

### State Gravel Pit Is Visited in Road Probe

#### Epperson Says State Officials Got "Rake-Off"—Banker Made \$18,000 on Land Deal.

Lincoln, Neb., April 14.—(Special Telegram.)—Resumption of the state and county road probe today took the committee from Lincoln to Ashland and thence to Wahoo. The development follows: Official figures presented showed that counties in the last year had spent \$6,000,000 on county roads and \$7,500,000 on state roads for federal roads in five years. Letters from numerous county officials indicated further that taxpayers may never know how the millions paid for county and township roads were expended, because counties failed to keep records of expenditures as demanded by law.

#### Letters from Clerks.

Letters from Gosper and Oton county clerks declared there can be no comparison with the haphazard county roads and the federal aid roads.

H. D. Bishop, Washington, D. C., federal engineer, told the committee Nebraska's maintenance cost on federal aid roads compared with those of other states and if a niggardly policy of maintenance was pursued, federal aid would be lost to the state.

Charles E. Epperson, member of the probe committee and sworn enemy of federal aid roads, declared he "knew as well as he knew anything he could not prove" some state official received a "rakeoff" through purchase of a gravel pit at Ashland for \$18,000.

#### Quiz Bank Cashier.

At Epperson's request the committee went to Ashland, where it burst into the National bank of Ashland and Epperson demanded that Leou H. White, assistant cashier, face the committee in a rear room. Epperson had told no one why he wanted to go to Ashland.

White, a year before the state purchased the gravel pit, obtained an option on 160 acres of land on which the state pit is located. "I knew gravel men were buying pits and I thought it was good business to get the option," White said. Later testimony disclosed White purchased the land for \$10,000 and then sold 60 acres of it, which contained the gravel pit, to the state for \$18,000. The deal was carried out through the Ashland Realty company, now dissolved, which was operated by Ray Swanson and R. G. Tarpington. Swanson is a son of Dan Swanson, commissioner of public lands and buildings, and at present is receiver for the failed state bank at Homer.

#### Profit was \$18,000.

The remaining 100 acres, White stated, was sold to a farmer for \$10,000. The total gross profit on the 160 acres was \$18,000. However, White asserted, he was obliged to pay the realty company a good-sized commission. He willingly consented to appear before the commission in Lincoln next Friday and disclose every move in his sale of the land and the commission paid. "If you dare to say I gave a single soul a dishonest penny you are mistaken," White said. "There were hundreds of land deals in Nebraska at that time, when everything was going up, where the profits were as large."

"Yes, Mr. Epperson, and I'll bring witnesses to prove that the state in purchasing that gravel pit already has saved the full price of the pit and will in the end have three and four times its cost by having a club over the gravel trust. It forces it to sell cheaper than it would do otherwise," Johnson said. "I also will prove Friday that right now I can get the cost of the pit from gravel men."

#### Epperson Admits Prejudice.

Epperson asked Johnson if Swanson hadn't worked for him. "He never did," Johnson replied. "Maybe it was his brother," Epperson said. "Yes, a brother is working for me now, but I don't know if he did at the time of the purchase of this gravel pit," Johnson said. "I admit I am prejudiced," Epperson said.

Letters were read from state officials in every state in the union, excepting three, showing in practically every instance that centralized road building was most in favor and was giving real results in road building for the first time in the country's history.

#### Will Explain Mystery.

Johnson declared he would put a

witness on the stand to explain the mystery of missing books in his office, disclosed at the previous hearing. At that hearing, J. W. Hamilton, one of Johnson's engineers, testified he believed changes, not authorized in a field book, had been made on a Douglas county road. Hamilton said he had submitted the same charge to Thomas Allen, former United States district attorney, who had investigated it and refused to go any further.

At the time a request was made for the field book and Hamilton said he had left it at state road headquarters in Lincoln. Johnson said he had never been able to find it and also charged that he had been informed that the cement trust, angered because he led a movement against purchase of cement until it dropped in price, had put one of its employees on the state payroll to get "I think this testimony is a result," Johnson said.

#### Hamilton is gone and Johnson promises to produce a witness who saw the missing book in Hamilton's room and will testify that Hamilton sent the book to his home.

#### Itinerary for Week.

The committee, at the request of those favoring naturalization credentials will meet the following itinerary next week: Monday morning, inspect Clay county roads and Monday afternoon hold open hearing in courthouse at Clay Center, where all grievances may be aired.

Tuesday morning, inspection of Phelps county roads and hold open meeting at Holdrege to hear complaints. Wednesday, inspect state aid roads from Holdrege to Kearney to Sherman county. A public hearing of Sherman county complaints will be held Thursday afternoon. Friday the hearing will be held at Lincoln again and an invitation has been issued to all dissatisfied persons in Cherry and Holt counties to lodge their complaints Friday with the committee.

The trip from Ashland to Wahoo was over state and county aid roads. The committee "hit" from 45 to 55 miles an hour over most of the state roads, despite the fact that rain had fallen intermittently on them for a week and maintenance following the winter had hardly started.

#### Nineteen Aliens Become Citizens at Madison, Neb.

Madison, Neb., April 14.—(Special.)—Nineteen aliens were given their final naturalization credentials by Judge Welch. Of 33 applicants, 19 were admitted to citizenship. They are Frank Sobetka, German; Christian W. Volk, German; Patrick J. Prior, Irish; Frank A. Pose, German; August J. Salzwedel, German; Joseph P. Lieber, Austrian; Arnold A. Nachigall, German; Frank F. J. Krueger, German; Gustav Lobbes, German; Minof W. Spenner, German; Daniel Craven, English; Gustav Sellin, German; William Christian, German; Reint Ulert Willems, German; Ferdinand Brandenburg, German; Adam Brass, German; Frederick H. Sattler, German.

#### Nebraska Leads in Sale of Treasury Certificates

Out of seven states in the Tenth Federal Reserve bank district, Nebraska is leading in the number of treasury savings certificates sold, L. H. Earhart of the local branch of the Kansas City reserve bank, announced Thursday.

Omaha was chosen by the government as a representative city of this district in which to advertise the 4 1/2 per cent treasury savings certificates. The advantages of these certificates were advertised in Omaha newspapers. When asked for an explanation of the large sale of certificates, Mr. Earhart said: "Advertising, it pays. Moreover, the results reflect Nebraska's good financial condition."

#### Jail Sentence Suspended for Liquor Law Violator

Alliance, Neb., April 14.—Warren Lotspeich, young farmer living near Hemingford, who was convicted in county court of illegal transportation of liquor and fined \$100, was released after spending several days in jail and the fine was suspended upon payment of the costs and his promise to refrain from repeating his offense. The car in which the officers found a bottle of liquor in Lotspeich's coat and which belonged to Frank Saling, also of Hemingford, was ordered confiscated and will be sold by Sheriff Miller. Saling, who is wanted by the officers, is said to have disappeared since Lotspeich's arrest.

#### Payroll Bandit Foiled.

Granite City, Ill., April 14.—Vigilance of police and postoffice inspectors today prevented a \$53,000 payroll robbery and resulted in the arrest of a lone bandit who attempted to rob the driver of an automobile truck carrying the money to the post-office here. A shipment of \$90,000 also was to be received here today.

### Town Rocked by TNT Explosion; Nine Are Injured

#### Many Buildings Damaged by Blast in Road Construction Work—Two Men Under Arrest.

Salt Lake City, Utah, April 14.—Great excitement prevailed in Helper, Utah, tonight, as an aftermath of the explosion of one and one-half tons of TNT near there yesterday, which resulted in the injury of nine persons and damage to many buildings in the town. The explosion occurred across the Price River from Helper, where state road construction was under way and authorities expressed the opinion that failure to have the TNT properly weighed down prior to setting off was the cause of the blast. Two men employed on the road job were placed under arrest, charged with criminal negligence in the handling of explosives and their bail was set at \$1,000. Early tonight the two accused men succeeded in raising bond and were released.

#### Many Buildings Damaged.

Tons of rock literally rained upon the town and the majority of the building along the main street was damaged by falling missiles. Loun Lowery, 17, clerk in a music

store, and Paul Pesset, a barber, were the most seriously injured. Young Lowery was badly crushed when a huge boulder caved in the front of the music store, where he was at work. The lad's legs were caught beneath the wreckage and physicians said it may be necessary to amputate them.

Paul Pessett was struck on the head by rock which came through the roof of his barber shop. His skull is believed to have been fractured. There were many narrow escapes from injury, especially in the town telephone office. A hail of stone smashed into the telephone exchange, one huge boulder flying between two operators, breaking the arm of the chair in which one of the girls sat and carrying away a connection cable.

Governor Charles Mayhew late today took cognizance of the accident, telephoning the city authorities at Helper in an endeavor to ascertain if the state could be of assistance to the town. The governor was informed there was no need of outside help.

#### Men Would Oust Antelope County Road Commissioner

Neligh, Neb., April 14.—(Special.)—Harry Curtis and T. Henry Freese of near Neligh have filed with the county attorney a protest against John Ashburn of Tilden, highway commissioner of Antelope county, demanding that the attorney institute onerous proceedings.

They say Ashburn's appointment does not comply with provisions of the law creating the office, as he is supervisor of his district.

### Illegitimate Heir of Henry Lembeck Awarded \$55,000

#### Born to Cook of Wealthy Brewer and His Son After Common Law Marriage.

Jersey City, N. J., April 14.—Damages of \$55,000 were awarded to Vincent Earl Lembeck, 27, of Easton, Pa., by a jury in the Hudson county supreme court, which found that he was the illegitimate grandson of the late Henry Lembeck, millionaire brewer, and entitled to a share in the estate.

According to testimony at the trial, the plaintiff's mother, Mrs. Josephine De Carter Coughlin, was employed 30 years ago as a cook in a residence near the Lembeck mansion. She became acquainted with the brewer's son, Victor, who is alleged to have entered into a common law marriage with her. Just before the child was born, Victor pleaded with the woman not to "wreck his life." She went to Easton and raised her son, unknown to friends of the Lembeck family until the suit was filed a few months ago.

Victor's rightful widow testified that shortly before he died Victor confessed he had an illegitimate son and gave her the latter's baby clothes to keep. The mother collapsed

when the clothes were produced in court. While Victor sued for only \$25,000, the jury returned a verdict for more than twice that amount on the ground that Vincent had lived in obscurity all his life and had been deprived of rights which might have been his year ago for the asking. The suit was contested hotly by the Lembeck heirs.

#### Bigelow Calls Off Talk When Audience Falls

Pawnee City, Neb., April 14.—(Special.)—Anson H. Bigelow of Omaha, candidate for senator on the progressive ticket, was scheduled to address the voters of Pawnee county in the interests of his party and his election here. Upon arrival at the advertised time, he found only three persons in the room designated, and they were not aware that a meeting was to be held there. Bigelow did not make himself known and left town without attempting a meeting of any sort.

#### Arbor Day Proclamation Given Out by Governor

Lincoln, April 14.—Calling upon the state to observe the golden anniversary of Arbor day "in a manner befitting the occasion," and urging an intensive program of tree planting "commendable to the pride the state should feel for having inaugurated the day," Governor McKelvie, in a proclamation issued today, reviewed the inception and history of Arbor day and set aside April 22 as a day upon which "the citizens of Nebraska should particularly interest themselves in the celebration of its 50th anniversary."

### McCormack Ill; to Quit Singing Few Months

New York, April 14.—John McCormack noted tenor, who was stricken with an affection of the throat here last Saturday and whose illness became alarming Wednesday, was declared today to have passed the crisis, but will not be able to sing again for several months. Physicians attending the singer asserted the illness would not affect the quality of his voice, as the infection was above the larynx.

All concert engagements by Mr. McCormack have been cancelled, and he has given up his plan to leave May 2 for Ireland. The illness was said today to have dated back to February 5, when the tenor, while filling a concert engagement at Minneapolis, had a severe attack of laryngitis. Since that time his condition has not been good.

#### Cleanup Day Postponed.

Neligh, Neb., April 14.—(Special.)—Annual cleanup day for the city and Riverside park has been postponed on account of rain until next Tuesday. In case the weather again prevents work at the park, the Chamber of Commerce will see that the alleys in Neligh are cleaned up and all refuse carted away, at its own expense.

#### Man Accused of Lottery Promotion in Complaint

Fairbury, Neb., April 14.—(Special.)—Complaint was filed in Jefferson county court charging V. Sellers, transient, with promoting a lottery

and a scheme of chance styled a "community sale," selling tickets to merchants to be given to customers for each 25-cent purchase or cash paid on account. The complaint also charges that Sellers caused to be printed and distributed an account of a lottery and scheme of chance. Among other things advertised to be given away at the close of the sale were cash prizes of \$50, \$25 and an automobile, it is said. The complaint was signed by John C. McCaskey and Dr. F. M. Blair, members of the Fairbury welfare board.

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The Store of Specialty Shops.

A varied assortment of Petticoats and Blouses are here in many colors and styles for Easter selections.

# The Easter Fashion Parade

Saturday every woman's fancy will turn to fashion, and those who are planning to make Easter Sunday a day of happiness for herself and her family will enjoy making her selections from the "Store of Specialty Shops." Apparel which has been carefully selected by experts in their special lines is conveniently arranged for Easter shoppers.

DRESSES  
To Wear on Easter  
\$25.00

SUITS  
Made of Fine Tweed  
\$19.75

SUITS  
In Spring Colors  
\$35.00

Dresses for women who prefer exclusiveness and still do not care to pay extremely high prices. These pretty frocks have all the smartness of the high priced models and are made of such materials as taffeta, canton crepe, tulle, and point d'esprit. There are black, navy, and several styles in brown. Exceedingly good values at \$25.00.

No garment is more popular than the tweed suit for present as well as summer wear. There are so many places that one of these beautifully colored suits can be worn. They are of the finest quality tweed, splendidly tailored, mostly by hand. Formerly priced at \$25.00 and \$29.75.

Mannish materials, including tweeds, are found in this group of suits which were formerly priced up to \$59.75. They come in rose, orchid, blue, brown, as well as tan, brown, and gray mixtures, all beautifully lined with canton crepe. Excellent values at the special price of \$35.00.

Dress Shop—Second Floor

Suit Shop—Second Floor



### Easter Hosiery

Your Easter costume will depend for its success on the hosiery you select to wear with it. Many new styles have arrived in time for Easter Sunday, including pure silk hose with Mexican hand-drawn clox with hand embroidery. Some in two color clox on black, sand, beige, fawn, pearl, suede, and all other popular shoe shades. Priced from \$3.25 to \$5.75.

#### Gotham Gold Stripe Hose

A new shipment of these famous hose has just arrived to supply the Easter wants of the particular women. They are the hose that have the gold stripe at the hem line to prevent all runs from going below the hem, and the hose that are guaranteed to give satisfactory service. Priced at \$2.00 and \$3.50.

#### EASTER SPECIAL \$2.95

Some with pointed heels, others drop stitch patterns or shadow stripes. They are full fashioned and many are pure silk to the top. There is black, white, and brown, gray and nude in the lot.

Hose Shop—Main Floor

#### COATS CAPES DRESSES

for the girls and little women

The last call for Easter is being sounded and we have planned accordingly. Special selections of fabrics in colorings and styles which will be becoming to the girls and little women.

THE COATS AND CAPES are in plain and novelty fabrics in all the new shades. Sizes 7 to 17. Your selection will be easy here Saturday. Priced from \$9.75 to \$47.50.

THE DRESSES are of unusual interest, and the many smart models that have just arrived in pongee, shantung, taffeta, jollette, and canton crepe, are mostly one of a kind models. Colors include all the season's new shades. Prices range from \$8.75 to \$29.75.

Girls' Shop—Second Floor



Select Your  
Easter Hats  
Here Saturday from These Two Groups at  
\$7.50 and \$12.50

THEY are all here, whether it be a confection of prettiness, or a distinctive hat for theater or evening, or perhaps a smart hat for sports wear—our Easter showing is complete.

We have chosen from the season's most attractive styles and have them all in readiness for Easter Sunday—a type to suit each fancy—hats that give just the right effect to the new Spring outfit in color and style.

If you have put off buying your Easter hat until Saturday, you need have no fear that you will be disappointed in not finding what you want—it is here and at a price that will fit your pocketbook.

Come as early in the morning as possible, in order to receive better attention.

#### TAILORED SAILORS \$1.98

A new shipment of tailored sailors in navy, brown, and black, have been received for Saturday's selling, and they are among the best values we have been able to offer this season. Just the thing to wear with the sport clothes so popular this season.

Hat Shop—Second Floor

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If you have any of the symptoms of nerve force exhaustion, you should at once take steps to enrich your blood. This can be quickly and most effectively accomplished by the free use of Nuxated Iron, which not only increases the activity of the blood making organs, but feeds true red blood food directly to the blood itself and thereby helps to create millions of new red blood cells. The discovery of organic iron as contained in Nuxated Iron is one of the most valuable red blood making scientific discoveries since the creation of modern medical science, and its effect in helping to create new nerve force and revitalize worn-out, exhausted nerve cells is sometimes most amazing. Try Nuxated Iron for two weeks and if at the end of that time you have not obtained all the greater benefits than you expect, the manufacturers will promptly refund your money.

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Blouse Shop—Main Floor

