

Man Crushed to Death Under Wall

Son Sees Fremont Man, Helping Raise Icehouse, Killed Instantly.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Fremont, Neb., March 13.—Umbert Cechin, 44, Fremont, was killed instantly about 10:30 this morning when caught beneath the wreckage of a falling wall while raising an old ice house on the outskirts of the city. His son, Lawrence, and a helper, Gus Rathe, leaped to safety in time to escape injury, but saw Cechin crushed to death by the falling timbers. The three were dismantling the old building, when the wall began to topple. They shouted a warning at Cechin, but he failed to hear them in time to escape. He was completely buried under the wreckage, with his head badly crushed. He was dead when picked up by the son and Rathe after they labored frantically to remove the timbers. Cechin is survived by a widow and three children.

Two More Platte Bridges Planned

Specifications Approved for Structures at Grand Island and Broadwater.

Lincoln, March 13.—Plans have been approved for the construction of two more bridges across the Platte river—one at Grand Island and one at Broadwater—to be paid for with federal, state and county funds. Bids are now being advertised for. These are in addition to four state aid bridges whose construction is planned for this year.

One of the new state aid bridges is to be located at Silver Creek and another at Cozad on the Platte river. State Engineer Cochran is unable to say where the other two will be, except that one will be on the Platte and the other on the Republican river. Thirty-five applications for state aid bridges are on file, but nearly all of them will have to be put over for inclusion in the 1925 program.

In building the four bridges, the entire appropriation of \$200,000 made by the legislature for state aid in that field will be used up.

Compensation Sought by Pen Factory Worker

Lincoln, March 13.—A claim for temporary compensation has been filed with the state labor department by F. B. Swaim, Lincoln, a cloth cutter, employed at the state penitentiary shirt factory, who claims that he contracted sciatic rheumatism as a result of the floor in the factory being kept wet by sprinkling twice a day.

Manager D. Miller of the D. M. Oberman company, which owns the factory equipment, and Warden Fenton appeared in resistance to the claim. The defense claimed that the sprinkling was done to comply with the state laws, as a sanitary measure to keep down dust and purify the air.

Rist Family Claims Title as Largest in One Vicinity

Falls City, Neb., March 13.—Humboldt is a hustling little town of 2,000 population, but if the Rist family and relatives ever move away their home town would become a hamlet. They claim to have the largest clan within the confines of one town in the entire state. Unlike the Elsassers of Omaha, rival claimants, they cannot prove annually because there is not a grove sufficiently large enough for the occasion in Richardson county. According to Frank Rist, his first cousins alone in Humboldt vicinity number about 75.

Snyder Doctor and Friend Injured as Auto Hits Train

Fremont, Neb., March 13.—Dr. J. A. Callahan and G. J. Hoffman, both of Snyder, were painfully injured, when the auto in which they were riding hit a Northwestern freight train on the Lincoln highway crossing just west of the city about 1:30 yesterday morning. Callahan, who was driving, failed to note the approach of the train. The crew was not aware of the accident. Bruised and bleeding, the two men extricated themselves from the wreckage and made their way into the city.

Petition for Farm Bureau Circulated in Thayer County

Hebron, Neb., March 13.—A petition is being circulated this week for the continuation of the farm bureau in Thayer county and for a veterinary for the treatment of tubercular cattle. Meetings are being held in each precinct under the direction of County Agent L. C. Christie.

Station Agent for Mayor.

Harvard, Neb., March 13.—Charles H. Wing, Burlington station agent, was nominated for mayor of the city to oppose William Smith, present mayor, at a caucus held in the Community club rooms. Dr. E. C. Griess, local chiropractor, and Sam Brehm, restaurant owner, were nominated to represent the west and east wards, respectively.

Cedar Bluffs Man Dies.

Cedar Bluffs, Neb., March 13.—August F. Bockenuchi, 56, resident of Cedar Bluffs, died Wednesday morning at a local hospital, after an illness of one year. He is survived by one brother and one sister, Mrs. W. C. Grote of this city. The body was taken Wednesday afternoon to Cedar Bluffs for burial.

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More Cattle for Omaha Market Sought by Delegation From Stockyards Which Will Invade Southwest on Tour

Prices Paid Here More Than Offset Difference in Freight—Radio Is Carried on Trip.

Wearing enormous sombreros and carrying with them the Kiwanis quartet and a radio outfit, which will keep them in touch with Omaha every night, a delegation from the Union stockyards left late yesterday on their third annual trade trip through the west and southwest. The party goes first to Denver, and then swings southeast to Dalhart, to Amarillo, to Fort Worth, and finally to Houston. At each point stock raisers and shippers will hear the advantages of shipping to Omaha, instead of to lower river markets.

"During the last two years Omaha prices on cattle have been such that, despite the slight increase in freight rates, shippers have netted 25 to 50 cents per hundredweight more than in the lower river markets," say stockyard men, who are making the trip. "Traders from Omaha were constantly on the lower river markets making purchases for shipment to Omaha, on which additional charges are incurred of about \$75 per car. By shipping to Omaha the supply is distributed where it is needed and assures the shipper from \$75 to \$125 per car additional."

"Further, train services from Texas to Omaha, and also to lower river markets, require one feed en route, at Herington, Kan."

Trip Helps Business. "Since this trip was started we have received 200 cars a year for the last two years from the southwest," said John Fitz Roberts, prominent South Omaha livestock man. "Omaha is the ideal market for feeders."

From the Panhandle and the southwest 2,610 cars of cattle were received at the Union stockyards during 1923. Freight rates from Dawson, N. M., to Omaha are only 1 cent higher than to lower river markets, rates from Fort Worth are 4 cents higher, and the greatest spread is 17 cents, the rate being that much greater to Omaha from Albuquerque.

The trip is in charge of Everett Buckingham, president of the Union Stockyards company. In addition to men connected with the livestock industry, the Chamber of Commerce and Grain exchange are represented. There is also a radio operator, John H. Negele.

Denver First Stop. The itinerary of the trip follows:



The itinerary indicated by the dotted line. Figures given are for beef cattle and are from the federal census.

- Leave Omaha Thursday, March 13, Union Pacific, 4:22 p. m.
 - Arrive Denver Friday, March 14, Union Pacific, 7:30 a. m.
 - Leave Denver Friday, March 14, Colorado & Southern, 11 p. m.
 - Arrive Dalhart Saturday, March 15, Colorado & Southern, 2:58 p. m.
 - Leave Dalhart Sunday, March 16, Colorado & Southern, 2:40 a. m.
 - Arrive Amarillo Sunday, March 16, Colorado & Southern, 4:15 p. m.
 - Leave Amarillo Sunday, March 16, Colorado & Southern, 8:15 p. m.
 - Arrive Fort Worth Monday, March 17, Colorado & Southern, 7 a. m.
 - Leave Fort Worth Monday, March 17, Southern Pacific, 9:30 p. m.
 - Arrive Houston Tuesday, March 18, Southern Pacific, 7:10 a. m.
- Members of the party include: Everett Buckingham, E. P. Peck, W. H. Kilpatrick, Heber Hord, Charles R. Gardner, M. A. Tancock, John Fitz Roberts, W. E. Reed, Clarence Owens, Herbert Johnson, R. M. Laverty, Allen Dudley, Bruce McCullough, John Robb, A. L. Hobbs, Fritz Carlson, Harry Dishrow, Ralph Ehrig, John H. Negele, A. H. Frye, James Regan, Charles Owens and W. R. Wood.

Passage of Maintenance Bill Forecast by Mailman

Beatrice, Neb., March 13.—Returning to his home at Wymore, this county, yesterday from Washington, D. C., where he appeared before a joint committee of the senate and house in the interests of rural mail carrier legislation, C. W. Tumbull, past president of the Nebraska Rural Carriers' association, forecast passage of a maintenance bill in the near future.

The bill approved by the National Rural Carriers association would provide mileage payments of about 6 cents a mile for maintenance of the rural carriers' automobiles or teams. This would amount to about \$500 annually for the carrier with an average route of 25 miles, said Mr. Tumbull.

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Mark Sullivan Discredits Wood's Story of Hamon's Bribe Offer

Declares Shortly Before 1920 Convention Oklahoman and General Were at Outs; Complete Version to Be Brought Out During Daugherty Investigation Now Underway.

By MARK SULLIVAN. Washington, March 13.—Leon Wood's resignation is one sign of that atmosphere of nervous tension at Washington of which we who are here have been well aware, and of which there are many other manifestations that may or may not reach the public generally. The situation is such that there is a need on the part both of public men and the public generally to keep their eyes open. The senate committee to investigate Daugherty is preparing to include among its earliest activities an inquiry into the story told by Leonard Wood, jr., to the effect that his father had been approached by Jacob Hamon of Oklahoma with a proposal to deliver these delegates to Wood on Wood's promise to make him secretary of the interior, which story was given currency last week in a newspaper article signed by Leonard Wood, jr. So far as the subject matter of this story is concerned, it must be regarded as a case not only of going far afield from the subject of the inquiry, but also of giving official attention to a story of which the accuracy is most dubious.

Was Not on Inside. If the name of Leonard Wood, jr., had not been attached to this story, it would never have created a sensation, and probably would not have been printed at all. The context of the story makes it clear that young Wood did not know as much about what went on at Chicago convention in 1920 as many newspaper men. The present writer followed the Chicago convention and General Wood's part in it very closely, and according to his recollection Leonard Wood, jr., was not at that convention, or if he was there, was not close to the inside access. General Wood's other son, Osborne Wood, was present and the writer saw him frequently at the Wood headquarters and at the house General Wood was occupying; but the writer never saw Leonard Wood, jr.

Young Wood in his published story was not even accurate about the circumstances under which Jake Hamon made General Wood's acquaintance. General Wood had met Hamon many years before, when the former was in the army service in the southwest. By the time General Wood's candidacy for president arose, Hamon had prospered greatly in the oil industry. Partly for old acquaintance sake, and partly because of newly acquired ambition to have a part in politics, Hamon made a donation of \$25,000 to the Wood campaign fund very soon after the Wood candidacy began, and as much as six months before the convention was held. Sub-

Radio Sets in Observation Cars Is Being Given Test by Union Pacific

Plans for placing radio receiving sets on Union Pacific observation cars are being revived by Union Pacific officials. Test of the set which is being used by the Omaha livestock men during their trip through the southwest showed the plan feasible, according to word received at the Omaha Chamber of Commerce.

Wednesday night, Charles Gardner and John Negele, a radio expert, boarded the car which the delegation is using and were able to hear messages from Fort Worth and Calgary, Can., despite the fact that the car was surrounded by other steel cars and moving switch engines.

Thursday, the railroad men took the car out on the line, and got all the stations that were "on the air," they reported. The receiving set will be used to get local news and market quotations by the livestock delegation during their trip, from station WOAW.

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sequently, Hamon determined to make an effort to unseat the republican national committeeman from Oklahoma in a popular election. This contest was brought to the attention of General Wood and he, in the interest of stability, tried to dissuade Hamon from making any contest. Thereupon Hamon became angry and thereafter was strongly "off" Wood. During subsequent months Hamon used to go about Washington carrying in his pocket the canceled check showing he had made a contribution to the Wood campaign fund and showing it to many people.

All this estrangement between Hamon and Wood took place months before the convention. It is a fact that during the convention some person representing Wood tried to placate Hamon and tried to get him to throw the strength he had to Wood again. This was known to persons who were close to what was going on at the convention, but the writer never heard, if anything had happened as charged by young Leonard Wood to the effect that Hamon approached Wood during the convention with a demand for the office of secretary of interior in exchange for the delegates from Oklahoma or such other strength as Hamon may have had.

Hamon Was Hard Bolled. So much for that. In the present gossip of Washington there is a story to the effect that the Daugherty committee will go into another phase of Hamon's activities. It is said that they propose to investigate a story to the effect that Hamon had some kind of promise from Harding or from Daugherty on behalf of Harding, in exchange for delivering the Oklahoma delegates. As to this, the writer knows less than about the other story. Undoubtedly Hamon was an extremely "hard bolled" person. The fact is that during the first eight ballots up to the last two, the bulk of the Oklahoma delegates did not vote for Harding. That, however, may not mean much.

Stories, and for that matter facts, which reflect on Daugherty's desirability as an appointee to the office of attorney general, are numerous enough, but these stories must be distinguished from the facts as to how Daugherty conducted the office of attorney general after he got it. That Daugherty had limitations and old associations which made him undesirable as an appointee to the office is well known. These stories were printed at the time, and it was freely said that Harding made a most serious mistake in appointing him. The real question at issue now, however, is not what Daugherty did before he was attorney general, but how he conducted the office after he got it. As to this, the common judgment at Washington is that he did rather better than anybody expected; that he was always aware of the criticism that had been made of his appointment, and tried very hard by his conduct in office to justify Harding's selection of him. It is the common judgment that he did his best to free himself from the claims of his old associations, and frequently refused to do things pressed upon him by some of them.

A case in point is the recent indictment in New York of a lawyer who had been an old associate of Daugherty and who is now charged—according to the allegation made by the grand jury—with having taken a large fee in exchange for a promise to persuade the attorney general to quash some indictments against men charged with fraudulent stock selling.

Obtained Convictions. As to this case, the true testimony is that the attorney general and the federal district attorney in New York did not quash the indictments but on the contrary went on and secured convictions.

A good deal rests on the question whether the senate committee investigating Daugherty is willing to go ahead energetically and hear the more important charges first, and in other respects, make an earnest effort to bring the investigation to a reasonable early conclusion. If this is done, the dilemma can be solved with reasonable satisfaction, for Daugherty's friends say he is quite willing to resign at the end of the investigation. They say he is willing to resign if the committee finds against him, and equally willing to resign if it does not find against him. The duration of the investigation is therefore of the essence of the situation. And this question of duration is obviously up to the committee.

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