

**TAKE FIRST STEPS
IN NEW ROAD PLAN**

BEGIN ON BIG BOND ISSUE

State to Receive Bids Soon on First of Hundred-Million Dollar Program; Roads Built in 1926

The first step towards starting construction on the \$100,000,000 state bond issue road system was taken today when Col. C. R. Miller, director of the Department of Public Works and Buildings, and Frank T. Sheets, chief highway engineer, announced that bids would be received on January 17, 1927 for 31 sections of pavement aggregating 138 miles in length, 8 sections of earth grading aggregating 32 miles in length, and 26 sections of bridge work aggregating 52 separate bridges.

Under the provisions of the \$100,000,000 bond issue law, the Department of public works and Buildings was required to let all contracts for the completion of the \$60,000,000 bond issue road system, unless engineering conditions made it clearly impracticable, before letting any contracts for the construction of second bond issue roads. Lack of co-operation on the part of certain communities in the securing of the necessary right of way, as well as litigation has greatly retarded the state road program. However, all of the legal difficulties have now been overcome and all of the contracts for the \$60,000,000 bond issue system required by law to be let have been officially awarded and signed. Recently, the department officials received a formal opinion from the attorney general of the state which stated that work may now be legally undertaken on the second bond issue roads.

During the past year, the department completed 437 miles of durable, hard surfaced pavements. This mileage was built in spite of the delay caused by legal obstacles.

Governor Len Small in commenting on the announcement of the proposed letting said: "I am much gratified that we have been able to clear up all legal obstacles in order to start work on the second bond issue roads. The announcement of the proposed road letting means that the state of Illinois has now again embarked upon its record breaking rate of highway construction. Unless unforeseen conditions should prohibit, we fully expect to place under contract during the next few months sufficient road contracts to insure the completion of at least 1,000 miles of durable, hard-surfaced roads during the year 1927. I shall, as I have in the past, continue to push the Illinois road building program with the greatest possible dispatch and will demand that all state road work be done at the same fair and equitable prices which have prevailed throughout my administration."

Hearings on the \$100,000 bond issue roads will be held as rapidly as possible, after which locations will be announced and final surveys and plans rushed to completion. In the list of the sections on which bids will be received on January 17, 1927, the only one in Lake county is 4.55 miles on Route 59, near Antioch.

**DISCUSSES USE OF
SPLIT INFINITIVE**

**BEGIN HEARINGS ON
TRAFFIC ORDINANCE**

The split infinitive, in certain uses, is not only correct, but it is virtually necessary, according to Prof. George Oliver Curme, professor of Germanic Philology at Northwestern university, who is preparing a new and extremely comprehensive grammar of the English language. Professor Curme's work "A Grammar of the German Language" required 30 years of research and study to prepare and is an authority in all parts of the world. He now plans to make his new English grammar just as excellent. "I heartily endorse the split infinitive," said Dr. Curme. "For about five centuries the split infinitive has been used by the best writers to express the meaning they wished to convey to their readers. Bishop Peacock in the fifteenth century used the split infinitive, and defended its use. Since then its use by the most effective writers has been common. It is, after all, the most accurate way of expressing one's self. While I oppose a reckless use of the split infinitive, I maintain that to make known one's thought in language requires its use frequently. For instance, which should you say, 'He failed completely to understand it,' or 'He failed to completely understand it'?"

"These two variants have different meanings and to express accurately one shade of meaning, one must split the infinitive. If you desire to emphasize the thought of completeness, employ the first wording, but if you wish to indicate the extent of his understanding, you must, perforce, utilize the second expression. After all, language is to express one's thoughts and should a split infinitive best express one's thought, it must be used, if one is to write correctly."

Prof. Curme added that during this current period, the split infinitive is gradually coming into use by the masses. "It is finally winning out, as it should, after several centuries of misuse of the infinitive," he concluded.

**MISSISSIPPI BASIN
RICHEST IN WORLD**

The Mississippi river basin, the richest and largest surplus producing agricultural area in the world, contains roughly two-thirds of the land in farms in the United States, said assistant secretary of Agriculture R. W. Dunlap in a recent address. The whole of the corn belt and the largest wheat-producing states lie within this basin. The bulk of the cane sugar, about one-third of the cotton, and much of the market supply of minor crops, both staple and perishable, originate within this great territory. It furnishes large supplies of hogs, cattle, and dairy and poultry products to millions of people both here and abroad.

President Calles of Mexico seems to be that man who raises the Nick in Nicaragua.

Over in New Jersey they are having a wild dog hunt. No doubt these wild dogs came from New Brunswick.

**Discussion of Plan Proposed by
Association of Commerce
In Chicago**

Hearing started last week on the proposed traffic ordinance submitted a few days ago to the city council of Chicago by the Chicago Association of Commerce. This ordinance, one of the most comprehensive and far reaching civic measures ever laid before any aldermanic body, is the result of one year's work by the street traffic committee of the association which has been conducting an intensive scientific study of the traffic problem in Chicago and adjacent suburban area.

Inasmuch as the questions of parking in business districts, control lights, traffic police, pedestrian control and many other features covered in the survey just completed for Chicago are being encountered in many suburban communities as well as in the large cities, Chicago traffic students expect that the towns and cities in the Chicago automotive area will show considerable interest in this big traffic survey and the ordinance recommended to relieve the congestion problem. The ordinance is the work of 78 men and agencies interested in street use in Chicago and is based on the survey conducted by Miller McClintock, the director of the Albert Russel Erskine Bureau of Traffic Research, who handled the technical work of the Chicago survey.

Almost any day now Medicine Hat will begin forward-passing cold waves. And Medicine Hat generally completes every pass it attempts.—Detroit Free Press.

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