

Master Builders Resist Wage Hike

Association Fears Increase Will Discourage Expected Building Boom in Spring.

The Master Builders' Association of Nebraska went on record yesterday as being opposed to "any material increase in wages for building trades men" and also against increases in material prices.

Grant Parsons, president, explained that the resolution was passed because the association fears any large increase in wages or building material prices would "discourage a building boom expected this spring."

"We don't wish to antagonize labor, nor do we wish to make any hard, unbending rules against wage increases," said E. H. Brown, commissioner of the association. "We feel, however, that any big wage increases would so discourage building that it would work a hardship on the building tradesmen as well as the contractors. The prospect is for a real building boom in Omaha and Nebraska this spring."

John M. Gibb, president of the Central Labor union, took exception to the statement of President Parsons Wednesday that there is a building labor shortage in Omaha and Nebraska.

"Contractors who are unwilling to pay wage scales which are being paid in all metropolitan cities may have difficulty getting workmen," said President Gibb, "but contractors who are paying the recognized wage scales are having no trouble."

President Parsons replied to this by declaring that there is a shortage not only in Omaha, but throughout the country. He said at the present time, during an off season lull, there may be plenty of labor here to supply the demand.

Edwin J. Brunner, editor of the American Contractor, and Earl P. Stokes, secretary of the National Association of Builders, addressed the master builders yesterday afternoon and at the banquet in Hotel Pontenelle last night.

By means of an X-ray clock, X-rays may now be measured as accurately as an electric current.

Who Said Go West or South? Californians Soon May Be Flocking to Nebraska to Escape Winter Weather.

"Go to sunny Omaha for the winter. Where the rainy breezes blow. Through sleepers from Los Angeles daily. Leave here tonight; be in Omaha day after tomorrow."

Will this sort of ad appear soon in the newspapers of California, New York and other places less favored than Omaha and Nebraska in winter climate?

Talk about Florida! Look at the little, old weather man. What does it say?

The temperature in Jacksonville, Fla., at 7 yesterday morning was 44; in Omaha, same hour, 48.

Wednesday the local official thermometer climbed up to 56 at 5 o'clock. One more degree and it would have topped the record for January 17, which was hung up in 1889 with 57.

The surrounding, smiling country shares with Omaha this summer resort balminess. Yesterday morning at 7 Valentine had 36, Sioux City 42, Des

Moines 46, Kansas City 56, North Platte 36.

And the maximum temperatures Wednesday at North Platte and at Valentine were 64.

Reports coming from the western part of Nebraska say that, in some fields, farmers are sowing winter wheat. Sowing wheat in January! Never before has this been done in Nebraska.

Let us not forget our less fortunate fellow men. In New York yesterday the thermometer went down to 10, in Boston 6, in Bismarck, N. D., 6, in Winnipeg to 2 below, and in Edmonton, Canada, 15 below.

But we were to have a little snappy weather last night, according to Meteorologist Robins, who thought it might go down as far as freezing by morning—as it often does in Los Angeles and other California and Florida places.

Booze Sleuths Lose in Court

Judge Holds Manufacture of Stills and Equipment No Violation of Law.

Much work by the national prohibition enforcement department ended in naught yesterday when agents failed to present enough evidence to sustain a charge of conspiracy to violate the prohibition act against owners and employees of Boyer & Co., Fourteenth and Jones streets.

The firm claims to be an exporter of metal goods. Stills are among the goods dealt in.

John Mallon and C. M. McMillan, general federal booze sleuths, described to a jury in Federal Judge Woodrough's court yesterday how they went to the Boyer establishment and bought a complete still and book of instructions from Raymond Boyer last October.

They said they saw the other three men involved in the conspiracy charge

working around there, but that they took no part in the sale. These three are O. D. Boyer, James Utley and H. H. Farmer.

Judge Woodrough, at the conclusion of the government's testimony ordered the conspiracy charge dismissed and gave permission to Assistant United States Attorney George Keyser to file another charge against Raymond Boyer.

A great array of stills, coils, copper kettles and so on was displayed on the floor and tables before the jury. But the jury was informed that the mere manufacture and sale of these utensils is not in violation of law.

Witness in Murder Trial Held on Auto Theft Charge

Nebraska City, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special)—Frank Stuart was bound over to the district court here on a charge of taking the automobile of Fred Johnson from the safe without the consent of the owner. The car was recovered in New Mexico, where Joe Gaskill and two young women of this city had accompanied Stuart. They were tried at Albuquerque by the federal authorities, but were acquitted. Stuart was brought from Omaha, where he was being held as a witness in the Mike Damato murder trial.

Poultry and Corn Show Draws Many Exhibitors

Nebraska City, Jan. 18.—(Special)—The Nebraska City Corn, Poultry and Pet Stock show opened here with the largest list of exhibitors ever shown in the city. There are 324 fowls on exhibition, representing nearly every breed of chickens. In the rabbit exhibit 14 animals are shown, among them prize winners at the big Chicago show. Exhibitors of rabbits and chickens cover a large territory.

In the corn show prizes were awarded on yellow corn as follows: Charles Brush, Auburn; first; Carl Wilson, Dunbar; second; W. J. Beecham, Palmyra; third.

The grand sweepstakes was won by Charles Brush of Auburn. White corn awards were: Dan Beers of Syracuse; first; Mrs. Dan Beers, Syracuse; second; W. J. Beecham, Palmyra; third.

Prof. P. H. Stewart of the University of Nebraska will lecture on white clover and soy beans. T. A. Kisebeck spoke on corn. Large crowds attended both afternoon and evening.

Omaha Booze Found in Nebraska City Hotel

Nebraska City, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special)—The police and sheriff made a raid on the Frontier hotel here and found 39 pints of booze that had just arrived from Omaha. Frank Popel, 823, Conrad Popel and Frank Popel, Jr., owners and managers of the hotel, were arrested. Frank Popel, Jr., pleaded guilty to illegal possession and was fined \$100 and costs. The others pleaded not guilty and will have their trials January 25. It is said that the raid was carried out so quickly after the arrival of the liquor that the Omaha agents had not even collected for the delivery. The same hotel was raided a few nights ago and several bottles filled with wine, were found. No complaint has yet been filed on the first raid.

Brothers Sent to Jail for Beating Town Marshal

Nebraska City, Neb., Jan. 18.—(Special)—Henry and John Darby, brothers of Unadilla, were sentenced to 30 and 10 days, respectively, in the county jail here, when they were found guilty of assaulting Guy Dean, village marshal of Unadilla, when he attempted to arrest them on charges of drunkenness.

Iowa Senate Sanctions Code Revision Plans

Des Moines, Jan. 18.—(By A. P.)—The Iowa legislature will begin immediately to revise the state code. Senate factions reached a compromise today and the code committee's report was adopted by the senate with only seven members dissenting. The house accepted the same report yesterday.

Holdup Who Pleaded Guilty to Murder Sentenced to Hang

Chicago, Jan. 18.—James Smith, who entered a plea of guilty to a charge of murder in a holdup in which he attempted to raise \$500 to pay his bondsmen and thereby release his mother's house which had been scheduled to secure his bond, was sentenced today to be hanged February 23.

Sentence was pronounced by Judge Marcus Kavanagh, in criminal court, who also sentenced Smith's brother-in-law, James Butler, to life imprisonment. Smith shot and killed Frank O'Connell, a cigar store clerk, and Butler was with him at the time.

See Want Ads produce results.

Road Conditions

(Published by the Omaha Auto Club.)
Lincoln highway, east: Roads good.
Lincoln highway, west: Roads good.
O. L. 10: Roads good.
Meridian highway: Roads good.
Corryville highway: Roads good.
Highland cutoff: Roads good.
N. Y. 42: Roads good.
Black Hills trail: Roads good to Norfolk.
Washington highway: Roads good.
Somewhat rough around Blair.
Omaha-Tulsa highway: Roads good to Topeka.
Omaha-Topeka highway: Roads good to state line.
King of Trails, north: Roads good.
King of Trails, south: Roads good to Leavenworth fair to Kansas City.
River to River road: Roads good.
White-Way: " " Highway: Roads good.
I. C. A. Shortline: Roads good.
Blue Grass road: Roads good.
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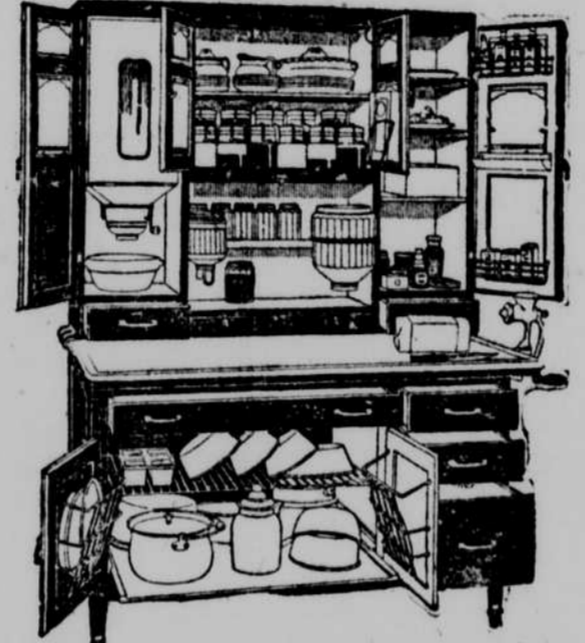
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