

ASK BRIDGE AT FALL CREEK IN DELAWARE ST.

North Siders Wish Traffic Relieved on Meridian Street.

Influential business men and residents of North Meridian street appeared before the Marion County commissioners today to ask that a bridge be constructed in North Delaware street over Fall Creek to relieve congested traffic conditions on Meridian street.

Richard Lieber, Henry Etel of the Indiana National Bank, E. W. Warner, G. A. Schnell, wholesale grocer, and William Schumaker were among the delegations.

It was decided by the committee to appear before the County Council next Tuesday and ask that body to authorize a bond issue of approximately \$200,000 for the bridge. Mayor L. A. Fosler suggested that the county seems to be opposed to issuing bonds at this time. The county commissioners indicated they favored the building of the bridge.

Mr. Fosler informed the committee that a \$200,000 bond issue at this time would increase the tax a half cent.

The commissioners suggested that steps be taken to gravel the approaches to the new Boulevard Place bridge, which has been useless since completion nearly a year ago because of neglect in making approaches to the bridge. Commissioner Carlin Shank promised the committee the approaches will be placed in condition soon.

Mr. Lieber pointed out it is impossible to cross Meridian street at the rush period, and called the attention of the commissioners to the danger to children.

Auditor Fesler admitted the need of relieving the North Meridian street condition, but questioned the wisdom of raising the tax rate a half cent and bonding the county for an additional indebtedness of \$200,000.

GRAPE MEN UNITE FOR PROTECTION

California Growers Seek to Prevent Speculation.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—Expedition of the distribution and sale of California's 1921 crop of table and wine grapes and to avoid the chaos, with resultant losses that characterized the movement last year, is the aim of several representative concerns of San Francisco, which have formed the California Grape Buyers Association. The primary object is to eliminate the speculative element and to establish a more substantial financial basis.

During the movement last year many of the eastern buyers ordered their clients to forward grapes on the spot, later, when the price had advanced above the stipulated price by the time this consignment reached its destination. This order was backed by a sight draft, which, in many instances, was refused recognition, particularly if the consignment had been sent in time had fallen below the contract price.

To eliminate this condition the Grape Buyers Association intends to establish buying localities and to begin an educational campaign to reorganize the present system of crop movement financing.

The association has issued a bond to buy an irrevocable bank letter of credit as against the previous method of buying on bank guarantees or sight drafts against bills of lading.

The formation of this association was necessitated by the increased demand for grapes in the East, as a means of protecting the grower, as it is reported that there is a strong "short selling" movement in the East.

The total movement of grapes from California to eastern markets last year was 28,000 cars. Officers of the new Grape Buyers Association follow: President, S. B. Stahl; first vice president, Joseph Mafel; second vice president, Joseph Brooks; treasurer, N. Gallucci; financial secretary, S. Arens; corresponding secretary, G. Simonelli.—Copyright, 1921, by Public Ledger Co.

MEXICO RESUMES MINING OF SILVER

Duty Removal, Price Increase Factors.

MONTEREY, Mexico, Sept. 1.—Silver mining in Mexico is looking up. Two favorable factors are said to be causing a considerable revival of operations of this class of mining properties. One is the removal of export duty on silver by the Mexican government, and the other is the improvement in the price of the metal. If the situation continues to improve there will be a considerable expansion of production and reduction mills. Labor conditions in the different mining districts are said to be better than for some time past.

The Compania Negociadora Minera, Jesus Maria of Saltillo plans extensive development in Coahuila. New machinery and equipment will be installed, it is stated.

Alfred Genty has just finished the construction of an eight-mile spur track railroad to give his mines at Sierra Ramires a transportation outlet.

An American company is reported as being organized to take over the Salida mines in the Veracruz district, which were forfeited for non-payment of taxes.

Juan A. Gallardo of Durango has obtained title to a large amount of gold and silver claims in the Huanacaxtle mountains.

At the present rate at which mines that had been forfeited by the government for non-payment of taxes and other causes are being filed upon and relocated it will not be long until all of them have been taken up, according to information from tax offices.—Copyright, 1921, by Public Ledger Co.

TAKE STEPS FOR NEW BRIDGE.

A resolution for the construction of a new bridge over Pinhook Run under Hitler was introduced by the board of park commissioners today and advertising for bids to be received Sept. 2 ordered. The present structure has been closed because of its dangerous condition. The board expects to have the new one finished before winter.

STILL AT IT IN INDIA.

BOMBAY, Sept. 1.—A police superintendent and two others were killed and four others wounded in a battle between British and Indian police and military forces in the Malabar district today. The Indians ambushed the policemen and soldiers. The natives suffered about 100 casualties.

DROP 300 FEET: LIVE.

SHEFFIELD, England, Sept. 1.—A pit cage containing twenty-three men dropped 300 feet in Tinsley Park colliery but only five suffered serious injury. The cage was bringing up the last workers there.

REPORT TROTZKI HAS RESIGNED.

PARIS, Sept. 1.—It is reported in Bolshevik circles in Riga that Leon Trotzki, Tomsky, Stalin and Dzerzhinski, have resigned from the Central committee of the Soviet at Moscow, said a despatch from Riga today.

LOSS FOR UNITED STATES WOMEN.

PARIS, Sept. 1.—Cultured toilet articles valued at more than \$500,000 were destroyed when the largest celluloid factory at St. Denis was wrecked by fire.

The factory, which was unoccupied for

Suit Principals



CALIFORNIA TRADE OUTLOOK IS IMPROVED

Retail Trade Survey Shows Decline of 35.5 Per Cent in Prices.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 1.—The lag that has obscured the business outlook in Northern California is lifting appreciably. While it is too soon to discern definite general improvement, a markedly better situation exists in many industries.

The California Packing Corporation is one of the strongest at the present time. Its trade, agricultural products, and its prompt efforts to dispose of the carry-over of last year placed it in good position to deal with the present season's crops. It has taken its losses and is now in a position to make a reasonably good profit on the current year's business.

Grain-milling companies were hard hit. The Globe Grain and Milling Company was obliged to refluence. The Albers Milling Company had a receivership. Sperry Flour Mill is only good shape, but suffered as a result of the troubles of other milling companies.

Sugar companies are beginning to emerge from their troubles. Most of the large oil companies are prospering. The principal exception is the General Petroleum Corporation.

The power companies all appear to be satisfied with themselves. Pacific Gas and Electric is probably the most prosperous. Practically all are earning their dividends satisfactorily.

The financing of the Great Western Power Company leaves this concern more open to criticism than some of its competitors. The corporate security depends upon one large dam. Engineers have differed in their opinion as to the stability of this dam.

Retail business is fair. The Retail Merchants Association of San Francisco reported a survey of the city to determine actual price reductions. The result shows an average decrease of 35.5 per cent in the retail price of collars, ties, shirts, sweaters, socks and similar articles with the year. The average wholesale price decline is given at 33.3 per cent.—Copyright, 1921, by Public Ledger Company.

LET CONTRACTS FOR 13 BRIDGES

Several Not Awarded by State Highway Commission Because Too High.

Several bids for bridge construction in Indiana were rejected by the State highway commission today because they were too high, but the majority of them were submitted to contractors whose bids were below the estimated cost of construction.

Bids to bore under White River to ascertain the depth that that must be reached on which to set a foundation for the new bridge at Hazelton were too high and the contract was not let. The bidders will be made by employees of the commission, W. J. Titus, chief bridge engineer, said.

Action on other bridges was as follows:

Putnam County—E. C. Wright of Putnam, estimate \$32,024.54, estimate by highway commission.

Marshall County—unawarded.

Marshall—Oregonia Bridge Company, Lebanon, Ohio, \$4,861.49; estimate, \$5,522.41.

Hancock County—unawarded.

Henry—Henry Construction Company, Indianapolis, \$12,323.14; estimate, \$13,621.39.

Henry (RC slab)—Henry Construction Company of Indianapolis, \$10,321.56; estimate, \$11,271.27.

Hendrik—D. Y. Stout, Crawfordsville, \$1,480.78; estimate, \$1,718.75.

Orange County—E. C. Wright, Bloomfield, \$19,011.67; estimate, \$24,067.39.

Putnam—Hamilton—Vincennes Bridge Company, \$7,185.02; estimate, \$7,750.65.

Grant County—unawarded.

Morgan—Oregonia—Oregonia Bridge Company, \$10,202; estimate, \$12,063.52.

Whitney—Charles Kinsey of Whitney, \$6,294.68; estimate, \$8,592.41.

Washington—unawarded.

REINFORCEMENTS REACH DEFENDERS

MADISON, W. Va., Sept. 1.—Reinforcements were arriving here today to assist Sheriff Don Chain's army of defenders to keep out the forces of striking miners. Detachments from Bridgeport, Welch, Charleston and other points were on their way to Logan. Many of them were American Legion members, who had organized themselves in the semblance of military units. They will be equipped by the sheriff with rifles and ammunition.

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