

Realtors Predict Rapid Growth of Omaha Industries

Real Estate Board Reviews Past and Discusses Future of City at Membership Luncheon.

Members of the Omaha real estate board predicted a brilliant past and predicted a rapid growth and expansion for Omaha in the immediate future at the Chamber of Commerce yesterday noon. The board was in charge of the weekly membership conference luncheon.

George Morton of the city planning board, introduced by Chairman Frank H. Meyer, called attention to the fact that the district surrounding Omaha, declaring it to be the city's backbone and asserting that its productivity will continue to increase. He asserted that almost any eastern city would give millions of dollars for Omaha's wide streets downtown.

The city zoning ordinance protects the purchaser of homes in the residence sections from the inroads of small grocery stores and other industry, Morton said.

Helped Build City.

C. E. Stubb called attention to the fact that Omaha has the largest and the second largest building and loan associations in the United States, and said that these organizations have worked in hearty cooperation with realtors in building the city.

"Omaha is going to get greater, even though you don't turn a hand," said J. J. Mulvihill. "Let's work together to get more jobbing industries and branch homes for the city. In advertisements in national magazines by big firms giving lists of branch houses, you don't see Omaha mentioned often enough."

Ernest Sweet called attention to the pleasures afforded by the city's numerous parks, and declared the

wooded hills along the river would be parks in the future and furnish the most beautiful of scenic drives.

"I think patriotism and industry are best developed in the open," observed Mr. Sweet. "I'll bet 90 per cent of you can't go out and make a fire and cook a meal in the open."

540,000 Trade Here.

"You needn't hesitate to invest money in Omaha's retail district," said H. A. Wolf, with much emphasis. "Do you know that the biggest store between Chicago and San Francisco, one which occupies the most space and outstrips many nationally known institutions in business, is right here in Omaha? Omaha has 200,000 people. Fully 540,000 people trade here. . . . Outsiders are willing to pay almost any price for locations in Omaha, so good do they consider the city's prospects."

N. P. Dodge declared the growth of Omaha is certain because of the movement from the farm to the city. Economists predict that 90 per cent of the country's population will be in cities, Mr. Dodge said, and despite this movement the production of farms becomes greater.

Mr. Dodge declared that when the farmer gets organized, Omaha will gain even greater prosperity. "The farmer is the only man who is selling his output, for less than in 1914 and paying 30 per cent more for what he buys than in 1914."

"When the farmer gets his dues Omaha will grow. There was never a better time to get in on Omaha real estate than now."

It was pointed out during the meeting that Omaha is first in home ownership throughout the country.

Two Boys Killed Coasting.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 14.—Put on the alert by the killing of two boys in three days and the injury of two, Seattle coasters are projecting the chieftain-siding hills from automobiles on cross streets by juvenile traffic cops with red lanterns. This system, which is encouraged by the police department, was initiated last night when motorists who were stopped where a busy street intersected a long incline filled with sleds grinned cheerfully and drove slowly across.

Two Americans Slain in Payroll Holdup in Mexico

Bandits Fire on Train From Ambush—Engineer Killed by First Volley—Chief Apologizes for Murders.

Houston, Tex., Dec. 14.—Details of a Mexican payroll robbery December 2, in which two American and a Mexican were killed and another American injured, was made public by Clemmons West, brother of one of the slain men, at his home in Humble, near here, Wednesday.

West has just returned from Mexico, where he was in the employ of the Cia Mexicana de Petroleo El Agulla, a British subsidiary of the Royal Dutch Shell Oil company.

The slain American were: J. G. West, 23, of Humble, and Charles E. Snapp, 28, of Houston. The injured man was Charles Miller, who lived in Walter county.

West, his brother Snapp, and several other Americans were on a vacation in Puerto when they were asked by officials of the company to accompany the monthly payroll bank to camp.

The journey was made over a narrow gauge railway. Passing the foot of a mountain a few kilometers from camp, the train was fired on from an ambush. The Mexican engineer was killed instantly. Another volley and West and Snapp fell dead. Miller was shot through the hip and, when West left Puerto for the United States, was believed to be on the road to recovery.

After the first volley, the other Americans in the party dropped on their stomachs and feigned death. The firing over, they ran for a nearby creek, but while trying to cross it, where captured by the bandits.

"The leader of the gang came up and apologized for killing any one," West said. "He declared he only

intended to frighten the crew and obtain the payroll without bloodshed."

According to West's information, the payroll amounted to only 3,000 pesos. Federal troops took the trail of the bandits almost immediately and it was reported in Puerto, the following day, that the apologetic leader had been killed, West said. The rest of the band was reported scattered.

Unusual State Bills Are Referred to Legislature

Lincoln, Dec. 14.—(Special)—Finding no funds for the purposes, Auditor Marsh has referred to the legislature for appropriation two claims of unusual character.

One is on behalf of John P. Sibbitt of Hyannis, who says that he paid the state for land he never got. He was permitted to sue, and got judgment for \$50.76, but no funds are on hand to pay it.

The other claim is on behalf of H. E. Fish of Gosper county, who wants \$127.59 for cleaning up an obnoxious prairie dog village on state land. Of this amount \$108 is for "gas." Land owners are required to get rid of prairie dogs, but the law is silent as to the duty of the state with respect to land it owns. Fish is a road overseer, and it is that officer's job to clean up dog villages when land owners do not, and to collect from them.

Farmer Imitating Turkey Is Wounded by Hunter

Dublin, Ga., Dec. 14.—Jordan Ellington, farmer, who was imitating a turkey's call in a swamp yesterday, was shot and seriously wounded by another hunter, Lee Davis. The latter also had been imitating a turkey's call and each of the men thought the other was a turkey.

Building Increases.

New York, Dec. 14.—Increased building through the country during the year, was reported in statistics issued by Bradstreet yesterday. In November, a short month which included a holiday, a total of \$225,619,700 was put into new buildings in 161 cities, against a total of \$208,253,990 for October.

Rumor Persists Prince Engaged to Lady Mary



Prince of Wales and Lady Mary Cambridge, m.m.

Rumor persists in British court circles that the prince of Wales soon is to announce his engagement to Lady Mary Cambridge, crowning English beauty, in whose company he is seen constantly. She is the daughter of the Marquis of Cambridge, a brother of Queen Mary. The photograph of the prince is his latest, taken when he acknowledged the cheers of the boys when he opened the William Baker Technical school at Goldings, Hertford, England.

Court Asked to Rule on Use of Auto Hearse

Lincoln, Dec. 14.—(Special)—When a man is left with an auto hearse on his hands, what's he going to do with it unless he goes into the undertaking business?

This is the question Charles A. Swanson former undertaker of Wahoo, has put up to the supreme court.

Swanson sold his business to Chris Buerstatte and agreed that he would not re-enter the business for five years. It was also agreed that Buerstatte would pay for the business whatever price was fixed by appraisers to be mutually appointed.

Buerstatte took everything at the appraised price, says Swanson, except the hearse. The appraisers fixed the value of this at \$1,000, and Chris refused it. When Swanson started to re-enter the business Buerstatte enjoined him. He contends that as he paid \$18,000 of the total appraisal of \$17,000, he had completed 16-17ths of his contract and was entitled to the injunction. The lower court held with him, and Swanson appeals on the ground that it requires 17-17ths fulfillment to substantially comply.

BLUNDERS

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Inmate of Reformatory Accumulates Sentences

Lincoln, Dec. 14.—(Special)—Charles Mewhorter was sentenced in the Lancaster county district court to serve five years for breaking out of the state reformatory. This is in addition to the remnant of a term for burglary at Hastings and one to 10 years for an

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Express Rate Hearing Is Scheduled for Omaha

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merce commission is sending out Examiners Buckley and Mullen, who will sit with Commissioner Harriman of California in a series of hearings beginning at Atlanta on February 11 and ending at Washington April 9.

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