

GREAT WESTERN MAKES GAIN

Road Totals Up a Much Better Showing Than for Previous Year.

EARNINGS ARE COMING UP

President Felton Advises that Road is in Excellent Shape and that the Profits Should Continue to Rise.

According to the Wall Street Journal the operations of the Chicago Great Western for the last fiscal year showed the road a surplus of \$1,345,000, an amount equivalent to 2.68 per cent on its preferred stock...

Operations last fiscal year placed the company in a much more substantial position with regard to the prospective payment of dividends at the rate of 4 per cent per annum on the preferred stock...

Conditions More Promising. On the prospects of the company's ability to meet preferred dividend requirements July 1, 1914, when he became cumulative, President Felton, in his message to stockholders, says:

"At the time of organization of the new company, business conditions were promising. It was believed that the activities of the state legislatures and of congress in regulating the railroads had ceased for a time, and that an opportunity would be afforded to meet existing conditions. The reorganization of the property, if the hope had been realized, was on a sufficiently conservative basis to justify the expectation of a return on the preferred stock within two years, at least.

Reasons of Failure. "Up to that time when the preferred stock was a dividend the original security holders of the old Great Western company receive no return whatever on their investment. "Realizing this, the management has bent every effort to earn a return on the preferred stock. These efforts have failed for various causes. First, because of new and most radical legislation; second, from two unusual winters, one the most severe in this territory in twenty years; third, by large increases in wages, and, fourth, by the failure of the railroads to secure any advance in their rates. The recent decision of the United States supreme court overruling the lower courts in the Minnesota rate case, has established a further serious obstacle to improvement in the future.

"In spite of all these obstacles, however, a point has been reached where a return of over 4 per cent on the preferred stock has been made in the last year. If increased rates can be secured and if business conditions are not seriously affected, the property in its present condition should be able to show by the first of July, 1914, from which date the dividend on the preferred stock becomes cumulative, the full return on that investment.

"Your board have felt that if the earnings on any reasonable rate basis could be brought up to \$100,000 a year, or approximately \$10,000 per annum, the preferred dividend would be assured. Gross revenue for the last year exceeded \$14,000,000; so that substantial progress is being made towards the earnings above referred to.

"The property is in most excellent condition, \$15,127,200 having been expended on it during the last four years, and it is now capable of the most economical management. All that is needed is sufficient density of traffic, with some reasonable increase in rates, to yield a partial return, at least, on the value of the property."

Edgar Defeats Superior. EDGAR, Neb., Oct. 18.—(Special.)—Edgar high school outplayed Superior high school Friday afternoon 22 to 9. This was Superior's first game, and they played good ball for such a light team. Edgar made most of their gains on line smashes.

Culls from the Wire. Samuel Haber was found guilty yesterday by a Sacramento jury of the murder in July last of Cherry De St. Maurice, the richest woman in the night life of Sacramento. The verdict carries the death penalty.

Legislation prohibiting intercountry liquor shipments in Tennessee and prohibiting interstate shipments in quantities over gallon for personal use became effective today with the signing of two bills by Governor Hooper.

The Delta Epilepsy Fraternity in national convention at Rochester, N. Y., yesterday passed an amendment to its by-laws, prohibiting the receiving into the fraternity after 1917 of any member from a high school or preparatory school fraternity. The question has long agitated college national fraternities.

Frank admission that the "grandfather clause" of the Oklahoma constitution was designed to restrict the right of negroes to vote as far as possible within the limits of the federal constitution, featured the argument in defense of the clause before the supreme court yesterday by former Senator Joseph W. Bailey.

George Hartman, who escaped from quarantine at St. Louis August 28, and Thursday night returned to his home at St. Louis from Mexico, where he declared he had been cured of what the city health authorities had pronounced leprosy, was returned to quarantine last night. The chief officer of the board of health, after examining Hartman, said he had not been cured.

Vincent Astor, regarded as the richest young man in the world, received a legacy of \$1,500 by the will, provided in New York yesterday of his uncle, J. R. Williams, better known as Harrison Williams. The estate is valued at \$100,000 upwards. The will, written on a scrap of paper with a lead pencil, was found among Mr. Williams' papers after his death a few weeks ago.

STOKES LAMBASTS THE RICH

Socialist Says Constitution Was Built for Them.

MUST CHANGE THE BASIC LAW

New York Millionaire Speaker Trims the Forefathers and Their Grasping Descendants Who Draw the Dividends.

A long, lean, lank and hungry-looking millionaire—none other than J. G. Phelps Stokes of New York—unwound his more than six feet of awkwardness from a chair where he sat on his collar bone, and rising to an upright position before a huge audience at the Lyric theater last night lambasted his brother capitalists with such deadly seriousness that the hearts of the humble were made exceeding glad.

Socialist Stokes, having abandoned settlement work, in which he and his wife labored long and earnestly, to go a-laboring, began with our forefathers, and dragging them from secret conclaves declared they conceived the constitution of this country in iniquity and gave birth to it in fraud and falsehood.

"I quote from these gentlemen merely to show that they believed democracy was dangerous and that they prepared the constitution forever to place capital and wealth beyond the power of the people, who are the real wealth producers and the only class entitled to the products of their labor," said the socialist millionaire, having quoted from correspondence of George Washington, Alexander Hamilton, Rufus King and nearly all the members of the constitutional convention.

People Never Have Ruled. "And while they were opposed to democracy and succeeded in framing a basic law in which a privileged few were guaranteed a perpetual aristocracy, they went before the people and proclaimed the inherent right of the people to rule."

Mr. Stokes said the faults of the constitution were being slowly worked out but that not until the working classes "got more busy" and put a stop to the "exploitation of the majority by a minority" would more beneficial conditions be secured.

"Conscious solidarity of material interests" and "accommodation of commercial disputes," having been the motive in the framing of the constitution, he said, remained the most active principle of modern law and would have to be abolished by workers.

Referring to landowners and capitalists, the speaker declared that industry was run by workmen, and pointed to the heads of the great corporations who have "come up from the ranks and are hired by absent owners, men who are absolutely useless, to run the industries."

Great Owners Useless. "If labor has produced capital and now is in charge of industry, why should not laboring men be in charge of the treasury of the corporations? The owners of the great corporations could be removed from the earth and would never be missed. They are useless, absolutely. All they do is to take to themselves one-fifth of the product of industry, giving the laborer one-fifth, the remaining three-fifths toward the purchase of raw material, maintenance, etc. Why should not the producers of wealth—the workmen—have this other one-fifth of what they produce?"

Mr. Stokes said he referred, speaking of the machinery of industry, only to the socially produced and the socially owned. Such machinery in the hands of private ownership, he declared, stolen property, because the people had produced it and to them it rightfully belongs.

Lawyers for the Rich. Reiterating that the constitution is in need of repair and that things governmentally are pretty rotten, the socialist quoted from President Woodrow Wilson, James Bryce, President Arthur P. Hadley of Yale, Prof. J. L. Smith of the University of Washington, prominent historians, economists, scientists and judges to show that the laws were originally framed to keep the people "subservient to wealth."

Mr. Stokes was received with repeated cheers and although not an orator, succeeded in driving home his argument with great earnestness. The chairman of the evening referred to the millionaire as one who had cast his lot with labor without any reason.

"I had the best reason in the world," said Stokes, "for I had the firm conviction that that is where I belong."

The millionaire left on an early train for Chicago to fill another speaking engagement. His wife did not accompany him on this trip. He told the laboring men he was coming back to Omaha to help in the celebration attendant on the dedication of a new labor temple.

Madame Yale Tells Her Beauty Secrets to Omaha Women

"We are living in an age when a woman is expected to look as attractive as possible," said Madame Yale at Brandeis theater Friday afternoon. A large and enthusiastic audience of women listened to the words of wisdom on beauty from the famous authority.

"Worry is a waste of time and beauty," said Madame Yale. "Deep breathing and correct walking have much to do with the good health of the average woman." This remark was followed by a series of exercises which the speaker gave to show the benefit to the human system.

Madame Yale said that it was the duty of every woman to make herself as good looking as possible and then artificial aid of the best preparations used to assist nature, she used them. She stated that the water in this part of the country was so hard that in order to use it so that it would not be injurious to the skin, it was necessary to put into it something that would soften it. She advocated the use of cold creams and many other lotions for the women in this part of the country to make their skin more beautiful.

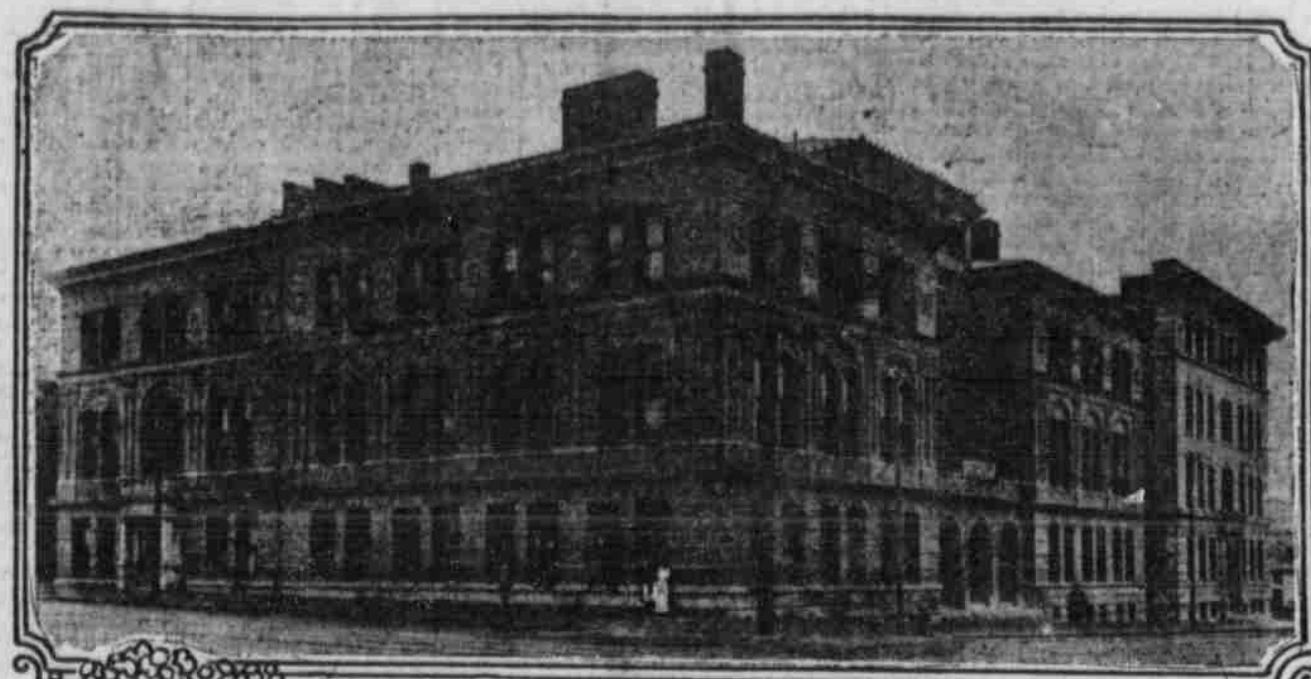
Madame Yale will be in the city until Wednesday and will give an appointment of five minutes free to any woman wishing to talk to her on the subject of beauty. She will have a consultation room in Brandeis store in the art department and appointment cards may be had by any woman free upon request at this department.

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TIMELY REAL ESTATE GOSSIP

Harry Wolf Suggests Location for New Park and Playground.

IN DENSELY SETTLED SECTION

Los Angeles Man on Annual Investment Tour Buys Sixteenth Street Property for \$18,000, and Will Build.

"They talk about playgrounds," said Harry Wolf, real estate dealer, "and I hear them talking about establishing parks and playgrounds out in the best residence district of Omaha. Well, that is not where they need them at all. They are always seeking to do something for the children of those who are able to take care of themselves. I'll tell you where a park or playground is needed in this city. It is somewhere between Sixteenth street and Thirty-second and between Cumma and Lake streets."

"The reason is simple. That is absolutely the oldest and most densely populated district of Omaha. It is largely inhabited by poor people. Every lot has a house on it and many have not only a house on the front of the lot, but also one on the back near the alley. Throughout this district there are very few if any trees, so the children that live there do not even have a shade tree to get under. The property is cheap, and it would not cost much to condemn and take a city block in the heart of this vast section. A park or playground could be made here that would be of benefit to those who need it most. It would give value and standing to that section of the city."

Change the Appearance. "Whenever we have distinguished visitors in the city and we take them through the city we are compelled to take them somewhere through this section and it is not a handsome district as it now is. A park or playground in the midst of this district would change the whole appearance of that part of the city."

Mr. Wolf has been doing some figuring on this theory for some time and has even suggested the plan to the Real Estate exchange at some of its meetings. Thus far nothing tangible has been done in the matter. He feels that now that the playground idea should be considered seriously. If there is to be one new playground or park he feels that this is where it should be located. If there are to be several of them eventually, he feels that this should be the first one. He points out that a park in the midst of this vast and densely populated district would at once increase the value of every piece of real estate in the district, so that the enhanced value of the property as a whole would be many fold the value of the ground condemned and purchased for the purpose.

Jacob Siesberg of Los Angeles, Cal., is in Omaha on his annual investment tour. He has just purchased a sixty-six foot front on Sixteenth street between Webster and Durt street, where he eventually intends to build a brick store and office building. Harry Wolf classed the sale, which was for the consideration of \$18,000. The property is on the west side of Sixteenth street. It is covered by a two-story frame building. Mr. Siesberg will not build at once, but eventually expects to erect a brick structure where the frame now stands.

Siesberg was formerly a resident of Omaha. Years ago he conducted the Public Market on Sixteenth street. He sold out here and engaged in business in Los Angeles. Once a year he comes back to Omaha to invest the money he annually makes in Los Angeles. He says Omaha is as good a place as he knows of to invest his money, and so he comes back to pick up strips of property in this city.

Four Hundred Are Added to Y. M. C. A. by a Day's Campaign

The one-day membership campaign of the Young Men's Christian association closed last night, leaving the association with 400 additional members, and with ten of the members in particularly high spirits. The ten members constituted the winning teams, five men to the team. There were sixteen teams all told. The losing eight teams will treat the winning eight to a dinner some time in November.

The winning team's captain is Harry Mahaffey. His privates are J. T. Wachob, A. C. Kennedy, Jr., William

Klewit and W. D. Hoster. This team enrolled fifty-eight members. The second team, headed by E. T. Ireland, enrolled thirty-seven members. The other four of this team are W. E. Mickel, H. D. Frankfurt, G. C. Randall and G. M. Danley. The teams in first and second position will each be rewarded with a five full-year membership. Harry Mahaffey, whose team won first prize in this contest, headed the winning membership team in the Ak-Sar-Ben campaign.

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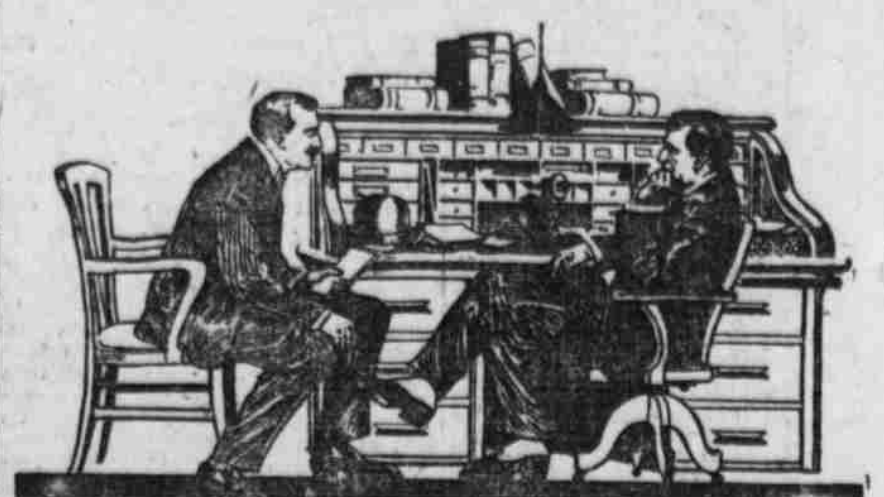
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