

Acceptance of Bids on Paving Halted by Court

ward of Contracts for Work on County Roads Worth \$1,500,000 Blocked Today by Restraining Order.

A restraining order signed by District Judge Sears was served upon the Douglas county commissioners at 11 yesterday, stopping them from "accepting any bids or proposals" for the paving of approximately 32 miles of county roads. Hearing of the application for a temporary injunction was set for January 6 at 9 before Judge Sears. This will be the day after A. D. Compton, democratic commissioner, goes out of office. He will be succeeded by P. P. Stroud, republican, and a practical road builder of long experience.

Commissioners Surprised. John P. Breen, the attorney who led the successful fight of various civic organizations against awarding of large contracts for "Warrenite bitulithic" paving by the democratic commissioners last summer, is attorney in the present case. The plaintiff named in the case is Judson L. Haskin, secretary of the Omaha Automobile club. The defendants are Sophus Nebel, A. D. Compton, Thomas O'Connor, Henry S. McDonald and Charles Unitt, the five county commissioners, and Douglas county.

Commissioners seemed surprised when notified that they had been enjoined from letting the big contract. "Government by injunction. They're dying hard," said Commissioner O'Connor.

Compton Is Silent. "They think they get better results out of the next board," said Sophus Nebel.

A. D. Compton, who loses his place after January 5, said he had "nothing to say."

Charles Unitt and Henry McDonald, republicans, were gratified at the court action. Both of these fought against advertising for bids at the present time because of rapidly falling prices and the certainty of getting bids at lower figures two or three months hence.

They were outvoted, however, by the three democratic commissioners and the contracts secured on a fair way to being awarded until the restraining order was secured yesterday by united civic bodies who are behind the present movement.

Bids Show High Prices. Bids opened at noon yesterday showed prices much higher than the high prices of last spring and summer.

Four contractors submitted bids ranging from \$5.60 to \$6.46 per square yard for brick paving. The five and a half miles of this paving let on contract last spring and laid last summer on the Lincoln highway cost \$5.25 per square yard.

Prices on other kinds of paving were also much higher than last spring.

These firms submitted bids for various parts of the proposed work: Allied Contractors, Inc.; Hugh Murphy company, American Paving corporation and Bauer & Johnson company.

Des Moines Man Who Will Lead Boy Scouts



Gilbert H. Gendall, scout executive of Des Moines, who will assume the duties of executive for the Omaha council of Boy Scouts January 15 as successor to G. M. Hoyt, who has resigned to resume studies in the University of Chicago. Mr. Gendall has been scout executive in Des Moines four years. He developed an organization there of 35 scout troops and 800 scouts. His former home is Scranton, Pa. He was in boys' work with New York Y. M. C. A.'s and for three years conducted the New York City Men's camp in the Catskill mountains. For five years he was pitcher on the baseball team of the Montclair, N. J., athletic club.

Gun Found in Package for Prisoners: Youth Jailed Jack Piper, 17, Fourteenth street and Missouri avenue, was locked in the county jail yesterday under unusual circumstances.

He brought to the jail a package containing food for his pals, George Snyder, Clifton Hill and Buster Upah, held on charges of having attempted a robbery at the pawnshop of Jake Kyte, 211 South Twelfth street.

As Jack opened the package in the sheriff's office, a revolver fell to the floor and thus caused the youngster's undoing.

Omaha Commerce Body Extends 1921 Greetings

Optimistic Forecast Given by Committee for Future Prosperity of Farmers and Stockmen.

"The world has to be fed. People must buy and consume all manner of merchandise. The American farmer knows that despite worry and fear and depression the old world is going right on as it always has. It doesn't stop because conditions are not so good as they might be. Today the American farmer, exponent of bold, fearless action in the face of uncertainty, is challenging business to do business as usual."—J. C. Mohler, secretary of the Kansas state board of agriculture.

Quoting these words of a farm expert in the neighboring state of Kansas, the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, through the agricultural bureau of which H. F. McIntosh is manager, extends its New Year greeting to the farmers and stockmen of the west. After saying that the business interests realize the disadvantages and disappointment under which agriculture is laboring, the situation is thus hopefully reviewed:

Situation Not Hopeless. "It is foolish to offer agriculture the consolation that a great many other industries are similarly embarrassed. It is perfectly fair to say, however, that the agricultural situation is not hopeless and not quite as bad as some would have us believe."

"When we look about us we see many individual farmers courageously going forward with faith in the future. Some lines of agricultural production, such as dairying, are still prosperous, because of cheap feed, though their product sells on a lower price basis.

"The extraordinary corn crop with which our country is favored and which is almost wholly used in the live stock industry by farmers themselves cannot properly be regarded as a misfortune, though it sells much too low just now. Its feed value is not impaired, and it is the basis for rebuilding all our live stock industries. It also affords a 'carry over' to insure against a shortage of feed from any cause next year. This surplus of corn is vital to the permanency of animal husbandry, and a large yield of corn in all districts of our great country can but be a better thing than the partial crop

Arrest of Junk Men Leads to Probe of Metal Thefts Here

The arrests of Max Wintroub, 1332 North Nineteenth street, and Max Paperny, 4823 North Thirtieth street, junk dealers, led to an investigation of alleged thefts of thousands of dollars worth of valuable metals from the plant of the American Smelting and Refining company, according to statements of officials of the company and the police.

The discovery was made through a shipment of bismuth from a St. Louis junk dealer to the American Smelting and Refining company in Chicago, this metal having been traced to a shipment from the Omaha plant.

Wintroub stated that Paperny bought the bismuth from strangers and was innocent of any wrongdoing. A careful investigation is being made by officers of the smelter and the police, as it is believed thefts have been going on for a period of several years.

What Good Prospect. "The large amount of wheat still on hand has a present cash value which would have looked good to any farmer in pre-war times. And the growing wheat, though reduced in acreage by a small amount compared with last year, is a good prospect."

"Many stockmen, even in the range country where hardest hit, are making a brave and winning fight to keep in the game. They know that as long as population flourishes, meat will be necessary food. They, too, have faith in the future."

Banking Is Sound. "The banking and credit machinery of the people has proven in the present time of strain not only sound to the core but sympathetic with every embarrassed industry. The federal reserve system of rediscounting is ably seconded by the state guarantee of banks in extending credits and protecting depositors. This is a most encouraging aspect of the present situation and arouses hopes for an early restoration to normal business conditions, in fine contrast with former times of depression when our financial system was the first to give way and by its collapse caused financial ruin in many communities."

"The agricultural committee of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce sees a silver lining in the cloud of depression which in the early fall settled down on farming and live stock industry. We believe that prices will readjust themselves, not to war levels perhaps, but to a proper relation of production costs to market returns. There will be a legitimate and reasonable basis of profit for carrying on farming as well as every line of necessary industry."

Parents and Grandparents Contest for Boy's Custody

A spirited contest for the custody of Jack Carl Noah, 4, is being held in district court between Joseph Carl Noah and Edith Louise Noah, the boy's parents, and Henry and Lizzie E. Holbrook, the child's maternal grandparents.

The Holbrooks allege that when the child was a baby their daughter promised that if they would care for him she would never take him away. They further allege that on December 11 their daughter and son-in-law took the boy to live at 2810 Sherman avenue.

The boy lived with the grandparents for nearly four years.

Samaritans Hold Services.

A watch service, beginning at 8, will be held at the Samaritan Rescue Army headquarters, 2420 Cumings street, tonight. Refreshments will be served during the meeting.

STORE CLOSED ALL DAY NEW YEAR'S DAY SATURDAY JAN. 1st 1921 A Happy, Prosperous New Year Our Sincere Wish to Our Thousands of Friends and Patrons.



JOHN A. SWANSON, Pres. **The Nebraska** WM. L. HOLZMAN, Treas.

The "I Will" Man Says

"Buy Your New Year Suits and Overcoats FRIDAY MORNING"

"Good Bye to 1920"

THE Mightiest Clearance Sale in History will continue until every dollar's worth of this enormous stock is sold—but New Year's Day is Saturday, it means that two overwhelming days of business will come to this store FRIDAY.

Therefore, The "I Will" Man Says—"Come early FRIDAY morning if you can possibly do so. We will positively not be open Friday night after 6 o'clock. We will close all day Saturday, New Year's day—and in the name of the service we strive to render, we urge all to

SHOP EARLY FRIDAY MORNING IN AMERICA'S ORIGINAL

HALF-PRICE SALE

OUR ENTIRE ENORMOUS STOCK OF MEN'S AND YOUNG MEN'S

Suits and Overcoats

Must Be Sold — Choose as Follows:

\$45.00 Suits and Overcoats Half Price	\$22.50	\$50.00 Suits and Overcoats Half Price	\$25.00	\$60.00 Suits and Overcoats Half Price	\$30.00
\$75.00 Suits and Overcoats Half Price	\$37.50	\$80.00 Suits and Overcoats Half Price	\$40.00	\$100.00 Suits and Overcoats Half Price	\$50.00
\$30.00 Suits Half Price	\$15.00	\$35.00 Suits Half Price	\$17.50		

The cream of House of Kuppenheimer, Society Brand, Hickey-Freeman, Fashion Park, Campus Togs, Langham High and many other famous quality lines of Suits and Overcoats.

Thousands upon thousands of garments, even all blues and blacks, included. (Full Dress Tuxedo Suits and Mackinaws alone excepted) in this sale.

Included in this sale—all fur collar, fur lined or leather lined overcoats—it's clean house sale of gigantic proportions, never before known in the history of retailing men's clothing.

Special Notice

During this sale the following rules will apply:

POSITIVELY NO C. O. D.'s. NO EXCHANGES. ALL SALES FINAL.

Not more than two Suits or two Overcoats to one customer. None sold to dealers. Partial payment of one-third will be accepted and purchase held for ten days only. Deliveries by regular auto routes only. No Special Deliveries. No Exceptions to These Rules. A SMALL CHARGE FOR ALTERATIONS.

Men's \$85.00 to \$125.00	Men's \$100.00	Men's \$250.00 and \$300.00
Leather Overcoats Half-Price	Leather Lined Ulsters Half-Price	Fur Lined Overcoats Half-Price
\$32.50 to \$62.50	\$50.00	\$125.00 and \$150.00

SEE THE "I WILL" MAN'S WINDOWS TODAY.

Nebraska Clothing Co.

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Bee Shoe Fund

The Bee's Free Shoe fund closes December 31. The following additional contributions have come in: Previously reported \$1,475.83 P. P. Zimmerman 1.00 A. Friend, Grand Island, Neb. 1.00 Total \$1,477.83

FINAL CLOSING-OUT SALE Discount 25 to 50 Per cent. **M. D. FRANKS** JEWELER 201 So. 15th St. Room Vacated January 1st.

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MOTHER'S FRIEND For Expectant Mothers USED BY THREE GENERATIONS. Write for booklet on MOTHERHOOD AND BABY, FREE. REGARDED THROUGHOUT CO. DEV. S. ATLANTA, GA.

January Clearance Reductions at the Union Outfitting Co. Save 20% to 50%

Furniture, Rugs, Stoves and Draperies at Years' Lowest Prices.

With everything in Home-furnishings reduced 20% to 50% at the Union Outfitting Company, homemakers will find it profitable to take advantage of the January Reductions now being offered.

There are complete suites for your Living Room, Dining Room or Bedroom, as well as individual pieces in all the favored woods and finishes at practically any price you wish to pay. Draperies, Rugs, Stoves and Bedding are also marked at January Clearance Reductions. At the Union Outfitting Company, located Out of the High Rent District, no transaction is considered complete until the customer is fully satisfied. As always, you make your own terms. —Advertisement

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—ON—

Suits and Overcoats

For Young Men and Men

Suits and Overcoats That Sold Up to \$60.

\$25

Suits and Overcoats That Sold Up to \$85. Some Suits Have 2 Pairs of Trousers.

\$35

This is the extreme in value-giving, and the assortment are up to the standard which this store is noted for.

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