

MEXICAN LINE IS BOOMING

Tehuantepec Railroad, Says D. E. Thompson, Has Surplus of Traffic.

COMPLETED ACROSS OLD MEXICO NOW

Ambassador Comes to Omaha to Attend Annual Meeting of the Columbia Fire Insurance Company.

"The Tehuantepec railroad across Mexico is completed, and has more business than it can handle," said D. E. Thompson, ambassador to Mexico, who was in Omaha Wednesday to attend the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia Fire Insurance company, of which he is president.

"This will not interfere at all with the business of the new Panama canal when it is completed, but both will have all they can do, and another canal will be needed in a few generations.

"I attended the opening of that road and went with President Roosevelt to Panama on his recent visit. The Tehuantepec railroad is 225 miles long and has cost \$85,000,000. It was built by an English contractor, and with wharves at each end was to cost \$110,000,000. Of this \$85,000,000 has been expended and the remainder will be used in building wharves. The business from the start is so enormous that double tracking will be necessary as soon as possible, and this will make the entire cost \$150,000,000.

"When the road was completed there were already two boats, one at each end of the road, ready to have their cargoes transported across. Before these were used for two more boats appeared unannounced and had to be cared for. A boat of 10,000 tons will fill 300 cars, and the road cannot now accommodate the business which is dumped at its two terminals.

Reasons for Its Success.

"There are three reasons why this road is going to be a great success. The railroads in the United States cannot now handle the traffic which is billed across the continent. The freight charge is less by water and the Mexican railroad than across the United States, and they will handle time freight in much less time than it can be hauled across this continent. They agree to take freight from New York to San Francisco in sixteen days, or guarantee thirty days, while the average time by way of rail is forty days.

"When Pearson, the English contractor, took hold of this road it was simply two streaks of rust and not a tie was in proper shape, although each side represented the life of a man. The health conditions are now as good as are those of Omaha and the operation of the road does not mean the loss of human life.

"On the Pacific side is a continuous wind and dust storm most of the year, with little rain, and this condition prevents the divide, about seventy-five miles from the Pacific ocean. The divide is 73 feet high."

Officers of Company.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Columbia Fire Insurance company these officers and directors were elected for the coming year: D. E. Thompson, president; C. E. Yost, first vice president; J. B. Dinmore, second vice president; C. D. Mullen, secretary and treasurer; C. O. Talmage, assistant secretary; directors, D. E. Thompson, Lincoln; H. A. Wiggan, Ashland; C. E. Yost, Omaha; Henry Hagait, Columbus; John T. Bressler, Wayne; J. H. Miles, Falls City; C. D. Mullen, Omaha; J. A. Sunderland, Omaha; E. G. Bohanan, Lincoln.

The seventh annual statement of the company showed a net surplus of \$100,106.93. The reserve required by law for the protection of outstanding risks is \$47,280.65, and cash on hand nearly \$90,000.

LENT JUST ONE WEEK OFF

Solemn Season Begins Next Wednesday and Easter Comes Last Day in March.

One more week before Lent. By next week society will have put away its gay garments to don the sackcloth and ashes of the Lenten season. Wednesday, February 13, will be the first day in Lent and the day is commonly known as Ash Wednesday, so called on account of the olden custom of worshippers sprinkling themselves with ashes as a symbol of penitence, and the wearing of garments of simple fabric and design.

The Lenten season is observed the world over by Roman Catholics and Episcopalians particularly, the observance taking the form of fasting and abstinence living. Services are held throughout the season at Lent and in Omaha the various Catholic and Episcopal churches will have the usual services.

The Lenten season this year will end on Good Friday, March 29, with Easter Sunday observance two days later, on which latter day the faithful rise to God in grace.

For the guidance of its adherents the Episcopal prayer book notes: "When ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance; for they disfigure their faces that they may appear unto men to fast." The Roman Catholic churches next Wednesday will, as usual, observe the custom of sprinkling the ashes of burnt palm leaves upon the penitent. Services will be held every morning and evening in most of the Episcopal churches.

Excluding the Sundays between Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, there are forty days in which to put off worldly things and magnify the spirit. These Sundays are referred to as fast days, while the forty days are fast days.

VOLUNTEERS HAVE NEW HOME

Compelled to Move from Old Quarters Because of Union Pacific Building.

The Volunteers of America closed their gospel services at 117 North Fifteenth street Sunday night and have rented the ground floor at 509 South Thirteenth street, where the first service will be held tonight at 8 o'clock. After tonight the gospel service will be held at the same hour and the Sunday school at 11 o'clock each Sunday morning.

The Volunteers conducted their gospel work at 117 North Fifteenth street for the last seven years, but had to move at this time on account of the erection of the Union Pacific building.

One feature of the closing service was the enrollment of six recruits as full-fledged soldiers of the Volunteers of America. Captain and Mrs. O'Neal, who have charge of the Volunteer work in Omaha, invite all active Christian workers to attend the revival services that will be started this evening in the new hall.

Lake Steamer Meeting. CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Two steamers of the Goodrich line due to arrive in Chicago yesterday morning. The City of Rome from Grand Haven and the Iowa from Milwaukee, have not been heard from since sailing Monday night. The passengers list of each steamer numbers between thirty and forty persons. Both are believed to be held in the Ice Belt.

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From 9 Till 10 a. m.—We will sell Summer Prints, new, from the bolt, best goods made, at, per yard... 3 1/2c; From 10:30 Till 11:30 a. m.—We will sell 25 dozen 15c Towels, not over three pats to a customer, at, each... 7 1/2c; From 2 Till 3 p. m.—We will sell White Goods, in long lengths and full pieces, goods that are slightly soiled, worth from 10c to 25c a yard—not over 12 yards to a customer, at, per yard... 3 1/2c; From 3:30 Till 4:30 p. m.—We will sell Dark Flannelettes, 10c grade, not over 12 yards to a customer, at, per yard... 3 1/2c; FOR ALL DAY—We will sell 10c Percales, 36c inches wide, at, per yd... 5c; 12 1/2c Gingham, long remnants, at, per yard... 5c; 15c Bed Spreads, at, each... 98c; 50c Sheets, at, each... 34c; 19c Towels, at, each... 10c; 60c Bleached Linen, at, per yard... 29c; Several other bargains too numerous to mention.

MAIN DRESS GOODS DEPARTMENT—From 10 Till 11 a. m.—We will sell 59c all wool Shepherd Checks, not over 8 yds. to a customer, at, per yd... 33c; From 2 Till 3 p. m.—We will sell 50c Cream Mohair, extra good luster, not over 8 yards to a customer, at, per yard... 29c; Several other sales in Dress Goods department all day.

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