

Omaha Chamber Celebrates Its 30th Birthday

**20 Members at First Meeting;
Now 2,715—Many Achievements in Three Decades.**

From 20 to 2,715 members in 30 years.

That's the record of the Omaha Chamber of Commerce, which is celebrating its 30th anniversary.

W. A. L. Gibson and 19 others met at the Paxton hotel three decades ago and formed the Commercial Club of Omaha.

"Fine showing," someone commented. "Got 20 out tonight."

The Chamber now has more than twice that number of committees—45—and if it called out all members 800 men would storm the W. O. W. building, two floors of which are filled by its offices.

Long, Hard Pull.

According to a statement issued by the organization about the celebration, it has been a long, hard pull with a long list of big tasks accomplished. See how widely the organization operates:

Trade territory 30 years ago needed hauling out and the chamber encouraged merchants to come in by paying their fares.

Booster trips were organized and as many as 20 towns a day were visited. Omaha blazed the trail in that line and in a few years hundreds of towns were copying its activities.

Merchants Market week, a modern event, brings dealers to Omaha once a year to inspect factories and products and be entertained at parks and theaters.

Drought hit Nebraska in '94.

"Smile, Darn Ye, Smile." "Smile, darn ye, smile," the chamber cried, and Alkar Ben was the result. It kept Nebraska in a happier frame of mind, held out hope to farmers about ready to quit, and eventually claimed credit for the big rains that returned prosperity.

Next the Trans-Mississippi exposition, '97, which Captain James doubted, but which proved to be a money-maker—the only one of its nature—and rivaled the Columbian exposition that had been held in Chicago in '93.

A chamber fair paid for the Auditorium, later given to the city.

Due to activities of the organization, the Chicago & Great Western railroad came to Omaha.

Cooperation made it easy for the Illinois Central to get there.

Chamber comes to Mid.

The tornado swept over Omaha in 1913, and destroyed millions in property, paralyzing the community.

The Chamber of Commerce was right-hand agency to the Red Cross right at the beginning; later it organized committees that put the city on its feet.

Facts collected by the chamber helped to cause the Federal Reserve bank to be located here.

Annuations of South Omaha, Dundee, Florence, and Benson were influenced by the chamber, which forced municipal units.

Then came the light before the legislation for a home rule charter for Omaha.

Other Activities.

The chamber also looks with pride on work in clearing up and marking river traffic between Omaha and Decatur, profitably, assuring the George Washington highway for Omaha, good roads promotion, war activities' leadership, aid in building the Nebraska Medical college building, establishing headquarters of the fifth federal road aid district, and abolishing freight rates on Nebraska-Iowa traffic.

Two hundred young men, not yet 30 members of the junior division of the chamber, and 128 women are members of the business and professional women's division, and help in committees.

A public-relations bureau is maintained by the chamber, and its traffic bureau advises merchants of traffic problems.

Traffic trips, market weeks, industrial exhibitions, picnics, public affairs, luncheons, good roads promotion, traffic police, and volunteer traffic "cop" work are current activities of the organization.

"Don't you think we have a right to celebrate?" it asks.

Omaha Is Representative of Nebraska Odd Fellows

Sam K. Greenleaf of Omaha was elected grand representative of Nebraska Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., which held its annual meeting at Lincoln Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of this week.

Other officers elected are: grand master, John Harper, David City; deputy grand master, Charles C. Johnson; grand warden, W. H. Van Cleve; Treasurer, John C. Johnson; grand treasurer, Frank B. Bryant; Omaha; home trustee, George L. Johnson; Past Master, Frank J. John, Grand Island.

The grand lodge met as its guest of honor Wednesday, Grand Sir L. J. Eastin of St. Paul, Minn. On Wednesday also the first degree staff of the Omaha Lodge No. 7 conferred the first degree and the Hunting Lodge the second degree.

The decoration of chapter was conferred upon a large class by the patriotic militant, following which the grand ball was held at the Auditorium. About 1,200 representatives attended the convention.

The next meeting will be held at York in October, 1923, at which time the Odd Fellows home there will be dedicated.

Parent-Teacher Body of Gates School Meets Nov. 1

The Henry W. Gates school will hold the next meeting of its Parent-teacher association November 1.

Mrs. Mary Phillips, music instructor of the school, will give a talk on the study of music appreciation. With the aid of pupils and models she will demonstrate this new branch of art.

Mr. Ogden of United Preachers church will give a short review of his visit to the Holy land. Miss Elizabeth Brewster, who has a beautiful soprano voice, will render three or four selections.

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Omaha Grain

Omaha, Oct. 21.
Prospects of the car situation looking up to some extent caused a sharp break in all grains with corn leading the decline. Export demand was slow and the Indian wheat crop was said to be generally good.

Receipts at Omaha totaled 171 cars of all grains and consisted of 89 cars of wheat, 55 cars of corn, 29 cars of oats and 7 cars of rye and barley as compared with a total run of 52 cars last year. Total shipments were 225 cars against 92 cars a year ago.

Cash wheat was in fair request at a decline of 1 to 2 cents. Corn slow and unchanged to 5¢ lower, oats sold 1¢ lower, rye was quoted 1 to 2¢ lower and barley unchanged.

WHEAT.

No. 2 dark hard: 4 cars, \$11.18; 1 car,

1 car, \$11.16; 1 car, \$11.16.

No. 4 dark hard: 1 car, \$11.18 (empty); 1 car, \$11.15 (1 per cent H. D.); 1 car,

1 car, \$11.15; 1 car, \$11.15.

No. 5 dark hard: 1 car, \$11.16.

Sample dark hard: 1 car, \$11.14 (empty).

No. 6 dark winter: 1 car, \$11.15; 1 car,

1 car, \$11.15.

No. 2 hard winter: 1 car, \$11.16; 1 car,

1 car, \$11.16.

No. 4 hard winter: 1 car, \$11.16 (empty); 1 car,

1 car, \$11.16 (empty weight); 1 car,

1 car, \$11.16.

No. 5 hard winter: 1 car, \$11.16; 1 car,

1 car, \$11.16.

No. 6 hard winter: 1 car, \$11.16 (empty); 1 car,

1 car, \$11.16.

No. 7 spring: 4 cars, \$11.16 (dark northern); 1 car, \$11.16 (dark southern); 1 car, \$11.16 (dark); 1 car, \$11.16 (dark northern).

Corn and oats were affected mainly by the car situation in spots in the central west, with indications of larger arrivals in the future. Corn was 5¢ lower to 10¢ higher, oats 5¢ to 10¢ lower, while corn was 10¢ to 15¢ higher, oats 10¢ to 15¢ higher.

OATS.

No. 1 mixed: 2 cars, \$11.16; 1 car, \$11.16.

No. 2 mixed: 2 cars, \$11.16; 1 car, \$11.16.

No. 3 mixed: 2 cars, \$11.16; 1 car, \$11.16.

No. 4 mixed: 2 cars, \$11.16.

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