

Building Boom Predicted for Western Cities

Editor of American Contractor or Warns Omahans at Joint Banquet to Keep Costs Down.

"This year should bring great building prosperity in the western states, while the heights of the building wave may pass over the east. Everyone connected with the building industry should see that building costs do not increase this year."

These are two of the high points made by E. J. Brunner, editor of the American Contractor, in his talk before the largest group of builders ever assembled in the city, at the joint builders' banquet in Hotel Fontainebleau Thursday night.

Mr. Brunner called attention to the fact that the building boom has continued, especially in the east, throughout the winter and into 1923; partly, he said, because of favorable weather, but fundamentally because there is real demand for construction. He warned against increased building costs, declaring that the spurt in building usually caused by such an increase is invariably followed by a severe slump.

Building Evils Discussed.

Touching on the evils of the building business, Mr. Brunner said: "Get rid of the practice of fixing labor agents to avoid strikes. I don't think the conditions are the same here as they were in Chicago during the labor strike there, but you can't tell when it may become the same. Fixing against strikes may seem a harmless practice, but it only whets the appetites of those who benefit."

"Enticing workmen from one town to another is another evil practice. I know of instances where contractors have gone in their automobiles for loads of workmen, and they violated the national prohibition act while doing it. Every time a bonus is paid to a workman without his rendering greater service is a step toward generalizing the workman."

Enjoys Technical High.

Mr. Brunner told of visiting the new Technical High school here and of his delight in finding in the "magnificent" structure one room so large that a dwelling can be constructed in it and moved out whole. He declared that the rising generation should be taught that there is as much honor in hand work as in brain work, and that "a good bricklayer is ten times better than a poor real estate man or a poor anything else."

Touching again on the labor situation, Mr. Brunner asserted there is actually a shortage of skilled labor. He said labor's situation is favorable this year because of the law of supply and demand, but declared labor would wish its position had not been so favorable in a year or so. If it insists in forcing great wage increases at this time, in closing he urged the builders to support their organizations and to eliminate waste due to bad management.

Banquet Is Novel.

The builders' banquet, participated in by the Omaha Builders' Association, the Master Plumbers' Association of Nebraska, the Master Plumbers' Association of Omaha and the Omaha Electrical Contractors' Association, was one of the most novel ever held. Each person attending was given a time card and required to ring a time clock. The program, labeled "Special

Not Cute, Just Dangerous



"Oh, isn't that just too cute for anything?"

This delightful cry may be heard many times on the streets of Omaha as an automobile passes by with an intelligent looking dog balancing himself on the running board of the machine.

But instead of praise for the drivers of the cars or the masters or mistresses of these dogs, severe censure should be meted out, according to Welcome W. Bradley, secretary of the Nebraska Humane Society.

"For no matter how smart the dog and how sure footed he may be, the time will come when he will fall off and get hurt, says Bradley.

A number of dogs, all kinds and sizes, victims of this practice, now are out at the humane society shelter, Twenty-first and Leard streets, being treated for the injuries they received when they fell from running boards of automobiles.

Here is a picture of "Collie" convalescing from a leg injury, posed on the running board of the automobile of L. B. King, superintendent of the shelter, just as he was riding on his master's automobile when he fell off and hurt his leg.

"If you love your dog like a true pet," warn Bradley and King, "don't teach them to ride the running board. For they'll suffer sooner or later."

schools, which already has passed the house, caused a split in the senate education committee yesterday, and as a result majority and minority reports were being prepared. The four majority members favored enactment of the bill by striking out the penalty of fine and imprisonment and the minority, three, favored allowing the penalty to remain.

Committee of 100 to Probe Propaganda of Foreigners

Washington, Jan. 19.—The committee of 100 on foreign relations of the national civic federation concluded its initial two-day conference yesterday with instructions to its executive committee to commend the secretary of state for his "tactful efforts" for peace in Europe and to conduct an immediate investigation of propaganda of "foreign governments or organizations" in this country.

Allen B. Parker, who presided, announced he would name the executive committee and call it in session probably in New York, within the next 10 days.

Denouncement of pacifists and demands for maintenance of military preparedness by the United States were voiced by Maj. Gen. Clarence R. Edwards, U. S. A., retired; Dr. Harry Pratt Judson, president of the University of Chicago; Robert Underwood Johnson, former ambassador to Italy, and other speakers.

Anti-Sectarian Garb Bill Causes Split in Committee

Salem, Ore., Jan. 19.—The anti-sectarian garb bill, designed to prevent the wearing of costumes of religious orders by teachers in the pub-

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Range Conditions Improve in State

Exceptionally Good Pastures Reported in Sand Hill—Feed Is Abundant.

Denver, Colo., Jan. 19.—Range conditions in 17 western states improved 1 per cent during December, averaging 85 per cent of normal on January 1, compared with an average of 84 per cent on December 1, according to reports of the field statisticians of the United States division of crop and livestock estimates, made public here yesterday.

Improvement was made in the range conditions of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Montana, Colorado, Arizona, Utah and California and a declining condition was noted in North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Wyoming, New Mexico, Nevada and Washington, the report declared.

Exceptionally good pastures and ranges were reported in California, Montana, Idaho and in the sand hills of Nebraska. The drought-stricken sections of New Mexico are still unrelieved to any considerable extent, says the report. Throughout the west hay and feed supplies are generally reported sufficient for winter use and in some sections, including Kansas, Idaho, Montana and parts of Nebraska and Wyoming, are abundant. Wheat pasture is scarce in Kansas and Oklahoma.

The condition of cattle in the 17 states averaged 50 per cent on January 1, compared with 49 per cent on December 1, while sheep averaged 94 per cent on January 1, compared with 93 one month earlier.

Summarizing cattle losses of the states during 1922, the report declares such losses, except in New Mexico, were generally reported as the average or light. The reported loss of cattle for the year ranged from 2.6 per cent of the number on hand January 1, 1922, in Nebraska to 10 per cent in New Mexico, while the reported year's losses of sheep averaged from 7 per cent to 13.8. The calf crop for the year generally was from 87 to 89 per cent of the number of breeding cows on hand January 1, 1922, and the lamb crop generally from 75 to 80 per cent of the number of breeding ewes.

"Wobblers" Sentenced

Sacramento, Cal., Jan. 19.—Ten I. W. W. men recently convicted on charges of violating the criminal syndicalism act were sentenced by Superior Judge Malcolm C. Glenn to serve from 1 to 14 years in San Quentin. After creating a scene the convicted men marched to the county jail singing an I. W. W. song.

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30c Phenolax **22c**
35c Freezone **25c**
35c Nature's Remedy Tablets for **17c**
\$1.25 Lyko Tonic **98c**
35c Sal Hepatica **21c**
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A commission of the chamber which investigated charges that Cachin recently had been engaged in communistic activities in the Ruhr, recommended that the deputy's parliamentary immunity be lifted so as to permit the prosecution of Cachin by the government, on a charge of conspiracy against the security of the state in connection with plans to call a general strike in the Ruhr and in French cities in protest against France's seizure of the Ruhr.

State Firemen Elect Officers

Beatrice Minister Successful in Race for Second Vice President.

North Platte, Neb., Jan. 19.—(Special)—Officers of the Nebraska State Volunteer Firemen's association elected Thursday were O. W. Rhodes, Scottsbluff, president; Lee Cary, York, first vice president; Rev. Walter Rindin, Mitchell, second vice president; Rev. J. F. Haas, Beatrice, chaplain; W. A. Webber, Kearney, secretary, and F. B. Doran, Sidney, treasurer.

Beatrice was chosen as the convention city for 1924 with Hastings running a close second. Richard E. Vernon of Chicago delivered the address of the forenoon session, "Fire Waste" was his subject. Reports of committees concluded the sessions.

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Klan Trains Delayed

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Growing Girls' black patent lace, kid tops (some with cloth tops) well sole, all sizes, former price up to \$7.50, **\$2.45, \$3.45, \$4.45** in three lots, at
Misses' patent, gray kid top, turn sole, lace, sizes 1 1/2 to 2, complete line, former price, **\$4.50**, specially priced, per pair, **\$4.45**

Misses' button shoes in patent with kid tops, black calf and all black kid, sizes 1 1/2 to 2, former price \$5.00 to \$6.50, in three lots at, **\$2.95, \$3.95, \$4.45**
Child's black kid button, welt sole, sizes 8 1/2 to 11, former price \$5.50, special, **\$3.45**
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