

Probe Body Will Get Testimony on Sand Pit Deal

All Persons Connected With Affair Will Be Subpoenaed—State Tour Will Start Today.

Lincoln, April 15.—(Special)—The meeting of the committee appointed by the legislature to probe relative cost of state and county roads was short today, on the eve of its four-day trip into the state at the invitation of dissatisfied county commissioners.

Charles H. Epperson, enemy of federal aid roads, who declared yesterday that some state official received a "rakeoff" in the purchase of a sand pit at Ashland by the state for \$18,000, issued a statement saying that he did not believe George Johnson, state engineer, or Dan Swanson, commissioner of public lands and buildings, were guilty of receiving any part of the loot he claimed was obtained through the deal.

Knew of Plans.
"I do believe some official either in the state highway department or some state department knew the state contemplated purchasing a sand pit and tipped the fact off to land speculators, who got busy in getting an option on the Ashland pit," Epperson said.

Johnson told the committee today that if any member wasn't satisfied he would subpoena every person connected with the deal to appear before the committee Friday, when it returns from the state trip. "It was Dr. G. E. Condra who came to me, told me that there were only a few sand pits left in the state and asked me if I believed it wouldn't be good business to buy one," Johnson said. "Then I got busy and when I arrived I found someone had an option on the land. However, I will get witnesses to testify the state had more than a right to the price of the pit by forcing gravel men to sell cheaper and that right now the state can get as much as it not more than we paid for the pit."

Epperson Not Satisfied.
"However, I know that nothing that we can do will ever satisfy Mr. Epperson."
"No," replied Epperson, "I can't be satisfied."

The committee decided to subpoena everyone connected with the deal. S. C. Roberts, a road man in the state department of public works, and A. D. Sears, chairman of a sub road contractor, went before the committee and testified that the day following the appearance of T. W. Hamilton, an assistant state engineer, before the committee, Hamilton returned to Lynch, Neb., where he was working, and received a registered package which contained field books numbered "Project No. 20." These books were unwrapped before them, they testified.

Mailed From State.
"I saw Hamilton unwrap them and mail them out of the state," Roberts said.

Hamilton appeared before the committee and testified that while he was supervising work on "Project No. 20," Douglas county, he saw the sub-contractor make less excavations than field notes called for. When asked for the field books, Hamilton said he turned them in to Johnson's office and Johnson said he couldn't find them.

The committee leaves at 2 Sunday afternoon for Hastings, spending the night there and then goes to Clay Center.

K. C. "Jitney" Ban Held Valid
Kansas City, April 15.—A city ordinance prohibiting the operation of "jitneys" without the written consent of 50 per cent of the property owners along the route was declared valid by an order of Circuit Judge Nelson E. Johnson. The city today held a permanent injunction against jitney men, which suspended operations of the latter. A petition to enjoin the city from enforcing the ordinance was dismissed.

Married 60 Years



Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McKie.

Fairbury, Neb., April 15.—(Special)—Mr. and Mrs. Samuel McKie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary at their home here.

U. S. Has "Broken Back" of Famine

Easter Message From American Relief Head in Russia Says 8,000,000 Fed.

London, April 15.—(By A. P.)—"America has broken the back of the biggest famine in the world's history," was the Easter message sent to America today by Walter Lyman Brown, European director of the American relief administration. His statement was based on dispatches just received in London from the famine districts of Russia.

"We have not reached the end of our troubles," said Mr. Brown, "but have successfully initiated a program for feeding four times as many people as the American army had in France at the zenith."

While the feeding of 5,000,000 Russian adult famine sufferers is being initiated, the number of children being fed has reached 2,000,000. Mr. Brown's figures show, and is constantly increasing. The child feeding goal aimed at is 3,000,000, exclusive of the Ukraine, where a new program is contemplated. There is no parallel in history for the task America has undertaken in the valley of the Volga, according to Mr. Brown.

Postal Examinations.

Washington, April 15.—(Special Telegram)—The civil service commission announces that examinations will be held on May 12 for presidential postoffice at following places in Nebraska and salary they will receive: Blue Hill, \$1,700; Bill, \$1,000; Lincoln, \$1,100; Nelso, \$1,100; Wilcox, \$1,200.

RADIO DEPARTMENT

Use of Electric Wire Dangerous

Wrong Connection May Wreck Radio Set or Set Fire to House.

Novel ideas in radio are being discovered every day. Some tend to hamper the clear tones coming over the receiving sets, according to F. D. Pearne of Chicago, an expert on radio.

Probably the worst hazard in radio is the use of electric light wires for aerials, experts say. As far as the scheme is concerned, it will work satisfactorily but it does not meet with the approval of electric light companies or fire underwriters, and the temptation to save labor in the construction of an aerial is likely to cause amateurs to experiment with dangerous results.

May Run Set.
The most convenient place for a connection of the radio set to the electric light wires would be in a light socket; but, the plug may be inserted wrongly, that is, the ground of the radio set may be attached to the "hot" side of the circuit. Then,

blood! The result might not only mean ruination of the set but probably a bad fire also. In the second place, it is against the law to connect anything with the electric light wires without the consent of the power company.

Concert by Radio

A Westinghouse R. C. receiving set that has been installed on the fifth floor of Orchard Wilhelm Furniture company will transmit a musical concert from the air to an audience beginning at 2:30 this afternoon, Monday and Tuesday afternoons. H. H. Thew, radio expert, has attached a Magnavox to the set to amplify the music as it comes in.

QUESTIONS ANSWERED.
Anyone desiring information about radio and its parts may send their questions to the Radio Editor of The Bee. We will run in a Radio Exchange column at the usual want ad rate.

LISTENING IN

Several hundred German-made radio receivers have reached this country and are in the process of assembling.

Have you protected your aerial from lightning yet? This and the

following months are ones in which thunderstorms are very frequent. If the aerial is not grounded it might accumulate a dangerous charge of electricity. The aerial can be protected by a lightning switch or, better yet, the more recent vacuum tube protector.

A rubber mat placed under the storage battery will save the carpet from acid which might seep down the sides of the jars or spill over when they are moved.

Farm Hand Seriously Hurt When Bridge Collapses

Pisgah, Ia., April 15.—A bridge, weakened by rains, collapsed when Elmer Lizar, farm hand, employed near Pisgah, drove cattle over it today. Lizar had an eye torn out and he was so badly injured that he is not expected to live. Eight head of cattle and the horse which Lizar was riding, were killed in the collapse.

Anti-Cigaret Drive.

Washington, April 15.—The National Anti-Cigaret League will conduct a "national clean life week" here, April 23 to 30. It was announced today. Dr. D. S. Kress, president of the organization, in a statement urged observance of the program declared "we need a general clean up of human lives in order to get rid of the contaminating refuse from indulgence in bad habits that defile the blood, lower vital resistance and undermine moral standards."

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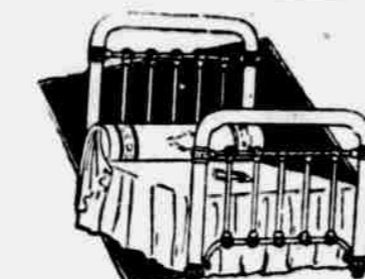
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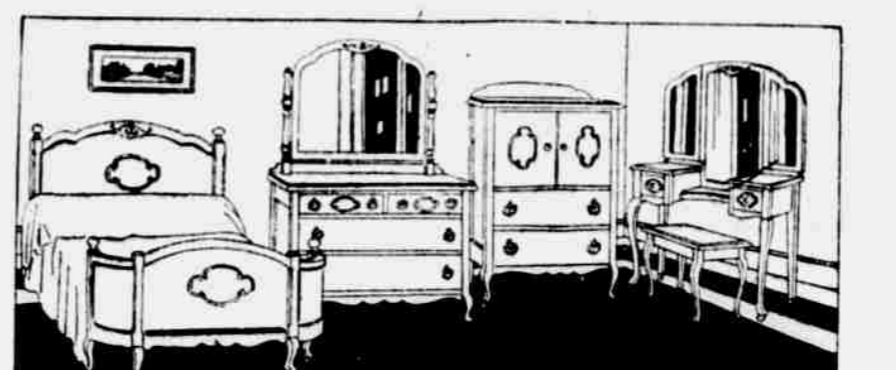
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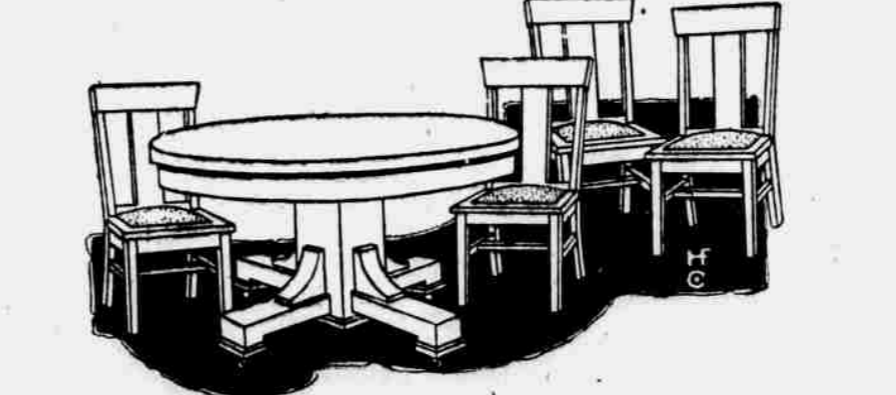
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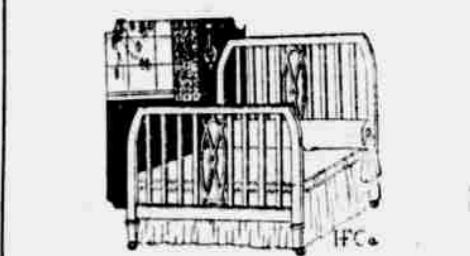
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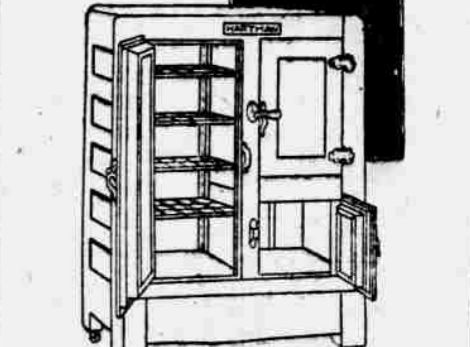
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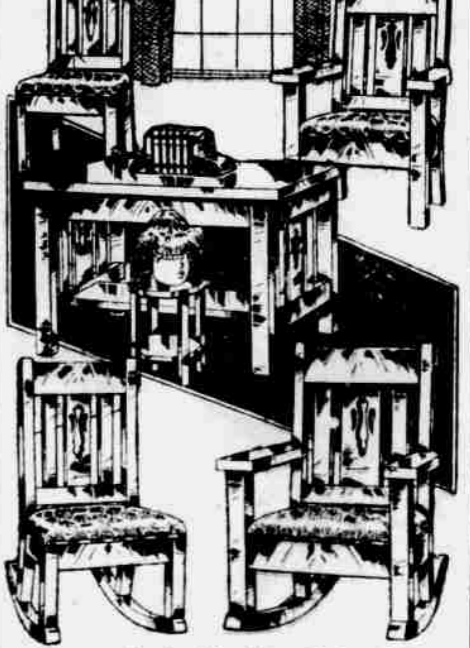
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Lincoln highway: Good to Fair Valley to Fremont; rough at Schuyler; Columbia just fairly good; Central city fair; Grand Island roads fair to good.
O. L. D. highway: Roads good to Lincoln and west.
Highland Cut-off: Roads rough.
E. T. A.: Fair to good.
O Street road: Good.
Omaha-Topeka highway: Good to state line.
Cornhusker highway: Roads fair to good.
George Washington highway: Roads good. This is the preferable route to Sioux City at the present time.
Black Hills Trail: Good to Norfolk.
King of Trails, north: Roads good to Missouri Valley. Rough north to Sioux City.
King of Trails, south: Roads good to Misawa.
Custer Battlefield highway: Roads good to Missouri Valley; rough north through Iowa. Possible now in South Dakota.
River to River road: Road work two miles out of Council Bluffs. Detour in just fair shape. Roads good to Des Moines. East of Des Moines and Iowa City reports roads still bad, but improving with good weather.
White Pole road: Roads good to Des Moines, with exception of stretch to Olan, which is under road work. East of Des Moines, roads bad.
T. C. A. Shortline: Good.
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