

STATE ROCK ROAD IS PLANNED; COVER 400 MILES OF TERRITORY

**BILL WILL BE PRESENTED TO
SESSION OF LEGISLATURE
NOW IN SESSION.**

**Counties May Use Prisoners on the
Roads—New Road to Connect
State Institutions—Original
Plan Will Include Use
of Convicts.**

Topeka, Kan.—A rock road that will cover nearly every section of Kansas, built in a network of paved highways from one state institution to another, is the plan that will be explained soon to the state senate. A bill will be introduced calling for convict labor on this road, and an authority for counties and townships donating money and jail labor in the interest of connecting highways. If the legislature approves the Milton plan as outlined, it will give Kansas the greatest system of permanent roads of any state in the west.

It is furthermore proposed that the counties in other sections of the state be encouraged in the proposition by legislated power to place their prisoners on the highways. He believes that within five or six years the state will be covered by solid stone ribbed mudless thoroughfares.

The state-built road—a highway constructed by convicts from the penitentiary would cover from 300 to 400 miles of territory. No preliminary estimate of the cost has been made.

Here is the proposed route for the rock roads through Kansas from one state institution to another:

Lansing to Kansas City, Kansas, thence to Kansas University at Lawrence, west to Topeka and northwest to Manhattan. From Manhattan it would lead straight west to Hays City in Ellis county and northeast to Beloit with a probable connection again with Manhattan.

Another route would lead from Kansas City, Kansas, to the state hospital at Rosedale, thence to Olathe, Oswanton, and south to Parsons and Pittsburg.

From Topeka would start still another highway southwest to Emporia, on to Newton into Hutchinson, straight west to Larned, southwest to Dodge City. A connection either at Larned or Hutchinson would bring the road into Ellsworth with a possible second link at Hays City.

Wichita would be given a line from Newton directly south and on down to Winfield. A road from Winfield to Pittsburg through the larger towns of the southern tier of counties would serve this part of the state. A strip from Lansing to Atchison would handle this territory.

The main road mentioned would be built by three hundred state convicts with modern road building machinery. It would be supervised by state drainage and road experts. The counties through which the road ran would pay for the material and the townships would pay for the cost of hauling this material to the ground. The construction work of the greatest part of the saving in expense would be done by the state.

Later the county seats and larger towns could build connecting roads with county jail labor.

The plan is supported ardently by enthusiastic road builders in the state.

Arm Cut Off in Buzz Saw.

Wilson, Kan.—Charles Branda's arm was cut off in a buzz saw when he slipped and fell on the saw while it was in motion. The accident occurred on his farm near here.

Big Profits on Farm Sales.

Smith Center, Kan.—A half section that changed hands near Athol a few days ago and brought \$73 an acre, could have been bought for \$50 less than three years ago. Another instance is that of the Eli McCorkle eighty near Bellaire that sold this week for \$60 an acre. Two years ago Mr. McCorkle bought the land for \$40 an acre. To add to his selling profit he netted \$2,500 from crops in the two years he held it.

Burglar Gets Ten Years.

Leavenworth, Kan.—In the district court here Frank Norris pleaded guilty to holding up C. A. Hoar, Union Pacific agent at Linwood, on the evening of December 18. He was sentenced to serve a term of not less than ten or more than twenty years in the Kansas state penitentiary. Since his incarceration here it has been learned that Norris, under the name of Joseph Smith, served three years in the Missouri state penitentiary for a burglary committed in Phelps county. He entered the Jefferson City prison in 1908.

Will Ask Pardon for Balch.

Wichita, Kan.—A pardon for Steve Balch, serving sentence in the county jail because he will not pay a fine or contempt of court caused by a row over a law authorizing state entomologists to spray trees, is to be sought by Governor Hodges by Balch's sons. The orchardist, who ran an orchard, says he is prepared to stay in jail over. He was fined \$100 for disobeying Judge Thomas C. Wilson's order to leave the entomologists alone.

HE FINDS BIG LOSS.

**Sealer of Weights and Measures Says
Scales Inaccurate.**

Lawrence, Kan.—Every third load of produce bought or sold in Kansas passes over inaccurate scales and resulting losses to the farmer mount up into the million dollar column annually. That is the substance of a report to the legislature compiled by Edwin F. Stimpson, assistant professor of physics at the University of Kansas, and deputy sealer of weights and measures for the state.

"Of the 100 wagon scales inspected by me personally this year 33 were inaccurate," says Professor Stimpson. "A scale is considered correct if it does not vary more than 10 pounds to the ton from the true weight. Of those I found faulty, nineteen were lightweights, recording less than 2,000 pounds for a ton of produce, and fourteen were in the heavy class. The slow scales averaged 1,975 pounds and the fast ones 2,024. For when a scale goes bad it usually is very bad.

"One Kansas city was found to be buying coal for its schools and municipal buildings over a city scale which recorded 2,091 pounds to the ton. And it had been doing this for five years until we discovered the error last month. Coal dealers and merchants of the city who were using these 'official' scales were losing five per cent of their product."

The legislature will be asked to make an appropriation for six inspectors at \$1,200 a year to work in conjunction with the board of health with authority to put out of commission any scale off more than 10 pounds to the ton.

Runaway Boy Killed.

Marysville, Kan.—Floyd Wheeler, 15-year-old son of A. D. Wheeler of Blue Rapids, was accidentally killed by the eastbound Central branch through stock train at Wetmore. Wheeler and Edward Vawter 15-year-old son of F. B. Vawter, also of Blue Rapids, had started to run away from home. They boarded the Red Ball through stock train and rode to Wetmore, alighting when the freight stopped for a few minutes. In attempting to board the train Wheeler fell and was killed.

Schoolhouse Burns Quickly.

Kinman, Kan.—The schoolhouse located five miles southwest of Highland in the Bellevue district, burned to the ground. The fire caught from the furnace and spread so quickly that many of the pupils had to get out through the windows, and were unable to save their books or wraps. In thirty minutes from the time the fire was discovered the building was totally destroyed.

Sells Farm For \$24,000.

Junction City, Kan.—August Boger who for twelve years has owned the old Ferrell farm, has sold it to B. N. Mead, of this city, for \$24,000. The farm consists of 557 acres of fine land 160 acres of which is bottom land and under cultivation. When Mr. Boger bought the farm a dozen years ago he paid \$8,500, which was considered an exceptionally high price at that time.

He Claims to Be Turkey King.

Fowler, Kan.—John Boucher, of West Fowler, claims to be the turkey king of Kansas. This season he raised over 500 birds and has sold over 400 during the past few weeks. The highest any bird brought was \$3.25, because of the extremely low market in this section. He expects to far outdo this record next season.

3 To 19 Years For Flack.

Ahlene, Kan.—John A. Flack, who looted the Ahlens State bank of \$75,000, was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of from three to nineteen years. By agreement he pleaded guilty to three counts of forgery in making false entries on the bank's books. Nine other counts stand against him but will be dismissed.

Art Exhibit March 26.

Lawrence, Kan.—Representatives of the extension department of the University of Kansas have been east gathering paintings by American artists to be exhibited in Kansas towns. This exhibit consists of forty-five paintings. Ralph H. Spotts, of the extension division of the university, has arranged a series of free exhibitions in the following towns of the state: February 5 to February 19, Kansas City, Kan.; February 25 to March 11, Topeka; March 25 to March 29, Emporia; April 4 to April 18, Hutchinson; April 25 to May 8, Wichita; May 14 to May 28, Iola; June 3 to June 17, University of Kansas at Lawrence.

May Try Steam in Business District.

Ottawa, Kan.—In order to solve the heating question for a portion of the city of Ottawa in case of a gas failure, or in case of prohibitive rates for heating purposes, several Ottawa men are investigating the feasibility of a centrally situated steam heating plant for the business district. A cheap quality of slack coal could be used in the plant and several local capitalists are planning to organize a company if gas cannot be used longer for heating purposes.

KANSAS TOPICS

SHERIFFS DIVIDE THE REWARD.

**Arrest of Frank Schneck Credited to
Two Men.**

Ottawa, Kan.—The prolonged litigation in the matter of the reward of \$200 offered by the commissioners of Franklin county for the arrest and conviction of Frank Schneck, for which claims were filed by Ex-Sheriff W. R. Cody, of Franklin, and Ex-Sheriff Woodward of Douglas county, has been settled. Sheriff Woodward had brought suit against the commissioners for the amount, and a counter claim was put in by Mr. Cody.

At the opening session of the January term of district court, the court agreed that the case might be settled by stipulation, and the two attorneys arrived at a compromise. It was mutually agreed that the amount of the reward should be divided between the claimants in the proportion of \$175 to Mr. Woodward and \$25 to Mr. Cody after costs had been paid.

Train Was Running Blind.

Belleville, Kan.—The coroner's jury in the recent killing of the Wilson James family of four near here, by a Rock Island passenger train, brought in a sealed verdict. The inquest was held in the court room and attracted a large crowd. Over a dozen witnesses testified. It developed that Engineer Laird, who had charge of the train, was running at a terrific speed, making the seven miles between Munden and Belleville in six minutes. The testimony further showed, according to several witnesses, that the engine had no headlight, also that neither the whistle was blown nor the engine bell rung on approaching the crossing where the accident happened.

Gopher Scalps Pay Well.

Cottonwood Falls, Kan.—Gopher trapping is profitable to at least one Chase county man who, a few days ago brought a bushel of gopher scalps to the court house for bounty money. Daniel Klott, who lives north of Strong City, brought in 470 gopher scalps. A bounty of 10 cents is paid on gophers, so his catch netted \$47. A short time before Klott brought in more than \$10 worth of gophers which made his revenue for the month from this source nearly \$60.

To Dedicate Church Easter.

Arkansas City, Kan.—The new Methodist Episcopal church, being erected in this city at a cost of \$40,000, is nearing completion and will be finished in time for dedication services on Easter Sunday. Arrangements have been made to have Bishop Quayle, the noted Methodist speaker, preside at the dedication services.

Woman Burns to Death.

Goodland, Kan.—While attempting to start a fire, using kerosene to do so, Viola Dimmitt, was so seriously burned that she died about twelve hours afterward. Her little daughter was with her at the time, and she also was severely burned, and it is uncertain whether she will recover.

Kelly Church Is Burned

Seneca, Kan.—St. Bedes Catholic church at Kelly, nine miles south of here, was destroyed by fire. The fire started in a defective flue. Hard work on the part of the parishioners saved the parochial school nearby. The building was valued at \$10,000 and insured for \$2,500.

Solomon Store Robbed.

Salina, Kan.—Robbers entered the merchandise store of J. D. Sullivan at Solomon and secured about \$800 worth of silks and wearing apparel. Entrance to the store was forced through a back window, which was broken open by the robbers.

K. U. Medical School Ranks High.

Lawrence, Kan.—That the school of medicine of the University of Kansas ranks among the leading institutions of the country, was the decision reached by the council on medical education of the American Medical Association following an inspection of the character of instruction given.

Locked in Big Steel Vault.

Ottawa, Kan.—While half crazed friends ran about town trying to discover the combination, Frank Baldwin, county clerk, remained locked in a big steel vault for three hours. Only the memory of John Bell, who served as county clerk eight years ago and who gave the combination from Salina over the telephone, saved Baldwin's life. Bell and Baldwin himself, were the only two men who knew the combination and Baldwin could not make his voice heard through the great vault. Baldwin was accidentally locked in the vault by F. G. Preshaw, county clerk-elect, who has been working about the office preparatory to taking charge.

Offers Farm For Demonstration.

Seneca, Kan.—The Rev. Father Cyril of St. Benedict, has offered to the Kansas State Agricultural college his orchard and farm to be used for demonstration purposes. He is very much interested in the demonstration work done by the extension department, and believes much good will come to his people from this source. St. Benedict's cathedral is said to be one of the finest in the west. It is situated in one of the richest farming sections of Kansas.

KANSAS ASSEMBLY OF 1913 CONVENES

**W. L. BROWN, OF KINGMAN,
ELECTED SPEAKER OF THE
HOUSE BY 21 MAJORITY.**

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR IS "DEHORNE"

**Rev. Chas. M. Sheldon, Who Offered
Prayer for the House, Hoped
the Members Would Fear God
Rather Than Their Con-
stituents.**

House

Topeka, Kan.—Promptly at noon, Secretary of State Charles Sessions pounded on the speaker's table with a brand new gavel and brought to order the 1913 session of the house of representatives. Following prayer by Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, Associate Justice Rousseau A. Burch administered the oath of office to the 125 members of the house. James W. Orr, of Atchison, was called to the chair. Then came the inauguration of the new members of the house. While Chief Justice William A. Johnston was administering the oath to the senate members, Associate Justice Rousseau A. Burch performed the function in the house. In groups of twenty members each, the men who are to participate in the 1913 house session were called to the front of Representative hall to subscribe to the oath of their new position. As Justice Burch administered the oath to the last group, Secretary Sessions again stepped to the presiding officer's chair. He asked the legislature whom it would have for temporary chairman and James W. Orr was again called to the chair and completed the formal organization of the house. The proposition for a committee on committees in the house was defeated immediately following the final organization. This action came when the senate unanimously adopted a resolution by Barrett of Pratt county, calling for the adoption of the 1911 house rules. Associate Justice Clark A. Smith administered the oath of office to the new officers of the house. By a vote of 72 to 51, Brown, of Kingman, was elected the speaker of the 1913 session over Robert Stone of Shawnee, in the formal organization; and the same vote that was cast in the speakership roll call was ordered cast for the following officers, who were then declared elected and formally given the oath: Miles H. Mulroy, Ellis, speaker pro tem; Fred Snyder, Smith Center, sergeant-at-arms; George S. Clark, Wichita, chief clerk; James Cassin, Pittsburg, postmaster; Rev. C. A. Finch, Topeka, chaplain. In their organization the Democrats had retracted in their original plans for a committee on committees. And then they set another precedent. Perhaps for the first time in the history of a Kansas legislative session, there was applause following prayer. Rev. Charles M. Sheldon, who offered prayer for the house members, solemnly hoped that the members in their legislative deliberations would fear God rather than their constituents. It was the sentiments of Rev. Sheldon's prayer that called for the evidence of appreciation.

Trouble for the outgoing state Republican administration was started in the house in a joint resolution offered by Robert O'Connor of Miami county, who demands a legislative investigation of the expenditure of all contingent funds, of the acts of all state officers and state appointees and penal institutions. It will probably be accepted as an administration measure and promises to receive the endorsement and support of the Democratic members of both houses.

G. H. Tannehill of Woodson county, member of the present house, just naturally can't keep out of the legislature. Two sessions ago he lived in Phillips county, and represented that county in the legislature. He moved down to Woodson county two years ago and as soon as he got acquainted with his neighbors they made him a candidate for the legislature, and he won. Mr. Tannehill is a Democrat, and succeeded a Republican.

A house bill by A. M. Keene of Bourbon, is expected to find favor among the new Kansas voters—the women. It exempts them from jury service. The present laws make them eligible to jury service, since they have won the right of suffrage. The Keene bill does not interfere with any of their other rights, but exempts them from jury service.

Senate

The Democratic senators proceeded to the organization of the senate, elect-

HODGES ISSUES FIRST PAROLE.

It Goes to Thornton Brant Who is Afflicted With Paralysis.

The first parole by the new governor, George H. Hodges, was issued to Thornton Brant, of Jewell county, who was sent to the penitentiary ten years ago for murder in the first degree, was given a temporary parole. Brant is afflicted with paralysis and it is expected that he will not live long. The parole was granted in order that his daughter might take him to her home and care for him.

No Chance For Buck.

Governor W. R. Stubbs refused to grant a parole to Dr. G. H. Buck of Kiowa county, recently convicted of wife murder and sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary. Arguments both for and against executive clemency for the Greensburg physician were heard by the governor. Dr. Buck was charged with the murder of his wife. Evidence introduced in the trial of the case showed that the woman had been poisoned and circumstances pointed to the guilt of the husband.

ed their officers in rapid fire action, dehorned Lieutenant-Governor Ingalls, chose their own committees and committees, appropriated the seats in the sunny south territory of the chamber and proceeded to make themselves comfortable for the next fifty days. The following officers were elected: President pro tem., L. P. King, Winfield; secretary, Burt Brown, Lawrence; sergeant-at-arms, John R. Taylor, Atchison; postmistress, Miss Augusta Dusane, Labette; chaplain, Rev. H. J. Corwin, Topeka. The organization was completed in one hour. Lieutenant Governor Ingalls declared the body in order, the gavel sounded, Dr. Edwin Locke, of the First Methodist church, Topeka, offered prayer, and the 1913 session was on. Tom Botkin, assistant secretary of state, read the certified list of elected senators, and the members were sworn in, by blocks of ten.

One of the most important and far-reaching bills of the session was introduced in the senate by Senator Nixon of Sumner county. It would place counties under the commission form of government the same as cities. It does away with all county officers except probate judge, county attorney and superintendent of schools and three commissioners. The commissioners are given supervision over all county affairs. The commissioner of health and safety looks after the duties of sheriff, coroner, surveyor, and health and poor officers. The commissioner of records looks after the work of county clerk, district clerk and register of deeds. The commissioner of finance and taxation does the work of treasurer, assessor and all taxing officers. All are to be elected to four-year terms. The plan may be adopted by counties by petition of 10 per cent of the vote and a majority in its favor. It is urged as more economical and better business than the old county officer system. The plan has a strong following in the senate and it is said the bill will pass.

Blame for the high cost of living was placed upon the Republican tariff by Senator Malone. The new Democratic senator introduced a resolution to the effect that the Kansas senate shall petition Woodrow Wilson, "the greatest man of the age," according to Senator Malone's resolution, to call a special session of congress to lower the tariff. Senator Malone's resolution declared that the cost of living has become almost prohibitive.

Believing that the Kansas constitution is antiquated and out of date, Baile P. Waggner, senator from Atchison, has introduced in the senate the resolution calling for revision and amending for the state organic acts. His resolutions recommends that electors vote at the next election of members to the legislature for or against a constitutional congress.

A white slave bill was introduced in the senate by Senator James Maloué of Herndon. It provided a penalty of from one to five years in the penitentiary for furnishing transportation from one point of the state to another in aiding in any way women for immoral purposes.

Kansas real estate men's convention is going to ask the legislature to pass a law requiring all real estate agents to register with the secretary of state.

Women Will Fight Inheritance Tax.

The new voters of Kansas, the women, will aid in the abolishment of the inheritance tax law. This has been made plain by Mrs. Lilla Day Monroe, president of the Good Government club. The women's organizations have named a legislative committee which will come to Topeka during the session and make a fight for and against legislation. Among those who will take part in the fight will be Mrs. Monroe, Miss Nan Herron of Topeka, president of the Business Women's club, and Mrs. Mary A. Horton, president of the Federation of Women's clubs. One of the things the women are particularly interested in is the inheritance tax law, and they are opposed to it. They hold that it is unconstitutional in spirit, that it discriminates against the women. "Why," asked Mrs. Monroe, "should a woman whose husband dies be taxed upon an inheritance when she labored beside her husband to accumulate the little amount of money that is left her? Under the law she is joint owner of all the property and we fail to see how it can be looked upon as an inheritance." The women will ask for "white slave" legislation, although the details have not yet been worked out. It will probably be similar to legislation of that character enacted in other states. The women will ask for a law simplifying the probate court practice for women and for a minimum wage scale for women. They will ask for a law simplifying the probate court practice. They want the practice made so plain that the widow may be able to understand all about it without employing legal assistance.

BROOM CORN Growers Shipping Broom Corn

As the growers of broom corn are greatly dissatisfied with the price offered at home for their broom corn, many of them are now shipping direct to Coors Brothers, Chicago, who are large handlers of broom corn on commission. This firm reports their receipts so far this season about 150 cars, most of which have been sold and returned for. Their financial responsibility exceeds \$100,000 one hundred thousand dollars. They are a safe and reliable firm. They offer as reference Farmers' State Bank, Texhoma, Okla., and Central Exchange Bank, Woodward, Okla. Other reference furnished on application. Coors Bros., 109 W. South Water St., Chicago, Ill. Adv.

JUST TRUST.



"What shall we say of Senator Average?"
"Just say he was always faithful to his trust."
"And shall we mention the name of the Trust?"

Breath Was "Out of Place."

Papa took Harry to the country to visit his grandparents. They lived a short distance from the village where the train stopped. Harry insisted on running as they approached the home of his grandparents. They had not gone far, however, until Harry's breath was coming in short jerks and he could hardly talk.

"Wait—wait—a—minute—papa," he gasped.

"What's the matter, son?" asked the father.

"My—breath—is all out of place," gasped the little fellow.

Man's Preference.

Miss Lillian Hill, lecturing on eugenics in Cleveland, said:

"It is a good thing for the human race that beauty counts for more than intellect when it comes to love. Intellect too often means nerves—in-somnia—hypocondria.

"Yes, it is a good thing for the human race that, as an old maid from Vassar put it rather bitterly:

"Men prefer a well formed girl to a well informed one."

Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Sugar-coated, tiny granules, easy to take. Do not gripe. Adv.

Nice Distinction.

"Pa, what is a patriot?"
"That depends, my son. In the time of George Washington, he was a man who walked barefoot on snow and ice to serve his country. Now he is one who does it by getting a job."

Solved.

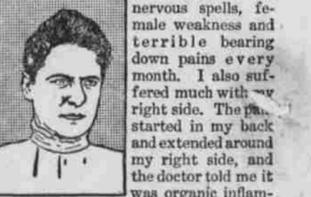
"Twelve persons for dinner! Aren't you crazy?"
"We might invite a thirteenth; that would perhaps take away their appetite."

It's easier for most men to pray for forgiveness than it is to fight temptation.

FARMER'S WIFE ALMOST A WRECK

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E. Pinkham's Vegetable
Compound—Her
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"It is with great pleasure I tell you what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me. I have followed your directions as near as possible, and feel much better than I have felt for years. When I wrote you before I was almost a wreck. You can publish this letter if you like. It may help to strengthen the faith of some poor suffering woman."—Mrs. JOHN F. RICHARDS, Westwood, Maryland.

Women who suffer from those distressing ills peculiar to their sex should not doubt the ability of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound to restore their health.

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