

Plan to Make License Plates for Illinois at Joliet Pen, Report

Neff, Kohlbusch and Bissell, of Chicago, has been awarded a contract to furnish and install equipment for manufacturing automobile license plates at the Joliet state prison, the Department of Purchases and Construction announced today.

The contract price, installed, is \$58,543. The successful bid, one of eleven proposals, was the lowest that conforms to the specifications required, according to the Division of Purchases and Supplies.

The contract stipulates that the plant must be installed by June 15 and ready to operate at capacity by the first of July. It will then employ about 150 convicts and will produce the 1933 license plates at the rate of 20,000 pair per day.

The firm has informed state officials that fully seventy per cent of the equipment will be made by Illinois workmen.

The project comes under provisions of the recently enacted "State Use Bill."

Test Hearing of Many Pupils in State School

A recent test held at the state school for the deaf at Jacksonville showed that of 511 boy and girl pupils at the school, slightly more than six per cent are totally deaf. According to the state Welfare Bulletin more than 62 per cent of the pupils were in a classification ranging from 20 to 40 per cent of normal in hearing.

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Some of the Ways in Which U. S. Expends Revenues Taxation Told

The taxpayer's dollar, once it gets into the United States treasury, is liable to be used in some governmental activity of which the taxpayer never heard, says a United Press story from Washington. An hour or two spent turning the pages of the Federal budget will show that Uncle Sam has more uses for the dollar than even the taxpayer himself.

For instance:
Teaching Alaskans how to raise reindeers, \$34,300. Suppressing Alaskan liquor traffic, 11,344. Employing a valet for President Hoover, \$1,800. Recording the Indian sign language, \$4,000. Employing assistant football coach for Howard University, negro. Employing a head coach, nothing.

Contributing toward the expenses of the International Society for Exploring the Arctic Regions by Air, \$300. Contributing toward the Convention of the Liquor Traffic in Africa, \$55. Transporting high explosives to the naval ammunition depot, at Hawthorne, Nev., rather than on an ocean, \$6,401. Maintaining prisons in the Ottoman empire, Egypt, Ethiopia, China and Persia, \$9,600. Caring for the lepers in Guam, \$33,657, and for Alaska insane, \$156,000. Honoring some memory by erection of monuments, celebration of birthdays, or the purchase of birth sites, \$2,421,007—including \$2,500 spent for portrait of late President Harding.

Complexity of Government

The complexity of the government is hard to realize. There is hardly any field in which it is not active and in each of these fields there is much more to be done than nine out of ten laymen know. Take the matter of money itself. Recoining old silver coins alone cost \$646,748 last year. The paper for the government's bonds cost \$845,000.

Indians Costly

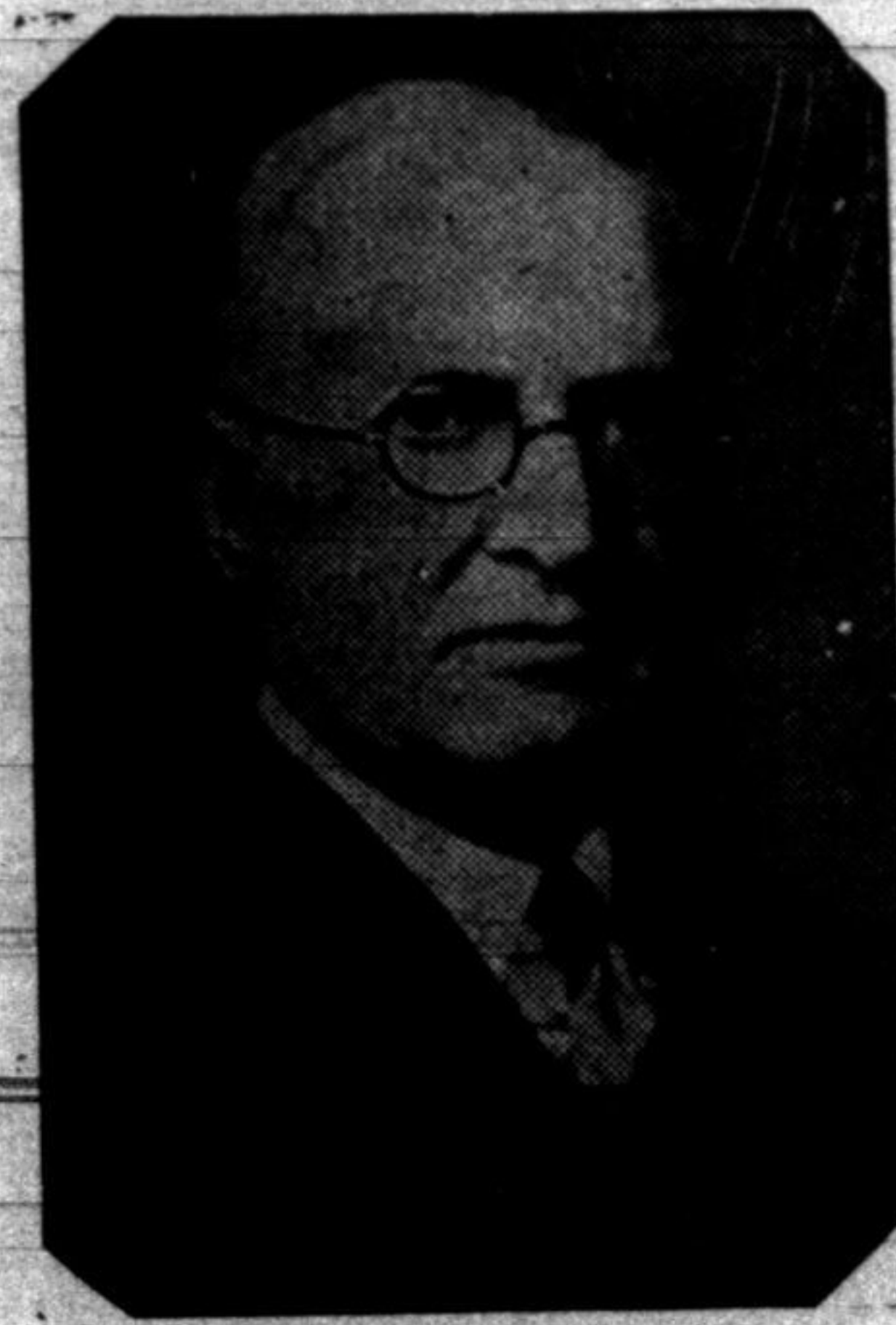
Indians cost the government \$6,821,190 in 1931, including an especial appropriation of \$87,162 used in combating the liquor traffic. National parks cost \$9,158,380, the Botanical Garden \$201,738, the Library of Congress \$201,738, the Smithsonian institute \$1,208,711. Shut your eyes and think of something. Whatever it is, the chances are that the government did something about it last year and spent some of your money doing it. But don't be too sure that the government was extravagant in all its expenditures. Return for a moment to the White House and look at its payroll. There you will find that the Hoover's private plumber was hired for \$1,680. Imagine being able to get a plumber's full time for less than you pay the cook! That's what the White House did for the chief cook gets \$1,920 while the lesser kitchen lights were hired for \$1,320, \$120 and \$1,080.

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