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FOUR ENGINEERS COMING TO HELP IN SUPERVISING THE ROADS.

WILL SAVE STATE EXPENSE

Assistance Also to Be Given on Bridge Plans—Gov. McCreary and Commissioner Terrell Return.

(Special Frankfort Correspondence.)

Frankfort.—Commissioner of Roads R. C. Terrell and Gov. McCreary have returned to Frankfort, pleased with the success of their trip to ask for federal aid in road construction in Kentucky this year. Commissioner Terrell said the Department of Agriculture consented to detail four highway engineers for duty in Kentucky, one of whom will arrive at once. They will be assigned to designated territories each probably being given ten counties to travel over. They will supervise the road construction under the state-federal plan for the State Department of Roads, and give advice to county officials, just as government agents do demonstrators and the agricultural.

Besides these four field men assigned to the State, Gov. McCreary and Commissioner Terrell secured permission to send the entire engineering force to the Bureau of Highways, Washington. All bridges costing more than $5,000 are built under plans and specifications furnished by the Commission or of Roads, and this work, in addition to the eighty plans under state aid, will crowd the office here. The work which can not be got out in this office without hampering it greatly, therefore will be sent to Washington. Commissioner Terrell said this will save the office the expense of three extra engineers.

Vote on Two Amendments.

Kentucky will be called upon this year to vote on two amendments to the constitutional amendments—the working of constitutional amendments—the only vitally important one which involves the question of retaining the present antiquated, grossly unjust system of taxation—which drives capital from the state—or of establishing a system under which intangible property will be made to bear its just proportion of tax burdens. Under the present system it is within the limit to say that the owner of visible property pays not less than 15 per cent of the taxes collected, while the greater part of the remaining 15 per cent goes into the pockets of tax inquisitors and their lawyers. It is true that Kentucky voted largely in favor of both amendments last year, but the will of the people was defeated off by the neglect or ignorance of the secretary of state in failing to give due and legal notice of its submission. That is the way the court of appeals viewed it, and Kentucky will have to bear the burden of another expensive election because of neglect on the part of the secretary.

Suggests McCreary for Commissioner.

The President-elect having given Mr. McCreary, when the Washington at the executive offices, to understand that it was to Washington in the interest of the good roads movement—not to barter, trade with Senator Johnson or any his respects. There is a rumor afloat here that practically all the Democratic factions in Kentucky have recommended Gov. McCreary for appointment as a member for an American Peace Commission, which is to be appointed, to draw up articles of settlement of the European war. The writer is one of the fathers of the article recently presented by Senator Stone, of Missouri, for the purpose of submitting to the states an amendment to the constitution providing that the power to declare war shall not vest for any constitutional officer without the vote of the people, and a referendum before the opening election of a member for Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Women Can Not Vote.

Except where school trustees are to be elected, women shall not participate in the August primary and the November election.

The reason for the specific act whether they have the right to vote in the Superintendent election of Public Instruction was settled in an opinion by Attorney General Morris Belknap. The opinion that women are not entitled to vote in the election of Superintendent of Public Instruction, which is a constitution office, was rendered by Judge Cantrill in the case of Bartlett vs. Hardin, May 8th, 1914, when the court announced that in all seven Federal Judgments would be sent to the people to instruct in all road work. Four are road engineers and the other three are bridge officers. The governor, with secretary Bruce, attended the Two American conference at the Union building this morning and was driven by Director Barrett where his portrait is to hang. It introduced the Pan American conference in Governor Mc-Creary's name, and the Union building, said he:

Governor Without Knowing It.

State Senator M. O. Stout, of Edmonson, governor for about two hours, but probably unknown at the time to him. Both Gov. McCreary and Lieut. Gov. McDermott were out of the state, the former in the east and the latter in Cincinnati delivering a St. Patrick's day address. As Lieut. Gov. McDermott remained during the time only long enough to make his speech, and then entered here to Covington, he not considered necessary to disturb the slumbers or the power of the ex-tempestuous bearer of the brief dignity and responsibility by notifying him.

Kentuckyan Organize a Society.

A temporary organization has been effected in Louisville, Ky., Lieutenant Governor of Kentucky, of forward a large crowd to Carlisle in interest of the bond issue which will be voted on March 27. The "good road" advocates are organizing the various sections of the county. R. Hudson Hall, Louisville, treasurer, Committees were appointed to go before the Fiscal Court and ask for a bond issue of $1,000,000. The amount due the state from the $2,000,000 bond issue is $1,000,000, and the amount of premium fees penalized by counties will $1,431.14.

Board for School Fund.

Superintendent of Schools Humbert has received a check for $12,000, the amount of back taxes due the Hazle Creek Park School district of Jefferson county, from the Southern Pacific Co., of this city. $6,000 of the fund is for the erection of a new central high school building, and the remainder will be used in the erection of graded school buildings in the district.

Advocating Good Roads.

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