

NATIONAL HIGHWAY BUILDING

Joint Congressional Committee Reports Plan for Extensive Improvement.

'PORK BARREL' IS BARRED

System of Highways to Reduce Cost of Hauling 13 Cents a Ton-Mile Is Declared Possible by ex-Senator Bourne's Plan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—(Special.)—The final report of the joint congressional committee on Federal aid to good roads has been submitted to Congress. It urges National participation in highway improvement on a large scale, but under such a plan as will guard against "pork barrel" and prevent dictation of local road problems by a bureau in Washington. The committee was unable to agree upon any particular bill, but submitted a vast amount of data that have been collected and expressed views regarding some general principles that should be observed in Federal good roads legislation.

The report was drawn by Jonathan Bourne, Jr., chairman of the committee, and is concurred in by six other members of the committee, Senators Penrose, Gurnea, Swanson and Overman, and Representatives Madden and Austin. Senators Swanson and Overman concur in the report except as to chapter 2, which urges Congressional control over the Federal good roads participation.

Co-operation Is Urged.
Summing up advantages of good roads, the report says:
Systematic efforts and co-operation of Nation, States and counties will make American highways the best in the world, bring remote agricultural lands within practicable hauling distance from railroads, materially raise the value of farm property, enhance the margin of profit on farm products, vastly increase the average daily attendance at rural schools, raise the standard of rural education, make the motor vehicle a practical vehicle for American farmers, lighten the labor of American homes, save wear and tear on harness and wagons, add to the comfort and happiness of all rural residents.

The report estimates the total quantity of commodities hauled over rural roads at 700,000,000 tons annually, costing now an average of 21 cents a ton-mile or \$14.70 a ton for the average haul of nine miles. A system of first-class highways would reduce this cost to the extent of 13 cents a ton-mile.

Big Savings Possible.
The report does not assert that such a perfect system of highways is immediately practicable, but expresses the opinion that such an improvement as is now practicable would result in the saving of 8 cents a ton-mile, or a saving of \$504,000,000 annually. Viewing this saving as a dividend, the report says that it would justify, on a 6 per cent basis, an investment of \$8,400,000,000, which the committee believes is far more than would be necessary to place the roads in such a condition as to effect the saving.

The report also states that the Government undertakes no important project as to the Federal aid to good roads. It should undertake it in a large way. To undertake it in a small way means a consequent waste of funds, with slight permanent results to show for the expenditure. The report would like to see a bill introduced to the Congress to have established what is commonly called a "pork barrel" from which the Government would receive annually a small contribution of funds distributed to the States and Territories without producing the high-class of public roads which are so much needed and desired. We believe that the Government should adopt a plan the whole subject should be so thoroughly studied that the plan decided upon may be enacted into law with confidence that it will remain practically unchanged on the statute books for many years to come, thus standing for the credit to the Congress which enacted it.

Appeal to Congress Provided.
As a means of guarding against dictation from a bureau in Washington, the report suggests that the membership of the National Highway Commission should include members of the Senate and House of Representatives, who shall constitute a majority of the Commission, thus insuring the States against dictation from any arbitrary and unsatisfactory rulings of the bureau head, who would be a minority member of the Commission.

The report includes data concerning the road systems of foreign countries and of the several States, extensive statistical data showing the various conditions of highways over which rural mails are carried, special rates accorded by railroads for transportation of highway material, a resume of all pending good roads legislation and the most complete bibliography of good roads literature ever published.

The report also includes an itemized statement of expenditures showing that from the total appropriation of \$25,000,000 the committee has expended \$10,730, leaving a balance of \$14,270.

MRS. ALSOP IS WINNER

Wife of Millionaire Can Serve Complaint on Him by Publication.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—Supreme Court Justice Goff, of this city, has signed an order on motion of her attorneys permitting Mrs. Eliza Pope Hill Alsop, of 741 Fifth avenue, to serve her summons and complaint in separation and alimony action against her husband, Edward B. Alsop, the 75-year-old Washington millionaire and retired builder, whose residence is at 1802 Twentieth street northwest, on him by publication. The order, which Sheriff Griffiths has so directed.

Mrs. Alsop charges extreme cruelty and asks liberal alimony, alleging her husband had taught her to live luxuriantly and his income is easily over \$50,000 a year. She states they were married in this city in Trinity Church, February 15, 1912, she being 29, and employed as a telephone girl at Hotel McAlpin, where she got a job after arriving from Atlanta, Ga.

CHICKENS DIVIDE COUPLE
200 on Farm, but None Killed for Dinner at Wife's Order.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The marital fight of John C. and Mary Jane Tatum will be resumed in the Supreme Court, Monday, Jan. 27, when Judge J. McManus will move to have the jury's verdict refusing Tatum a divorce set aside as con-

trary to the evidence. Max D. Steuer will oppose the motion.

Things are not going as smoothly on the Tatum estate at Great Neck as Mrs. Tatum might wish. Although she has installed her own servants in the mansion, those on the outside are those employed by her husband and are hostile to her.

When she gave orders three chickens should be killed for Sunday dinner, the man in charge of the flock of 200 chickens communicated by telephone with Tatum and was told not to kill any of the fine fowl.

Constable David Allen, who is an official peacekeeper, was sent for and adjusted the matter. It is said Mrs. Tatum had chickens for dinner, but not from the farm flock.

There was another clash on Saturday when the milk was brought in. Tatum had given orders half the milk should be fed to the chickens and half be taken to the house for Mrs. Tatum, her retainers and relatives.

When the milk was brought into the house Saturday Mrs. Tatum wanted to know why so little was brought.

"It's fifty-fifty, you know, mam," the man replied.

"Fifty-fifty, what?"

Then Mrs. Tatum learned only half the milk went to the house. Mrs. Tatum demanded all the milk and again Constable Allen had to be called. He communicated with Tatum, and when he learned only one cow was giving milk

he admitted a "fifty-fifty" division left the house with little milk, so he permitted the chickens to go without.

WOMEN 'KILL' OLD BOSS
POLITICAL GRIP OF 20 YEARS IS LOOSENED BY FAIR SEX.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—The New York County Leader loses Office When Ministers' Denunciation Brings About Downfall.

HAVESWORTH, N. Y., Jan. 18.—It was largely, all but wholly, the activity of the women of Havesworth that drove William V. Cleary, political boss of Rockland County and slayer of his youthful son-in-law, Eugene Newman, from his office as Town Clerk and crippled his political machine for the first time in 20 years.

When Cleary was acquitted he boasted fully declared his intention of returning here to take up the duties of his office, which he had left in charge of his brother, Ambrose F. Cleary, during his incarceration, and resuming the leadership of the town. Only one man, and he a minister, arose to denounce publicly Cleary and the political ring he represented.

Dr. T. I. Contas, pastor of the Methodist Church, failed to inspire the men with his denunciations, but he did fire the women to action.

Headed by Mrs. Anna C. Sloan and her sister, Miss Lucy Cosgriff, they got up a petition to Governor Whitman for an investigation of the Cleary trial and caused the town for signatures. A majority of the tradesmen of the village said that, while they favored the petition, they would not sign it for fear they would be boycotted or their license taken from them.

"Very well," replied the women, "if you refuse to sign our petition, we will refuse to sign yours. Two can play at that game, and as we are the real shoppers, you will find our wrath as severe as that of Cleary's henchmen."

The majority signed in trepidation, to be sure; but nevertheless they did affix their signatures, and as the petition grew the first victory was won.

Joshua Reiter, supervisor and chairman of the Town Board, reluctantly admitted that the resignation of William V. Cleary as Town Clerk had been tendered and accepted at the last meeting of the Board on December 30, and that Ambrose F. Cleary, his brother, immediately had been appointed his successor.

The Cleary crowd tried to scare the storekeepers by threatening them with boycott if they protested against the verdict, said Mrs. Anna Stone. "Well, we will take a hand at it, too," she said, "and we will have the name of every man and woman who refuses to sign this petition printed on a slip and published broadcast. Then when the people of the town who want to live in decency read their names we will see how long they will be allowed to stay in business."

Many requests were made by the women for copies of the petition that they might make a house-to-house canvass for signatures. Twenty-eight copies were given out, and it is expected that within a week there will be fully 5,000 names added to the list.

The plan is then to have a committee of 15 prominent citizens—three from each town in the county, one of each three to be a clergyman—carry the petition to Governor Whitman at Albany.

HOTEL FALLS; KILLS MAN
Second Badly Hurt When Walls Collapsed as Structure Is Razed.

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Jan. 18.—One man was killed, another fatally injured and 12 others had narrow escapes from death when the Atlantic Garden Hotel in Phoebus collapsed. The men were raising the structure, which was one of the landmarks of the town, and had removed the roof when the walls gave way and the building crumpled up.

The dead man is James Beck, a carpenter. William Middlebrook, also a carpenter, was badly injured; all others escaped serious hurt. Middlebrook had to be dug from the debris. Beck, apparently, was killed instantly by heavy timbers.

COOK ADMITS GUILT
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