a matter-of-fact tone. "Perhaps the others will give us some clue." With fingers that required all my will power to keep from trembling, I took the other envelopes from the numbered envelopes, scrutinized them carefully and compared them with the first.

They were all cunningly devised to give the appearance of clever advertising missives. Each was an advertisement of tea, but not all of the same brand. At the last one, I felt a little chill settle around my heart. For it was an advertisement of the little packets of the special tea which I always used, and across the face of the advertisement was typewritten the message:

"Perhaps this may interest you." I pretended to scrutinize this a long time, devoutly hoping the while that Alice would not hear my heart beating or my teeth chattering, both of which things I was sure were

distinctly audible, although, of course, the thought was only born of a too-vivid imagination. But the sight of the cryptic message written across the advertisement brought before me a number of other things, each terrifying.

I think my brain must have worked for once with the rapidity of that drowning person, for I ran the gamut of recollection from the day of Milly Stockbridge's last appearance at school, when she had begged me for three of the packets of my special tea and questioned me as to its use, to the last message I had received from Kenneth Stockbridge, that message written in his jail cell which warned me to change my brand of tea and to pretend ignorance of it if any one should ask any questions concerning it.

What was it Lillian had said? "The trail of this thing lies through that poor crazy woman's tea pot." I felt the shadow of that trait very near me now.

(Continued Tomorrow.)

## Omaha Italian, 59, Dies of Pneumonia; Resident 30 Years

Joseph Minardi, 59 years old, a resident of Omaha for 30 years, died at his home, 1042 South Twenty-second street, Monday morning of pneumonia. Mr. Minardi was born in Terini-Imirese, Italy, and came to the United States 40 years ago. He was a charter member of the Omaha Italian club, an organization of Italian pioneers, and a member of the Modern Brotherhood of America.

He is survived by his widow, five daughters, Mrs. James Mancuso, Mrs. Michael J. Lynch, Mrs. Sivio Tallarico, Miss Frances Minardi and Miss Josephine Minardi; four sons, Tony P., Andrew, Salvatore and Joseph; three brothers, August,

Charles and Tony, and 20 grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at St. Anna church Friday morning at 9. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

## Municipal Hospital A Possibility; Mayor To Name a Committee

Mayor Smith will name a committee of citizens, representing different activities, for the purpose of studying and determining the needs, and recommending a feasible plan for a general municipal hospital.

City Commissioner Ringer offered the resolution for the committee in city council today. Dr. J. F. Edwards, health commissioner, favors a new municipal hospital with departments for various contagious diseases. The Chamber of Commerce already has adopted a resolution favoring the project.

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