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SOME COGITATIONS ANENT FOREST CITY ROADS

It is reported that the material in the old "Eidam" bridge has been sold for \$8.00, whereas The Press is credibly informed that a bid was made for the structure, in writing, of \$15.00.

It is in order for the parties making this claim to furnish The Press with a detailed statement of the facts in the case, for the proper enlightenment of the public.

But even so, will that be of any assistance in restoring the "Eidam" bridge, or otherwise taking care of our river front?

That is the question that concerns The Press!

Somebody's attention needs to be called to the fact, or else feet and eyes directed to it, that Forest City has a mud hole on the road south of town, leading to Pierre, which is fed by a spring, located but a short distance from the road. This mudhole needs a culvert, and a little work done on it, if ever any place needed it. The Press would have sent this NOTICE to our Hon. Board of County Commissioners but for the fact that there is more work of a similar nature needed in this township, and we do not think the commissioners have any authority to expend county road or other funds in improving the Missouri river, or making city property valuable for town-site speculators, especially for such fellows as the Forest City Town Site Company, whose president and secretary at last accounts reside in New York City, and wink their eyes every time they get reports of a rain in these diggin's.

There are a few people howling in this country at the present time about "Preparedness"—a word like "Pork Barrel", by the way, which covers a multitude of sins and shortcomings of our National Congress; but "Congress" is made up of Big Congressmen and little Congressmen—no use talking about reforming Congress or getting rid of "Pork Barrel" until you turn the little Congressmen out and also a few of the Big Congressmen, who should be dubbed RASCALS.

Any milder term would only be like water on a duck's back!

There are some who aint howling—they are for "Preparedness" all right enough. Then there are others who are for "Preparedness"—in the other fellow. There are some examples of the latter class living on the highway between Forest City and Gettysburg, two "ambitious" towns on the Red and Yellow Trail—if you know where that is. Not over a very few rods from a certain farm house on this trail there are three "chuck holes" on the edge of two small sized plank culverts. This condition has existed for nearly a year, and still the holes are there. We will bet a pickayune that the farmer occupying said residence could fill up said chuckholes in less than a half days time; but why should The Press make a kick about that? We will proceed to turn our guns on some leading people in Forest City, who are also for "Preparedness"—when somebody else does the work.

Of course, our County Commissioners owe Forest City twp a cer-

tain proportion of road money out of the taxes we pay. Well, why dont the fellows who say they aint getting it, tell us how much of it we are NOT getting, if they are so expert at figures. The Press' bookkeeper will try to figure it out some of these days for these "wise guys"; but we promise them that Christmas will be here first, for "dont cher know", and another Christmas, too, because, we aint going to take him off of the task of demonstrating to Ye Editor how to get rich in a town where the leading citizens are all for "Preparedness"—where the other fellow does the work, and **ADVERTISING!**

It is a noticeable fact that the Agency authorities have done some good work on the Red and Yellow Trail, commencing at the ferryboat landing and extending far out on the road to LaPlant. There is not a single bad spot now on the Trail thru the Agency. Just why the same thing is not duplicated on this side of the river, The Press would like to have somebody explain. Of course "Uncle Sam" is rich, and the Agency people dont have to be taxed to do the improving mentioned; but it is up to Forest City to try; there is such a thing as a committee on "Ways and Means" doing something to make a beginning, even when there are no funds in sight.

The validity of the petitions for a vote on the license question at Hoven and Tolstoy has been attacked by Rev. N. P. Johnson of the Gettysburg Methodist church. The cases are being brought in the name of the state, by States Attorney Flickenger. Judge Bottum was at Gettysburg last week to hear the cases. The judge found that the petitions were not sufficient and ordered the saloons in the two towns to close their doors July 1st, when Potter County will be without a saloon within its borders.

Commissioner Chas. McCaffree, of the State Bureau of Immigration, has our thanks for a copy of the latest official map of South Dakota, showing also the leading automobile trails, including our own "Red and Yellow," from Watertown to Belle Fourche and the Black Hills. As we understand it, these maps can be had by the readers of The Press or others on application to the Commissioner, free of cost, and we would advise our readers to get a few and send them to acquaintances in the east.

Thorvald Jordeth and J. M. Brown arrived in town last Wednesday for a trip out on the reservation. Mr Brown's home is in Greensboro, North Carolina. This is Mr Brown's first visit to Forest City.

Notice of Bids for Fire Guards

Scaled bids will be received by the undersigned for the plowing of fire guards in the following townships, on the dates and at the places mentioned below:

I will be at the Rausch schoolhouse in Artichoke township at 10 o'clock a. m., June 26, 1916; at the Herrick schoolhouse in Owatonna township at 2 o'clock p. m., June 26, 1916; at the Hewitt schoolhouse in Elida township at 10 o'clock a. m., June 27, 1916; at schoolhouse No. 2, in Cunningham township at 2 o'clock p. m., June 27, 1916.

This fire guard is to be eleven (11) feet wide in all places and plowed to a good reasonable depth.

The right to reject any and all bids is reserved.

Henry Rausch,
Commissioner 3rd District.

DISTINGUISHED VISITORS

Come to Forest City Enroute to the Pacific Coast

The citizens of Forest City were pleasantly surprised and entertained last Friday evening by the arrival of a big Cadillac "8" auto from Chicago, containing the following-named persons: Mrs. P. H. Joyce, Miss Lucile Blackburn, Mr. Ed. Joyce, and Mr. Fred DeVoe, Mr. Joyce being a brother-in-law of Mrs. Joyce.

Mrs. Joyce proved to be the former Miss Berta Shaw, whose parents were among the original settlers of Forest City thirtythree years ago, her father being one of the officers of the first townsite company. The residence the family occupied is still standing on the banks of the Little Cheyenne, being now owned by Mrs. J. W. A. Collins of Gettysburg. The party was entertained over night by the Gates House and Mrs. L. Oliver, respectively, and Saturday noon by Mr. H. J. Eidam and family, after which they started again on their westward journey.

Saturday forenoon the party made a trip to the "old townsite," accompanied by Mr and Mrs Eidam, Miss Violet and Jay, where Mrs. Joyce spent most of her early days as a school girl, going on up the river to visit Messrs. C. F. Swift and Frank Reisen, both of whom were acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Shaw, now deceased.

The party started from Chicago on the previous Monday morning, spending a day and a half at the Twin Cities, from which place they took the Yellowstone Trail. At Granite Falls they took the Red and Yellow Trail, which brought them thru Watertown, Redfield and Gettysburg. From here they went to Faith, where they intended to take the auto trail north to Lemmon, thence westward on the Yellowstone Trail. The object of the trip is to visit the coast and other famous places enroute, as Yellowstone and Glacier Parks, Puget Sound, Portland etc. They are to return by way of San Francisco, Salt Lake, Denver, Omaha and Des Moines.

The party were well provided with a camping outfit, tho this was intended only for emergencies. They expressed themselves as greatly enjoying the trip so far, and stated that the Red and Yellow Trail was one of the best that they had traveled over.

Geo Young and Ed Scheckle were pleasant visitors at The Press office yesterday. They are now holding down positions on Ed Sutton's ranch.

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3,000 " 2x10 same length
3,000 " 2x8 12-14-16-18
3,000 " 2x6 12 ft
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