

CEMENT SHOW IS BROUGHT TO CLOSE

Dr. G. E. Condra Delivers Discussion on "Coarse Aggregates" Before Convention.

BOOST FOR GOOD ROADS

The Midwest Cement show is a matter of history. That is, the 1917 show is history. Of course, there will be one in 1918. At 9 o'clock last night the voting in the contest for the cement house to be given away officially closed, and the show closed soon after.

Dr. George E. Condra of the University of Nebraska opened the program at the convention of the Midwest Cement Users' association at the Hotel Rome Saturday, with a discussion on "Coarse Aggregates," in which he dealt as a geologist with the various crushed rock materials that go to the making of substantial concrete.

Fercy Wells of Omaha, president of the George Washington National highway association, talked on the progress the Lincoln Highway is making. T. H. Johnson, city engineer of Sioux City, talked on concrete roads and the experience Sioux City has had with them, and J. B. Marcellus of Kansas City spoke of concrete roads and their superiority to any other road that can be built.

S. E. Searle of Omaha, one of Nebraska's constant road boosters, spoke on the economic value of good roads to a community or state; George Walt of Fremont, consul of the Lincoln Highway association, talked on the progress the Lincoln Highway is making.

DEPOSITS GROWING, REPORTS INDICATE

Loans and Discounts Increase Only Third as Fast as Deposits.

WHAT THE REPORT SHOWS

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 10.—(Special.)—Deposits in the 846 State banks of Nebraska have increased \$26,064,272.44 since the last report made November 17, 1916, according to the report of the condition of these banks issued by the State Banking board today.

Resources.	
Loans and discounts	\$142,341,701.12
Overdrafts	1,021,948.92
Bonds, securities, claims, etc.	2,459,622.39
Due from National and State banks	55,511,942.13
Furniture and fixtures	5,129,134.91
Other real estate	618,299.84
Current expenses, taxes and interest paid	1,432,641.82
Cash items not to be included in estimating reserve	117,871.91
Cash	7,194,124.18
Total	\$220,157,249.10

Railway Mail Clerks Chaff Under the Hardships of Rules

(Continued from First Page.) On the road are entitled to \$1,500 per annum after eight years of service, while the terminal men are only rated up to \$1,200 per year. The policy is to take clerks from road duty, place them in terminals and reduce their salaries. What a prospect for a clerk to face, when after years of faithful service, after reaching the maximum salary, he is arbitrarily reduced.

Greater Strain. Now to the crowning triumph of old man Economy. Ever since the establishment of the railway mail service the fact has been recognized that a man compelled to work on a moving train was under a great physical strain. All railroads recognize this fact and make allowance for it. The average postal clerk was compelled to put in as much, and quite often more, time than a trainman. Now when a railroad man comes off his run the time off is his own to do as he pleases. Not so the postal clerk. He is owned, body and soul, by the department, who make the claim that all of his time must be made subject to its pleasure.

Besides the road duty, the clerk is compelled to make two examinations a year, has to memorize from 1,500 to 2,000 offices, has to keep all schemes and schedules corrected, must memorize a cute little book called the black book, containing

ing rules and regulations (he has to memorize this complete, as each year he is compelled to answer seventy questions taken at random out of it); must prepare slips for his distribution (this last item alone requires at least thirty minutes daily), and is always subject to call for extra duty, without pay. The department heretofore has always recognized this fact and has made an allowance of two hours a day for this work, not an excessive allowance by any means.

Demand More Time. It has been the custom to demand from a clerk at least six and no more than six hours and thirty minutes actual road duty. This is really more time than conductors or brakemen on passenger trains put in, with no study or preparation for road duty at home. But now orders have been issued by which clerks on the road are forced to put in from six hours and fifty minutes to eight hours and fifteen minutes actual road duty, on an average of about seven hours and thirty minutes daily.

By this crowning, slave-driving method, there will be about thirty-four clerks withdrawn from the road and put in terminals to be reduced, or they can have the choice of moving to some other division. The majority of these clerks either own their homes here in this city, or else are paying for them, and if compelled to move must sacrifice a good deal, besides paying their own expenses of moving.

Now, Mr. Editor, and you, Mr. Businessman, is when we need your support to have this inhuman plan revoked. No private corporation would have the audacity to force its employes to accept conditions of this kind. The method employed here savors very much of conditions down south "befoh de wah."

POSTAL CLERK.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

James Nickerson, deputy United States marshal, returned Saturday from Kansas, Mo., where he was during the sickness and death of his aged mother. She was buried in Topeka, Mo.

Reisner Takes Mild Shot at Lobbying By the Governor

(From a Staff Correspondent.) Lincoln, March 10.—(Special.)

"Whenever the governor of the state of Nebraska comes on to the floor of this house and lobbies for any bill, as he did the other day, it is 'Governor's Day,' and when he does that I want the member of this house to understand that it will also be 'Reisner's Day.'"

These were the words of Representative Reisner of Thomas county this morning, when, speaking on a question of privilege, he addressed the house covering the episode of last Wednesday, when he spoke seventeen times during the morning session.

Calling attention to the newspaper accounts of the matter, and especially to a lengthy account in a Lincoln paper, Mr. Reisner said: "If the newspapers think they can have any fun with me in this session, they are at perfect liberty to do so. The newspaper boys are fine bunch of fellows and I like them all, and they can go ahead and have all the fun they want. One newspaper says that the legislature was 'kidding' me that day. Well, you can do that if you want to, and it is all right, and if you can get any fun out of it you are welcome to it. But I want you to understand that I am being paid \$10 a day to come here and assist in doing business for the state of Nebraska, and whenever I can be recognized by the chair I propose to speak upon any measure which I think affects the state, and try at least to represent the people who sent me here."

"Whenever there is business to be transacted, I think you will admit that I am generally in my seat and doing my best to have business done. The newspapers refer to the Wednesday matter as being 'Reisner Day.' I simply want to say that whenever the governor of Nebraska comes on the floor of this house lobbying for any bill it is 'Governor's Day' and it will also be 'Reisner's Day.'"

When the Thomas county member took his seat he was greeted with long and vociferous hand clapping as a reward for his remarks.

Former Ord Farmer Dies. Ord, Neb., March 10.—(Special Telegram.)—Joseph Vopat died on the doorstep of the home of Ed F. Berauek about noon today. Apparently he arrived in Ord on a morning train. He has a son and daughter, Frank Vopat and Mrs. M. F. Crosby, living here. For three weeks he had been in a Lincoln hospital taking treatment, but his home was in Canada. Mr. Vopat was a farmer near Ord until ten years ago.

British Guns Give Germans No Rest Night or Day, Rain or Sun

Soldiers of the Kaiser Believe Ruthless U-Boat Operations Will Soon End the War.

DO NOT KNOW OF RUPTURE

(Correspondence of The Associated Press.) British Headquarters in France, March 9.—(Via London.)—Blizzards conditions have prevailed on the western front for two days, holding the military operations within a very small compass. Coming after a ten days' thaw and the apparent approach of an early spring, the renewed cold has been keenly felt.

The howling March gales, accompanied by heavy snowfalls, have interfered with nearly every phase of modern warfare activity, except the persistent roar of the British guns, which fire continuously, day and night, regardless of weather, hurling death, destruction and confusion behind the enemy's lines.

They "search out" roads, pound communication lines to cut off supplies, "pay attention" to places where reliefs are likely to take place and otherwise harass the Germans, with scarcely a moment's respite. It is increasingly evident that in carrying out their retirement in the Arras and Somme areas the Germans sacrificed large numbers of their very best soldiers. Carefully selected from various regiments, they were given certain posts, with instructions to hold them against all odds, a majority of them having no idea whatever that they were fighting a rear guard action. Prisoners taken represent the highest type of the German army.

It was not until their repeated "S. O. S." rocket signals for artillery assistance went completely unanswered that these men suspected the position in which they had been placed—that they formed a sacrificial screen covering the retreat of the main body of their comrades. The prisoners still profess belief in a German victory, frankly saying that they base their confidence largely in Germany's submarine campaign, which they and all the rest of the army have been told is sure to bring peace within three months. Letters found on prisoners and dead men also show the extent to which the promise of victory through unrestricted submarine warfare has been

J. D. MURPHY WOULD CLEAN 'EM ALL OUT

Mayor's Nemesis Files Suit Against City Commissioners, Alleging Fraud Deal.

DAHLMAN IS NAMED, ALSO

Enter James D. Murphy, citizen of Omaha, militant taxpayer, enjoiner of Mayor Dahlman et al and self-appointed guardian of the public treasury.

In an ex rel suit filed in district court Saturday Mr. Murphy sues all the city commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner Butler, and Mayor Dahlman and their bondsmen to recover \$13,716.67, which amount, he says, was "wrongfully and fraudulently" spent in buying two autos and paying for their upkeep and chauffeur since 1912. He also asks the court that the commissioners and the mayor be removed from office if his charges against them are sustained.

Mr. Murphy files his suit "as a taxpayer in behalf of the city of Omaha," the same way he prefaced his recent suit against Mayor Dahlman which resulted in the court handing down a permanent injunction restraining the mayor from using city autos for private business.

Some Auto History. Mr. Murphy states in his petition that the city commissioners and the mayor "wrongfully and fraudulently appropriated" funds for the purchase of an auto in 1912. He alleges that they bought a new car in 1916 and the combined cost of the two machines, plus their upkeep charges and the \$5,846.42 as chauffeur's salary for the four years, amounts to \$13,716.67, the amount he asks in his suit.

The petitioner brands the auto deals "perpetration of public wrong," "gross extravagance" and "wanton and unlawful squandering" of the city's money. Mr. Murphy explodes another bomb by his suit. He states that on December 2, 1916, he served notice on City Attorney Rine to bring suit against the city commissioners to recover the money. He alleges that Rine, "in violation of his oath of office," refused to bring any action. Mr. Murphy, therefore, asks the removal of Mr. Rine from office.

Harford Memorial, Lothrop and Nineteenth, E. L. Reese, Pastor—Sunday school, 10. At 11, "Broken Chains or Awake to Freedom." At 7:20, "Blessings From Harvest." At 6:30, Christian Endeavor.

Soldiers' Home Notes

Grand Island, Neb., March 10.—(Special.) Daniel Patton, late of Company L, Sixth Missouri cavalry, passed away Thursday morning at 6:10 o'clock at the West hospital after an illness of pneumonia. He was admitted August 26, 1910, from Furnas county, and at that time was 44 years of age. He was a native of Alabama. Reports arrived from the residence of ex-Commandant Zimmerman at Lexington, Neb., that he is recovering nicely from his accident of two weeks ago. Mrs. M. Nesbit has requested a sixty-day leave of absence. C. H. Cope has taken a sixty-day furlough. W. H. Fleming of Beaver City is visiting at the West hospital with his father-in-law, Dan Patton, who is very low, suffering with pneumonia. Mary Bishop of Broken Bow, formerly a member of the home, came from Newton, Kan., on Tuesday, where she had been visiting her son. She was readmitted and assigned to rooms in the main building. She is 87 years of age and stood the trip exceedingly well. Mrs. M. J. Wolfe, Mrs. M. Ball, H. C. Wisman, Mrs. D. Wallace and Henry Wayden have returned from California.

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