Secret Factory Flooding Paris With False Arts

Police Scour Latin Quarter but Fail to Find Source of "Masterpieces."

Paris, Sept. 23.—A mysterious hidden studio which is, in reality a veritable factory for turning out counterfeit masterpieces, is the object of search by prefecture detectives.

This factory is somewhere in the Latin quarter. There poor students and starving artists, it is believed, are paid too tempting wages for copying the works of great painters, and the originals of which would command high prices. These copies are then sold at auctions either deliberately in place of the original, which may be in a private collection, or as a "newly discovered" work of the master.

Discovery of such "art treasures" on the market has led to the belief in the existence of this "masterpiece factory," and to the combing of the Latin quarter by the police in search of it.

In particular, spurious works of modern painters of note have been detected, a variation of the old game of counterfeiting the older masetrs. All of the counterfeits discovered so far have been signed with the painter's name, cleverly forged.

Thomas Knock, an American art connoisseur, was the first to put the police on the track of the swindlers. Knock recently paid 300,000 francs for a collection of 107 pictures.

Out of this group of pictures an expert picked 43 counterfeits. Among them were works by Cozanne, Pissaro, Matisse, Renoir, Sisley, Sautin and Signac, representing for the most part a popular modern school of painting, the works of which bring high prices.

A celebrated art critic whose name was not permitted to be published was another victim of the "factory."

Police plan, they say, to investigate every art dealer, and many of the studios, on the left side of the Seine. Already, they say, they have discovered a group of bad imitations of works of Carriere. But the whereabouts of the suspected "factory" remains a mystery.

Contracts for Trees in Happy Hollow Let

Contracts have been awarded by George & Co. for setting out trees this fall in the new addition to Happy Hollow circle, which is just north of Happy Hollow club on the west side of Happy Hollow boulevard.

Arrangements have also been made for extending the Happy Hollow ornamental lighting system on this tract. This work will be done this fall.

Although practically none of the public improvements was in at the time this tract was put on the market last spring George & Co. announce a third of the lots have been sold, all of them for building purposes. One $25,000 residence is now nearing completion in the district and another high-priced house has been started.

Public improvements that now are in consist of water, gas, storm sewer, sanitary sewer and sidewalks. It has not been determined yet whether the district will be paved this fall or next spring.

Shuler & Cary Firm Starts Grading on New Tract

Shuler & Cary last week started grading outfits in the 30-acre tract on West Pacific street, known as the W. A. Ryan land.

This tract is on the south side of Pacific street and is joined on the west by Loveland, that portion of A. J. Love's farm which was put on the market last spring by Shuler & Sary.

This tract will be the third unit of the West Pacific development district. The development will be similar to that of Loveland and Ridgewood, Ridgewood having been put on the market last spring also.

The Ryan tract has a number of trees on it, nearly all of which will be left standing. The ground will probably be put on the market in about 30 days as country home sites, acre and one-half sizes.

The Ryan tract is all high ground at the crest of the hill which lies west of Elmwood park.

Merchant Tailor Rents Eldredge-Reynolds Space

The store building at 1616 Farnam street, a portion of the space formerly occupied by the Eldredge-Reynolds company, has been rented by the H. A. Wolf company to Harry Mason, merchant tailor.

A new front is now being installed and the new store expects to open October 1.

Harry Mason operates merchant tailor shops in several cities, his headquarters being in Chicago. Harry Glickman, manager for Harry Mason, will supervise the opening of the store here.

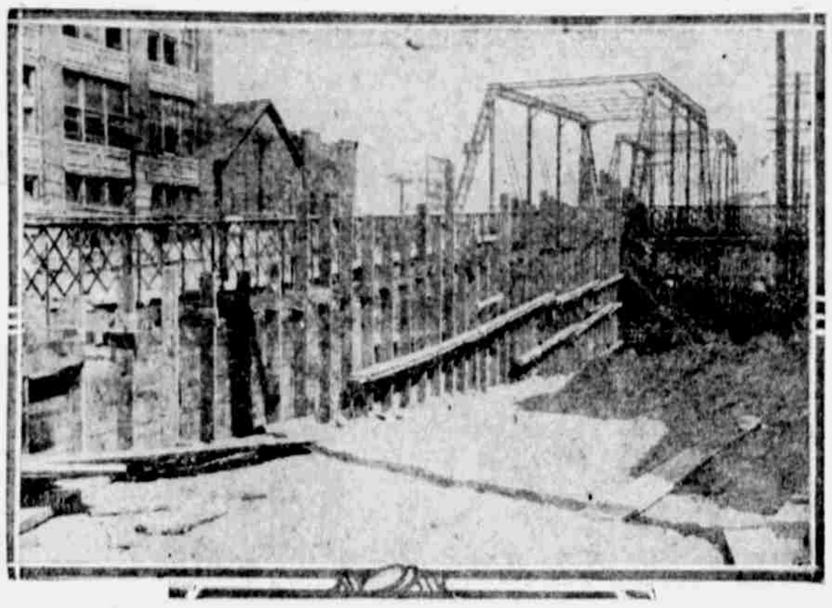
T. B. Campbell Opens Own Real Estate Business

T. B. Campbell, who has been connected with various construction companies in the last eight years, has entered business for himself with an office at 537 Keeline building. He will specialize in homes costing $3,500 to $6,000, building either on his own sites or on lots belonging to clients. He will start building soon on lots which he owns near Miller park.

Stray Cat Eats Self Out of New-Found Happy Home

Lawrence, Sept. 23.—A tray cat ate herself out of a happy home in the Lawrence postoffice when she failed to confine herself to the milk and cream furnished by kindly-inclined postal employes who brought her in out of the cold, cruel world. Puss conducted a foraging party into the parcel post room and devoured a chicken being shipped through the mail. Exit puss.

Bridge Improvement Under Way



Work of widening and strengthening the Douglas street bridge across the Missouri is well under way. The bridge is to be 16 feet wider, to make room for double street car tracks, a road on each side of the tracks and an eight-foot walk on the north side of the bridge.

A third row of piers is being sunk to strengthen the structure. Work should be completed between May 1 and July 1, next year, at a cost of $700,000, R. A. Leussler, general manager of the Omaha & Council Bluffs Street Railway company, said.

Hastings to Inspect Big 26-Acre Tract

Byron R. Hastings, president of the company which last week bought the big 266-acre tract on West Dodge street, today will make a personal inspection of the entire tract.

This does not mean that Mr. Hastings will simply look at the land. He will walk all over it, through the corn fields, alfalfa, pastures, trees, etc. He will walk up and down every creek and ravine and over all the hills.

"Our engineers will tell us all about all of this land after they make their surveys and when they make reports for the development work which we intend to do," Mr. Hastings said, "but I want to see it all myself, and the only way to get through is to walk. Before we start our development work I intend to know everything about this land."

Mr. Hastings' firm, Hastings & Heyden, hopes to start at least a portion of their development work this year, although it will require several weeks to make surveys and detailed plans.

Mr. Hastings says that one man has already asked to buy some Dodge street frontage as a garage site. The request was denied, however, owing to the fact that no selling plans had been made or will be made for several months.

Anheuser-Busch Land Platted Into Lots

The three-acre tract of ground at the southeast corner of Thirtieth and Fort streets, owned for several years by the Anheuser-Busch interests, has been platted into 18 lots by the American Security company and will be put on the market next Saturday, September 30.

This tract of ground contains many large trees and is improved with water, sewer, gas and sidewalks, paved on both Thirtieth and Fort streets. The lots will be 40x120. It will be sold on easy payments. Several years ago this ground was used as a beer garden, the Anheuser-Busch people refusing until now to permit its development as residence property.

Hastings & Heyden Markets 29 Lots in North Benson

The demand for buildings lots this fall has caused the firm of Hastings & Heyden to put on the market today 29 lots in the north part of Benson which it had intended to hold until next spring. These lots are located at Sixty-sixth and Pinkney streets.

Hastings & Heyden a week ago Saturday put on the market its new Bensondale addition of 50 lots. On the following Sunday afternoon every one of these lots had been purchased. The Bensondale addition is on North Sixtieth street, extending east about three blocks. It is north of Main street.

The demand for building lots this fall has been unprecedented for this time of year, according to Hastings & Heyden.

Farm Land Attorney Joins Hansen Firm

Frank L. Kilby.

The Hansen Investment company, which recently consolidated with the D. V. Sholes company, with L. C. Sholes as vice president and manager of its city real estate department, has opened a farm land department, with Frank L. Kilby, an attorney, as manager.

Mr. Kilby has been in Omaha for the past six years. He came here from Bloomington, Ill., and for 20 years has been actively engaged in buying and selling farm lands. He has sold thousands of acres of Iowa land to Illinois people.

In one county of Iowa, according to the Hansen company, there are more than 50 land owners who purchased their holdings through Mr. Kilby.

The farm land department of the Hansen company will also conduct a farm loan business which will be under the direction of Mr. Kilby, who through his 20 years of experience has gained an expert knowledge of farm values in the middle west.

Mr. Kilby expects to see an early return of farm values to normal prices.

Actor Is Shot Down by Partner in Play

Lile, France, Sept. 23.—Less poignant because accidental, but not less a shock to the audience, a tragedy similar to that in "Pagliacci" was enacted at a local theater.

The play being presented was a melodrama in which a woman shoots a dancing partner who has been untrue to her.

No one knows how it came about that loaded cartridges were substituted for the blanks.

When the actress who played the betrayed woman pulled the trigger her colleague crumpled up all too naturally.

Everyone applauded heartily, even when the announcement came that "the comedy is finished." The actor, M. Rene Renaud, is in a Lille hospital, seriously wounded.

Forgive the failings of others as easily as you do your own.

Mulvihill Reports Sales of $237,775

The office of J. J. Mulvihill, realtor, in the last 30 days reports the sale of 15 pieces of property for a total of $237,775. These sales included the 266 acres of land on West Dodge from the Langan Realty company to Hastings & Heyden.

Other properties in this list included: Duplex house on Dodge, between Forty-second and Forty-third streets, to Carl Thomsen; 428 North Fortieth street, Jeannette Jessop to Lizzie Scott and Josephine Burney; 4723 Capitol avenue, to I. Walenukowski; 2215 Ogden street, Howard Berg to William Eck (through F. L. Heyn company); 108 North Fortieth street, T. S. Sheehan to W. A. Rourke; 2811 Newport avenue, Anna L. Mergen to Fred Carlson (through Payne Investment company); 2563 Fowler avenue, George W. Gardner to G. W. Wertz (through Amos Grant company); 1911 South Twenty-eighth street, Martha Hazzard to Frances Passick; lot at Forty-third and Chicago streets, John Tracy to M. F. Guilfoyle; lot between Burt and California streets, Walsh-Elmer to M. F. Guilfoyle; 4315 California street, George McCool to A. F. Rasmussen; 711 South Thirtieth street, Melessa Johnson to A. J. Schlueter (through W. C. Slabaugh company); 3002 South Thirty-third street, Raymond Jones to Clarence Meany; 1553 North Nineteenth street, Michael Foley to H. Stein.

R. D. Clark Buys Interest in F. C. Horacek Concern

R. D. Clark, realtor, and the F. C. Horacek company, a real estate investment concern, have joined forces, Mr. Clark buying stock in the Horacek firm. Clark will be manageer of the real estate selling department.

F. C. Horacek, head of this company, is president of the Union State bank.

The Horacek company is capitalized for $500,000.

Real Estate Sales

Northwest.

Chinese Mission society to Hans C. Nielsen, 3861 Seward street, $6,250.

Hama Moluf to Alta Hager, 2706 North Forty-fifth street, $7,500.

Fila Delfo Gibilisco to Annie Tucci, Thirty-ninth and Burt streets, $9,500.

Ida C. Collins to Fred H. Spinharney, 4213 Emmett street, $4,700.

Dundee.

Bessie B. Coutler to Elizabeth Grace Stone, 4804 Farnam street, $9,000.

William H. Smalls to Anne E. Neely, Fiftieth, between Dodge and Farnam streets, $15,300.

Central.

David Gerber to Edward Lindquist, 612-15-17 North Seventeenth street, $15,000.

John D. Wear to Walter L. Pierpont, 2531 Cuming street, $8,000.

Abraham Labovitz to Joe Slutsky, 1720 Cass street, $4,000.

Alexander Beck to C. J. Balsen southwest corner, Twenty-ninth and Jackson streets, $7,500.

Hanscom Park.

C. G. Carlberg to Edna B. Kirkpatrick, southeast corner, Thirty-fourth and Oak streets, $7,300.

West Leavenworth.

W. C. O'Sullivan to A. J. Wenninghoff, 4221 Mayberry street, $6,000.

West Farnam.

Ruth Mothery to Exley J. Kirk, 4255 Farnam street, $5,500.

S. R. McDowell to C. E. Black, 3620-22 Dodge street, $8,000.

W. A. Piel to Bella Kooper, 118 South Thirty-fifth avenue, $9,000.

C. E. Black to P. J. Vollmar, northwest corner Thirty-eighth street and Davenport street, $7,000.

Clarence J. Malser to Dorothy S. Goodrich, northeast corner Forty-first and Dewey avenue, $13,500.

North Side.

Johanna Jackstadt to Lotsik Kubovy, 2553 South Twenty-third street, $6,400.

C. C. Baum to Julia Connell, 2518 Pinkney street, $6,800.

Ethel Hagkin to Anny Forman, 2806 North Twenty-sixth street, $4,100.

Nathan Somberg to Roxanne E. Brown, 2114 Parker street, $1,500.

Helen S. Walstrom to Nan Howard Morison, 2322-24 Sherman avenue, $8,000.

Ida M. Dennis to Elizabeth Longstreth, 2204 Emmet street, $7,300.

Rila S. Thale to Max Rosenthal, 1208-10 North Twenty-fourth street, $7,000.

Charlotte Kastman to Investors' Syndicate, Inc., 1122 North Sixteenth street, $428.

West Dodge.

Langan Realty company to Investors' Syndicate, Inc., farm near Ninetieth street, $149,999.

Benson.

F. T. Larsen to F. C. Horacek & Co., 3202 North Fifty-third street, $1,210.

Florence.

A. M. Simpson to Irene M. Carlson, 2529 North Thirtieth street, $1,500.

South.

H. C. Abels to G. H. Herbier, 3961 South Twenty-first street, $4,100.

South Omaha.

Emanuel Johnson to E. J. Hanson, 4422 South Twenteieth street, $1,250.

Field Club.

Daniel Gerber to Carl Mesarch, 3178 Woolworth street, $9,000.

Open New Store

M. E. Chapman.

S. D. Newman.

—Photos by Vaughan.

M. E. Chapman and S. D. Newman have opened their new store, The Vogue, at Fifteenth and Douglas streets in the location formerly occupied by B. Fred.

Newman was formerly in charge of the Fred store and Chapman comes to Omaha from Chicago, where he has had years of experience in the women's read-to-wear line.

Private Life of Pius XI Marked by Simplicity

Introduction of a Woman Housekeeper Into Vatican Arouses No Little Criticism.

Rome, Sept. 23.—Some interesting particulars have now come to light of the private life of Pope Pius XI in the vatican. Whenever a new pope is made, there is always a curiosity to know how he is adapting himself to his voluntary seclusion, and what habits he preserves of his previous life. Of the present pope one can say that he confirms the opinion held by all those who knew him well and used to admire his austerity and simplicity.

His holiness has chosen for his private apartments seven rooms on the third floor, overlooking the Piazza San Pietro. These are furnished with the greatest simplicity, there being no carpets, no curtains, and no signs of luxury. In the bedroom there is a brass bedstead, above which hangs a picture of The Madonna of the Good Counsel, to whom Pope Pius XI is particularly devout; a mahogany chest of drawers, a small writing desk, and a cabinet in which his holiness keeps his private papers.

In his study there is a large writing table, with a crucifix standing upon it. No books or reviews are to be seen. Generally, his holiness does his writing in the great library on the second floor, and when he takes reviews or books from here himself into the private apartment, after he has finished with them he brings them back himself to their places with the methodical care of the old librarian. He does not like to see anything on his writing table and on every hand there is evidence of his love for tidiness and order.

The pope lives entirely isolated in his private apartments, where no guard is on duty either during the day or at night. Nobody sleeps near him. He has three servants, who take turns daily waiting upon him But he is particularly looked after by an old woman, whose introduction into the vatican broke a long tradition, and aroused no little criticism among the pope's entourage. This woman, commonly called La Signora Linda, who is now over 60, has been for 40 years the faithful maid and companion of the mother of the pope. She was an orphan, and Signora Ratti took her out of a convent when still a girl.

When Signora Ratti died, Linda, being alone, re-entered a convent; but when Cardinal Ratti came to Milan as archbishop of the diocese he recalled her and made her his housekeeper. A few months later the archbishop was elected pope, and Linda was on the point of returning to the convent when a telegram arrived from Rome ordering her to go and live at the vatican.

The decision of Pius XI met with respectful resistance of the cardinals, and it is rumored, even of the secretary of state. "A woman in the vatican, your holiness!" (it was remarked to him.) "None of your predecessors has ever done such a thing." "Well," was the reply, "we will set a precedent for our successors!" Those who know the affectionate attachment of Pius XI to his family, and particularly the great devotion he always showed to his mother, were not surprised to hear that, in spite of tradition and opposition, he made good his will.

The result is that Signora Linda lives now in the vatican on the third floor of the wing looking towards Montemario. Her official title is mistress of the wardrobe, and every day she orders the pope's extremely frugal meals.

Partsch and Huettelmaier New Real Estate Concern

Personal service to the buying and selling public and strict attention to every business detail, is the motto of the recently established real estate firm of Partsch & Huettelmaier, with offices at 303 Electric Building.

The new firm starts operation with the experience which comes with active participation in the business world. The senior member, J. C. Partsch, has for the past two years been connected with one of Omaha's prominent real estate firms. The junior member, M. F. Huettelmaier, has been in the selling game for the past 22 years and enjoys a wide acquaintance in the city.

The firm will handle real estate, insurance and investments.

Temple McFayden Firm to Continue Building

Tempie McFayden company has decided to continue its building operations during the fall and winter. The firm has built and started to build 68 houses so far this year. A considerable number of these, however, has been finished and occupied. Seven new homes were sold by the McFayden company last week.

The McFayden company is now arranging to plant trees in its new tract of ground, known as Temple Heights, which is located a block south of Military avenue, between Fiftieth and Fifty-first streets. Temple Heights will be put on the market next spring.

Join New Food Center

Harry D. Cone.

Joe McGrath.

—Photos by Heyn.

Harry D. Cone and Joe McGrath, two of the widest known food men in the city, have joined the New Food Center organization, Cone taking charge of the retail meat department and McGrath assuming the management of the grocery department.

Both men have been in Omaha many years and have been connected with the biggest groceries and markets here.

Now Is Time to Buy Real Estate, Asserts Dealer

"The time to buy real estate, regardless of the class of property, is now. It is safe, provided you use good judgment in buying, or get the counsel of experienced real estate men."

This is the opinion advanced by L. C. Sholes, in charge of the real estate dapartment of the Hansen Investment company. He recently joined the Hansen organization and his views reflect that of the other members of the company.

"Building costs," said Mr. Sholes, "are not going to decline as we all anticipated last spring. The settlement of most labor difficulties has been upon the basis of continued high wages. Sixty to 70 per cent of building cost is labor consumed in construction. It would require a large reduction in material costs to greatly affect the cost of building. This is not likely to happen quickly, and we believe the enhancement of ground values in growing Omaha will more than offset depreciation in building costs."

"Clerk" Disappears With $222 Cash for Money Order

Cincinnati, O., Sept. 23.—Puzzled over the task of making out a telegraph money order and showing it plainly by the look on his face, Joseph Zinnasch of New York welcomed an offer of help from a man he thought was an attendant at the local telegraph office. The "clerk" took $222 from Zinnasch and stepped behind the counter, waited there a moment and then walked out a rear door. Zinnasch became suspicious at last and asked another man behind the counter about his money, only to find that he had been swindled by a stranger.

Mother of Four Falls for Detroit Vampire

Detroit, Sept. 23.—Mary Foder, although married and the mother of four children, succumbed to the blandishments of Anthony Vargo and fled with him to Akron, O., where she later married him, according to the $10,000 alienation of affections suit Foder has filed here against Vargo.

Foder is a farmer living near Belleville. He declares in his bill of complaint that when his wife went to Akron with Vargo he followed her. Two of the children that Mrs. Foder took with her were calling Vargo "Papa," he asserts.